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Tell us a little about yourself and how you serve.

I am someone born and raised in the South, though I have family and did live in the Midwest for a decade or so. I have a loving husband and three beautiful children in the young adult stage of life. I love being creative and enjoy creativity in others especially in crafts, art, and theatre. I currently serve as a Director of Christian Education at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Huntsville, AL. My work is primarily with children and confirmation programs among other things, however, this past year has drawn on my arguably negligible technical skills with all things Zoom.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

Micah 6:8 - *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* I love the whole of this verse and what this could mean in our world if we all were just, kind, and humble. Specifically, I love the notion of loving kindness (or mercy, depending on your translation): to not be just kind, but to love being kind. To love showing kindness so much that it becomes part of who you are every minute of every day.

Where have you seen God recently?

I most often see God in the faces and actions of children. Of late, that has often been virtually through social media, though when blessed face to face, I am awed by God's presence.

When/how have you been blessed by God's abundance?

I am blessed every day, abundantly with family, friends, a job, and a secure home.