*Rev. Stephanie White*

*St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Shelby MT*

*Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! I am so thankful to have been a part of the Montana Synod in so man ways over the last 60 years. I first sensed a call to ministry when I was in grade school in North Dakota in the 1960s! I didn’t even realize it was not an option at that time to be ordained. But God is faithful and provides a way for our callings and passions to be fulfilled. The many twists and turns in my life prepared me for a deeper understanding of service and reliance on God’s provision. I was ordained at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, MT on January 13, 2019 and installed here in Shelby the following Sunday, January 20th, 2019*

*I have served in churches throughout the upper Midwest in various capacities such as Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry, Curriculum writer, and Music Ministry. In Montana I have been involved in several churches in Kalispell and Somers, MT before coming to Shelby. I have been encouraged by so many along this journey of faith – especially women pastors who have mentored me.*

 *As a pastor, it is truly an honor to walk with people and hear their stories, lifting them up and watching God work wonders in their lives right before my eyes! In these past months we have been called to look, listen and embrace the new ways God is working in our hearts, our lives, and the life of the Body of Christ. I am excited to see people reconnecting and opening hearts to hear God’s words of welcome, forgiveness and peace. Spirit continues to stir and inspire, call and gather, and equip us to serve together hopefully and joyfully into this kingdom of God on earth. Thank you for supporting me!*