

One in a *Ver*Million

Meet Rev. Trisha Boese

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The Rev. Trisha Boese at Trinity Lutheran Church now calls Vermillion home, along with her husband, Kyle, and

their 10-month old daughter, Amelia.

She's hesitant to claim a single community as her hometown. Trisha, being the daughter of a pastor, had many hometowns while

growing up.

"I'm a pastor's kid, so I grew up in the Midwest," she said. "It's kind of like being a military brat - you have different communities and different parishes, so I have lots of places I call home - North Dakota, southeast Minnesota, and then we moved back to North Dakota."

This last year or so has been filled with many positive changes for Trisha and her husband, Kyle. She was installed as pastor at Trinity Lutheran in July 2010. Before accepting the call to Vermillion, she served as pastor at Scandia Lutheran Church in Centerville.

This year, through adoption, the Boeses became the proud parents of an infant daughter, Amelia, who turned 10 months old Dec. 2. Her adoption was finalized Nov. 30.

"Vermillion kind of felt like home before I

even got here," Trisha said. "There were a lot of meetings and gatherings that happened in Vermillion for pastors in the area to come to, so I was a little bit acquainted with Vermillion before, and of course my husband is a USD grad."

One may conclude that Trisha decided to follow in her father's footsteps. Her career choice, however, was fully her decision.

"He actually tried talking me out of it, which I think is a very good and responsible thing for pastors to do," Trisha said, "to make sure that the calling is my own, and not something that is his, passed down to me."

She attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and prior to that, was a student at Luther College in Decorah, IA. "Dad still serves as a Lutheran pastor, even though he's retired



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now. He served in the parish for well over 40 years, and of course, pastors never retire. They just go out to 'pastor,'" she said laughing. "He still subs."

Trisha must fulfill many, varied responsibilities at Trinity Lutheran. The most rewarding aspect of her work is something that may not show up regularly on a "to do" list of daily tasks.

It's something a bit too special to ever become routine.

"What I like best about my job is helping people see and

experience their own spiritual gifts," Trisha said, "because it covers so many different areas. If you can help a teenage kid pick up a hammer and work with the rest of the guys on some fix-up project, or help a new couple get involved with choir or working with youth ... it's just great to see them get active and invested in their faith community, and in their community at large."

"I think as we become more invested in our faith community, I think we also become better citizens," she said.

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