

Becky Sliva Bio

I was born the 4th of 5 children, raised in the Eau Claire area of Wisconsin, where we faithfully attended worship and our church school. Secondary education was completed at Osseo-Fairchild School District, where I was actively involved in sports, extracurricular activities and working at the 'famous' Norske Nook Restaurant.

Graduating Cum Laude from OFHS, granted me scholarship opportunities, alongside loans, to support my undergraduate studies at Winona State University in Southeastern Minnesota where I graduated in Health Education Cum Laude. After a few years of working in business as a regional manager, I furthered my education at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to find more fulfillment and purpose as a teacher of students with special needs.

Teaching in the Green Bay Area for five years, I gained experience through professional development, specialized trainings, working with mental health, family systems, leadership, navigating conflict and working with best practices for teaching students with special needs. Leadership on varying committees came naturally, as I was often appointed and/or nominated for those roles. Green Bay School District presented my name to the Golden Apple Award Committee for distinguished abilities in education. I am honored and humbled.

After our time in Eastern Wisconsin, my spouse, Tim and I, moved to the Twin Cities to be closer to our family of origin. Maplewood schools became home to me professionally at Carver and Edgerton Elementary. I stepped into varying leadership roles quickly and was asked by middle management to provide consultation services across the district for systems in elementary special education classrooms.

During this time in the Twin Cities our family grew! We welcomed a daughter in 2012 and a son in 2015. They attend Gethsemane Lutheran School, where they've gone to church most of their life and where their mama has worked after leaving the world of education in 2017.

What a delight to transfer skills of teaching to our church as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Alongside this, Pastor has invited me to co-officiate with her during our services, special services and in pastoral care. I've had the honor of privilege of doing this alongside her for the past four years while attending Luther Seminary.