

In my newsletter article this month I mentioned 3 ways you can help me get to know you. Let me expand on those with...

3 Ways to Help Me Be Effective as Your Pastor:

1. One of the ways I am asking for your help is to get lots of grace as I figure out how things work around here! Building on that: please **don't assume that I know things** in these early days. I might well already have learned where we keep the extra hymnals or which committee meetings the pastor always comes to (or never does)... but I might not! It never hurts simply to ask, "Pastor, has anyone shared with you yet... ??" And while you're at it, I'd love to hear some of the history of St. Paul from your perspective – *graciously* and *vulnerably* share your experience of this place with me. I will be so much better equipped as your pastor if you do.
2. While I want to hear from you how things work and what you've done in the past, I also invite you to **be open to new ways of doing things**. You might have always done something that way – but one of the gifts I bring (one of the gifts *anyone* new to our community brings) are the ideas and traditions and experiences I've had, which might lead me to suggest trying something that's new to you. If it doesn't work, we can always go back to the old way!
3. I am very serious about wanting to meet one-on-one with as many of you as possible. And I also need your help meeting others in our community. Please, **introduce me to people I should know**. I'm thinking especially of people outside of the St. Paul membership who are important connections for me to make – local leaders, other pastors, unofficial neighborhood "ambassadors", non-profit organization leaders, first responders, school administration members, people who just seem to know everybody & everybody knows them... etc. Send me their name & contact information, or do an "email introduction" to us both, or – best yet – invite us both out to coffee so you can connect us in person!



*One of the "new ideas" we tried at my last congregation... ask me the story about this one!
Can you guess what we did with this door??*

I am so looking forward to the months and years ahead of ministry adventure together!

Blessings,

Pastor Lucy

P.S. If you're a social media person, and you don't mind having your pastor on your friend list – send me a friend request on Facebook or follow me on Instagram so I can follow you back. (I won't initiate following you because I don't want to put anyone in the awkward position of saying yes or no to their pastor's friend request!)