



Walking Together

Becoming God's Beloved Community

Our Retreat Leaders

The Rev. Kate Spelman will be our featured leader. She was looking to return to the Chicago area, and in April of 2014, she became the rector of All Saints in Western Springs. She is excited to have the opportunity to work with a community that is as devoted to each other as they are serious about learning and service.



Previous to becoming the rector of All Saints, Rev. Kate served as the Assistant Minister at Christ Church, Philadelphia. She holds an M.Div from Yale Divinity School, where she was the recipient of the Mersick Prize for Excellence in Preaching. Kate is dedicated to making the broader church welcoming and relevant to all, and so is involved in a host of diocesan groups, ecumenical circles, and national church activities. She also continues to serve as faculty for the Episcopal Preaching Foundation's annual Preaching Excellence Program and is wrapping up her work with the Missional Leadership Cohort at Luther Seminary in Minnesota. Kate served as a delegate to General Convention for the Diocese of Chicago in 2018.

An East Coast native, Rev. Kate enjoys life in the western suburbs - especially having a pint at one of its fine local breweries, catching a show at the Theatre of Western Springs, or exploring the forest preserves with her almost-faithful dog, Chick. She is an avid reader of good books and watcher of bad television.



Our retreat chaplain and Sunday Celebrant will be The Rev. Jane Schaefer, a long-time priest in the Diocese who has served several churches in the northern deaneries as priest and interim. As a long-time member of the Diocese of Chicago, The Rev. Jane Schaefer was formed as an Episcopalian at Christ Church, Waukegan. Since her graduation from Seabury-Western in 1994 she has served as priest at St. Augustine's in Wilmette, The Church of Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, St. James the Less in Northfield and St. Lawrence in Libertyville. After her retirement in 2010 she completed interim training and has served as interim at Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee, St. Luke's in

Evanston, and Holy Apostles in Wauconda. These opportunities for involvement in the on-going life of a parish reinforce her belief that a worshipping community is central to the Christian life because it is here that the faithful are nurtured, strengthened, and transformed to carry the love of Christ into the world.

Jane lives in Lindenhurst with her husband, Craig. They have 2 sons and daughters-in-law who have blessed them with 5 grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, sewing, reading, and socializing with friends and family.



Our ECW Chaplain, Deacon Trilby Murray, deacon at St. Thomas, Chicago, will lead us in quiet contemplation to start our weekend together. Trilby was born in Barbados, West Indies and spent her career years in a wide range of nursing positions including work as a hospital nurse, a community health advocate and educator and as a parish nurse. In 2012 she began her studies to become a deacon and was ordained in 2014. Deacon Trilby has served as the ECW chaplain, leading meditations at our board meetings and arranging meaningful worship services for our annual meeting and our fall retreat

