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SAN FRANCISCO CONGREGATION CALLS DAWN ROGINSKI AS PASTOR OF PARISH PROGRAMS

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- **St. Francis Lutheran Church of San Francisco** is pleased to announce that **Dawn Roginski** has accepted a call to serve as its pastor of parish programs. The announcement was made after the congregation voted to extend the call at a special meeting held on Sunday, March 25.

"I've been looking forward to this day for a long time," said Roginski from her home in Lenexa, KS, after hearing the good news. "I am really looking forward to working with the community and to using my skills with the programs at St. Francis."

Roginski will be in charge of managing the congregation's programs, along with developing and coordinating a deaconate program, a first-time initiative at St. Francis. She joins a staff led by Rev. Dr. Robert Goldstein, who is in his second year as lead pastor at this urban parish located in the Castro district of San Francisco. "Dawn brings a broad range of experience in working with persons of all ages. We look forward to her ministry with us and the Castro community," Goldstein observed.

"What is exciting to me about St. Francis is that it is a congregation involved in the community, a congregation that cares about doing things in the community," said Roginski.

Dale Leininger, chairperson of the call committee, is excited about Dawn's decision to join St. Francis and feels the congregation will learn a lot from her. "Our congregation is growing into its vision for our future and Dawn is growing into her work as a parish minister. I think Dawn brings a wide range of experience to St. Francis and will be an asset to our programs."

This is Roginski's first call to parish ministry, having served for three years as chaplain at the Marillac Center for Children in Kansas City, MO. A 1988 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Roginski earned an M.A. in Counseling Psychology in 1996 from St. Mary's University, MN, and her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, in December 2002. She is currently credentialed by the Extraordinary Candidacy Project and on the roster as "Approved for Ordination Awaiting Call" within the Lutheran church.

Roginski expects to join the St. Francis staff in early June. Details regarding her ordination and installation will be released at a later date.

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