



Pastor Mandy grew up in Littleton, Colorado, an outlying suburb of Denver. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Exercise Science from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Following her undergraduate studies, she completed a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, in Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, Mandy holds a certification in Spiritual Direction, also from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, in Columbia, South Carolina.

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Early on in her seminary studies Mandy felt drawn to understand how modern communities are affected by change, transition, and the leadership needed to engage in faithful transformation for the sake of the Gospel. Her curiosity was further enticed by internship experiences in Seattle, Washington and Hollywood, California in which each congregation was in the midst of significant transition and transformation. Mandy is particularly interested in finding the intersection of missional theology and pastoral care as a means for equipping the Church to engage these times as sacred opportunities for faithful communal living. She sees Spiritual Direction as an extension of this work and a means to engaging with a God who is always doing a new thing, in our individual and communal lives.

Currently, Mandy serves as pastor at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Northglenn, Colorado; as a Congregational Transition Coach for the Office of the Bishop in Rocky Mountain Synod; and as Spiritual Director for lay and clergy in the Denver-Metro Area.

She is married to Chelsea, originally from South Carolina, who currently serves as the pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado. Chelsea also serves as a chaplain in the US Army Reserves. Together they have a house rabbit, Mosby, who lives free range in their home. In her free time, Pastor Mandy enjoys hiking, cycling, patio gardening, and sewing.