

Seeds of Faith

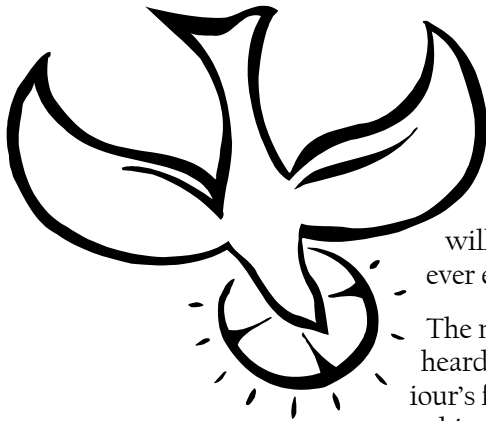
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Adult Confirmation: Feast on the Word



Adult Confirmation??!! You've got to be kidding, Pastor Brian! I suffered through Confirmation once already. Why would I want to do it again?

Why? Because this Confirmation experience will be like nothing you have ever experienced before.

The most popular request I've heard from adults at Our Saviour's for the past 16 years goes something like this: "I sure wish there were some sort of course that taught me the basics of the faith—Bible stories, yes, but also the kinds of things taught in Confirmation. That's it—maybe some sort of Adult Confirmation." Those who have spoken these words have different faith backgrounds: Some were never confirmed as a young person; some were confirmed, but never took it seriously at the time; and some were confirmed, but the intervening years have necessitated a refresher.

It's time.

Our Saviour's very successful Confirmation program for youth is focused on relationship-building—relationships with each other, but mainly, each young person's relationship with God. I am absolutely convinced that this relationship-centered confirmation experience is the reason it is so popular. That will be the focus of this course for adults. Not only will you come to know the Biblical story; you'll also come to understand key faith concepts arising from the Bible, such as Grace, the Sacraments, and the Trinity. But the main focus will be on growing your relationship with God and God's people.

For those of you who had Confirmation as a young person, your years of

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Congregational Annual Meeting

Sun., Sept. 25, 12:00 p.m.
Please plan to attend the annual meeting in the Worship Space immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. This is one of the most important business meetings of the year. The annual report will be available for you to pick up by Sun., Sept. 11, at the Reception Desk.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Events to Be Noted

Motorcycle Ministry August Schedule of Rides

Vacation Bible School Session 2—PandaMania—Aug. 7-11

Faith and Fiction Book Group Tues., Aug. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

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life experience will allow you to see the Bible in a whole new light. For those of you who never had Confirmation as a youth, you will see a whole new world open to you, finding that the Biblical story is not at all intimidating, but exciting, meaningful, and relevant to your everyday life.

Whether your journey of faith has been long or short, this pastor-led course will help satisfy a hunger that lies deep in the heart of every human being—the hunger for a closeness to our Creator.

Watch the Small Group board in the Rotunda and September's *Seeds of Faith* newsletter for the details of this course!

Pastor Brian

WORSHIP SERVICES

God Calls Us to Worship

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays, through Sept. 4

8:30 a.m.—Traditional
10:00 a.m.—Contemporary

Mondays, through Aug. 29

7:00 p.m.—Worship at the OSLC Chapel in Ham Lake

Summer Sunday School

2nd and 4th Sundays through Aug. 28
10:00 a.m. for age 3-grade 4

Fall Worship Begins

Sundays beginning Sept. 11

8:00 a.m.—Traditional
9:15 a.m.—Contemporary
10:45 a.m.—Contemporary

Wednesdays beginning Sept. 28

6:30 p.m.—Power UP

Wholeness and Healing Prayers

Two prayer stations will be available during communion at all services on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone with special prayer concerns who would like someone to pray with them and receive a blessing are invited to come to the prayer station in the front or the back of the church, near the win-

dows. A small altar with candles, a kneeling bench, and someone who will pray for you and your concerns, will be available at both sites.

Our Saviour's Worship Services on Cable

*North Metro Video airs the OSLC worship service on channel 14 at 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and at 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

*US Cable airs the OSLC worship service on channel 10 at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—noon
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.—close

TAKE NOTE

OSLC Wishing Well

Looking for a way that you can help the church but have limited funds to do so? Be sure to check out the Wishing Well on the Small Group board in the Rotunda for the **August** wish list. Donations can be dropped at the church office. Thank you for your support of the Wishing Well. Your generous donations help keep ministry at OSLC going.

Stamping Ministry

The Stamping Ministry group makes cards for all occasions: birthday, thank you, sympathy, and many more cards are available at a suggested donation of \$2/card. Check out the self-serve card rack at the Reception Desk for your greeting card needs. All proceeds go directly to the General Fund at OSLC.

Baptism Class—2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's requires that all families wishing to bring a small child or infant to be baptized, attend a one-hour baptism class. Please pre-register for this class by contacting Brice Bloxham, 763-434-6117, ext. 116.

Conversation with Council—2nd Sunday between services

This is a good opportunity to find out about council decisions and have your questions answered. Look for the Conversation with Council table in the Gathering Space. Bring your coffee and join in the conversation.

AUGUST FEATURE

Fall Kick-off Events

Memorial Day used to be my favorite holiday for a very selfish reason: it meant that school was a week from being done for the year. On the other side of that, Labor Day was my least favorite because it signified the start of school. With that being said, I have some bad news for you. Summer is not far from our rearview mirrors, and Labor Day is closing in. However, with every cloud there is a silver lining. Our silver lining is the beginning of our program year.

- SeptemberFest, Sun., Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is a fun-filled event for the entire family, to welcome you all back and kick off the fall programs. SeptemberFest will feature food, games, vendors, and time to re-connect with each other.
- Enrollment Night, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. is an evening when the ministries at Our Saviour's will outline their year and discuss the various events and programs that you can expect to see from September to May.

- Sunday school begins, September 18 at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and is for children who are 3 (by September 1, 2011) through 4th grade.
- Leader Training, September 21 at 6:30-8:30 p.m., will be an evening dedicated to providing the curriculum to the leaders of the respective programs.
- Confirmation, Jesus and Me (JAM), and Youth Programs begin September 28 at 5:00 and 7:15 p.m. Confirmation is for grades 5-8; Jam works with the same ages as Sunday school (see above) and Youth Group is for grades 9-12.
- Also beginning this fall, adults can look for education opportunities.

With everything that's happening this fall, one would be hard pressed not to be able to find a place to get involved. So, enjoy what's left of your summer by soaking up the sun and splashing in the water.

Brice Bloxham



THANK YOU For Your Generosity

A \$1000 gift has been given to Our Saviour's to honor all those who so kindly and graciously gave to Melissa Neumann during her time of need. Those involved were: Mary Brandjord, Alice Guse, Lonnie LaRose, Candy and Heather Maxwell

LIFE EVENTS

Baptisms, Weddings

Welcome to the World

Baptisms

July 8, 2011

Andrew David Zastoupil

July 10, 2011

Chase David Sufka

LeRoy Edward St. Aoro

July 17, 2011

Lainey Jo Westegard

July 18, 2011

Ava Marie Halvorson

July 31, 2011

Gavin Jeffrey Dummer

Linnea Kate Lister

August 7, 2011

Landon Alexander Szulga

Weddings

August 6, 2011

Vanessa Lesperance and Dan Meyer

August 20, 2011

Sarah Kremer and Chris Docken

August 26, 2011

Sarah Nelson and Ryan DeJong

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Get the Details

Motorcycle Ministry August Schedule of Rides

Sun., Aug-07—Brunch Ride. Leave OSLC at 11:30 a.m.

Fri.-Sun., Aug 12-14—Destination: Silver City, Michigan. Meet at OSLC, 8:45 a.m. and leave at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Colin and Val Johnson, 763-413-9699.

Sun., Aug-21—Brunch Ride to Hinkley. Leave OSLC at 11:30 a.m.

Tues., Aug. 23—Destination: Lindstrom. Meet at OSLC at 5:45 p.m. and leave at 6:00 p.m. Contact: Colin and Val Johnson, 763-413-9699.

Depression/Bipolar Support Group

This group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. The 1st Thursday will be for those who have the illness; the 3rd Thursday will also include friends and family members. Questions? Contact Laura Gibney at 763-434-9002.

Faith and Fiction Book Group Tues., Aug. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

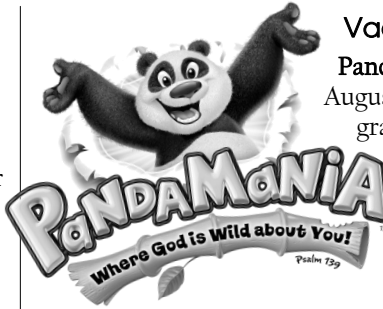
Faith and Fiction Book Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Rachel Peterson. The group will discuss the book *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. There are two alternative books available in the F&F box. Questions? Call Donna Nelson at 763-434-3423.

Jill of All Trades, 2nd and 4th Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This women's ministry gathers together for devotions, organizational projects, fun, and bonding. The purpose is to clean the church building, attend to the church gardens, and perform general office duties as assigned by the church staff. Questions? Contact Betty Gabrick at 651-462-1573.

Coupons In Action (CIA)

CIA is on the 1st Mon. evening of each month beginning Aug., 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and the 3rd Thurs. morning of each month which begins July 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m. This group will collect coupons, share them, and save money as we shop



Vacation Bible School Session 2

PandaMania: Where God Is Wild about You

August 7-11, 5:30-8:00 p.m., for 3-year-old through 4th grade. The cost is \$25 per student; \$60 per family.

This will be a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone, and that He crafted each of us with His own loving hands.

for ourselves and a monthly mission (ie: soup for the Food Shelf, diapers for a young family, water bottles for a mission trip, etc.). Please bring your unused coupons to the Reception Desk and we will put them into action.

SAM Day at the Hmong Flea Market—Thurs., Aug. 25, 9:00 a.m.

A visit to the Hmong Flea Market is always exciting: so many delicious things to eat, so many interesting things to buy, and so many people to meet. Seasoned, special, spicy, sassy adults join us. Bring your grandkids. This is a wonderful cultural experience for all ages. Transportation: \$5 per person for the bus (a minimum of 20 people is required to take the bus).

Youth Renaissance Festival Trip— Sun., Aug. 21, 12:00 –8:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to come and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, MN. We will take the bus after worship. Bring money for food, art, and gifts. You can even dress up in 14th century clothing (but jeans and a t-shirt are just fine). We will be experiencing 16 stages of live entertainment, live armored jousting, the best festival food and drink around, artisan booths, pickle boys, and much more! 20 people required for bus, so please sign up on the Children/Youth board today! Deadline to sign up is Aug. 14. Event cost: adults—\$21; kids under

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Education Programs

Jesus and Me (JAM) - Age 3- Grade 4—Wednesdays

The JAM program is a multi-age Sunday School experience using materials called Living Inside Out. Each week the children focus on different Bible stories with age appropriate activities.

Confirmation—Grades 5-8 Wednesdays

The confirmation hour includes a high energy large group time and a small group discussion time. Team so youth and adults participate in large group through skits, games and video clips. Following large group, youth break in to small groups for a discussion time, sharing bidders and blessings, prayer, and talking about the Big Idea Bible topic. Small groups are led by an adult guide and/or jr. guide.

Sunday School for age 3-grade 4

Sunday School is offered to help children begin to discover how they can be life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. The Spark curriculum used on Sunday mornings, gets kids to open their Bibles each week and engage in scripture. connects readings from worship with Sunday school, following stories in the Revised Common Lectionary. Throughout the three-year cycle, each lesson comes from a Bible story in the Old Testament, the Gospels, or Acts that kids will hear during worship.

Date and time details can be found on page 6, Looking Ahead.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2011 Happenings

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Seeds of Faith Deadline 5:30 PM AA/NA Back to the Basics 6:00 PM Coupons In Action 6:00 PM Power UP Rehearsal 7:00 PM NA Mtg. 7:00 PM Worship *CH	2 6:00 PM Weeding of Church Gardens 6:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Quilting Blocks in Stages	3 8:30 AM Hard Hat Ministry	4 9:00 AM Quilters-1st & 3rd Thursday 12:30 PM Jesus Delivers *OF 5:15 PM Cornerstone Rehearsals 7:00 PM Depression/Bipolar Support Group	5 6:30 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Boundary Waters Wilderness Trip	6 3:00 PM Wedding 5:30 PM VBS Set Up
LAX Mission Trip * LAX Mission Trip						
7 Fair Trade Coffee Prayers for Wholeness & Healing 8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Ministry Team Meeting 11:30 AM Motorcycle Ministry Brunch Ride	8 6:30 PM Human Resource Meeting 7:00 PM NA Meetings 7:00 PM Worship *CH	9 1:30 PM Faith & Fiction Book *OF 6:00 PM Weeding of Church Gardens 6:30 PM AA Meeting	10 8:30 AM Hard Hat Ministry	11 9:00 AM Jill of All Trades Ministry 9:00 AM SAM Mtg 10:00 AM Lydia Circle 12:30 PM Jesus Delivers *OF 5:15 PM Cornerstone Rehearsals 5:30 PM Executive Team Meeting 6:30 PM Council Meeting	12 6:30 PM NA Meeting Motorcycle Ministry Weekend Ride	13 10:00 AM Baptism Class
6:00 PM Vacation Bible School * 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School						
Boundary Waters Wilderness Trip * Boundary Waters Wilderness Trip						
14 Conversations with Council between services 8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Summer Sunday School 8:00 PM Men's Study	15 1:00 PM Priscilla Circle 7:00 PM NA Meetings 7:00 PM Worship *CH	16 4:00 PM Library Small Group 6:00 PM Weeding of Church Gardens 6:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Garden Team Meeting 6:30 PM Quilting Blocks in Stages	17 8:30 AM Hard Hat Ministry	18 9:00 AM Coupons In Action 9:00 AM Quilters-1st & 3rd Thursday 12:30 PM Jesus Delivers *OF 5:15 PM Cornerstone Rehearsals 7:00 PM Depression/Bipolar Support Group	19 6:30 PM NA Meeting	20
21 8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Youth Team Meeting 11:30 AM Motorcycle Ride: Hinkley 12:00 PM Youth Renaissance Festival Trip Motorcycle Ministry Weekend Ride	22 7:00 PM NA Meetings 7:00 PM Worship *CH	23 5:45 PM Motorcycle Ride to Lindstrom 6:00 PM Weeding of Church Gardens 6:30 PM AA Meeting	24 8:30 AM Hard Hat Ministry	25 9:00 AM Jill of All Trades Ministry 12:30 PM Jesus Delivers *OF 5:15 PM Cornerstone Rehearsals 7:00 PM Beading Ministry Team	26 5:00 PM Wedding 6:30 PM NA Meeting	27
28 8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Summer Sunday School	29 7:00 PM NA Meetings 7:00 PM Worship *CH	30 6:00 PM Weeding of Church Gardens 6:30 PM AA Meeting	31 8:30 AM Hard Hat Ministry 6:30 PM Preschool Parent Orientation	Events are held at Our Saviour's (OS) on Jackson St. unless otherwise noted: *OF-Offsite; *CH - Chapel in Ham Lake	Our Saviour's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-close.	

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Opportunities

Hard Hat Team- Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This hard working group meets every Wednesday morning for devotions and projects, assisting in repairing and maintaining the three Our Saviour's facilities. With an average attendance of 8-12 members per meeting, the Hard Hats work approximately 40 hours per week, equivalent to one full-time maintenance employee.

Jesus Delivers—Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Jesus Delivers is a mobile kitchen which brings lunch to the St. Paul homeless community, serving approximately 250 people a day, three days a week. Consider serving on a Thursday. You will find that you are the one who is blessed.

Quilting Blocks in Stages—first and third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

This group works on projects for themselves as well as mission quilts that are donated to places such as: Habitat for Humanity, North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf, Alexandra House, and more.

Thursday Morning Quilters—first and third Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.

This group meets to tie quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief as well as the Alexandra House, Jesus Delivers, Habitat for Humanity, and needs within our own community. If you can tie a knot, you can be part of this group!

Tree of Life Library—2nd Tues. of the month 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

If you have a love for books and care about having a well-organized, accessible Library at Our Saviour's that offers good, Christian reading and study resources, please join this group that will meet monthly. Have fun with new friends, share your passion for books, and help organize and process the books in the Library.

Divorce Support Group—2nd Tues. of the month, 7:00 p.m.

This schedule begins September 13 and goes through April 10.

Seasoned Adult Ministry (SAM) - 2nd Thurs., 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Help plan for monthly activities. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Lydia Circle meets on the 2nd Thurs. at 10:00 a.m.

Priscilla Circle meets on the 3rd Mon. at 1:00 p.m.

Beading Ministry—last Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

This group enjoys fellowship while making prayer beads, 23rd Psalm bracelets, and many other Christian gifts that are given out by the pastors. The beaders have also made hundreds of beaded items to be given out to people who are hurting, hungry, and or sick.

Dinner's at 6:30 Fellowship Group—4th Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

This is an informal gathering of people who meet for totally fun, social reasons. They meet at a designated restaurant once a month, usually the fourth Friday.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sneak Peek at Fall Programming

Fall Worship Schedule

Sundays Beginning Sept. 11

8:00 a.m. - Traditional

9:15 and 10:45 a.m. —Contemporary
—Nursery Provided

Wednesdays Beginning Sept. 28

6:30 p.m.—Power UP

Christ-Centered Education

Sundays Beginning Sept. 18

9:15 and 10:45 a.m. —Sunday school for age 3-grade 4

Wednesdays Beginning Sept. 28

5:00 or 7:15 p.m.—Education Hours
JAM for age 3-grade 4
Confirmation for grades 5-8

5:00 p.m.— Youth Bible Study for grades 9-12

7:15 p.m.—Adult Discussion

Also on Wednesdays

4:00 p.m.—Coffee Shop Open

5:30 p.m.—MarketPlace Dinner

6:00 p.m.—Sign Language Team

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Care Room

Program Events

All Program Orientation/Enrollment

Wed., Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All Leader Training

Wed., Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Extreme Caffeine Leader Training

Sat., Sept 23-24 at Camp Wapo



Registrations for Sunday School, JAM, and Confirmation

Registration forms are available under the Children/Youth board as well as in PDF form at www.oursaviourslc.org.

Program Contacts 763-434-6117

Children's Ministry—Brice Bloxham,

ext. 116, bbloxham@oursaviourslc.org

Confirmation Ministry—Jodi Blowers,

ext. 131, jblowers@oursaviourslc.org

Youth Ministry—Brad Mills, ext. 120,

bmills@oursaviourslc.org

SIGNS OF THE HARVEST

Year-to-Date Finance Report

August thru June					
	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Income					
General Fund	1,036,844	953,265	(83,579)	unfavorable	
Programs	123,097	89,647	(33,450)	unfavorable	
Admin/Misc.	33,047	25,442	(7,605)	unfavorable	
Total	1,192,988	1,068,354	(124,634)	unfavorable	
Expense					
Programs	56,436	35,424	21,012	favorable	
Admin/Utilities	172,307	129,073	43,234	favorable	
Personnel	662,145	617,592	44,553	favorable	
Mortgage	277,428	277,428	-	favorable	
Total	1,168,316	1,059,517	108,799	favorable	

***June's income fell short of being able to pay all of June expense. Because of our mortgage due date, we had to hold \$11,400 of unpaid invoices in order to have enough funds for mortgage. We hope to have enough funds in July to make up for this shortfall + pay all of July expense.

Notes:

Income					
General Fund = Contributions of members and visitors					
Program Income = Registrations and tuitions					
Admin/Misc. = Weddings, Funerals, Hospitality, etc.					
Expense					
Program = Curriculum, Music & Supplies					
Preschool, Children, Confirmation, Youth & Music					
Admin/Utilities = Weddings, Funerals, Hospitality, Postage, Office Supplies					
Custodial Supplies, Electric, Heat, Phone, etc					
Personnel = Pastoral, Program & Lay Staff					
Mortgage = Principal & Interest					

Wanted - Newsletter Advertisers!

Are you a business owner, professional and/or self employed? Liturgical Publications Inc (LPi) our new bulletin publisher is seeking businesses interested in placing their business ad in the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church monthly newsletter. Beginning in September, thanks to our agreement with LPi, the newsletters will again be mailed to congregational members every month and we do not pay for the printing, paper, and postage thanks to the advertisers. The Seeds of Faith newsletter is one of the primary ways we communicate with you, so the advertisers will be seen by hundreds of households. To obtain information about advertising in the new publication year, please contact

the church office or call 1-800-678-4574 and ask for Andy Kobilka ext 4027 or Jim Byrne ext 4035.

Do we have your family membership record correct?

Is your address, telephone number and children living at home listed correctly in the current church directory? If you have not informed the church office about recent changes, please do so now! We want our next directory to be as up-to-date as possible. This directory is provided free to all members at Our Saviour's at no cost to you or the church. You can call 763-434-6117 or email kcarlson@oursaviourslc.org with your corrections. Thank you for helping us keep our database current.

TAKE NOTE

Register Now!

Our Saviour's Preschool

We would love to have your child be a part of our FUN, CHRISTIAN, and EDUCATIONAL program. Class selections include T/TH a.m. for three-year-olds; T/TH p.m. for four and five-year-olds; M/W/F a.m. for four and five-year-olds. The morning class is 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The afternoon class is 1:00-3:30 p.m. For more information call 763-434-6117 or email tfischer@oursaviourslc.org. Registration forms are available at the church or preschool office or online at www.oursaviourslc.org.

Reasons to send your child to Our Saviour's Preschool



- To have fun at our hands-on preschool which offers interest centers
- To increase your child's social skills
- To further develop your child's self-confidence, self-discipline, and self-expression
- To help your child gain skill and control of small and large muscles through exercise and play
- To learn appropriate academic skills to nurture kindergarten readiness
- To enhance your child's "spiritual growth" through exposure to God's world in a Christian environment

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Pastor Daniel Nordin

Return Service Requested

MISSION AND VISION

Our Saviour's Statements



Our Saviour's Mission Statement:

In Christ, we, the people of Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church Flourish

- By planting the seeds of faith, through inviting and welcoming all;
- By tending our growing faith, through prayer, word, and sacrament;
- By harvesting God's bounty, through serving and sharing in Jesus' name.

Vision Statement:

Growing the Family Tree of God

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