



# The Savior's Call

Church of the Savior—Lutheran, Paramus, NJ

June, 2018

**W**e welcomed a new Vice Pastor in May. Rev. Peggy Niederer, who is currently serving Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, as Pastor, will be serving Church of the Savior as Vice Pastor as we work toward calling a regular pastor. Pastor Niederer preached for us on June 3 and will also be leading services in July.



Rev. Niederer is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, New Jersey Synod, and received her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree and a Diploma in Lutheran Studies from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. Rev. Niederer served Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Leonia, for 11 years and began Interim work in 2016. In December 2017, the congregation at Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, called her as their permanent pastor. Prior to this call, she provided pulpit supply in Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Reformed Church in America Congregations.

In addition to her parish work, Pastor Niederer teaches religion at Bergen Community College and serves on numerous ecumenical, interfaith, and denominational boards and committees. She is President of the Bergen County Council of Churches – the primary interface with county government, social service agencies, congregations, and non-profit organizations. She was elected Chair of the Interfaith Committee of Bergen County in 2017 and is a member of the Christian Muslim Dialogue Project of Northern New Jersey.

Pastor Niederer enjoys talking with people and hearing family stories and experiences in the church. Her passion for sharing God's Word brings a sensibility for bridging culture, spirituality, and faith with daily life.

### **What Does a Vice Pastor Do?**

The Vice Pastor provides for the spiritual needs of a congregation that is currently without a pastor. Specifically, Pastor Niederer will:

- Meet regularly with church leadership to provide pastoral counsel, guidance and administrative oversight
- Provide pastor care for the home-bound or elderly
- Be available for those who need pastoral care, such as for crisis counseling
- Preside at special services like weddings and funerals
- Report monthly to the Bishop's office regarding the life of the church

We look forward to Pastor Niederer's leadership during this phase of our congregational life.



**THE PARAMUS FAMILY  
CHURCH JOINS THE  
CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR FAMILY**

Beginning Sunday, June 17, Church of the Savior will be sharing our facility with the Paramus Family Church, led by Pastor Joon Park. The Paramus Family Church is a Presbyterian congregation and a small mission church with a strong plan to expand its membership. They will be meeting each Sunday for services in the narthex (12 pm - 3 pm) and on Wednesday evening for prayer and bible study in the multi-purpose room (7:30 pm - 9 pm).

Pastor Park is a graduate of the Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, PA, where he received his Masters of Divinity in Pastor Ministry. Over the past ten years he has served as the youth minister for the Gospel Fellowship Church, Busadong Presbyterian Church, Korea and Yuong Sang Presbyterian Church in Horsham, PA.

We thank God for this opportunity to welcome a new Christian congregation to Paramus and look forward to having a strong and faithful partnership. In September, we plan to have a joint fellowship event to formally welcome the Paramus Family Church into our Church of the Savior family.



There has been a change to the worship schedule for July. Starting June 30, worship services will be held on Saturday evenings at 5 pm. Pastor Neiderer will preside at these services.

On July 29, there will be a regular Sunday service at 10 am. No service will be held July 28.

**NEW BISHOPS  
FOR A MORE DIVERSE ELCA**



The ELCA made history with the elections of the first female African-descent synod bishops at the May assemblies.

Rev. Patricia A. Davenport was elected bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Davenport currently serves as director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for the synod. She is a member of the Spirit & Truth Worship Center in Yeadon, PA.

Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld was elected bishop of the ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Thomas-Breitfeld currently serves as interim pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI.



**NURSERY SCHOOL RAISES \$1,625 FOR PARAMUS FAMILIES**

The Nursery School recently sponsored a “Dinner and a Movie” fundraiser the pre-school students and their families to raise money for the Paramus Children’s Health Foundation. The foundation the monies to families of the East Brook school bus accident to help with medical expenses and ongoing care. Due to the generosity of our Nursery School families, we raised \$1,625 for the Foundation. **Thank you to all the families for their generous contributions!**

The fundraiser was sponsored using Thrivent Choice® dollars, charitable funds provided by Thrivent Financial, enabling the school to provide pizza, cookies, milk and juice to enjoy while watching the movie “Trolls.”



**THANK YOU!**

Margie Jackson, school secretary, will retire at the end of the school year. She has faithfully served the school for 28 years, making a strong contribution with her commitment and dedication. She truly is a member of the Church of the Savior family. We will miss her and pray that she and her husband, Eddie, enjoy some traveling and time together. Eddie has been our bagpipe player for our St. Patrick Day parades for over 20 years. We will miss him too!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRINCIPAL!**

Congratulations to Gail Hayman for the renewal of her Child Development Associate Degree. The degree must be renewed every three years and requires that a candidate take 40 hours of continuing education, have at least 80 hours of working with children and complete CPR and pediatric first aid training. Mrs. Hayman first earned her degree in 1991.



**THRIVENT PROJECT—NURSERY SCHOOL CAMP**

As a Thrivent project, the Nursery School summer camp will be assembling goodie bags for the Paramus Veterans home. Donations are needed for the boxes, which are located in the school lobby and the narthex. Please bring your items by July 14.

**NEW items needed:**

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| Deck of cards        | Small flashlights | Crossword puzzles | Small stuffed animals |
| Adult coloring books | Coloring pencils  | Small toothpaste  | Toothbrushes          |
| Socks                | Caps              | Combs/brushes     | Deodorant             |
| Snack bars           | Pocket Bibles     | Emery boards      | XL T-Shirts           |

The church office  
will be closed  
July 4, 2018  
in observance  
of the holiday.



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