

Savior's Call EXTRA!

an interim newsletter

Lutheran Church of the Savior, Paramus, New Jersey

September, 2017

A Message from the President

In my first meeting with Pastor Austin, he said that his job was to guide us as we prepare Church of the Savior for a new pastor. His role was always temporary, but he committed to taking us as far as he could until we called a new pastor.

Pastor Austin has held true to that promise. He's steered us through change, showing strength, common sense, compassion and the wisdom that comes with 50 years of ministry experience. He's been both a rock to stand on and shoulder to cry on – achieving the delicate balance of leader we could look up to and friend we could share with.

One of the hallmarks of Pastor Austin's time at Church of the Savior has been his consistent belief in the strength of our congregation. Over and over, he has said that we are a desirable church, with a strong spirit, committed leadership and faithful members.

His confidence in our ability to call a pastor, manage our finances, maintain our membership and grow in faith has been unwavering. Considering this isn't Pastor Austin's "first rodeo," that's a strong testament to those who sit in the pews week after week.

Pastor Austin's leadership has provided us with strong footing for navigating through this transition without his presence. While he has blessed Church of the Savior with many things over the past two years, that is the greatest blessing he has given us – the confidence and ability to continue our faith journey as a vital and strong community of believers!

*Peace,
Laurie*

As time goes by....

I will have a few words for you during my last days as your interim pastor; but they will all be words of thanks for your help during the past two years.

My active ministry is coming to an end, but yours continues. We pastors can't (and shouldn't) "do it all."

God needs your dedication and energy.

We look to the future, and—surprisingly—the future is already here.

Best wishes and blessings,

Pastor Austin

Pastor Wesley Smith, to be Vice Pastor

Bishop Bartholomew has appointed The Rev. Dr. Wes Smith, Zion Lutheran Church, Saddle River, as Vice Pastor until a new pastor is called. A vice pastor is "on call," meets with the congregation leaders, conducts weddings and funerals, oversees pastoral care and the administration of the parish and has all the rights of a regularly called pastor, although he does not lead services every Sunday. He receives a small monthly stipend for his services and reports to the Synod bishop. Dr. Smith is an experienced pastor with long service in northern New Jersey.





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Remember our mission statement

The Lutheran Church of the Savior is a caring community of God's people, called in Jesus Christ, to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, thereby glorifying God the Father in our every day lives.

God's Work, Our Hands

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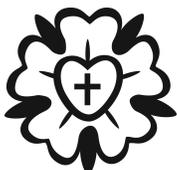
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