

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
is very pleased to announce
Daniel Martin Hoeger
has accepted the call
to become our new Senior Pastor!



Pastor Hoeger will begin his ministry with us on May 1, 2009.

Thank you to the **Call Committee** and to the **Church Council** for their persistence, dedication, and tremendous effort.

Thank you to the OSLC congregation for their patience and prayers.

Welcome, Pastor Dan Hoeger!
We feel so fortunate that you'll be serving among us!

Message from Pastor Dan Hoeger:

This last summer I spent part of my sabbatical developing my personal *Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles*. These reflect my current understanding of how the Holy Spirit is guiding me. This exercise was key in leading me to the door of Our Saviour's. Perhaps sharing it with you will give some insight into who I am. I began by thinking about God's purpose of my life, from birth to grave. I came up with this common thread: I believe that God wants me to love and to be loved. My faith in Christ flows from his love for me and is strengthening me to love others. After more prayer and reviewing the Scriptures, I have a few Guiding Principles to keep in mind as I live out this purpose:

Keep my heart close to Jesus.

(Because nobody will ever love me like He does.)

Enjoy the ride.

(My reminder not to get so fixed on goals that I miss being alive in the process.)

Honor Yumiko, Kentaro and Marie.

(My wife, son, and daughter are precious gifts from God.)

Boldly speak and boldly listen.

(It is a challenge to remember to do both.)

Welcome and celebrate first, because I love others as I love my family.

(Here I remember Jesus' story of the prodigal son and how easy it is for "us" to judge all the "thems" in the world.)

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Show the patience and the persistence to follow the passion.

(God fills each one of us with holy passions to live out. Each time God lights a passion in a heart, it is an invitation to live life more fully. That passion needs to be tended or else it burns out.)

Hopefully this gives you a quick glance at the path I follow. I believe that God has guided me to offer my service to you as your senior pastor. My hope is that together we could not only support each other, but that we would reach out to all the "thems" that feel that they have no place in Christ's church. I have already witnessed your passions for Worship and Service to others. I would love to work with you to keep your holy passions burning bright. Now I ask for your prayers and wisdom to discern if I meet the needs of your congregation's call. If so, we could enjoy this ride together.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

proudly introduces

the Call Committee and Church Council's

recommended candidate

for Senior Pastor

Daniel Martin Hoeger



Background Information

The Call Committee met with the OSLC Church Council on Monday, January 12, 2009 to unanimously recommend Pastor Daniel Martin Hoeger (HAY-ger) as the next Senior Pastor for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The Call Committee conducted a first interview with Pastor Hoeger in the fall, and subsequently visited him at his current church, Christ the Servant in Louisville, Colorado. Pastor Hoeger visited Our Saviour's the first weekend in January of 2009 to experience our services, see our wonderful people in worship, meet our staff, and have a second interview with the Call Committee. The Church Council met with him on Monday, January 19 at Our Saviour's and felt that he has the vision and energy to lead Our Saviour's into the future. The Council would like for you to meet Pastor Hoeger on Tuesday, February 3, before the congregational vote for the new Senior Pastor on Sunday, February 15.

A Bible Passage provided by Pastor Hoeger

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:6&7

Meet and Greet Pastor Dan!

*Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 pm
at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

Biography

Daniel Martin Hoeger was born in California and spent his childhood in California, Nebraska and South Dakota. He attended Augustana College in South Dakota with a major in psychology from 1978-1982. Deciding to follow his father's footsteps as a pastor, he earned his Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1982-1986. While in seminary he interned in Chicago at Holy Family Lutheran Church. He then embarked on an adventure that molded and changed his life in many ways; he became a lay missionary at Handa Lutheran Church in Japan from 1986 until 1989. He met his wife, Yumiko, while living in Japan. They married in 1989 and moved back to the States, where Pastor Hoeger took his first solo call at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan (1989-1995). In 1995 he was called to a growing community in Louisville, Colorado to serve as sole pastor at Christ the Servant. Because of the growth of the community and congregation, in 2002, Pastor Hoeger and his congregation called a co-pastor at Christ the Servant. In addition to being a pastor, Dan is also the proud parent of two high school-aged children, Kentaro, a senior, and Marie, a freshman. His wife, Yumiko, is currently a student at Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago.



Our Recommendation

The Call Committee knew that Pastor Hoeger was different from any other candidate the first time we met him. Our discussions were never more Spirit-driven with any other candidate. The Call Committee recognized a deep theological sense of call in Pastor Hoeger. He preaches the gospel in a conversational style that links theology with everyday life. He has strong worship leadership in many styles, both traditional and contemporary. While his current congregation has grown significantly, he believes the best evangelism happens when people are helped to grow into disciples. Pastor Hoeger feels that the best way to enhance stewardship is to lead by example. When Christ is put at the center, stewardship naturally follows. Along with these philosophies, Pastor Hoeger has a strong sense of self and a positive energy that will make him an approachable leader and visionary Senior Pastor at Our Saviour's. Serving a church the size of Our Saviour's will be a new experience for Pastor Hoeger, but the Council and Call Committee believe that he will be able to transition into the position with the help of a strong staff and Council at his side. We have confidence that he will bring energy and creativity to this position as he helps Council create a vision for our future. We feel that Pastor Hoeger's philosophy of "Jesus first" will allow him to take on the challenges that currently face Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Church Council President

Call Committee Chair