

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2017 - SEASON OF PENTECOST EDITION

Pastor John's Ordination

Pastor John was officially ordained as a pastor in the ELCA on Sunday, May 21 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Manhattan; the church where he did his internship year during seminary.

Our choir was featured at the service and Pastor Bob participated in this grand and glorious event, which marks the true beginning of Pastor John's ministry.

The Rev. Dr. David Lose, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia was the preacher.

Almost 60 people from Our Saviour attended this service of ordination. Thank you to each and everyone.

And - congratulations to Pastor John and Ann Marie.



Pictured above: Pastor John Heidgerd being presented immediately following his ordination by Bishop Robert Alan Rimbo. Pastor John will be installed as pastor of OSLC later this year.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church 90-04 175 ST Jamaica, Queens, NYC

Worship Every Sunday three times
8:30 AM ~10:00 AM ~11:30 AM

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Father's Day = June 18

Gifts for the first 100 men over the age of 18. Bring that special guy to church for a very special Father's Day.

Pentecost Sunday = June 4

A very special day in our Christian life as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples and to us - we also celebrate the Confirmation of those students who have completed their two years of Confirmation Class. Join us June 4 for this special day - Confirmation is at the 11:30 service only. OBTW - wear red if you got it !

Let the Statistical Adjustment Begin !

This summer, now that our staff is up to full capacity, we are going to begin thinning out the membership rolls of the church - known in church circles as purging the rolls.

We carry a LOT of members who have moved away, or just disappeared, so the time has come. We have not done this in almost ten years.

Here is the plan - our church's constitution states that to remain a member you must have a gift of record in the past two years. That means that in the last two years you must have given something to the church. For this "statistical adjustment" we will extend that period of time in which a member must have given offering to three years.

All members who do not meet these very minimal criteria will receive a letter stating the issue and asking if they wish to remain a member of the church. There will be a return post-paid card along with the letter that they can return. If we do not hear from folks within 30 days, they will be removed from the church rolls.

We will also be checking in with folks who have moved far away, and there are a lot of them, to see if they wish to remain a member of this church, or if they have switched their membership when they moved.

While all this sounds harsh, we send out almost 700 newsletters every month and send offering envelopes to most everyone who is listed as a member of the church. It will also help us know exactly how large, or how small, our congregation really is.

In other words - this will be a good thing. So, if you get a letter - you will understand why.

Let the Membership Begin !

This summer, now that our staff is up to full capacity, we will also begin a campaign to raise awareness that many folks who worship with us every week, many of them VERY generous givers, are not members of the church - some have decided to remain as non-members by choice, but we have found that many of you claim membership, but were never really received as a member.

Attending church, even if you attend church every week, does not make you an "official" member of the church.

Membership allows you to serve on Church Council as well as vote for Council members, but perhaps most importantly, membership allows you to vote at those times when we are voting to call a new pastor, or for other important decisions which require a congregational vote.

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2018 National Youth Gathering



The Summer Slump

Unfortunately, a few things will take a break after Memorial Day - the break will continue until Pastor John and Pastor Bob figure out a plan for the future. No matter what - church on Sunday will always continue - same day - same times - no matter what !

The things that will take a summer vacation this year:

- 1) Sunday's Kids / Sunday School
- 2) Kid's Church
- 3) Wednesday Worship
- 4) 2nd Saturday

Things that return this summer:

- 1) the fun summer liturgy - a little more lively - a little more upbeat - a little more . . . well, you get it !

WHAT IS IT ? - Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as "the Gathering." Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

WHEN & WHERE IS IT ? Houston, TX, June 27 – July 1, 2018.

WHO CAN ATTEND ? Youth in grades 8 - 12

WHEN IS REGISTRATION ? September 2017 !

HOW DO WE LEARN MORE ? There are a few ways:

- 1) We will hold an Information Session on Saturday, June 10, starting at 11 AM here at Our Saviour Lutheran Church - this is for parents and prospective Gathering attendees - and prospective chaperones - if you think you might go to the gathering - **COME TO THIS SESSION !**
- 2) there's lots of great information on the Youth Gathering web site at <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.
- 3) The Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) page for the Gathering is at <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/about/faq>.