



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

HAND IN HAND

At Our Savior's, we know the assurance of walking hand-in-hand with God. The past few years have had their share of challenges but God has faithfully led us to a new day where the future appears bright and the days ahead seem promising.

2018 will be a time for us to turn our focus to GROWING the church. Our finances have stabilized largely due to the generosity of OSL members and the success of the first phase of our debt retirement campaign, *Mission: Possible*, freeing up key resources for ministry.

In 2018, we have a new challenge: to fully fund our Outreach and Communication Ministry. This includes funding our fourth pastor who, in addition to other pastoral duties, will provide vision, leadership, and direction to *growth-based ministry initiatives* we intend to launch.

Equip the Saints

When we speak about growth, we're necessarily speaking about outreach. But outreach is the work of the whole church and requires that our ministry equips all members to be ministers who share God's love with the world. To that end, in 2018, we will:

- › Develop a *Small Group Ministry* (LifeGroups) in which OSL members and friends go deeper in their faith through study, prayer, service, and

support in a group of 8 to 12 people who meet on a regular basis; and,

- › Create an *enhanced understanding of "membership"* that helps members see themselves as partners in OSL's mission and ministry, people who are called, equipped, and sent into the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus who work to expand God's reign of love for all.

Go among the People

As we become equipped to grow the Kingdom of God, we recognize that outreach is no simple matter. Gone are the days when churches grow without much effort. We need to find effective ways to reach out to those who are spiritual but who claim no affiliation with a particular church (the Nones) as well as to those who have walked away from organized religion but who continue to live a life of faith (the Dones). This ministry focus will undoubtedly take us outside the walls of OSL to those places where the Nones and the Dones hang out and necessitate fresh approaches to outreach.

Hand in Hand is all about growing Our Savior's to the glory of God. Accomplishing this ministry plan will take a generous increase in giving of \$160,000 during the coming year. As ministry partners working together and following the lead of the Lord's hand in ours, we will confidently move forward into the future.

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Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current weekly giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, ask yourself these questions:

“How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?”

“How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?”

Range of Gifts

