



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 who is faithfully leading us into the future.

Last year we set out to increase annual offerings to cover mortgage interest payments and thus assure that gifts to *Mission: Possible*, our mortgage reduction campaign, would go directly to reduce mortgage principal. With God's help, this is now happening.

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.

One of those initiatives has to do with telling the OSL story.

Ours is a great story, a story of faith, passion, and mission. Telling that story in exciting and compelling ways will raise awareness and communicate an invitation to all to join us in our mission of connecting faith with everyday life. Growing the church means focusing on how we welcome others and invite them to join us in our mission.

In 2018 we will:

- › Improve and expand our Website as an invitational tool – the primary gateway through which those seeking a church home will establish a connection that may lead to participation and even membership;
- › Develop our Television Ministry to be more invitational and participatory, drawing the viewer into a fuller experience of worship and a deeper partnership with OSL's mission;
- › Identify and follow-up with worship visitors more assertively, recognizing that those who are interested in joining a faith community often make their decision based on first impressions;
- › Recruit new members and integrate them into our ministry more intentionally through a more robust new member orientation process.

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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Here is a chart depicting the number of gifts currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. Also shown is the number of gifts needed in these levels to reach our goal.

Look over the chart. 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?”*

*“Where would I be if I doubled my offering? And can I consider doing that?”*

*“How much more could I give if I really wanted to?”*

## Range of Gifts

