

February 17, 2019

Dear Community of Grace Family,

On behalf of the Community of Grace Lutheran Church Council, I am pleased to announce that the Call Committee's recommended candidate for Senior Pastor has been unanimously approved by the Council! The candidate has agreed to move forward to the final step in our Call process; a congregational vote at a Special Congregational Meeting set for Sunday, March 24. It is my honor to introduce you to our candidate, Pastor Darrin Vick.

Pastor Darrin and his wife, Angela, grew up in the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities. They have three young-adult children. Pastor Darrin earned his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership at Bethel University and a Master of Divinity at The Master's Institute. He began his ministry at Discover Church in Brooklyn Park, MN in 1998 as a Youth Minister. During his thirteen years there, he became a Campus Pastor and served as an Interim Senior/Executive Pastor. He is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Morningside Lutheran Church (LCMC) in Sioux City, IA, a call he has held since 2012. Morningside Lutheran Church is a large, 100+ year old church that worships in Traditional, Blended and Contemporary styles.

Throughout the Call Process, both the Call Committee and Council observed him as a passionate and gifted preacher/teacher, and someone who keeps Jesus at the center of everything he does. Pastor Darrin is a strong leader, who loves to work in teams and help his staff to maximize their potential. In person, we found him very engaging, humble, spirit-filled and a true joy to be around.

We are excited to help you to get to know Pastor Darrin and his family better over the next few weeks.

- Sunday, February 24, a handout with more detailed information on Pastor Darrin will be available after the services or at the front desk. Our website will be updated with this announcement, biographical information, and links to his sermons that can be viewed online.
- From March 3-17, you will have the opportunity to submit questions you have for Pastor Darrin online or at the front desk.
- Sunday, March 17, at 10:30 am, video from a few of Pastor Darrin's sermons will be shown in the Sanctuary. The 10:30 am Contemporary Worship service will still take place, as usual, in the Fellowship Hall.

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- **Sunday, March 24, is a day you won't want to miss!**
 - Pastor Darrin, Angela, and their family will be introduced at all worship services that morning.
 - Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon at 11:30 am with the Vick family, hosted by Student Ministries as a mission trip fundraiser.
 - At 12:15 pm. we will gather in the Sanctuary for a Question & Answer Session with Pastor Darrin, facilitated by Call Committee Chair Diane Hovis, using questions compiled from submissions made by the congregation.
 - At 1:00 pm, we will call the meeting to order and hold a vote to determine if we will call Pastor Darrin to be our new Senior Pastor. The opportunity to vote is only open to current members of Community of Grace Lutheran Church. Not a member? You are welcome to attend and participate in everything but the vote.

Please continue to pray for God's clear leading as we consider this important decision.

To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus –



Sandy Anderson
Church Council President

