

Introductory Packet for Pastoral Candidates

Creek Road Community Church

History

Creek Road Community Church was launched in 1966 under the name First Reformed Church of Delavan, when a group of families were led to begin a ministry in the Delavan community. Founded on the rich history of the Reformed faith, they purchased a Lutheran church building and began worshipping there.

As the Delavan community began to grow, so did the ministry. From 1979 through 1999 there were two major growth spurts that saw the church building fill to capacity. During that time the congregation began visioning on where God might be leading them. Property was purchased outside the city limits where new home construction was taking place but there was no ministry presence.

In 2003 construction began on a new worship facility and the focus of the ministry changed from an inward focused ministry to a missional focused ministry. Part of that change included changing the name of the ministry to Creek Road Community Church and moving from a traditional worship service to a more contemporary worship style.

Over the history of the ministry there have been two mortgage burnings, and we have become a ministry that welcomes all who enter through our doors with the hope of being disciples who make disciples. We remain an active ministry committed to seeing God's Kingdom come to where He has led us.



Mission and Vision

Our current mission and vision were developed about 10 years ago and are as follows:

- Mission: To welcome people into God's fun and loving family
- Vision: To inspire people from all walks of life to join us in our faith in Jesus Christ

With the help for the new Pastor, we would like to review and update these as needed.

Worship

Our worship service begins with a heartfelt Welcome and Call to Worship, inviting everyone to enter into a spirit of reverence and praise. The congregation then lifts their voices in an opening song that resonates with the theme of the sermon, preparing hearts for the message ahead. Afterward, church announcements are shared, along with warm opportunity for fellowship, where members greet one another and welcome new faces. Worship continues with two more songs, led by a talented guitarist and vocalists, creating a worshipful atmosphere of praise. The Pastor invites

prayer requests to be shared, and the congregation comes together in prayer for the needs of the church family, as well as local and global concerns. The pastor delivers the message, and on the first Sunday of the month, Communion is served, allowing all to partake in this act of remembrance and hope. The service concludes with a final song, followed by the Benediction, sending everyone out with God's blessing, ready to live out the message in our daily lives. Following worship, many gather for coffee and delicious eats where we can catch up on each other's lives and strengthen relationships.



Missions

Creek Road is deeply dedicated to supporting local missions and missionaries around the world through prayer and financial gifts. We are committed to giving at least 10% of congregational giving, with some years exceeding that amount. These are our supported missions:

- New Day: This is a Christian organization in Delavan dedicated to saving the unborn through nurturing and educating expectant mothers and

their families and providing real help and healing for the women who suffer the aftermath of abortion.

- Agape House: The mission of Agape House in Walworth is to assist in bringing transformational hope and healing to at-risk youth, their families, and the community.
- Meals on Wheels
- Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless, Delavan
- The Salvation Army
- World Vision
- Local Food Pantries
- Samaritan's Purse
- The Time is Now to Help: This is a charity founded to aid those in desperate need, using 100% of donations for poverty relief.
- Reformed Church in America Mission in India, James Sundararajan Cassette Ministry.
- Breathe: An organization providing support for families with Cancer
- Hat and Mitten Tree for local school children
- We collaborate with the Amazing Church to help collect blankets and coats for Missions in Milwaukee
- Spirit of Hope Men's Shelter in Delavan



The Position and Qualifications

Qualifications

We are looking for a part-time pastor (approximately 20 – 30 hours per week). The successful candidate will have a bachelor's degree, Master of Divinity,

and be ordained in the RCA (or equivalent, or is willing to pursue ordination; or a path to commission pastor).

Work with the Consistory

The pastor will work very closely with the consistory, value the perspectives of consistory members, and whenever possible move forward with consensus to conduct the business and ministry of the church.

In a recent survey, members of the congregation identified vision setting as a critical gift for our next pastor. The pastor will also work closely with the consistory to inspire the congregation to fulfill our vision for ministry to the community, world, and each other.

Conducting Worship

The congregation ranked preaching as the most important responsibility for our new pastor. The new pastor will inspire us with Biblical messages and conduct worship services that are meaningful and impactful. When time is available, he/ she may also conduct special services such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Community Lenten Services and also conduct funerals, weddings, and baptisms as needed.

Community and RCA Responsibilities

As their schedule permits, we encourage the pastor to represent Creek Road Community Church at the Walworth County Ministerial Meeting, which occurs monthly, and also attend twice yearly RCA classis meetings.

Pastoral Care

The pastor will work with church elders to ensure that hospital patients and homebound members of the congregation are visited and supported during difficult times. The pastor will also look for opportunities to teach and nurture members of the congregation through Bible Study, Sunday School, and youth ministry in alignment with the church vision and mission.

The Community of Delavan

The welcoming community of Delvan boasts a rich circus history, with charming local shops and historic buildings that line our bricked main street. The area is known for its fertile farmland and beautiful lakes which attracts visitors year-round. Surrounding parks and trails offer opportunities for recreation, making it a great place for families and outdoor enthusiasts. Whether you are enjoying a day by Delavan Lake or Lake Geneva, or on a golf course, exploring the area's natural beauty, or enjoying weekly summer concerts in Phoenix Park, Delavan provides an environment to relax and unwind.

A growing community in southeast Wisconsin, Delavan is located within an hour's drive of Milwaukee and Madison, and less than two hours from downtown Chicago.

Delavan has a diverse and growing population with a racial makeup of primarily white with Latino making up a significant portion of the population. The growth in ethnic diversity has contributed to a more vibrant community atmosphere. Economically there is a combination of blue-collar workers, service industry professions, small business owners, and retirees.

The Delavan-Darien school district has two elementary schools, Phoenix Middle School and Delavan Darien High School. There are also four private schools: St. Andrew's Parish school, Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Faith Christian School and Delavan Christian School. The Wisconsin School for the Deaf is also located in Delavan.

Email your resumes to office@creekroadcc.org if interested in this role.

