

Dear Our Savior's

July 21st, 2019

"The place God calls you to is where your deepest gladness and the world's deepest hunger meet." (Frederick Buechner)

It is with great joy and enthusiasm I accept the call to serve as your pastor! This is a very holy time to begin a new chapter of ministry together. From the moment I read your mission, vision and values, I sensed a strong draw to Our Savior's. This also became abundantly clear to me in the interviewing process. When my husband and I toured Stillwater and the church, there was this feeling of warmth and "home." We knew we could envision life and ministry with all of you! It was a gift to meet so many of you on Saturday as well. There are so many unique characteristics about Our Savior's that reveal this will be a great match. God is very good!

During the month of August, I will faithfully say farewell to Gloria Dei in Rochester, MN where I've served the past 12 years. My husband and I will also work on selling our home and finding a new residence in Stillwater. On September 8th, there will be a welcome Sunday for me at Our Savior's. My first day in the office will be on September 9th--which is also my 12 year ordination anniversary! Installation service will not happen until October 27th due to the Bishop's schedule. Nonetheless, I have the blessing to begin ministry with all of you in September.

My husband Brian and I are greatly looking forward to getting to know you. We are extremely excited about this new adventure! We look forward to see how the Holy Spirit will continue to stir in wondrous ways at Our Saviors.

Joyfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Karna". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Joyfully,".

Pastor Karna