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## **PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **INSTALLATION OF NEW SENIOR PASTOR AT OUR SAVIOR'S, LA CROSSE**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin, proudly announces the installation of their 19<sup>th</sup> pastor in its history. The Rev. Joanne S. Richmond, will be installed as the Senior Pastor before the church family, her family, the community, and the nation. Becoming the first female legally-married lesbian Senior Pastor in the La Crosse Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Richmond's education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, a Master of Divinity with Honors, from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, and a Master of Public Policy, with an emphasis in Ethics from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Richmond began her ministry as an Associate Pastor at Westby Coon Prairie & Vang Lutheran Churches, Westby, Wisconsin, and then at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Lutheran Campus Ministry, Houghton, Michigan. Later she served as the College Pastor at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska. She also previously served as Executive Director of the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse and as a full-time Instructor of Philosophy and interim Associate Dean/Assistant at Western Technical College.

Richmond and her wife, Jeanne Johnson, who live on French Island with their 2 dogs and 2 cats feel blessed to be asked to serve the congregation and are excited to call Our Savior's home. Richmond started full time ministry July 1, 2017, preaching her first sermon as Senior Pastor on Sunday, July 2, 2017.

## **INVITATION TO PASTOR JOANNE RICHMOND'S INSTALLATION**

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 3 pm, Our Savior's Lutheran, 612 Division Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin  
ALL are welcome and invited by the congregation to attend the installation service for their new pastor, the Rev. Joanne S. Richmond.

The entire community is invited to attend as we join with other pastors and community leaders in this momentous occasion. The installation message will be delivered by the Rev. Elizabeth Howe, Assistant to the Bishop/Director for Evangelical Mission of the La Crosse Area Synod.

Plan now to be with us on this historic occasion!

Services at Our Savior's, La Crosse are held Sunday's at 9am and Wednesday's at 12 noon.  
For more information about Pastor Richmond or Our Savior's, La Crosse please visit

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