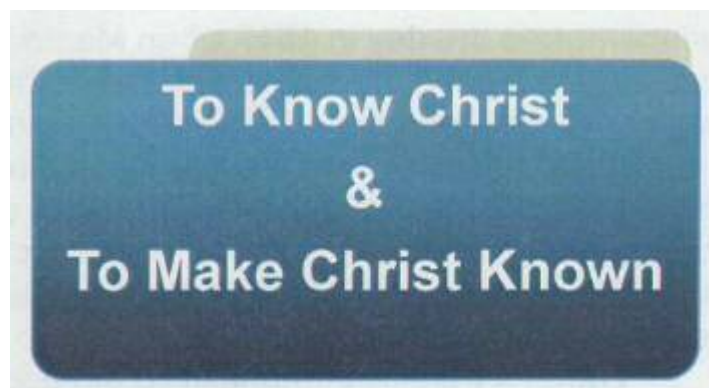


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## **Church Profile for Pastoral Search**

## **Section A. Background Information**

1. **Date: November 2020**
  
2. **Position to be Filled: Senior Pastor**
  
3. **Name of Church: Our Savior's Corner of Hope**
  
4. **Classis: Rocky Mountain**
  
5. **Classis Supervisor: Bruce Van Dusseldorp**  
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**7. Membership:**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Active Confessing Members</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Inactive Confessing Members</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>

**Comment on Significant Changes:**

**Our membership has remained fairly stable over the last five years with some people departing and other new ones joining us. As you can see by the below percentages, we are a rather mature church.**

**Age of all active members (baptized and confessing)**

<b>0%</b>	<b>0-20 years old</b>
<b>2%</b>	<b>20-34 years old</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>35-49 years old</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>50-64 years old</b>
<b>70%</b>	<b>65 years and older</b>

**8. Racial/Ethnic Composition of Congregation:**

**The racial/ethnic composition of our congregational is predominately Caucasian with an occasional visitor of another race, who is always welcomed.**

**9. Worship Schedule:**

**Our Sunday morning worship schedule is one service, starting at 9:30 and usually lasting an hour. Children attend for the music and prayer part of the service and retire to their Sunday School classes before the pastor's message, usually around 9:50 to 10:00.**

**Attendance has fallen off somewhat over the past five years. Five years ago we had an average attendance (including adults and children) of about 65 and this year (pre-CoVid) our attendance averaged 52.**

**Fellowship follows the worship service where coffee and "goodies" are served, with a birthday cake every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to celebrate any birthdays that month. Different members of the church volunteer each week to make the coffee and provide the refreshments. Almost everyone stays for this fellowship time.**

10. Describe a typical worship service:



**A typical worship service is devoted approximately half to music worship and half to the pastor's message. The service, including words to the songs, is projected on an overhead screen at the front of the altar. Our music is a blend of traditional, hymn type and contemporary, all related to the pastor's message.**

**First Sundays of each month include the Lord's Supper.**

**The attached bulletin demonstrates the order of worship that we follow.**

**WELCOME VISITORS**

**October 11, 2020**

*Join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship*

## **Worship Service**

**Announcements**

**Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

**Call to Worship**

**To God Be The Glory**

**Like The River Glorious**

**Prayer and Silence**

**And Can It Be?**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

**Trust and Obey**

**Our Savior's Corner of Hope:**

**Part II: Who Saves You?**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**The Solid Rock**

**Benediction**

**How Firm A Foundation**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome Phil Schuiling.** He will be our advisor and preacher for at least the next three months.

The **Pastoral Search team** met on the 6th. They reviewed the surveys and completed the first 42 questions of the church profile. They plan to meet again on Tuesday October 20 to complete the last 9 questions and submit the profile. Thank you for all of your prayers.

**Trunk n' Treats.** Bonnie would like to meet with her committee immediately after church in the library.

We are down to eight **Sharing Bags** and need supplies to build more. We need: Bottled Water, Canned Meats/ Tuna packets, Cookie Snack Packages, Fruit Cups, Energy Bars, Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers, Socks and Gallon Bags. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**We are asking those who attend** to observe the 6 foot distancing between families and individual attendees along with wearing masks.

**Gloves are available as you enter the Worship Center,** and you may wash your hands in the restrooms and kitchen. we have 3 sinks with soap in the Kitchen & 3 sinks for ladies plus 2 sinks for men in the Restrooms.

### **STAFF**

**Pastoral Advisor**—Pastor Phil Schuiling  
**Worship Team:** Joe Hoskins— 303-880-6546  
**Pastoral Care Team:** Sue Powell 303-985-4074  
**Sunday School Director:** Judith Hoskins:  
**Treasurer:** Cheryl Bassett  
**Sexton:** Gail Dorman

**11. Financial Information**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>YTD/2020</b>
<b>Total RCA related</b>	<b>\$205,149</b>	<b>\$167,011</b>	<b>\$93,482</b>

**12. Congregational Giving:**

**Number of those whose annual contribution is:**

<b>Less than \$500</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>\$501- \$1,500</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>\$1,501- \$2,500</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>\$2,501-\$3,500</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Greater than \$3,500</b>	<b>18</b>

**13. Financial Assistance beyond congregational giving:**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>YTD/2020</b>
<b>Rental of church house</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>7,200</b>
<b>Rental from Spanish church</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>8,000</b>

**Attached please find the following documents:**

- **2020 Budget Overview**
- **Profit & Loss (01-08/2020)**
- **Profit & Loss (Year 2019)**
- **Profit & Loss (Year 2015)**

## Our Savior's Corner of Hope

### BUDGET OVERVIEW: 2020 BUDGET ALL (W/O JAKOB) - FY20 P&L

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
40100 Offerings	156,010.94
40300 Special Income	23,950.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$179,960.94</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$179,960.94</b>
Expenses	
71000 Programs	
71100 Worship	7,965.17
71200 Discipleship	1,258.92
71400 Outreach	3,825.00
<b>Total 71000 Programs</b>	<b>13,049.09</b>
72000 Personnel	80,262.47
73000 Administrative	55,112.57
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$148,424.13</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$31,536.81</b>
Other Expenses	
81000 Interest Expense	9,455.02
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,455.02</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$ -9,455.02</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$22,081.79</b>

## Our Savior's Corner of Hope

### PROFIT AND LOSS

January - August, 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
40100 Offerings	93,482
40300 Special Income	15,483
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$108,966</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$108,966</b>
Expenses	
71000 Programs	
71100 Worship	2,895
71200 Discipleship	755
71300 Fellowship	(322)
71400 Outreach	4,383
<b>Total 71000 Programs</b>	<b>7,710</b>
72000 Personnel	49,073
73000 Administrative	38,610
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$95,393</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$13,573</b>
Other Income	
80000 Endow .-Unrealized Gain (Loss)	197
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$197</b>
Other Expenses	
81000 Interest Expense	5,703
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,703</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$8,067</b>

## Our Savior's Corner of Hope

### PROFIT AND LOSS January - December 2019

	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
40100 Offerings	167,011
40300 Special Income	23,618
49999 Miscellaneous Income	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$190,629</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$190,629</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
71000 Programs	
71100 Worship	8,415
71200 Discipleship	1,259
71300 Fellowship	(95)
71400 Outreach	21,225
<b>Total 71000 Programs</b>	<b>30,804</b>
72000 Personnel	89,593
73000 Administrative	61,108
Payroll Expenses	(17)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$181,488</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,141</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
80000 Endow .-Unrealized Gain (Loss)	1,414
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$1,414</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
81000 Interest Expense	9,566
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,566</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (8,152)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$989</b>

## Our Savior's Corner of Hope

### PROFIT AND LOSS January - December 2015

	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
40100 Offerings	205,149
40300 Special Income	19,083
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$224,232</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$224,232</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
71000 Programs	
71100 Worship	5,974
71200 Discipleship	2,455
71300 Fellowship	376
71400 Outreach	21,114
<b>Total 71000 Programs</b>	<b>29,919</b>
72000 Personnel	
72100 Salaries & Contracts	79,568
72200 Wages	14,976
72300 Benefits & Other Personnel Exps	37,801
<b>Total 72000 Personnel</b>	<b>132,345</b>
73000 Administrative	
73100 Administration	14,689
73200 Property Management	46,207
73800 Child Day Care Program	0
<b>Total 73000 Administrative</b>	<b>60,896</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$223,161</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,071</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
80000 Endow .-Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(38)
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ (38)</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
81000 Interest Expense	676
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$676</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (714)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$357</b>

**14. Sunday School:**

Average attendance Five years ago	Average attendance Today
10-12 children	3-6 children

**Comment on significant changes:**



**Our congregation consists of 4 families with Sunday School age children (3-12 years old). However, only 2 of those families are regular attendees. Two dedicated ladies are regular teachers with a rotating list of helpers. Our attrition is due to children growing up, families moving away, and others (mainly teenagers) seeking more activities and friends at other churches.**

**There is no formal adult Sunday School, although periodically classes after worship and fellowship have been offered on various topics for those interested (such as study of Revelations, church history, etc.)**

**15. All educational programs including children, young adult, adult:**

- **Children’s Sunday School: Children remain in sanctuary with their parents for the music worship, then leave before the pastor’s message (9:45-10:45).**
- **There are currently no formal education programs for young adults and adults (an area in which we seek help).**
- **Church service is broadcast over the internet for all interested persons.**
- **Ladies Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings with usually 6-8 ladies in attendance. Other members attend outside Bible studies.**
- **Men’s Prayer Breakfast meets on Saturdays but has been curtailed because of the pandemic.**
- **During the pandemic the pastor sent daily email messages of hope and encouragement.**
- **Words of Hope booklets are provided each quarter.**
- **God & Country awards are given by our Boy Scout troop to include unchurched boys.**

**16. Church Groups/Organizations:**

- **Worship team:** Prepare bulletins, provide greeters and ushers, conduct business part of service such as opening the service and making announcements, reading the scripture, and providing prayers.
- **Music team:** Consists of pianist (sometimes with guitarist and/or drummer) and worship chorus. Music is usually coordinated with the sermon topic.
- **Pastoral Care:** Issues email prayer chain requests; organizes fellowship hall refreshments and occasion dinners, summer picnics, church fun nights, and funeral dinners; gathers and distributes care baskets for church shut-ins at Christmas time; sends appropriate get well/sympathy cards.
- **Missions/Outreach:** Gathers items and prepares sharing bags to be given out by church members to the homeless people they meet on the street. There is a sewing group that meets monthly to make baby blankets, lap blankets for retirement homes, winter hats for the homeless, etc. Also, there are occasional activities that are appropriate to the season.
- **Church Council:** Consists of the Deacons, Elders and Pastor; meets monthly; handles all the church business.

**17. Comment on one event or experience over the last year that has significantly contributed to the spiritual life of the congregation.**

**2020 has been a unique year with Covid 19 and our pastor retiring. But through the upheaval and pandemic, God has provided unity in our congregation and financial stability. This has been both encouraging and uplifting.**

**God has also lifted up several members in our congregation to provide the needed support to produce videos, lead the worship service and provide ministry. God is providing us with much more than we could ever have imagined during these uncertain times. Praise the Lord!**

**18. Buildings: Please describe church-owned or rented buildings and purpose.**

**Our Savior's Corner of Hope occupies 3.5 acres on the southwest corner of West Jewell and South Garrison in Lakewood, CO. The main building is anchored by a sanctuary capable of accommodating approximately 300 or more people. A social meeting hall (Schouten Hall) with an adjacent kitchen can accommodate over 200 people. Five meeting rooms, a nursery with child's bathroom, and a library are available.**

There are facilities in place for a fully licensed child care that meets all required state standards. An administrative office is equipped with standard office appliances. There are a number of storage closets and restrooms. The basement consists of a music room and a large meeting room.

In the sanctuary an impressive sound system is used for a variety of services including concerts. The sound board is operated by our own trained people.

A large pastor's office and two other offices are available. The building surrounds a courtyard which provides a peaceful space for quiet contemplation amidst the urban environment.



A separate home (a potential pastorage of approximately 2,800 square feet including basement) is also available on the property.

The property is well landscaped with many trees and shrubs. An electronic sign is used to announce services and other messages. There is a fenced children's playground. There are adequate parking spaces on both the south and west sides of the building with designated handicapped parking. Space is provided for a Boy Scout troop and storage of their equipment.

19. Capital Expenditures in the next 5 years:  
None have been identified at this time.

20. Mortgage indebtedness:

	Original Debt	Original Date	Maturity Date	Bal at 9/30/2020	Interest Rate
RCA Growth Fund (Facility improvements)	\$135,000	Oct-14	Dec-35	\$118,048	5.25%
Rocky Mtn Classis (Deferred assessments)	9,502	Dec-17	N/A	9,502	N/A
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank 7 year note	21,015	May-19	Apr-26	19,322	6.75%
	\$165,517			\$146,872	

**21. Pastor's Study:**

**A pastor's study is located in the church building.**

**22. List of Paid Staff in addition to Pastor:**

**The previous pastor's wife was Minister of Worship & Music. However, at the present, music is provided by a part-time contract accompanist, and worship is conducted by volunteers. Administrative staff was eliminated towards the end of the pastor's term. The paid positions of contract accountant and contract janitorial are both part time. Such tasks as administrative essentials, building maintenance and grounds care are carried out by church volunteers.**

**23. Consistory Membership: What method is used in selecting members?**

- Congregation nominates potential Elders and Deacons. Nominees can be either male or female.**
- Current Elders, Deacons and Pastor discuss and select the nominees.**
- Nominees are informed and asked if they are willing to serve and to pray about it.**
- Names of selected nominees are posted in the bulletin 3 weeks prior to congregational meeting.**
- Congregation meeting is held, and votes are cast.**
- Electees are installed and celebration is held.**

**Present Consistory Members:**

<b>No. / Position</b>	<b>Male/Female</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
<b>3 / Elders</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Construction Scientist Retired Computer Programmer</b>
<b>2 / Deacons</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Both retired</b>
<b>1 / Deacon</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Retired Engineer</b>

**24. What leadership roles do women currently fill in your church?**

**Women play a vital role in our congregation both as leaders and workers. They are actively involved in most areas, such as church council, treasurer, sexton, worship music, scripture readers, ushers, greeters, committee heads, Sunday School teachers, nursery providers, fellowship refreshments and dinners. When a need for workers arises, both our women and men step up to help.**

**25. Education Levels of Congregation:**

- Had at least up to 12 years of education **Almost 100%**
- Had additional education beyond high school **22%**
- A college degree **36%**
- A graduate degree **15%**

**26. Occupations of Congregation:**

- Clerical **9%**
- Contractor Services **9%**
- Engineering Managers **15%**
- Government Employees **6%**
- Medical Services **12%**
- Personal Services **17%**
- Retail Services **11%**
- Teachers / Day Care **8%**
- Technical Services **12%**

**Please note: This includes occupations of retired members.**

**27. Important Specific Ministry Gifts of Pastor:**

**These are ideas presented by the congregation through a survey:**

- **Firmly biblical based, interesting sermons that are applicable to today's lifestyle.**
- **Leadership and vision.**
- **Ability to grow membership and attract younger families.**
- **Involvement with the congregation, such as visitation, counseling, and general friendliness with all.**
- **Involvement within the community.**
- **Humility, compassion, trust, accepting of other ideas, helpful toward elderly, and willing to nurture gifts of congregants.**

**28. Languages:**

**There are no specific language requirements, although a Spanish church rents our sanctuary after our Sunday service, and it would be helpful if the pastor knew some Spanish.**

**29. Pastor's Base Salary:**

**The base salary we are prepared to offer our new pastor is negotiable and will be based on the Classis minimums outlined in #32 below.**

**30. Parsonage:**

**A parsonage is provided on the church site. The brick house is approximately 2,800 square feet including basement and has a single car attached garage. It is available if the pastor desires to occupy it.**



**31. Housing Allowance:**

**A housing allowance in lieu of the parsonage is a negotiable option.**

**32. Provided Benefits / Business Expenses:**

**The following is a list of benefits / business expenses that the church is willing to provide:**

	Years as Ordained Minister 0 to 2	Years as Ordained Minister 3 to 5	Years as Ordained Minister 6 to 10	Years as Ordained Minister 11+
Base Salary	\$ 41,269	\$ 42,576	\$ 44,648	\$ 46,808
Housing Allowance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,750	\$ 16,538	\$ 17,364
Parsonage Provided No	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel Reimbursement (Auto Allowance)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,205	\$ 2,315
Social Security	\$ 4,305	\$ 4,462	\$ 4,681	\$ 4,909
Book Allowance	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Continuing Education Allowance (Amount)	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Provision for Sabbatical	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Specify Below)	\$ 15,235	\$ 15,418	\$ 15,708	\$ 16,010
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 79,609</b>	<b>\$ 82,106</b>	<b>\$ 85,579</b>	<b>\$ 89,207</b>
<b>Other:</b>				
Yes Retirement (14% of salary & housing)	\$ 5,778	\$ 5,961	\$ 6,251	\$ 6,553
Yes Major Med & Health/Hospital Ins	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700
Yes Life Insurance	\$ 442	\$ 442	\$ 442	\$ 442
No Dental Insurance				
No Unemployment Insurance				
Yes Disability Insurance	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 315
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,235</b>	<b>\$ 15,418</b>	<b>\$ 15,708</b>	<b>\$ 16,010</b>
Annual Vacation				
4 Weeks (Opportunity Costs)	\$6,123.74	\$ 6,315.84	\$6,583.02	\$6,862.10
Cost of Substitute Worship Leader during vacations	600	600	600	600

**33. Community Served:**

**The community we serve (city of Lakewood) is described as a metropolitan suburb community with more than 50,000 population. See Question #39 for more details.**

**34. Cooperative Ministry:**

**A Spanish speaking church holds services after our own services. In past years, we have conducted missions assisting RCA Jicarilla Apache church in Dulce, New Mexico.**

**35. Community involvement**



**We have a program to provide sharing bags containing non-perishable food and basic hygiene items for homeless people. We also knit lap blankets for children and retirement home residents and winter caps for homeless people. Last fall church members purchased toy windmills to benefit Ralston House, which is a private center and home for children in the court system facing abuse or trauma. This**

**Halloween the church is holding a Trunk or Treat event for children in the neighborhood. Our church is a charter organization for a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop. There is a once a month free-will offering taken at the sanctuary door after service for the Deacon's Fund, which provides monetary help for anyone in the congregation or from outside who appeals for help.**

**36. Denominations / Religions in the area:**

**There are several denominational churches such as Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, and Catholic located in the area. Several other churches list themselves as non-denominational.**

**There are also Latter Day Saints and Buddhist temples.**

**Colorado Christian University is located within close proximity to the church.**

**37. Outreach Strategy to reach un-churched people in the community:**

**Our community involvement (mentioned above) is how we are reaching out to our community. However, we feel we are lacking in this area. Our church does have a strong desire for missions and to reach the un-churched. Therefore, we are looking for someone who can help us build a strategy to serve God in this way.**

**38. Congregation's Income Level:**

**The income level of the people in our congregation tends to be about average for our community. We do not feel it is either above or below the rest of the community. However, a large portion of our congregation is retired.**

**39. Community and School System:**

**The city of Lakewood is nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains about 7 miles west of the capital of Denver and is surrounded by several major thoroughfares. It was incorporated in 1969. It contains various parks, the major being historic Belmar Park which hosts activities and festivals throughout the year. Located nearby is the Lakewood Cultural Center, which offers performances and exhibits by nationally recognized artists as well as community presentations and exhibits.**

**Recreation in Lakewood is abundant and multifaceted. The closeby Rocky Mountains offer skiing and winter activities as well as hiking, biking, camping and other summer activities. The county has several open space parks, and Lakewood is home to Bear Creek Lake Park, which is a wonderful place to view a large array of birds and wildlife, has three lakes and 15 miles of dirt trails for biking and hiking. Nearby Denver offers a multitude of historical, cultural, recreational and sporting activities and events.**

**Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence since 1950. The school district is divided into 17 articulation areas providing assigned schools for each neighborhood served, as well as option and charter school choices. Approximately 9% of all K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. The official enrollment count for the 2019-2020 school year was 84,048, with 31% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Many of the approximately 4,700 highly qualified teachers have advanced degrees, and several have earned national and state recognition.**

There are 35 private schools in Jefferson County including independent, parochial, religious and non-religious affiliated charter schools, boarding schools, Christian schools, preparatory prep schools, accredited private K-12, middle and high schools.

Red Rocks Community College and Colorado Christian University are located in Lakewood.

Following are browser links to the following documents that further describe our city and the school system of Jefferson County.

- Lakewood, Colorado – City Information
- Lakewood, Colorado – Wikipedia
- District Profile – Jeffco Public Schools
- Private Schools in Jefferson County, Colorado

**40. Record of Previous Pastors:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Norm Schouten</b>	<b>1965-1980</b>
<b>John Busman</b>	<b>1981-1995</b>
<b>Mark Berndt</b>	<b>1995-1998</b>
<b>Barbara Morphew</b>	<b>1998-2005</b>
<b>Gene Pearson</b>	<b>2007-2020</b>

**41. Contacts:**

- Council Vice President      **Joe Hoskins (cell: 303-880-6546)**
- Classis Supervisor          **Bruce Van Dusseldorp (303-995-8193)**
- Search Team Chair          **Rick Boer (303-937-3559)**

## **Section B. Reflections**

To summarize the information given in the previous section, Our Savior's Corner of Hope is a small church dedicated foremost to the worship of God and Christ Jesus and then to the service of its members and the outside surrounding community. It is an established congregation who genuinely care about each other, are happy to greet each other every Sunday, have fellowship after the worship service (pre-Covid 19), and pray for each other's needs. We may be a little set and comfortable in our ways and thus need someone to encourage us to venture out and try some new ideas. We are very welcoming and open to ideas and have a positive outlook for the future of our church.

Our mission statement is To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known. We feel we do quite well in helping our members to know Christ:

- Bible-based sermons
- Prayer meetings
- Encouragement to read and study the Bible
- Formal Bible study meetings
- Availability of Words of Hope devotional booklets

However, our outreach ministries ("To Make Christ Known") are lacking. This is an area where we desire a pastor who can lead us. In the past we have supported missions and foreign missionaries. Unfortunately, this is no longer true. There is, however, a commitment and an interest by the congregation in becoming more missional.

Our church's three most passionate hopes are mainly people and relationship oriented. Jesus loved everyone and had compassion for all and expressed the desire that all His followers do the same, as well as make His saving grace known to all peoples. Therefore, we endeavor to follow the great commission: To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known. Our second hope is to enlarge our outreach and community service, to bring our faith to life. And our third hope is to build up our church community so that we can continue the ministry that we are called to do. We hope that someone visiting our church will see us as a spiritual church with a loving congregation who has a heart for the community and a passion for missions.

**The challenges we see facing our new pastor involve relationships with the congregation. He/she will need to create an inviting environment that will motivate people and that will let them see they are treasured and their ideas valued. He/she will need to be open to suggestions and yet still lead an effective ministry. We all have the same purpose of loving and serving God so our desire is that the pastor and congregation can work together to achieve this purpose and to grow spiritually while doing so.**

**We realize that over the past years our membership has declined and has grown older. However, we have a desire to grow into an effective, vibrant church and are looking for someone who is willing to accept the challenge to lead and work with the church members to move us forward into an exciting future of worshiping God and serving our fellow man.**

## Release Statement

We, Our Savior's Corner of Hope, acknowledge that the information in this Church Profile is accurate and complete. We authorize the Office of Ministry Services (OMS) to release this profile to designated recipient(s) seeking positions as ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament, including posting of this profile on the RCA website.

**Rick Boer**



**11/12/2020**

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Signature of Search Team Chairperson

Date