



JOSEPH DIETRICH

Missionary Joseph Dietrich graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1985 and has served at several locations during his time of ministry. He began at Ascension in Plymouth, Minn., from 1985-1990; Ndola and Lusaka, Zambia from 1991-1997; Michigan State Campus Ministry in Lansing, Mich., from 1997-2004; Trinity in Abita Springs, La., from 2004-2008; and St. Andrew and St. Peter near Medford, Wis., from 2010-2016. Since 2017 Missionary Dietrich has served Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bylas, Ariz.

Our Savior's is located on the San Carlos Apache Reservation and has been a congregation since 1920. For many years it had a school of its own, but they now partner with Peridot-Our Savior Lutheran School in Peridot, 25 miles to the west. Missionary Dietrich's goal as a pastor is to strengthen the congregation in faith and in works of service to be a self-supporting, vibrant congregation proclaiming the Word of Christ to the world.

Missionary Dietrich is married to Debbie, who teaches first grade at Peridot-Our Savior Lutheran School. She also helps in many ways at the congregation: playing music for worship, meeting with the ladies, taking attendance (checking people in to worship) and being an encourager to all she can.

Missionary Dietrich and Debbie have been married for eight years and both have four children. They also have eight grandchildren. Debbie's children all serve in the ministry in Virginia, California, South Dakota, and Milwaukee. Missionary Dietrich's children live and work in Wisconsin, Utah, and Taiwan (soon to be Phoenix). Their families are spread out, but they are thankful that they are healthy and blessed in their different careers. Most of all, they are thankful that they all live the Christian faith.

