

About the Rev. Samer Azar . . .

Rev. Azar is Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Amman, Jordan. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Pastor Azar received his theological training at the Lutheran Seminary in Tanzania, Africa, called Makumira University College. Classes at this seminary are taught primarily in English, but Swahili is the language of the people. Pastor Azar can speak Swahili, and spent time with the Tanzanian people as well as studying at the seminary. He is married to Abla and they have a young son, Naser, and a younger son, Daniel, born in 2006. For more about his church go to:

Www.elcjh.org

Samer will be joined by his wife, Abla, and their children while in Grosse Pointe.



About Jordan



Estimated Population: 6.5 million

Land Area: Slightly smaller than Indiana

Age Structure: Median age 22

Religious Diversity: 92% Muslim, 6% Christian (www.cia.gov)



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The Rev.
Samer Azar

Our 2012 Ecumenical
Minister from Jordan
Jan. 16–Feb. 3, 2012

A minister of the Gospel from Jordan joins us from Jan. 16 to Feb. 3

Worship

The Rev. Azar will preach at GPMC on January 22 (9 & 11 a.m.) and at St. Paul Lutheran on January 29 (9 & 11:15 a.m.)

Christian Education

The Rev. Azar will lead the Middle Hour adult education class at GPMC on January 22, 10:10 a.m.

Mid-Week Seminars

In addition to offering his unique perspective of the Arab Spring as a Christian in the Middle East, the Rev. Azar intends to address the following in his weekday seminars:

1. Challenges facing Middle Eastern Christians with Special Reference to the Christians in Jordan.
2. Two Thousand Years of Christianity in Jerusalem.
3. Christian Witness in a Muslim Context.
4. The History of the Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the Good Shepherd Congregation.



The Abu Derwish Mosque in Amman, Jordan. 92% of Jordan is Muslim.

The seminars meet on the following schedule:

Monday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 25
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 26
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, January 27
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Includes an optional lunch (\$5)
Please RSVP for lunch

The morning and evening seminars are intended for two separate audiences. In other words, the same material will be covered at both venues. Attendees to the morning seminars need not attend the evening seminars.

The morning seminars are at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Childcare is available for the morning seminars. Please RSVP for this by calling the church office and asking for Martie Neily.

The evening seminars are at St. Paul Lutheran, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 881 6670

Other Opportunities to Meet Rev. Azar

Joint Congregational Dinner

Sunday night, January 22
6:00—7:30 p.m. Cost \$7.50
RSVP: 313 882 5330 or
reservations@gpmchurch.org

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study,
Wed., Jan. 25, 7 a.m.

Preacher's Workshop,
Mon. Jan. 31, 10 a.m.

Invite Samer, Abla and their children to your home for dinner or on an outing with your family. Play dates are especially welcome for the children.

Call Martie Neily (313 822 1081) for calendar openings.



Church of the Good Shepherd