



Our Savior
LUTHERAN CHURCH
& Early Childhood Center

*What in God's Name
is
Going on Here?*

Membership Information Included



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To our new or prospective members—

We welcome you in Jesus' name to our spiritual family here at Our Savior. Our congregation has been serving God's people in this area with Word and Sacrament since 1959. We would like to serve all your spiritual needs too. We have prepared this brief summary of our congregation's beliefs, practices, and programs so that you might get to know us better.

~ Our Statement of Faith ~

Our Savior Lutheran Church is part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS is a mission-oriented and Bible-based denomination that confesses the historic, orthodox Christian faith in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a faith built on "the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20).

We believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord, and through faith in Him we receive forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation. We confess our works cannot reconcile us to God or merit forgiveness of sins or grace (Eph. 2:8-9). We can only obtain forgiveness by grace through faith when we believe Jesus is the only mediator between us and the Father (1 Tim. 2:5).

We believe, teach, and confess that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit. God is therefore the true Author of every word of Scripture. We therefore believe, teach, and confess Holy Scripture is the Word of God and contains no errors or contradictions but is in its entirety the infallible word of truth.

We believe, teach, and confess that God the Father, by the almighty power of His Word, created all things. We also believe that man, as the principal creature of God, was specially created in His image, that is, in a state of righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, we believe that all human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimension, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps. 139). We also affirm that Adam and Eve were real historical human beings, the first two people in the world. Their fall was a historical occurrence which brought sin into the world so that since the fall of Adam all mankind is born in sin. We confess that man's fall necessitated the gracious redemptive work of Jesus and that fallen humanity's only hope for salvation from sin lies in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We also believe, teach and confess all people fall short of God's divine glory and all people are sinners. We hold certain conduct as sinful such as adultery, fornication, cohabitation, divorce, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, use of pornography, elective abortions, the taking of one's own life, alcohol and drug abuse, child and elder abuse, and the like (Exodus 20:1-17). Most importantly, we believe our God is gracious and will forgive repentant sinners. We stand firm on God's Word and believe, teach and confess that it is our duty to reach out to all people with the Good News of Christ and His redeeming sacrifice on the cross.

We hold these beliefs as evidence of our faith in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

~ Our Savior Lutheran Church Member Involvement ~

As a unified family, we hope and pray all our members would actively participate in all the ministries of the church, especially:

1. **DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES** are regularly held every Sunday morning at 8:15 am - Traditional and 11:00 am - Contemporary. Other worship services are conducted during the year to celebrate special events in the life and ministry of our Lord; these service times are announced in the church bulletin.
2. **THE LORD'S SUPPER** at the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "*every Sunday and on other festivals*" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday alternating weeks between services. Individual glasses and the common cup are offered at each Divine Service.

Since we believe that our Lord wants people to agree in faith and doctrine before joining at the Communion Table (see 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17; Romans 16:17), we respectfully ask those who are not members in a congregation affiliated with the LCMS and not in complete agreement with the teachings and practices of our congregation to make arrangements to consult with the Pastor or one of the Elders before participating in the Lord's Supper.

3. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** has always been a top priority at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We take the Great Commission seriously. From Matthew 28:18-20; "Jesus came to them (the disciples) and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

†CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY: serves children from birth through sixth grade and their families. We believe that a child's spiritual growth and education is home centered, church supported. Therefore, we provide opportunities for children and families to learn and grow in their faith through fellowship opportunities with other Christians, Bible Studies, take-home resources, and more. We also provide opportunities, resources, and support for parents to use in their daily lives as they encourage and educate their children in their spiritual journey.

†SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY is held for all ages Sunday mornings from 9:45–10:45 year long, staffed by qualified and dedicated teachers.

†OUR SAVIOR'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER is a ministry that supports families with young children by building strong bonds of friendship, gently guiding the children as they grow and helping them learn about Jesus by celebrating the wonder of God's love. Starting in the fall of 2018, Our Savior's accepts children from 6 weeks old to school-age.

†CONFIRMATION classes are offered to youth in grades 7–8. Classes are held Sunday Mornings during the Sunday School hour. The Bible and Luther's Small Catechism are the text books. We expect all youth to attend these classes regularly and faithfully in preparation for confirmation. Specific dates and times of extra curricular activities are determined at the beginning of each school year and announced both directly to parents and in the Sunday bulletin.

4. **OFFERING** are a tangible way for members to express their gratitude to God for all the gifts of His love and grace and confess before others that they recognize His generosity and benefits. Electronic giving is also available; please contact the office for more info.

We encourage all our members to give—

- ✓ **regularly** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- ✓ **proportionately** as God has blessed you (2 Corinthians 8:3 & 12)
- ✓ **cheerfully** out of gratitude for His blessings
- ✓ **trusting** the countless promises in His Word (2 Corinthians 9:6; Malachi 3:9) and
- ✓ **remembering** the grace, which our Lord Jesus has shown us, that “though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

5. **SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES** Our Savior offers several group ministry opportunities – check out the bulletin board in the gym for more info:

- A Stich for God
- Boot Scootin’ Tuesdays
- Camping with Christ
- Christ Care Games
- Peace, Love and Cardstock
- Pedal Your Faith
- QuarterLife Fellowship
- Senior Shenanigans
- Taste and See (1 & 2)

6. **LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM** urges that all baptized members “*shall daily recall the significance of their Baptism and daily, by contrition and repentance, drown the Old Adam with all sins and evil desires so that the New Man will daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*”

Further our congregation urges that all “*communicants shall—*

- a. *faithfully attend Divine Services and Bible classes and attend the Lord’s Supper regularly;*
- b. *willingly support the extension and promotion of Christ’s Kingdom in this congregation with their time, talents, and treasures as God so blesses them;*
- c. *lead a sober Christian life (Galatians 5:19-21);*
- d. *not hold membership in any religious organizations which maintain principles, doctrines, or conduct conflicting with God’s Word and sound Lutheran doctrine (e.g. Lodge);*
- e. *readily submit to and support the Constitution and By-Laws of this congregation;*
- f. *regularly support and pray for all Professional Church Workers in the congregation, and for all elected and appointed officers and workers in the congregation;*

7. **PASTOR** Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Mike A. Iannelli Jr. is always happy to serve you in any way he can. Feel free to contact him if you have any membership questions.

Pastor Mike can be reached at the church office 636-947-8010 or by email pastormikoss@gmail.com.



Our Savior's Dedicated Staff

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"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us"
(Romans 12:5-6)