

2009-2010 Preschool Handbook



Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool

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Frequently Asked Questions

What ages does your preschool serve?

Our Preschool enrolls children who are age 3 or 4 as of October 1st. All children must be toilet trained prior to attendance. Class size is 15 students.

What are your days and hours of operation?

3-year-old Class

Monday and Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00 Noon
(3rd day optional with additional tuition)

4-Year-old Class

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00 Noon

What is the monthly tuition?

3-year-old Class two mornings per week - \$95 per month

4-year-old Class three mornings per week - \$115 per month

What is the cost for registration?

To register, complete the one page registration form on the back and front, and return with the \$50 Registration Fee. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. This fee is non-refundable. Parents who pay for the entire year's tuition during the first month of Preschool, may deduct \$25 from the total cost of the annual tuition. Families with two or more children registered in the program will pay full tuition for the first child. Tuition for the second child will equal 80% of full tuition. Tuition for a third child would be 60% of full tuition. Divine Savior member tuition rate is discounted \$5 per month.

When do classes begin and end?

The Preschool year runs from September 8 to May 20. The Bullitt County school system break schedule will generally be followed.

Parent/Child Orientation Day and Open House

Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m. Orientation and Open House



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Welcome!

Thank you for taking time to learn about Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool. The mission of Divine Savior Lutheran is to provide a high quality Christian preschool experience for children and families.

To this end, Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool is:

Christ-centered

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me." We strive for both our staff and our program to reflect the love of Christ to students and parents alike.

Family-oriented

Our desire is to *assist* parents in bringing up their children tenderly in the training, discipline and counsel of the Lord. *Ephesians 6:4* We encourage and appreciate the involvement of our parents.

Phonics-based

Phonics and early reading lay a solid foundation for life-long future education. "Hooked on Phonics" is an integral part of our preschool. We have also begun introducing some elementary foreign language skills.

Safety-conscious

We meet, and in most instances exceed, all safety and academic standards for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We regularly review our standards with an eye to improvement.

We are here to serve families. If we can serve yours, please contact us via phone (502) 543-2905 or E-mail preschool@dslc.org !

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Daily Schedule

When your child arrives at Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool Program, he/she will be greeted by a staff member and given the freedom to get adjusted to the environment. The normal daily schedule is as follows:

9:00 - 9:10	Morning Small Muscle Activities (Writing, etc.)
9:10 – 9:30	Calendar Time Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance Letter, Number, Color of Week
9:30 – 9:40	Exercise - Large muscle activities
9:40 - 10:00	Theme Activity
10:00 - 10:15	Unit Story
10:15 – 10:30	Theme Craft Activity
10:30 – 10:40	Snack
10:45 – 11:15	Center Time
11:15 – 11:30	Game or Drama
11:30 – 11:50	Jesus Time Bible Story and Songs
11:50 – 12:00	Closing items, Closing Prayer

This is our basic daily schedule. The daily program may change with the addition or deletion of some curricular events according to time allowed.

A teacher is always nearby to intervene and redirect negative behaviors when required, to insure success for all children.

Age Cut-off

Divine Savior Lutheran observes October 1 as the cut-off date for age determination. The child must be either age 3 or age 4 by this date.

Payment Schedule

A registration fee of \$50 is required to register your child for classes. This charge is a non-refundable fee that does not apply to tuition.

September's tuition is due on or before September 15. Unless prior arrangements are made with the Preschool Director, **tuition is due on or before the fifth of each succeeding month beginning with October 5th and continuing through May 5th.**

Students may not attend classes when parents are delinquent in making payment by the 10th of the month (with the exception of September's payment which is due by the 15th). Checks should be made payable to: *DSL*P or Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool.

Children are expected to remain in the program for the entire year, except in unusual cases. If a child must withdraw from the program, a 30-day written withdrawal notice is requested. This allows us to notify parents on our waiting list. We reserve the right to remove a student from our enrollment list and give that seat to a child on the waiting list, if a child is irregular in attendance, or has prolonged absence of three weeks or more.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool admits children of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to children in the program. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, and other school-administered programs.

Credit Policy

Full tuition is still expected when a child is absent due to normal childhood illnesses or a family vacation. If other situations arise, cases will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please speak with us so we might work out a satisfactory solution for all concerned, if at all possible.

Late Pick-Up

If a parent does not arrive to pick up his/her child, the staff will:

1. Try to contact the parent at work, home, or location listed in the sign-in book.
2. Call the emergency number on the child's registration form and have that person pick up the child.
3. If no authorized person is available to pick up the child, a staff person may take the child to the staff person's home.
4. A child will not be left unattended.
5. Tape a message to the door so that the parent is informed of their child's location, and the situation if the parent arrives at the church.

If a parent is detained, and unable to arrive promptly to pick up a child within 5 minutes of class dismissal, and this action becomes a habit a \$5 late fee will be charged to the parent for these services, or \$10 per half-hour for child care.

Personal Items and Toys

Parents are asked to label their child's personal belongings. If your child is asked to bring objects from home for show-and-tell, the child will be instructed to keep them in their cubby when not using them. This practice aids in the development for poise, self-confidence, and language skills.

We ask that you leave your child's personal toys at home. We have many new and exciting toys, plus educational experiences for the children and there is no need for personal toys. Often they are lost, shared, damaged or destroyed and this creates unnecessary problems.

Pets

On occasion we will permit visits by student pets. The teacher's permission is necessary prior to such visits, so that precautions and allergies may be taken into consideration.

Insurance Coverage

In the event of an accident at the center resulting in injuries that require medical attention, the insurance carried by Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool will provide secondary coverage up to \$5,000, with the parent's personal insurance as primary coverage.

Arrival at Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool

It is important that children arrive as near to the starting time as possible. Doors will be open 10 minutes prior to start time.

As you arrive each day with your child, you are responsible for getting your child ready for the day. You should help your child out of any outer clothing and put all coats, hats, mittens, etc. away in your child's cubby. Allow the child to do as much as he/she can for himself. In cold weather, especially winter, leave enough time to help your child get out of heavy snow suits and jackets, and to hang them in the proper place. After your child is ready, please greet your child's teacher. This creates a pleasant transition from home to the program and ensures that you have informed us that your child has arrived for the day. If you wish to share any information with the teacher, this would be a great time to do so.

Sign-in and Sign-out

When the child arrives and leaves preschool, the parent or guardian will need to fill out the sign-in or sign-out form.

No child will be released to a person not authorized by a parent to pick up their child. Identification may be required. The registration form designates the only people to pick up a child. We must have written or verbal authorization from the parent for any changes, especially in the event that someone other than parents, grandparents or ride-sharing parents are to pick up the child. Identification may be required. The staff reserves the right not to let a child leave the premises if they feel that the child would be placed in an unsafe situation. If the situation should arise, an alternate method of transportation will be suggested.

Dress Suggestions

Think of your child's comfort and provide clothing that is free from complicated fastenings. Think of the messy art materials and other dirt producing activities and provide clothing that is washable. Dress your child in everyday clothes that you do not mind getting stained since we will not replace clothing. Dress your child in sturdy shoes that allow active play - sneakers are best. Dress your child appropriately for the possible weather conditions and changes. Common sense should rule.

Each personal clothing item belonging to your child must be clearly labeled with your child's last name in permanent marker on the label. Put legible labels on all outer garments including hats and mittens.

If your child has recently been toilet trained, you may want to send an extra set of clothes, just in case (including socks).

Snacks

Snacks are provided for each preschool child. *Please* notify the teacher if your child has food allergies. Parents may provide store bought birthday treats to celebrate their child's birthday. If you would like to volunteer a snack, just let the teacher know.

Examples of Snacks Provided at Divine Savior

Apples	Granola bars
Fig Bars	Crackers/Cheese
Vegetables	Grapes
Crackers/Peanut Butter	Celery/Peanut Butter
Bananas	Strawberries
Sliced Cheese	Pickles
Graham crackers	Cherries
Bread Stix	Muffins
Dried Fruit	Carrots
Oranges	Celery
Pineapple	Pretzels
Fruit Roll-ups	<i>Drinks:</i> Fruit Juice or Milk

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We hold two parent-teacher conferences for each child during the year. Additional conferences are arranged at the request of the parents or the teacher as needed.

Infectious or Communicable Diseases

The director will notify all parents of any communicable diseases that occur among the children along with specific guidelines for the safe return of the child to school. Parents are asked to notify the director within 24 hours of any communicable disease incurred by your child.

Federal Tax ID Number

Our Preschool Federal Tax Identification Number is 61-1049243. This number may be required on your income tax statements if you are itemizing. Preschool expenses are, at times, considered as tax deductible child care expenses.

Immunizations

Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool complies with the Kentucky State Immunization Law regarding immunizations.

Written verification of Immunization including the month, day and year for DPT, polio, measles, rubella, hemophilus influenza B (Hib) and mumps must be provided to us from your doctor or health care source **prior to the first day at school.**

Your child may not attend preschool until immunization records are submitted. This information is part of our health care form which is to be completed and returned prior to the first day of school.

Sick Children

For the safety and well-being of all children, the child who has any of the following symptoms must remain at home:

- * Fever of 100 degrees or more
- * Reddish or pink eye, with or without drainage
- * Croup cough-respiratory distress
- * Consistent nasal drainage
- * Diarrhea - 3 or more abnormally loose stools in succession
- * Vomiting

* Any undiagnosed rash - chicken pox, impetigo, measles, ringworm, scabies, hand-foot & mouth disease, etc.

- * Signs of abdominal pain, headache or unusual tiredness
- * Unusual paleness or irritability
- * Head lice

Children must be symptom free or on medication 24 hours before returning to the class. When children arrive at class, each child is greeted by the teacher or assistant teacher who does a quick assessment to determine that the child is healthy. Parents are encouraged to establish a plan for back-up care should their child be ill or become ill while at our program.

If a child becomes ill during the session, a parent or authorized pick-up person will be notified and informed to make arrangements to have the child picked up. Until the parent or authorized person arrives, the child will be made comfortable, will be separated from the other children, but within sight and hearing of an adult. If neither parent can be reached, we will notify the person designated on the registration form. If we are unable to reach anyone to pick up the child or if there are delays, we will continue to assess the child's condition frequently. If we feel the child's condition warrants medical attention, we will contact the child's source of health care or, if necessary, call 911.

Medications (*Non-Emergency*) and Storage

Medications may be given to your child at preschool in non-emergency situations, only with your approval and a written authorization from your child's physician or dentist. At such times, medication can be given only as prescribed. A legible label on prescription medications shall be on the original container. These directions must be followed carefully. If there is an expiration date on the label, the medication will not be given beyond this date. We prefer to not administer non-prescription medication. In the rare occasion you believe this is necessary, the medication would need to be provided in the original container and written directions and permission will need to be provided by the parent. Parents must write medicinal instructions on the Medical Permission Sheet before a teacher can administer ANY medication. Children with asthma or insect allergies must have

written permission on file for teachers to administer any regular, oral, topical, or inhaled medication.

If your child should swallow or eat anything that is poisonous while at our program, Syrup of Ipecac might be administered. The Poison Control Center will be notified immediately. The staff would then follow all directions that the Poison Control would give. Syrup of Ipecac is never administered without the consent of the Poison Control Center. We also must have written permission to administer Syrup of Ipecac on file for each child in our program.

Medication is stored in the following ways:

1. Non-refrigerated medications, along with measuring spoons or other administration devices, are placed in labeled zip-lock bags and stored in a locked container in the kitchen.
2. Refrigerated medications, along with measuring spoons or other administration devices, are placed in labeled zip-lock bags and placed in a locked container in the refrigerator.

First Aid/CPR

All full-time staff will be trained in first-aid every three years and CPR every two years. If your child receives a minor cut or abrasion at our program his/her teacher will wash the area with soap and water and apply a Band-Aid. Any further treatment of the wound must be done at home. If your child's teacher feels that the wound requires medical attention, parents will be notified.

Parent Input and Involvement

Your input and needs are important to us as we try to provide the best possible service. If at any time you wish to visit the classroom to see your child, please feel that you are welcome. If you have talents, job skills or a craft that you think might be interesting to our preschool students, please let us know.

We want to maintain open communication at all times with our students/parents. We encourage you to give us feedback on our program and planned activities. At all times we hope you will feel free to speak with any of us about a concern or complaint. Please speak to the teacher directly in order to settle a situation or grievance. If you cannot find a resolution at this point, please

speak to the director and/or pastor. We wish to serve you in the best way possible. Please refer to the Grievance Procedures in this handbook.

Sharing Information and Photos

Our Preschool protects the personal information of our preschool students and families. Your personal information will never be sold or given to others. However, in enrolling your child, you are agreeing to the sharing of information and the use of photos in the following limited manners:

1. Your first name and phone number may be shared with another preschool family interested in contacting you for ride-share, transportation purposes, or a preschool activity.
 2. Your child's photo, or family photos you voluntarily provide may be displayed within the preschool for school-related activities (e.g. bulletin board display of child's family tree).
- We will seek your written permission, before using photos or information for any other purposes.

Weather Related School Closings or Delays

In the event of severe weather or snow, our Preschool follows the Bullitt County Public School closings. Should Bullitt County Schools issue a delay, school will be canceled. Parents may be phoned during the day and asked to pick up their child if road conditions are hazardous enough to warrant early closing of the program. A staff member will remain at the church until the last child has been picked up by an authorized person. In cases of inclement weather, we encourage parents to put safety of their child above the importance of being on time for the start and finish of school. On such days, we will give extra understanding should you arrive late for the start or finish of school. Your safety is our greatest consideration.

Emergency Procedures

Medical

If a serious accident occurs, the child may be taken to Caritas, the closest doctor's office to Divine Savior. If necessary, 911 will be called and the Paramedic unit requested. Every effort will be made to contact parent(s) or guardians.

Weather

In the event of a weather emergency such as a tornado or severe storm warning, the staff will move the children to a safe place as quickly as possible: The children will be quickly gathered. The staff and children will then proceed to the men's restroom (a room without any windows). Lights and windows will be shut by the Volunteer or Teacher as the class leaves the room. Attendance will again be taken after the children are in the restroom. All children remain in their places until the *All Clear* is given by the director/teacher, according to the weather instructions given by radio.

Fire

In the event of a fire at the church, the staff will move the children to a safe place as quickly as possible: The staff will determine the use of the exit. The children will be quickly gathered. The teacher or volunteer will turn off lights as the children leave the room and proceeds to the west side of the church. Attendance will be taken. The staff and children will remain until the director or teacher in charge gives the All Clear sign. The children will be familiar with this procedure, as unannounced fire drills will be conducted.

Child Abuse

Staff members at Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool are mandated by state law to report suspected child abuse. This means that if they know or have reason to believe that a child is being physically or sexually abused, they are required to contact the Child Protection Services of Bullitt County to report verbally and in written form the child's name, the name and address of the alleged perpetrator (if known), the extent of injuries, and their own name.

Research and Public Relations Permission

Preschool children will not be involved in research or public relations activities unless written permission is obtained from a parent or guardian.

Substitute Teachers

If a teacher should need to miss a day of class, a qualified teacher will be called to teach that day. We will try to have our substitute teachers be people that the children are already familiar with so the change will not cause serious disruption.

Changes in Policies and Procedures

Existing policies, practices, and fees are subject to change. We try to avoid making policy changes to our program during the course of the school year, but when such changes are necessary they will be communicated to parents in a timely fashion.

Guidance and Discipline

Discipline is guidance which helps correct, strengthen, improve and help the child to learn to control his/her actions. All discipline will be administered in a kind, gentle, and loving Christian manner. We expect the children to grow and learn the Christian principles and guidelines that Jesus set forth for us in the Bible and by His example. Actions prompted by a combination of thoughts and feelings make up behavior.

To discipline and guide behavior:

1. We prepare the environment so there are enough choices of activities for all the children to do and enough materials for the children to use.
2. Teachers model expected behavior.
3. Teachers set limits to:
 - a. Give children proper direction,
 - b. Help children learn and understand the difference between appropriate and in-appropriate behavior.
 - c. Help children develop self-control. Limits are explained to the children, and adapted to meet the needs of the individual and the situation.
4. Children are allowed to express their feelings, but not in a destructive way, nor in a way that would be harmful to others, to themselves, or to things.
5. Children may express their feelings:
 - a. Through conversation with a teacher, helping them to know that the teacher understands/is accepting of these feelings and is ready to provide help and alternatives to improve these feelings.

b. By being channeled to a media or space that will accommodate the physical release of their feelings, such as play dough, pounding activity, water play, etc.

6. In some instances, it is necessary for a child to be removed from the group temporarily, to gain control of his/her actions. No child will be separated from the group until after he/she:

- a. Has been told what the acceptable behavior is at that time.
- b. Has been offered opportunity and encouragement to change the behavior.
- c. And has been helped to understand why his/her behavior is not acceptable at that time.

A child who requires separation from the group must remain within an unenclosed part of the room where a child can be continuously seen and heard by a staff person. Return to the group must be as soon as the behavior that precipitated the separation stops.

If your child is separated from the group, it will be documented in a special logbook. If your child is separated from the group three times or more in one day, you will be notified and the record of the parent notification will be indicated in the daily logbook.

If a child is separated five times or more in one week or eight times or more in two weeks, a special meeting will be set up with the parents, the child's teacher, and the director to determine how the behavior should be handled.

7. Teachers will be firm, but remain calm, positive and respectful of the child. They will be certain to explain to the child that it is the current action that is not acceptable, and not the child as a person.

8. Teachers may hold a child who is about to cause bodily harm to prevent harm to others, but will not employ any physical punishment.

9. Children are not shamed, humiliated or labeled. They are not punished for lapses in toilet habits.

10. Teachers will consult with parents if serious inappropriate behavior occurs frequently.

There will be no withholding food, light, warmth, clothing, medical care or use of mechanical restraints, (such as tying) as a punishment for unacceptable behavior.

Self-confidence will be built in children by praising good work, and giving words of encouragement. They will be given a warm atmosphere and consistently handled. Children will be encouraged to develop a positive attitude toward others and group participation will be encouraged.

Grievance Procedure and Guidelines

Complaints and disagreements with Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool policies or staff will be handled in the following prescribed manner and time frame:

Step 1: Parents are greatly encouraged to voice complaints and concerns immediately to teacher, volunteer, or staff member involved, if any. Our staff is committed to resolving conflicts on this level if at all possible.

Step 2: Complaint should be taken to the Preschool Director. The Preschool Director is given period of two weeks to give answer to, or attempt to resolve complaint. Either party may request presence and opinions of Pastor in dealing with complaint.

Step 3: Complaint should be taken to the Pastor, who will act on the complaint and is required to respond in writing within two weeks.

Step 4: If complaint remains unresolved, it should be submitted in writing to Divine Savior Lutheran Church Education Committee, which will have a period of two weeks to respond to complaint in writing.

Preschool Goals

The goals of Divine Savior Lutheran Preschool are to encourage children to be:

1. Children who recognize they are children of God.

Children see themselves as a very special creation, unique and loved by God. Children see Jesus as their very best friend and their Savior who loved them enough to die for their sins. They are learning to live in a relationship of love and forgiveness.

Examples are: Bible stories, table prayers, Chapel, songs

2. Children who have a positive self-concept.

Children must see themselves as being valued by God. God has given each of them talents and abilities. At the same time they must feel free to risk failure while learning, and understand that mistakes are a part of learning and growing.

Examples are: Positive guidance and discipline, talking with children eye-to-eye

3. Children who are physically healthy and coordinated.

Children who are not healthy do not have the energy to learn. Health requires that children be well nourished, have adequate rest, and opportunity for vigorous activity to develop in body mastery.

Examples are: Nutritious snacks, indoor activities, and bathroom health practices

4. Children who begin to relate to other children, adults and to deal with their own emotions.

Children must be able to play and work with other children and adults, begin to channel their emotions into outlets that are acceptable, and adjust to a group situation. Children who like and trust other adults are beginning to feel part of a community or group.

Examples are: Play, small group lessons, and circle time

5. Children who expand their understanding of the world.

God has created an interesting world, filled with a community of diverse people who perform a variety of skills and services. God also shows that He is a God of order in how He has created the

human body, as well as through the wonder and variety of animal and plant life. Examples are: Unit and theme teaching, science

6. Children who can use language to communicate with others.

Children learn through talking and asking questions. They relate to people through exchanging ideas. Children must be able to speak so that others know what they mean. They also learn how to communicate with God through prayer.

Examples are: Sharing, calendar, snack time, conversation, prayer, playtime and art

7. Children who express themselves in the arts.

Through expression and appreciation of aesthetic events and activities, children gain an understanding of ideas. Children express them in their own way. They may use movement, art media, talking, dramatics, building materials, music, and many others. These children are comfortable with the possibilities of creative materials.

Examples are: The Arts, music, drama activities, dress up, housekeeping, blocks

8. Children who are curious and want to learn.

Ability to be a critical thinker and a problem-solver is learned. Children are naturally curious. They learn by observing, asking questions, looking at pictures, solving problems, and trying different ways to do things.

Examples are: Scientific study, large and small groups, playing together

9. Children who are independent.

Children must have the opportunity to make some judgments and decisions in becoming self-disciplined, self-guided, and self-directed. Children are beginning to be able to solve some of their own problems.

Examples are: Dressing, eating, clean-up

What Christian influence is provided at Divine Savior Lutheran's Preschool Program?

We provide a loving and Christ-centered environment for the children. The children learn about Jesus and His work of salvation in group time. They learn about the wonders of God in nature and the blessings of our families. They sing Christian songs and say a table prayer before snacks. We celebrate church holidays: Christmas-Jesus birth, Easter- Jesus resurrection, and Thanksgiving- a time to give thanks to God for what He has given us. We attend a brief chapel service each week throughout the year. These chapel devotions are led by the Pastor and are especially planned with preschool age children in mind.

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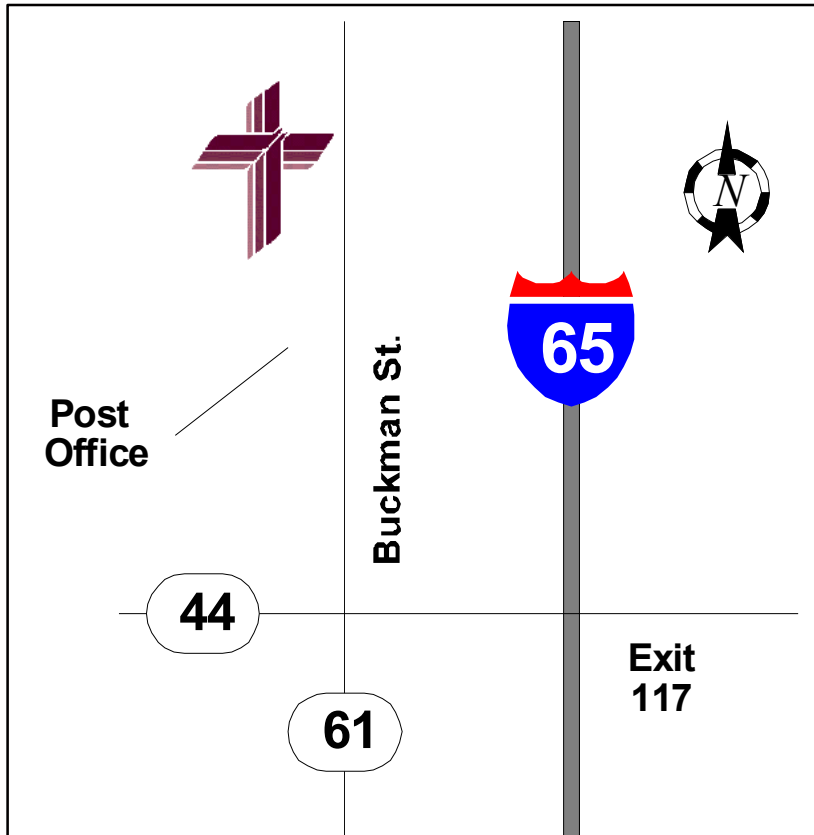
Julie graduated from Fairdale High in Fairdale, Kentucky in 1998. After high school, she attended Jefferson Community College. She met her husband Andy in January 2000 and was married in December of the same year. After they were married, they were stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In February 2002, Julie moved back to Fairdale while her husband was stationed in Korea. During this time, she completed her Associate of Arts degree at Jefferson Community College. In February 2003, Julie and Andy moved to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She attended Hopkinsville Community College from 2003-2005. In the spring of 2004 she started education classes at the Murray State University regional campus in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in May 2006. She taught kindergarten in Clarksville, Tennessee from September 2006-January 2007. She currently holds a K-6 Tennessee Teaching License. Julie's husband received orders to become a drill sergeant in January 2007. He received orders to Fort Knox, Kentucky and they moved to Shepherdsville in April 2007. Julie and her husband were blessed with a baby boy, Daniel William, on June 13, 2007. Julie, Andy and Daniel became members of Divine Savior Lutheran Church in 2008.

**John Lehenbauer
Pastor**

Pastor Lehenbauer grew up in Northwest Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Education degree from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska in 1980. He taught high school math and chemistry at Capital Lutheran High School West Arlington, Virginia from 1980-82. In 1982 he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana where he received the Master of Divinity degree. He served as pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool, Cloquet, Minnesota from 1986-1996. He has served as Pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran, Shepherdsville since June 1996. John and wife, Renee, are blessed with seven children, five girls and two boys, ranging in age from 11 to 22. Renee Lehenbauer is a teacher and homemaker.

Christian Education and Divine Savior Lutheran

Divine Savior Lutheran Church is a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, a national church body of over 6,200 congregations and 2,400 Lutheran Schools and Preschools. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) operates the 2nd largest Christian parochial school system in the United States. Early in its history, the LCMS had more Lutheran schools than churches, as the priority of many pioneers was to build a Christian school for their children first, followed by the building of a church. Divine Savior Lutheran congregation was organized in 1985. The congregation completed its current facility in 1988.



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