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Abstract: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, formed in the 1850s, was called initially Our Savior Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was located at three different sites before building a new church at 3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue, in the 1950s. In 1968, the church, in cooperation with the national organization of Lutherans, opened a senior center near the church. It also operated a food pantry. The church closed in 2020 after serving the community for more than 150 years.

Scope and Content: The collection contains bulletins, meeting minutes, publications, property information, financial records, scrapbooks, church group records, photographs and yearbooks.

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| CDs from audio tapes (choir and concerts), May 1974-January 1988 (1 cannister of disks) | ER, Sh. 95-96 |
| CD recordings of services, 2019-March 2020 (1 cannister of disks) | ER, Sh. 95-96 |
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