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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.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English, German

**Notes:** The collection was obtained on 5/24/2011. It was processed by Sarah Hopley on 8/18/2011. The material included in boxes 8-35 was obtained in May 2020 and processed by Kevin Abing, June 2020. The bronze memorial book was transferred to the museum division.

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