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## **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **SEVERE WEATHER/FIRE EMERGENCY PLAN**

If there is a potential for severe weather, an usher, event leader or Elder on duty will monitor the emergency weather radio located in the secretary's office and/or the one in the CMC.

If it appears that severe weather is imminent do not dismiss the group but ask those in attendance to seek shelter in the Sanctuary hallways next to the narthex. The nursery and classroom next to the nursery and the counting room should also be used. If there is not enough room for everyone at these locations additional persons should be at the back of the sanctuary.

Continue monitoring the weather radio until the emergency has passed. Then either resume the activity or dismiss those in attendance. The radio should then be returned to the secretary's office or storage area in the CMC.

In the event that there is damage to the buildings and there are no injuries, the buildings should be evacuated after the danger has passed. Care must be taken as individuals leave the premises so that no one is injured at this time.

If there are injuries 911 should be called. Actions as outlined in the medical emergency plan should be performed. If there are numerous injuries and/or fatalities, EMS will respond when called. Mutual aid will be called in by the EMS Incident Commander if required. Church members may assist with rescue and treatment only if authorized by the Incident Commander. The Community Center at the Community Church and the Tellico Fire Hall are presently designated as shelters for the village. In the event these are required all supervision will be by the Red Cross.

### **FIRE ALARM**

In the event that a fire alarm is activated all individuals should leave both buildings immediately. Evacuees should move to the grass area between the maintenance building and behind the playground fence. No one should go to their cars or the parking lots. Once the fire department is on scene the incident commander will advise if it is permissible to leave the area. If permission is given anyone leaving the area must leave by the drive at the maintenance building, turn right and proceed to highway 72 by the Baptist church. If there is no fire the incident commander will clear the area after a complete search and any meeting or service will be allowed to continue.