

## **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLAN**

If someone shows signs of a medical emergency an usher, elder or event chairman should call 911. When the dispatcher asks what your emergency is, you should ask for EMS assistance at COS, 260 Wade Road West. They will ask what is the nature of the emergency and the reply should be: we have an elderly (male/female) child etc experiencing (trouble breathing, possible stroke, severe chest pains, choking etc). They will dispatch TVVFD to the scene and keep you on the phone to give you directions of what to do.

Someone should be sent to get the medical equipment jump bag located in the kitchen. Another individual should be sent to the door to direct the emergency responders to the stricken individual's location. Depending on the location and type of service the members may be asked to leave the premises. If it is during a worship service, the area immediately around the stricken individual should be evacuated so that emergency personnel can attend to the individual. The pastor may lead the congregation in prayer. The congregation should only be dismissed by using the side emergency exits if deemed appropriate. If the congregation is dismissed from the building they should not leave the campus until the stricken individual has been transported from the site. They can reconvene in the CMC if the incident is in the Sanctuary or the Sanctuary if the incident is in the CMC.

It is also important that there be a sense of privacy for the stricken individual. This may be accomplished by forming a circle of individuals facing away from the individual. Another approach would be to have individuals holding blankets or sheets to screen the stricken individual. Congregation members trained in medical emergencies should assist the stricken individual until the first responders arrive. Any vitals that are taken should be given to the first, first responder on scene.