

OUR SAVIOURS



Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, discover a new favorite author, or find the perfect children's book, the Our Saviour's Library is here for you! Conveniently located just to the left of Luther Court at the Our Saviour's Campus, our library has been a treasured resource for our congregation since 1960.

Our collection includes books, DVDs, periodicals, and other resources on a wide variety of religious and secular topics for readers of all ages. We invite you to stop in, browse the shelves, or check our online catalog and discover something new!

Browse Our Collection Online

Planning your next read has never been easier! Our [online](#) library catalog allows you to search the library from anywhere before you visit.

You can search by: (Keyword, Title, Author, Subject)

Search results include helpful information such as the call number, location, description, and related subjects. *You can also switch between List and Grid views to browse in different ways.* Please note: Because our checkout process is currently manual, the online catalog does not show whether an item is currently checked out.

Save a List for Your Visit

Found several books you'd like to borrow? Simply add them to your *Book Bin*, then print your list to bring with you. The call numbers and locations will help you quickly find each item.

Checking Out Materials

Checking out items is simple!

Inside each circulating item, you'll find a checkout card and pocket.

To borrow an item:

Write your first and last name and phone number on the checkout card.

Place the card in the pale green floral checkout box on the library counter.

Enjoy your book or resource!

Loan Periods

Books: 3 weeks (renewable)

DVDs: 7 days, unless otherwise noted

Request Items for Pickup

Would you like library staff to gather materials for you?

Add your selected items to the Book Bin.

Click the Email icon.

Fill out the form:

From: Your email address

To: info@oursaviours.com

Message: Request that the items be pulled and placed on the hold shelf. Please include your name and phone number.

If the requested materials are available, we'll set them aside and let you know when they're ready for pickup.

Returning Materials

When you're finished enjoying your library items, please help us keep the collection organized by following these simple steps:

Return all borrowed materials to the library return bin.

If you remove a book from the shelf but decide not to borrow it, please place it in the return bin rather than reshelving it yourself. This helps our volunteers keep the library organized and ensures materials are always in the right place for the next reader.

Library Hours

The library is open whenever the Our Saviour's Campus is open, so feel free to stop by during the week, before or after worship, meetings, or other church activities.

Reference Materials

Some materials do not include a checkout card or pocket. These are reference materials and are intended to remain in the library for everyone's use. If you are a ministry or small group leader who would like to use a reference item, please contact info@oursaviours.com.

We hope you'll make the Our Saviour's Library a regular part of your faith journey. Whether you're exploring Scripture, looking for parenting resources, finding a meaningful devotional, or picking out bedtime stories for little ones, there's something here for everyone. Happy reading!

Interested in the story behind the library?

Our Saviour's Library opened in 1960 and was located in the Sunday School Office. In November of 1973, the Library was reorganized and moved to its present location. At this time, Mrs. Mary Jo Carlson a member of the Christian Education Committee, was appointed the Library Chairman. Under the direction of Charles Nelson, Property Committee Chairman, the present Library was established. Mr. David Wilson, helped by Chuck Wilson built a beautiful walnut double bookcase with a magazine rack, which is still in use today.

The Library was refurbished and dedicated on January 30, 1977 in honor of Louis Frank. The Lois Frank Memorial Fund donated \$5,000 for shelving in the Library. Pastor's Gerald Nelson and John Clark Johnson officiated. Many hands helped in the refurbishing: Ed Stegman, Bob Ullstrup, Joyce and Ronald Bald, Chuck Nelson, Jane Carson and Barbara Borghoff.

In the summer of 2003, a carpeted children's corner bench*, new carpet, paint and canned lights freshened the library. This renovation included ADA shelving, a check-out desk, a book drop, a computer desk, and a small storage cabinet. In addition, the existing custom wood shelving was relocated to the perimeter of the room, and additional lighting was added. Also that summer, the entrance to the Library was changed to the current double doors opening into Luther Court.

Forwarding to 2010, the Library purchased and installed a new software program called Resource Mate. It took many man-hours to enter and/or catalog the collection, which involved inventory and "weeding," as well as fresh labeling of all items. This continues to be the system used to date. The program is routinely updated and continues to serve as the library's card catalog.

In 2020, when access to the collection was shut down due to the world pandemic, an additional program was considered. After much thought, we are pleased to announce the availability of remote access to the library's collection, the WebOPAC. This is done through the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church web page.

Over the years, many books have been gifted to the library, along with acquisitions of books and DVDs; the collection has grown to over 3,200 items.

Books for all ages, from toddlers' board books to fiction and non-fiction up to the Fifth (5th) grade, and Adult fiction and non-fiction, including Biographies, are available, along with religious and secular reading in a variety of subject areas. The Dewey Decimal System is used for classification of materials.

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Anonymous Artistry: Handcrafted with Heart

Written By: Tracy Jackway

Tucked into a quiet corner of our church library is a bench that has been given new life, and with it, a fresh invitation to pause, rest, and linger awhile.

The original bench was designed years ago at the request of former Pastor Tom Grevlos and built to be carpeted. Over time, however, it began to show its age. Recently, a retired woodworking professional, who has asked to remain anonymous and whom I will, for this article, dub “The Banksy of the Bench” (*BoB* for short), shared their time, skill, and thoughtful care to restore it, bringing new life to the beautiful hardwood bench you see today.

This was truly a labor of love. Rather than starting from scratch, *BoB* carefully worked with what was already there, honoring the original design while upgrading it with warm white oak, thoughtful details, and a finish meant to last for years. Every curve, seam, and edge was shaped by hand, with patience and quiet precision. The work was done largely in a home workshop, using both simple machines and hand tools (many of them decades old), drawing on a lifetime of experience as a shop teacher and millwork professional. Support and materials were also generously shared by former colleagues, a testament to the strong community behind this gift.

The result is more than a bench. It’s a place to sit with a book, to breathe, to reflect, or to simply enjoy the stillness of the library. We invite you to stop by, take a seat, and read a book or two. With deep gratitude, we thank our very own *BoB* for the generous gift of time, skill, and heart. May it be a place of rest, reflection, and welcome for our community for many years to come.

Interesting Facts:

- The Library houses a number of Slovakian pieces, a vase and pair of candlesticks, and five framed pieces of needlework.
- An Isabell Bloom statuette titled “Comfort” dedicated to the loving Memory of Carol Marquart. 1995.
- A custom bulletin board was commissioned and installed above the bookcases in Memory of Gene Neimeyer, 7/05/1941 - 6/18/2008.

A beautiful wall-hung quilt crafted by member Ruth Hild was given in Memory of Louise M. Streedain, December 13, 1909-February 19, 2017, by her daughter, Suzanne Donnelly.