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"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, 11U



Touching the world for Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denison

When Dust Settles

Pastor David Loeschen's dedication Sunday sermon, "When Dust Settles," reminded LCEF Vice President Carole White once again that a building is but a tool to help proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments and announce forgiveness to a world waiting to be touched.

Members worshipping that day were also reminded that they themselves were being equipped to touch the world for Jesus.

And these members are out *touching the world*. Our Savior supports eight missionaries serving areas such as Los Angeles, Nigeria, Kyrgyzstan, Taiwan and Korea. Not only do they host a number of visiting missionaries, but members are also active serving on short-term mission trips themselves at home and around the world.

LCEF assisted with Our Savior's new facilities initially by providing a small construction loan and now a bridge loan and permanent financing.

The congregation expanded their sanctuary, added a narthex, chapel, coffee space, new offices and work space. The fellowship hall was also expanded and additional classrooms will be finished in the future.



Baptized membership grew from 513 in 1999 to 850 today but worship attendance, while it increased, did not keep the same pace. Some potential growth in attendance may have been stifled by a lack of adequate sanctuary space. This expansion should help address the crowding issues.

"This place is *alive in Christ!*" said one frequent Our Savior visitor.

One of the new classrooms pictured above provides a bright learning environment for Sunday School and Our Savior Open Arms Preschool.

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