



# Our Savior

Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Dear #Name#,

This will be the third time in the last three months that we have contacted or attempted to contact you. Our purpose is unchanged: we miss seeing you at Our Savior Lutheran Church and deeply care for your spiritual welfare. If you have attended Divine Service in the past months please contact us immediately to let us know and if so we are sorry we missed seeing you when you were here. If you have become unable to come to Divine Service please let us know immediately so that we can set up home visitation.

If not, your continued absence from Divine Service is breaking the Third Commandment where we are told: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it (Luther's Small Catechism). You have not been receiving the gifts that God wants to give to you every week at Our Savior, and for that we are saddened. Please heed this admonition as attending church is good for you and come back to church.

The Holy Spirit gives us faith that our sins are washed away in Jesus' precious blood. Through faith in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father makes us his own spiritual children and promises us a most wonderful inheritance — eternal life with Him in heaven. This gift of faith is nurtured in Divine Services (absence from Divine Service starves this gift of faith). We urge you - don't let anything come between you and our God. Hearing the Word of God, worshipping on a regular basis, receiving the Lord's Supper and the hearing absolution of your sins are priceless in their value. Your absence also robs other Christians of your help and robs you of theirs. These things of attending service are marks of a Christian life.

It saddens us that you have not worshipped with us during this extended period of time and that you have not responded positively to our contacts or attempts to contact over these months. Under these circumstances, without regular attendance of Divine Service we are unable to meet your spiritual needs and regrettably must remove you from our membership roll. Please come back to church. To do this, please contact the pastors and attend Divine Service. If we do not hear from you or see you in church by November 10th, we will consider you as having ended your membership at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Cheyenne, Wyoming by self-exclusion and being excommunicated from our fellowship. Your absence is a public declaration to the congregation that you do not desire to receive the gift of forgiveness that God gives, and therefore do not want to be with this congregation or listen to God's Word which teaches church attendance and the value of receiving God's gifts. With great sorrow, love, and care for your soul we repeat those words of law, that if you do not respond to this communication and express your repentance to us that you will no longer be considered a part of our fellowship.

Again we invite you to contact our Pastors and meet with them, so that God may be glorified by your returning to church and also you may receive the forgiveness that God is offering to you here and now. When sin is forgiven, it is forgotten; please do not let the shame of being gone so long keep you away now when the church is calling you back. We do not want you to be apart from us, but with us as fellow sinners who regularly receive the forgiveness of sins in the church.

We deeply regret this but believe that it is a matter of honesty and integrity to both you and us. Our prayer is that you accept God's promises and return to His house.

Yours in the service of Our Savior,

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