

**APPLICATION
FOR
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**



**GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Welcome to Gethsemane!

As Pastor of Gethsemane, it is my special pleasure to present this membership application to you.

You will notice this application has several parts. Page 1 contains basic biographical information. Please complete this as well as you can. If you can provide the dates requested, please complete them. However, if you cannot determine the exact dates, give as much information as you can. As Church records are considered legal documents, providing such dates may aid you in the future should you need identification for passports or Social Security in the future. Pages 2 and 3 are self-explanatory.

When your membership application is returned, your membership will be considered by the Elders in their next regular meeting. If you are transferring your membership to Gethsemane, the Elders will act on your membership when they have received both your membership application and your transfer. I will contact you when your membership is accepted so that we can publicly receive you in one of our Sunday morning worship services.

God's blessings to you on your membership at Gethsemane. If you have special ministry needs, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the many caring people at Gethsemane. I am truly...

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas F. Fischer, Pastor
Gethsemane Lutheran Church-LCMS

(Please return the attached personal data sheets at your earliest convenience. All information will be kept confidential...thank you!)

**GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP RECORD**

(Confidential - For Office Use Only)

Please print:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State & Zip)

Phone: (Home) _____
 If unlisted, may we publish your number? Yes No

(Work) _____ (Spouse's Work) _____
 May we call you at work? Yes No

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birthplace: _____
(City, State)

Parents: _____
(Father's Name) (Mother's Name - Include Maiden Name)

Baptized: Yes No

Date: _____
(Church) (City) (State/Zip Code)

(Pastor's Name) (Denomination/Synod)

Confirmed: Yes No

Date: _____
(Church) (City) (State/Zip Code)

(Pastor's Name) (Denomination/Synod)

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Remarried

Date Married: _____
(Month/Day/Year) (Spouse's First and Middle Name)

(Pastor's Name) (Church) (City) (State/Zip)

Date Divorced/Widowed: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

(Name)

Children:

Name (First, Middle)	Birthplace	Birth Date	Baptism Date	Baptism Location	Living at Home?
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Employment: I am presently Employed Not Employed Retired

Occupation: _____ Position: _____

Company: _____
(Name) (Address) (Phone)

It is the Scriptural position and policy of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that Fraternal Organizations such as those listed below are religious in nature and are contrary to the Christian Faith. If you are a member of a Fraternal Organization, please talk to the Pastor.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS/LODGES: (Check only those in which you are presently involved)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DeMolay | <input type="checkbox"/> Odd Fellows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagles | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elks | <input type="checkbox"/> Shriners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masons | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacob's Daughters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | |

Received Into Membership By: (For Office Use Only)

Transfer from LC-MS Congregation

Re-Affirmation of Faith _____
(Other Lutheran Bodies) (Name of Church) (Pastor)

Adult Confirmation _____
(Street) (City) (State/Zip)

(Name)

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PREVIOUS CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: (Check areas in which you have had experience.)

- Congregation Office/Board Member
- Fellowship Groups
- Ladies' Organization
- Men's Organization
- Parents' Organization
- Youth Group Leader/Participant
- Other: _____
- Sunday School/Bible Study - Teacher/Helper
- VBS - Teacher/Helper
- Pianist
- Organist
- Choir
- Usher

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: (Check those in which you are/have been involved.)

CIVIC/CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Legion
- Chamber of Commerce
- Hospital Auxiliary
- Jaycees
- Optimists
- Red Cross
- V.F.W.
- None
- Other: _____

AREAS OF POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT:

I would like to consider using my special talents for the benefit of God and His Church by:

EDUCATION

- Bible Study Leader Trainee
- Bible Study Leader
- Bible Study Participant
- Sunday School Teacher
- Sunday School Helper
- Weekday School Teacher
- Children's Ministry Teacher
- Children's Ministry Helper
- Other: _____

INTERPERSONAL MINISTRIES

- Evangelism Training
- Prayer Workshops
- Shut-In Visitation
- Hospital Visitation
- Christmas Caroling
- Other: _____

WORSHIP

- Worship Leader
- Usher
- Greeter
- Deacon
- Altar
- Sound System
- Other: _____

ADMINISTRATION/CHURCH OFFICE

- Bulletin Help
- Shut-In Mailing Assistant
- Newsletter Collation
- Worship Service Collation
- Phone Calling
- Bookkeeping
- Offering Counting Committee
- Reading Program Librarian
- Other: _____

(Name)

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

- Potlucks
- Coffee/Donut Server After Church
- Worship "Host/Hostess"
- Give Ride to Shut-In
- Flower Delivery
- Help with Funeral Dinners
- Other: _____

MUSIC

- Adult Choir
- Contemporary Choir
- Soloist
- Instrumentalist
- Worship Committee
- Other: _____

FELLOWSHIP

- Ladies' Guild
- Women's Ministry Seminars/Events
- Small Group Home Bible Studies
- Men's Ministry
- Youth Activity Sponsor
- Fellowship Club
- Fund Raising Supper Helper
- Other: _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Public Speaking
- Writing for Newsletter
 - Poster Maker
- Printing/Calligraphy
- Banner Maker
- Publicity
- Photography
- Other: _____

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- Janitor Team _____
- Outside Flowers _____
- Carpentry _____
- Spring/Fall Cleanup
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Window Washing
- Light-Bulb Changing
- Other: _____

LEADERSHIP

- Council Officer/Board Member
- Other:

I would be willing to help coordinate/support _____

(Name)

1. What special things, of those listed above, do you like to do best?

2. What hobbies or special interests do you have that others don't know you have (and don't be overly humble!)?

3. What areas of church involvement and/or church offices have you held?

4. What Bible Study topics/studies would best address your current spiritual needs?

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

1. What was your first contact with Gethsemane Lutheran Church?

2. What was your first impression of the...

a. Grounds and Building? _____

b. People? _____

c. Worship Service? _____

d. Programs and Activities? _____

3. In what ways can we help you and others feel more welcome?

(Name)

4. List the names of any members you already know at Gethsemane:

5. Are there any ministry needs, programs, or activities not offered by Gethsemane that you would like to see offered?

6. In what ways can Gethsemane Lutheran Church BEST minister to YOU?



I desire to be an active member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church and serve the Lord in His Church.

(Name)

(Date)

This completes the Gethsemane Membership Application. Upon completion of this application, please return it to the church office or to the Pastor as soon as possible. After consideration by the Elders, you will be notified of your acceptance into our fellowship in Christ.

May God bless your membership with us.

Rev. Thomas F. Fischer
Pastor

The Board of Elders
Gethsemane Lutheran Church

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN MINISTRY PROGRAM

(Please See Newsletter And Bulletin For Further Information)

WORSHIP:

Saturdays 6:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

All Midweek Wednesday Svcs

(Advent/Lent/etc.) at 7:00 p.m.

SERVICES ALSO OFFERED ON...

Christmas Eve—7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve—7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday—7:00 p.m.

Good Friday--1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION: Celebrated Every Weekend

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 9:30 am Adult Bible Study/Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday Children's Fellowship ("Sunday School")
Midweek Opportunities as announced

MEETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Weekday/Confirmation: meets weekly, Sept.-April

Dorcas: Meets monthly with additional project dates as announced, Sept-May.

Choir: Meets weekly, Sept-May

Midweek Bible Studies: As announced

Adult Membership Classes: Held to suit your schedule

Christian Fellowship Club ("CFC"): Meets monthly, Sept-May

Golden Lunch Bunch: Meets monthly, Sept-May

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our staff by calling the church office. God bless you as we grow together in God's Word and Service!

Pastor Fischer