CAROL STREAM, IL (Sept. 2016) – “Thirty-five years ago, Carol Stream was farmland,” said Senior Pastor Andrew Koschmann. “One-by-one, the fields have become subdivisions. Our Savior Lutheran Church has become part of the neighborhood.”

To celebrate this transformation, the church is hosting its 35th Anniversary Celebration on Sun., Oct. 30 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1244 W. Army Trail Road, Carol Stream, IL. At 9:15 a.m., members will share historical highlights. At 10:30 a.m., Koschmann will lead the worship service. Afterward, there will be a casual lunch. All are welcome to attend.

“We started in 1981 as a group of believers who met in Glenbard North High School,” he said. “Over the years, we’ve served as the religious home for hundreds of marriages and baptisms. We guided young people through the Rite of Confirmation. We also provided funeral rites.”

Along the way, the congregation reached out to those in need. This includes:

- opening their doors every Wednesday night for DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter);
- growing almost a ton of fresh vegetables every summer for local food pantries;
- donating “Just One Thing” every week to food banks, e.g., diapers, dog food, deodorant;
- co-sponsoring National Night Out and the Martin Luther King Celebration with Outreach Community Center of Carol Stream;
- sponsoring a homeless family through Bridge Communities of DuPage;
- providing Sunday morning fellowship for seniors at Colony Park Apts. in Carol Stream;
- donating garage sale proceeds to nonprofits and mission trips;
- incorporating a charitable service project in the annual Vacation Bible School program;
- providing an onsite Christian preschool for 30 years.
“Anyone with a connection to Our Savior is encouraged to join the celebration,” said Koschmann. “We welcome newcomers who want to be a part of the next 35 years of Our Savior Lutheran Church.”

For details, contact office@OurSavior.com.

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