

On October 28th, 2018, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries hosted our annual Oktoberfest dinner. This year we did things a little differently. For the first time we advertised the event to the community. We were intentional about publicity around Livermore and connected with several different business and organizations to make this possible. The intent was to make Our Savior's Oktoberfest something that the community could recognize and enjoy. Our hopes for the future as we continue to do this is that people in Livermore will be able to come to our campus for an enjoyable event and that Our Savior will be recognized as a relevant part of the Livermore community. With this increase in presence, hopefully the church and school will be a place people feel connected to and can seek out when searching spiritually or looking for a home church.

The other thing we did this year was having all the proceeds go to a public school in the community. Marylin Avenue School is a local school where a majority of the students come from very low-income households. This year, our Savior has started walking alongside Marylin Avenue School and finding ways to support and love them. The Oktoberfest fundraiser raised \$4000 for the school and the money will be used for their Leader In Me program, as they prepare their student body for life as leaders in their school and their community. Providing the funds raised also communicated to the leaders at Marylin Avenue School that we at Our Savior care about them and their students. Most importantly, it showed the love of Christ through time, actions, and kindness of Our Savior.

We hope that the efforts made this year will continue to engage interaction and positive relations between the Livermore community and Our Savior Lutheran Ministries with the goal of being able to build relationships with people for the sharing of the Gospel.

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