

SOME GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ECC



Excelsior Covenant is part of the **Evangelical Covenant Church** (www.covchurch.org), a denomination that values the Bible as the Word of God, the gift of God's grace and an ever-deepening spiritual life that comes through faith in Jesus Christ, and the importance of extending God's love and compassion to a hurting world.

Excelsior Covenant is an **evangelical church**. We look to the Bible as our authority, and profess the absolute necessity of a new birth. We proclaim Christ's mandate to evangelize the world, and emphasize the continuing need for education and formation in a Christian community. We have a passion for mission and many of our young people have gone on to serve in full-time ministry as pastors and missionaries. ECC also shares in the church's responsibility for benevolence and the advancement of justice in our community and around the world.

Excelsior Covenant is a **multi-generational church**, and values worshiping, learning, growing and serving together. Parents and children worship together on Sundays, serve together on mission trips, play and reflect together at our Winter Retreat, and minister together through Feed My Starving Children, TreeHouse, Pine Ridge mission, and VBS. With a strong children and youth ministry, ECC attracts families where they can connect with peers and with all generations in meaningful ways.

ECC'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

We covenant to cultivate a community of worship committed to prayer, preaching and study of the Word of God, the celebration of the sacraments, and fellowship across gender, race, age, culture, and class. In so doing, we covenant to equip loving, giving, growing Christians to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ – evangelizing the lost, ministering to those in need, and seeking justice for the oppressed.

Put simply: *Experiencing, Engaging and Extending the love of Jesus.*



ECC's Sanctuary



ECC's multi-purpose Activity Center and Contemporary Worship venue

A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES

- Current Church membership is approximately 450 with about 850 people in regular participation with our community.
- Typical school-year Sunday Worship Attendance is 450 including both services.
- The Excelsior Covenant campus sits on seven acres and includes over 53,000 square feet of interior space, including: Sanctuary, Fireside Room, Activity Center, Fellowship Hall, and a Preschool. The first phase sanctuary was built in 1972.
- An addition in 1989 added the education wing and preschool facilities.
- The 2008 addition increased our building size by 60%, adding the Activity Center (full size gym) and youth space with facilities to host overnight events.
- The Activity Center has been equipped (staging, sound, and projection) for worship and is used throughout the school year as our venue for Contemporary Worship.

SOUTHWEST MINNEAPOLIS METRO DEMOGRAPHICS

Approximately 81% of the congregation resides in one of five communities:

Excelsior/Shorewood (32%), Chanhassen (21%), Minnetonka (19%), Eden Prairie (9%).

Ethnic composition of those communities, based on U.S. Census data, is:

White (94-98%), African American (0.4-2.3%), Native American (0.0-0.3%), Asian (0.9-4.8%), Hispanic (0.8-3.1%)

Total population: 135,316: (49% Male, 51% Female)

Median Age: 37

Age Distribution: under 5: 9,708 (7%); 18+ years: 97,892 (72%); 65+ years: 11,715 (9%)