



ALCOHOL USE POLICY FOR BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH (BSLC)

(This one-page policy can be amended or revoked at any time by the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders)

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<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/lcms-views#alcohol>

QUESTION: What is the LCMS' stance on the consumption of alcohol?

ANSWER: The Bible nowhere condemns the proper and responsible use (consumption) of alcoholic beverages, and neither does The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Scripture does warn strongly and repeatedly against the abuse, misuse or excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and the LCMS has also repeatedly warned against such dangers.

Ministry events (e.g., BSLC Fellowship Events, Special Dinners, LWML Events, etc.) and **non-ministry events** (e.g., Anniversary/Birthday Parties, Dances, etc.) are permitted at BSLC. Alcohol, both legally purchased as well as homemade, is not allowed at any non-BSLC member events. Special consideration may be given for other LCMS member events. The following outlines when alcoholic beverages are permitted at BSLC.

Approval Process: Requests must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Board of Elders a minimum of three weeks prior to the scheduled event.

Requests will be discussed and determined by the Senior Pastor, the Chair of the Board of Elders, and the Congregational President.

No money may exchange hands at an event where alcohol is consumed unless alcohol distribution is managed by a licensed catering/bartending service. The provider must be approved by BSLC. Money exchange includes, but is not limited to, charging money for tickets or food.

Consumption of alcohol on the BSLC premises by members and visitors of BSLC must comply with the laws of the State of Kansas, the rules of the Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control, and last but not least, the warnings of Scripture.

For any event held at BSLC, participants/organizers agree to not hold BSLC liable for any actions that might result from consuming alcohol on the premises as BSLC is not causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person and is not furnishing, selling, gifting, or monitoring consumption of alcoholic beverages. Signing indicates agreement to the terms.

Requestor Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____