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Newcomer Orientation

All visitors are warmly invited to attend a Newcomer Orientation on the last Sunday of each month from 1-4 PM in the Church parlor (on the same level as the sanctuary where we worship, across from the Nursery).

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NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, HADDONFIELD, NJ

WORSHIP ROUNDTABLE FOCUS GROUPS TO MEET IN JUNE

Whether it is the result of a new Senior Pastor, the initiative of interested congregation members, or simply what came with a new worship book the Lutheran Church of Our Savior has experienced a lot of changes in worship over the last year. All of these changes were made by the pastors, staff, and Worship and Music committee for the expressed purpose of enhancing worship. However, it has come to the attention of the pastors and other worship leaders that some of these changes have been a bit harder to swallow for some than others.

For this reason, the Worship and Music Committee would like to host an opportunity for members to offer feedback of both the positive and negative responses to the changes that have been made in some roundtable focus group events. The first will be held on Saturday, June 9, at 7:00 and the second the next day, June 10, after the 10:00 worship service. The final one will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 for those who might be away for the weekend.

Worshipping God is what we were created to do, and there are times when the format and words used in worship can either enhance or detract from this aspect of our lives. The Worship and Music Committee encourages members to attend who have had positive experiences of the changes as well as those who have found some of the changes challenging when it comes to worshipping God. What works for some may not work well for others. The Committee looks forward to your input sometime during that middle week in June.

VBS Coffee Hour

June 3rd, 8:45 AM - 10 AM

Join us for some coffee talk about all the volunteer opportunities for Vacation Bible School. No commitment, just come and see how you can help.

We have small jobs and big jobs, some that can be completed before VBS, some during VBS, pick the one that best suits your time and talent. We can't wait to see you!

GRADUATING SENIORS BLESSED

June 3 at 10 AM Worship

After 18 years of life and 12 years of education graduating seniors step out into the world of college or earning a living. It is a time of new beginnings that may also include living away from family in a new place with new friends and a new church family. As the seniors of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior embark on this new leg in their journey of life and faith it is only appropriate the congregation recognize and bless them as they prepare for graduation, as well as recognize and bless their parents who have faithfully raised them to this point.

On Sunday, June 3, all the graduating high school seniors and their parents will be recognized and blessed at the 10:00 worship service. Parents will be thanked for being faithful to the baptismal promises made so long ago. Seniors will reaffirm their baptismal promises made at their confirmation. The congregation will present the seniors with a gift of an afghan and then lead the parents in a blessing of their child as well as lead the graduates in a blessing of their parents. Those who participated last year thought it a very moving and beautiful expression of love and faith toward Our Savior's graduating seniors, and it is hoped all those graduating this year will not miss out on this special blessing and recognition service.

ACOLYTE AWARD DINNER Sunday, June 3

Annual Acolyte Award Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 6 PM. "Acolyte of the Year" awards will be presented to outstanding 12th grade acolytes in memory of Robert Robinson and Ronald Gaines. In addition, 10th grade acolytes will receive their crosses and all graduating active acolytes will receive gifts. Sign up on the list in the acolyte room.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord, proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs, and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.



"LIVING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH INVOLVES RISK" By Pastor Wayne Zschech

On Confirmation Day Pastor Engelhardt and I placed our hands on the heads of eight youth and offered this blessing, "Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life." These words sound great, but whether they realize it or not, they are words that have a direct implication on their lives right now, as well as they do for each and every one of the baptized community in Christ.

The day after Confirmation Day I attended a community gathering concerning the recent tragedy in our community. What I heard was not only deeply saddening, but even horrifically depressing. At one of the parties attended by J.T. Haggerty, the boy who jumped from the Ben Franklin Bridge early Easter morning, alcohol was available to the teens even with a parent in the home. A month earlier, in a home only a five minute walk from the church, freshmen students held a destructive and desecrating party as described by the police report that I would not dare repeat it in this publication. Yet, despite the \$10,000 worth of damage done to their home, the mother shared how her daughter is harassed at school for her parents notifying the authorities and she now has to deal with over ten different lawyers representing different families in the case. Why? Because supposedly in Haddonfield we don't make a big deal out of such things, we keep it to ourselves and settle it privately.

This is when my Christian faith compelled me to speak, both that night and to you. We all know underage drinking is wrong. We also know that any parent who allows their child to host a party where alcohol will be made available is breaking the law. We also know that when teens drink it is only a matter of time until something tragic will occur. And at the beginning of the meeting it was stated the goal of the various commissions and committees associated with this problem is to transform our town from one where there is a culture of acceptance with respect to underage drinking to a culture of accountability.

This is when I spoke up. You cannot change the culture without risking something in the process. Every Christian ought to know this. It's called the cross we bear for the sake of the gospel, the good news of Christ's victory over death by his resurrection. For our neighbor whose house was desecrated it means risking fellow residents harassing you or using legal counsel to protect their child from being held accountable. It means her daughter never knowing a day since the party without someone in school giving her a hard time for her mother's actions.

The question for our congregation and the rest of this community is, "What are we willing to risk for the sake of transforming our community's culture of acceptance to one of accountability?" Are we willing to speak out against the parents of our child's friends who host such parties? Are we willing to report a party in progress to the authorities (the freshman house party was going on in the middle of the afternoon!) at the risk of having a neighbor angry at us? Are we willing to risk having our child be shunned by his or her peers because we do the right thing?

This is when the blessing prayed over each and every confirmand last Sunday really needs to "kick in". When we are faced with such situations it is then we need to remember the Holy Spirit that dwells and is stirred up in us. We need to trust the Holy Spirit will guide our lives and give us patience in the suffering that is sure to come as a result of faithful and upright behavior. Those words spoken over us on confirmation aren't hollow, empty words, but words to empower and direct the very way we live our lives. Living the Christian faith involves risk. But thanks be to God the risks we take for the sake of the gospel, the crosses we bear as well as wear, come with the promise of new life and forgiveness on the other side.

I don't know how you will respond to this recent tragedy in our community, but I believe I am being called to do something more than give lip service to change. While I may not be sure as to what exactly I will do to participate in effecting this change, I do know I will not stand idle. At the very least I can offer support to our neighbor and any others who are oppressed for doing what is necessary if we are to be a community of accountability. I invite you to do the same. After all, the same Spirit is stirred up in you too with the same promises given to all the baptized. Together, and with the support of the wider Christian community, we can change not only the culture of this town, but that of the world.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER JUNE 16, 5 - 7 PM

While the youth and adults attending the Summer Mission Trip to Goldsboro NC have already had great support from some outside sources as well as the Memorial Gifts Board, the need for greater financial support is a must. Typically a donation is made to the Habitat for Humanity chapter for whom our group will be working, and can oftentimes range from \$50 to \$100+ per person per week. The hope of this last minute fundraising dinner is to raise sufficient funds to make at least a donation of \$50 per person for the, now, twelve workers anticipated to attend the event that leaves the following Saturday.

Your support is needed to make this a reality. Please plan to attend the SMT Spaghetti Dinner to be held Saturday, June 16, from 5-7:00 in the Parish Hall in support of this first annual mission trip for senior high youth. Adults are \$10 and children between 2 and 12 are \$5. Children under 2 eat for free. With a goal of 100 people the group should have sufficient resources to make a sizable donation to Habitat for Humanity as well as defray the other costs of the trip such as gas for the van. You're needed to make that a reality so put it on your calendars today.

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RECOGNITION OF LCOS HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATES

We would like to recognize all of our members who are graduating this spring from high school and college. To be included in the July Messenger, please send your information by June 15 to Monica. If graduating from high school, you may also send your post-graduation plans to be included.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Thanks to all my friends for remembering my birthday - each in their own special way.

Love and God bless, Edith Sweet

Members of LCOS:

Thank you for all the cards and phone calls after my fall. I was at Cooper, but I didn't see the Governor.

Thank you again and God bless, Ruth Iacona

Working Arm:

Thank you very much for the lap robe. I'm sure I'll enjoy it on these olevenings.

Thank you again, Ruth Iacona

Pastor Wayne and Pastor Englehardt:

Thank you very much for your visits and prayers. I appreciate it so nuch.

God bless! Ruth Iacona

Altar Guild:

Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily. I enjoyed receiving it. Thank you again, **Ruth Iacona**

ATTENTION SENIORS! SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, AT NOON

BINGO PINOCHLE BRIDGE ~ COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!
FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

BEST OF ALL . . . IT'S FREE!

RSVP: RUTH IACONA, BETTY KEENE,

or **E**leanor **G**aines

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> Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM Nursery Provided 10:00 AM

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM

One calling the church office between these hours can generally expect to reach a church staff person to talk to.

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JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: June Davis, Julie Frederick, Jackie Hicks **Counters:** Betty Woltz, Bob Williams, John & Laura Oakes, Ben & Carol Beahm

June 3

10-Bobbi Newsham (reader), Lorraine Miano, Eric Woltz (communion assistant)
 Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
 10-Mike Stolarick & Eric Woltz
 Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge
 10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Kelly Haswell, Chris Heinze, Justin DeBerardinis

June 10

Readers: 8-Sue Senatore
10-Cathe Bare
Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10-Mike Stolarick & Dave Wyche
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Maddie & Jesse Gralish, Erica & Allison Gensel

June 17

Readers: 8-Tom Cheney
10-Charles Coleman
Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10-Mike Stolarick & Dave Wyche
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Scott DiCrescen

Readers: 8-John Oakes

Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Scott DiCrescenzo, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech **10-**Jon Maniaci, Nicole Fallon, Sarah Barrett, Chris Heinze, Julia Gross

June 24

Readers: 8-Renate Genieser
10-Beth Hill
Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10-Mike Stolarick & Eric Woltz
Acolytes: 8-Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Justin DeBerardinis

SOFTBALL SEASON CONTINUES

It's not too late to join the team!

Our home games are now played at the baseball field at Haddon Township High School. We have the field reserved every Tuesday evening from now until July 1st. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday June 5th Home vs MLC #1
- Tuesday June 7th Away vs Holy Communion in Berlin (Albion Park)
 - Tuesday June 19th Practice at Home field
 - Thursday June 21st Away vs MLC #2 in Pennsauken
 - Tuesday June 26th Home vs Haddon Heights
- Thursday June 28th Away vs MLC #1 in Pennsauken

(River Road and Tinsman Ave)

• Playoffs To Be Determined

Thanks, Jim Ewing



Fri-Sat 1-2

Fri-Sat	1-2	Synod Assembly				
		Youth Group 30 Hour Famine				
Sun	3	Worship, 8 & 10 AM				
		Sticky Situations, 9 AM				
		Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM				
		Blessing of Graduating Seniors, 10				
		Acolyte Award Dinner, 6 PM				
		Mission Trip Mtg., 7:30 PM				
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MOII	т	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
Tues	5	Prayer Group, 7 PM				
1 ues)	Primary Election, Vote! 6 AM- 8 PM				
		Softball vs. MLC#1, 6 PM				
		Social Ministry, 7 PM				
and the second	-	Executive Committee, 7:30 PM				
Thurs	7	Working Arm, 9:30 AM				
		Mother's Group, 10 AM				
		Softball at Holy Communion, 6 PM				
Sat	9	Diakonia Graduation, 2 PM				
		Worship Round Table Discussion, 7PM				
Sun	10	Worship, 8 & 10 AM				
		Sticky Situations, 9 AM				
		Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM				
		Cottone Baptisms, 10 AM				
		Worship Round Table, 11 AM				
Mon	11	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
		Prayer Group, 7 PM				
		Worship Round Table, 7:30 PM				
Tues	12	Church Council, 7:30 PM				
Wed	13	Memorial Gifts Mtg., 7 PM				
Thurs	14	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
Sat	16	Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 PM				
Sun	17					
Sun	17	Worship, 8 & 10 AM				
		Sticky Situations, 9 AM				
		Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM				
		Pfahlert Baptism, 10 AM				
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Mon	18	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
		Faith Circle, noon				
75	4.0	Prayer Group, 7 PM				
Tues	19	Softball Practice at Home Field, 6 PM				
Wed	20	Children's Church, 7 PM				
		Christian Ed Mtg, 7:30 PM				
Thurs	21	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
		Softball at MLC#2, 6 PM				
Fri	22	Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-7:30 PM				
Sat	23	Summer Mission Trip Begins				
		Bosnia Mission Trip Begins				
Sun	24	Worship, 8 & 10 AM				
		Sticky Situations, 9 AM				
		Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM				
		Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM				
Mon	25	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
		Prayer Group, 7 PM				
Tues	26	Senior Game Day, noon				
2 300	_~	Softball vs Haddon Heights, 6 PM				
Thurs	28	Mother's Group, 10 AM				
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"COME ON . . . LET'S GROW!" CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS GROWING! Wednesday, June 20, 7-7:30 PM. Wear your PAJAMAS to church!

Come experience our growth with Children's Church, now led by a group of energetic youth, pastor and lay leaders. This fun and meaningful worship experience is geared toward non-readers.

Yes! We're not kidding! Wear your PAJAMAS to church and get ready to:

• sing new songs

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- jump into fun stories
- take part in a secret activity that will grow all summer long!

Parents: we promise you can be out the door with your pajama kid at 7:30 on-the-dot! See you there!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007 Great Bible Reef by Augsburg Fortress

Dive deep into God's word with the Great Bible Reef this summer, July 23 through July 27, 2007 from 9 AM to 12:00 noon. Ages 4 years old to 4th grade are welcome. Registration begins June 1, 2007.

With the Great Bible Reef curriculum, children will catch that God's People Care, God's People Help, Gods' People Trust, God's People Believe and God's People Listen with Bible stories, fun activities, yummy snacks, and creative crafts throughout the week.

We need LOTS and LOTS of volunteers to have a successful and happy week for the children. Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities for VBS, please contact me. There are small jobs and big jobs, we know you can help with one!

Thank you, Susan Remphrey

Youth Grp. 30 Hour Famine June 1-2

Our Savior's Youth Group will participate in the 30-Hour Famine project starting at midnight June 1 until their fast is broken on the following Sunday morning before worship. Members are encouraged to either sponsor youth or donate to the project. The proceeds from this fundraiser are sent on to World Vision who in turn provide food to the poorest of the poor.

"STICKY SITUATIONS" EXPLORES FAITH IN LIFE ISSUES FOR FAMILIES

Parish Messenger

Your friends from school who don't go to church don't seem to like it too much when you talk about church or the friends you have there. Both groups of friends are fun in their own way, but your school friends often do things that Jesus would never do. You feel pulled in two different directions. What should you do? Should you a) ditch your church friends since you spend more time at school, b) find ways to develop your church friendships other than on Sunday, c) just leave things as they are, d) invite your friends to church so they can get to know Jesus, or e) flip a coin to decide which group of friends to associate with?

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This is just one of the types of faith in life "sticky situation" that will be explored this summer between the 8:00 and 10:00 worship services using the resource "Sticky Situations: 365 Devotions for Kids and Families" published by Tyndale Kids. While all of the examples are typically geared toward children who are in school, it is easy to see how a similar "sticky situation" could occur in an adult's world as well, no matter what your age. The goal of this education opportunity is provide families and other adults in the congregation an opportunity to explore how our faith and what we learn in the Bible does make a difference in how we live and the decisions we make in life.

In June the topics will be:

June 3: **Practice Makes Perfect** focuses on truth telling.

June 10: **The Clique** explores what to do when friends start putting other friends down.

June 17: **The Locker** asks what we would do if an opportunity for revenge came up.

June 24: **What a Week** explores what to do when we experience a stress filled week.

The format each Sunday will be simple and parents with children are invited to check out this new opportunity for life long learning around faith in life issues before worshipping at 10:00.

9:00-9:15 Fellowship and food in the parlor/library or narthex.

9:15-9:50 Sticky Situation multigenerational Bible study and reflection with prayer.

9:50-10:00 Hymn singing of tried and true as well as the new while 10:00 worshippers arrive.

Then at the 10:00 worship on non-communion Sundays one of the pastors will offer a children's sermon in addition to the regular sermon.

We hope you and your family will consider making a point to check out Sticky Situations of Faith this summer on Sundays at 9:15. It is sure to be a great opportunity to share your faith with your children and the children of our congregation.

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THE PIPELINE

a newsletter for older people and those who care for them...

Caregivers have a tough job. These are the people who commit to caring for others; caring for their sick or disabled children, caring for their sick or disabled elders. They come in all varieties – husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, daughters, grand-daughters, cousins, friends – all ages and all kinds (although in my own program surveys- daughters are by far the largest category of caregivers).

Caregivers who care for those whose mental capacity is changing – those with Alzheimer's & Parkinson's Disease – have a particularly difficult time because their loved ones may have personality changes that can dramatically affect the relationship. However, even a physical disease can be demanding – MS, stroke, heart disease, kidney disease and all the care these illnesses necessitate can isolate a Caregiver, make them feel alone and depressed and despair that they are alone in this world. If you know someone like this - reach out, call them, send a card – be in touch. But further... put them in contact with support groups – this can be done through the internet, through local hospitals or organizations. These may help: The South Jersey Alzheimer's Assn – (856) 797-1212; The NJ Institute for Successful Aging (856)566-6843; support group at Promise Adult Medical Day Care – (856) 751-4884 – ask for social worker - you do not have to attend this medical day care to participate (but you may find it a relief to utilize their excellent care). There are more sometimes listed in the local newspapers, sometimes found elsewhere, but many exist. Call the Division of Senior Services for even more information at (856) 858 -3220.

If support groups do not appeal, then perhaps reading about others in the same position will help. Again the internet can be of service here, but a library or book store has such books. "The 36 Hour Day" is the classic in Alzheimer's literature, but call the Alzheimer's Assn for more suggestions; Michael J. Fox's book "A Lucky Man" is an inspirational and instructive book for those dealing with Parkinson's Disease.

And of course, turn to prayer. This should be part of every solution, but prayer alone or in a communal setting on a Sunday can help one cope with caregiving. Pastoral care is also a very important step to help one who feels so lost in their care-giving responsibilities.

There have been many caregivers in our own church. How they deal with the changes in their elderly parents has been heartwarming and instructive. Some visit their parents at home often to make sure they were doing well; others hire home care to take care of them; others have moved parents to assisted living or other kinds of housing; some have invited their parents into their homes to finish their lives there; and still others have added rooms and facilities to accommodate older family members who have moved in or have purchased homes with an additional suite that accommodates parents. Others travel to where their parents live to try and offer advice, help, financial assistance or care.

LCOS is a microcosm of the larger American society. Americans are very committed to their older generation and families for the most part care for their loved ones. However, Caregivers have an array of services available to them if they look.

If you have a specific question about care-giving, please leave a note in my mailbox at church. Next month's article will look at how to pay for the care one needs for loved ones or planning for oneself.

Lorraine Miano

Our Savior Hosts HMHS BACCALAUREATE

lune 17 at 7:30 PM

On Sunday, June 17, at 7:30 in the evening, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will host the baccalaureate service for the graduating class of 2007 from Haddonfield Memorial High School. This honor comes back to our congregation mainly due to the fact we can seat a large number of participants and have air-conditioning, but regardless our church looks forward to the opportunity to share words of faith and hope to those who will be entering into a new time of learning and living either close or far from home.

Paula Meyer, a member of Our Savior and the director of the Chorale Choir at HMHS, will also provide musical direction for two numbers during the service. Even thought the service is held in a Christian church, the baccalaureate it designed as an interfaith service, reflecting not only Christian, but Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and other faith backgrounds. It should be a wonderful preparation for the graduation ceremony to come two days later on the 19th.

Please pray for those graduating not only from Haddonfield Memorial, but for any and all our graduating seniors from the various schools represented at Our Savior.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

As summer approaches, we once again say a fond farewell to our choirs, both singing and ringing. Knowing that we will see them again in September, we look forward to our summer music beginning.

If you plan an instrument or sing, and have been holding out on us, why don't you give it a try and sign up for a Sunday this summer? There will be a list of available dates in the choir room just waiting for your name to be added.

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THE TREASURER'S OUTLOOK

by Jack Berrigan

Financially, April was a good month. While expenses stayed within budget at \$32,624, income rose 31% from March to \$47,529 in April. After three months of red ink, we have finally moved into positive territory for the year with a net balance of \$8,669. The black ink has really helped our cash position. At the end of April, the balance in our checking account is around \$25,000 compared to a balance of a little over \$5,000 at the start of the month.

I am still concerned that contributions are lagging pledged support. Since January, monthly offerings have progressively fallen behind offering income during the same period in 2006. As a result we are now 2.7% behind last year! It is my hope that quarterly pledge report mailings, the Treasurer's Outlook in the Messenger will combine with warmer weather to boost contributions.

Several members of the congregation have responded to our appeal for money to help us address several special projects. I would like to thank June Telaar and Elizabeth Blaetz for their generous and thoughtful gifts. When you see June and Elizabeth please take a moment to thank them. As the result of their gifts, the uneven sidewalk around the church will made smoother and safer to use. If you would like to join June and Elizabeth as sponsors of projects, here are a few important projects we have identified:

- ♦ The Major Repair Fund is used to fund unexpected repairs that occur with increasing frequency in our beautiful but aging church. Currently, we only have \$2,500 in the account. If we have a major electrical, plumbing, HVAC problem that must be fixed quickly, we could experience a significant disruption because we do not have enough money for the repair. We need more money in the account. This one is important!
 - The Sanctuary and Narthex needs to be painted.

If you would like to contribute to these projects or any ministries that are important to you, please follow the lead of June and Elizabeth—call or write Pastor Zschech or me. My phone number is listed in the Messenger. May God bless you!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Please thank the following individuals for helping with the Pantry in March and April: Sue Ainsworth, Janet Amme, Charlie Coleman, Carol and Ben Beahm, Pat Reiter, Loren Roscoe, Juhan Runne, Sue and Frank Senatore, Eva Shaw, Molly Smith. Also thanks to those who make donations to the pantry and extra thanks to the Seniors for their 60+ donations.

Thank you to **Jan Amme, Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw, Betsy Kuehn, and Mark Vaughn** for assembling, writing notes for and packing LCOS Cares packages for our college youth.

May Messenger helpers: Jane Evans, Edith Sweet, Lynne Boyle, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER Courtesy of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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Many individuals choose to support their church or favorite nonprofit organization through the use of a charitable gift annuity. This financial tool is a private agreement through which a donor gives an asset to a charity in exchange for a specified life income from that charity. This annuity allows the individual to give a meaningful gift and receive an income benefit without investment responsibilities. It also serves as a means of generating income from a low- or no-income asset. Gifts of appreciated property can also reduce a donor's taxation of capital gains. Finally, donors may receive a partial income tax deduction from this giving method.

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IN HARM'S WAY

Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg Keep all who serve our country and preserve our freedoms in your prayers!



Stop by to check the calendar, read the *Messenger* or just find out a little bit more about us!

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