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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).

July-August Messenger
Time Sensitive Material Enclosed - Mailed on June 27, 2007



JULY-AUGUST, 2007 NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, HADDONFIELD, NJ

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Great Bible Reef, July 23-27

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 continues until classes are filled.
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

WORSHIP STAFF TO ATTEND ELCA
WORSHIP JUBILEE 2007 IN CHICAGO

August 3-6

The last time the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offered a national conference focusing on worship was in 2000. Now, from August 3-6 at Chicago’s Navy Pier, the ELCA will host its second Worship Jubilee for any and all who are associated with worship in their local congregations. In addition to various workshops focusing on different aspects of worship there will be a variety of worship experiences offered as well as opportunities to witness different worship spaces in the Chicago area.
Pastor Wayne attended the Jubilee in 2000 and said, “Taking my organist/bell choir director, altar guild chair, and member of our choir was the best thing we could have done to gain greater appreciation and inspiration to our overall worship ministry in the congregation.” This summer, Pr. Wayne and Pr. Englehardt, organist Eric Ebbenga, director of music Pat Green, Altar Guild chair Beth Hill, and choir member and Parish Secretary Monica Ebbenga will attend the Jubilee and share their experience with the Worship and Music committee when they return. Please keep them in your prayers as they discover how to enhance Our Savior’s worship experience each Sunday and on special occasions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
LCOS MISSION TRIPS
PARTICIPANTS

LCOS Youth on Mission

Please keep the following youth and Pastor Wayne in your prayers as they travel by church van to North Carolina for a week of work for Habitat for Humanity: **Adrianna Cheney, Steven Chmielinski, Greg Gitzes, Robert LaBarge, Noelle Quanci.** They departed on June 23 and will return home on June 30.

NJ Synod International
Servant Trip to Bosnia

Bosnia Travel Team Member **Ed Nace** is in Bosnia to serve with the International Servant Trip 2007. When it is 6 PM in Bosnia, the Travel Team will stop for prayer. You are invited to stop what you are doing at noon each day to pray with and for the Team. A 2-week devotional booklet is available from the church office, or at
<http://www.servanttrips.org/downloads/>
LCOS members are also encouraged to send a message of support to Ed through the guestbook at
<http://www.servanttrips.org/guestbook/>
Messages will be read to team members each day. The Travel Team departed for Bosnia on June 23 and will return on July 7.

*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.*



“GETTING TO KNOW YOU” THIS SUMMER

“Getting to Know You” is one of my family’s favorite songs from the musical The King and I. It’s sung by the English school teacher “Miss Anna” to her new pupils, the children of the King of Siam, as she begins her new post in a foreign country. It’s a fun song and the musical, as well as the play, is filled with episodes of her learning more about the people and cultural norms of Siam. Before she could really begin to teach to her new students, she first had to “know them” by understanding who they were and how they lived. A relationship with them preceded working with them.

In some ways, I think this is where I have erred in my initial ministry with the people of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Yes, I have spent some time getting to know many of you, but certainly not all of you. I have learned most of the names of the people who attend every, or almost every, Sunday. I have learned the faces and names of many of the children who have received their first Bibles, first Holy Communion, and participated in Vacation Bible School or confirmation classes. But there are so many more of you I have not taken the time to get to know in favor of creating new opportunities for ministry or simply learning how ministry operates at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

So this summer I want to make a commitment to you, my brothers and sisters at Our Savior, to get to know you even better than I have thus far. I would like to visit you in your homes if possible over a glass of iced tea or cup of coffee even if for only a few minutes. In meeting with you I hope to better understand what you look for from your pastor as well as the ministry opportunities and programs that would better serve you and your family in your journey of faith. In the mean time, I hope you will make an opportunity to reacquaint yourself with the congregation if you’ve been absent for a while as you and I become more active in “getting to know you”.

Blessings, peace, and re-creation in these summer months,

Pastor Wayne

COUNCIL CREATES VISION TEAM TO FOCUS ON FUTURE

At the June Congregation Council appointed a Vision Team to become a special committee and moved that a Vision Committee be recommended to the congregation at the January Annual Meeting to become a standing committee of the congregation. Current members of the Vision Team are Pastor Wayne Zschech, Larry Friant, Jack Berrigan, Deb MacBride, and Juhan Runne with others outside of council soon to be recruited. The purpose of the Vision Team will be to empower LCOS to answer the questions of; Who are we, what do we believe, where have we been, and where does God need us to go? This Vision Team would lead the congregation through a vision process that would focus on hindsight (what are the best/ worst practices of ministry LCOS and elsewhere in the past), insight (what are the needs and values, gifts or talents, and best/ worst practices that are currently in place), and foresight (what are the evolving needs and values as well as lifestyle trends that God needs us to reach out to with the gospel of Christ).

Why go through this process? While the ministry at LCOS has a variety of strengths; vital ministry opportunities, a warm hospitable community, and new energetic spiritual leadership, there are some weaknesses. Membership growth is stagnating and involvement is limited. Worship attendance has flattened out and Sunday school attendance and youth participation is low. And, like so many churches, there is also periodic financial stress. Scripture tells us a people without a vision will soon die, and Our Savior is not ready for hospice. We are a strong and gifted congregation who only lack a clear and specific vision of God’s preferred future for the ministry we participate in and provide.

This process will begin as early as this summer with the development of an accurate member database. In the fall the Vision Team will review previous survey findings and identify best and worst practices of not only our past, but other congregations in the synod as well. In December they will define the preliminary vision concepts for each ministry in order to inform the congregation at the 2008 annual meeting of those concepts and a plan to create the vision that will lead to a strategic plan to be approved at the annual meeting in 2009.

Your involvement in this process is crucial. If you would like to be a part of this Vision Team please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Wayne or another member of council. If you are contacted about attending a focus group to share your perspective of ministry at LCOS please strongly consider attending as it will only help LCOS gain a clearer understanding of where we are as a congregation. Most of all, read the newsletter and mailings you receive so you might continually be informed of where the Vision Team is in the process and how you might aid in reaching our goal of a strategic plan for ministry that focuses on God’s vision for our congregation. Remember: It is God’s Mission, and we are asked by Christ to participate in it.

PANTRY REQUEST

Just a reminder to remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items. Donations tend to decrease during the summer months. The 10 families that we support include 23 children ranging in ages to an infant born around Easter to 18 years old. We continue to need items such as cereal, soups, canned vegetables and fruit, juices, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly (grape preferred), pancake mix & syrup, tuna. Also baby food & diapers for the infant. Donations can be left in the box by the Wayne Avenue entrance.

Thank you,
Betsy Kuehn, Social Ministry Chair

SEMINARS OFFERED TO OLDER PEOPLE/FAMILIES

The Law Office of local Elder Attorney Jerold Rothkoff is providing some educational seminars, at no cost, that may be of interest to older people and their families:

Free Seminars/ Light refreshment: 7-8:30 PM

1010 Kings Hiway South Bldg 2, Suite B

Cherry Hill, NJ

Call to reserve (856) 616-2923

July 9

Ethical Issues in the End of Life Care

August 6

Estate Planning Check up- documents needed

Sept 10

Caring for the Caregiver – care for yourself, too

Oct 1

using your primary residence to fund long-term care

Nov 5

Nursing Home/Assisted Living resident’s rights

Dec 3

Caring for a memory impaired loved one
during the holidays

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

A local support group for widowed men and women is forming. This long-term group has been around for over 25 years and has helped countless people through their grieving process. It is called HOPE (Helping Other People Evolve) – it offers a 10 week structured, non-sectarian, educational and support program for those widowed in recent past. All ages welcomed. Summer sessions begin in July in Camden, Burlington, Cape May, Gloucester and Mercer counties. For information: www.hopesnj.org or call HOPE office @ 856-751-HOPE or toll free @ 888-920-2201. Please share the news.

ATTENTION SENIORS!
SENIOR GAME DAY
TUESDAYS, JULY 31 & AUG. 28, 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 ELEANOR GAINES

THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
204 Wayne Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033
(856)429-5122 (voice) (856)429-7245 (fax)
Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided 10:00 AM

CHURCH COUNCIL

Edythe Austermuhl	Worship & Music
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Mike Fallon	Congregational Resources
Larry Friant	Secretary
Linda Harrington	Property
Dale Kredatus	Financial Secretary
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Lorraine Miano	Senior Ministries
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Heather Vaughn	Evangelism
Eric Woltz	Worship & Music
Dave Wyche	Communication

MEMORIAL GIFTS BOARD

Cathe Bare
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Paul Knauer
John Laughlin
Bob Mirabello, ex-officio
Laura Oakes
Stacey Shaw
Elizabeth Woltz
Wayne Zschech, ex-officio

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor
Monica Ebbenga, Parish Secretary
Eric Ebbenga, Organist
Patricia Shaw-Green, Dir. of Music
Linda Powell Cherub Choir
Bob Knight, Custodian
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Eleanor Gaines, Acolytes
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

JULY-AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

July Altar Guild: Carla Wright, Sue Windle
August Altar Guild: Sue Tharp, Betty Keene

July Counters: Matt Wolf, Colleen Weber, Shirley Michelet

August Counters: Warren & Susan Reintzel, Carla & Ray Wright, Rob Jones,
Bill & Betty Wilson

July 1

Readers: 8-Frank Senatore
10-Larry Friant (reader), Linda Harrington, Dave Wyche (communion assistant)
Ushers: 8-Dale Kredatus 10-Eva & Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Kelly Haswell, Chris Heinze, Justin DeBerardinis

July 8

Readers: 8-John Wenzel 10-Curt Bogina
Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney 10-Eva & Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Maddie & Jesse Gralish, Allison Gensel

July 15

Readers: 8-Arlene Stolarick 10-Walt Haswell
Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10-Eva & Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Scott DiCrescenzo, Brie Zschech
10-Jon Maniaci, Nicole Fallon, Sarah Barrett, Chris Heinze, Julia Gross

July 22

Readers: 8-TBA 10-Colleen Gross
Ushers: 8-Dan & Linda Harrington 10-Eva & Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Justin DeBerardinis

July 29

Readers: 8-Chris Boyle 10-Peaches Larro
Ushers: 8-Kate Zschech & Linda Harrington 10-Eva & Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Kelly Haswell, Chris Heinze, Justin DeBerardinis

August 5

Readers: 8-Laura Oakes
10-Juhan Runne (reader), Holly Dreher, Betsy Kuehn (communion assistant)
Ushers: 8-Frank Iarossi & Alan Super 10-Rich Amme & Bob Mirabello
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Maddie & Jesse Gralish, Allison Gensel

August 12

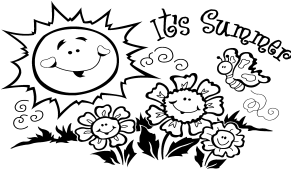
Readers: 8-Alan Super 10-Becky Bogina
Ushers: 8-Frank Iarossi & Alan Super 10-Rich Amme & Bob Mirabello
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Scott DiCrescenzo, Brie Zschech
10-Jon Maniaci, Nicole Fallon, Sarah Barrett, Chris Heinze, Julia Gross

August 19

Readers: 8-Bill Neveling 10-Glenn Martin
Ushers: 8-Frank Iarossi & Alan Super 10-Rich Amme & Bob Mirabello
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Justin DeBerardinis

August 26

Readers: 8-Tom Cheney 10-Kenton Meyer
Ushers: 8-Frank Iarossi & Alan Super 10-Rich Amme & Bob Mirabello
Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga
10-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Kelly Haswell, Chris Heinze, Justin DeBerardinis



JULY

Sun	1	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Melcher Baptism, 10 AM
Mon	2	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	3	Social Ministry, 7 PM
Wed	4	Independence Day, office closed
Thurs	5	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Fri	6	Johnson-Duckett Wedding, 5:30 PM
Sun	8	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	9	Riley Baptisms, 10 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Thurs	12	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Sun	15	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	16	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Thurs	19	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Sun	22	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon-Fri	23-27	Vacation Bible School, 9 AM - 12 PM
Mon	23	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Thurs	26	Mother's Group, 10 AM Vacation Bible School Program, 7 PM
Sun	29	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	30	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	31	Senior Game Day, noon

AUGUST

Thurs	2	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Fri-Mon	3-6	Worship Jubilee in Chicago
Sun	5	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM
Mon	6	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Thurs	9	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Sun	12	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	13	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	15	Children's Church, 7 PM
Thurs	16	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Sun	19	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	20	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Thurs	23	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Sun	26	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9 AM Adult Forum, 9 AM
Mon	27	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	28	Senior Game Day, noon
Thurs	30	Mother's Group, 10 AM

DIAKONIA CLASSES
FORMING FOR SEPTEMBER

Diakonia, founded in 1978, is a continuing education program for lay persons supported by the New Jersey Synod. Diakonia is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education that emphasizes the baptismal vocation of all Christians to serve as Jesus did. It consists of 12 courses, all designed to help learn the faith, study the Word of God, and better recognize one's strengths and calling in the church. The courses include Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Theology, Liturgy and Worship, Church History, Lutheran Confessions, and Ministry in Daily Life. When finished, graduates are called to serve the church in some way.

Diakonia classes meet here at Our Savior, and a new class will begin in September. The classes are held once a week from September through June. Each course is five weeks long and there is generally a week off between courses. The courses are taught by Lutheran pastors in the area (including Pastor Englehardt!) and the class is made up of adult students from various Lutheran churches in South Jersey.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Monica Ebbenga**, or speak to any of the LCOS Diakonia Graduates: **Jacqueline Dennis, Deb MacBride, Ed Nace, Susan Underwood.**

"THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM
LCOS!"

In an attempt to find new and better ways of communicating with our church members about upcoming events, the church office is currently utilizing a service called OneCall on a trial basis. Parents of children ages 1-5 were the first to receive calls about Children's Church with this program.

This service allows us to call and leave messages to all of our members at once. During the next 30 days you may hear one of these messages. You will see the church phone number in your caller ID, you will hear an intro message "This is a message from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior" and then you will hear our secretary, Monica Ebbenga's voice giving a message about an upcoming event.

This service will also give us the ability to poll our members by asking for a touch tone response. For example, you may get a message about the Church Picnic and be asked to "press 1" if you are able to attend or "press 2" if you are unable to attend. This could be useful for groups who need to have RSVPs to better plan their events. OneCall is completely secure and will never share any phone numbers with anyone.

If you receive one of these calls, let us know what you think about it. We are anxious to hear your feedback.

SAFE HOMES PLEDGES ARE
HADDONFIELD'S RESPONSE TO
TEEN DRINKING

On June 13 a community meeting was held at the Haddonfield Middle School auditorium to inform Haddonfield residents of both the dangers of teen drinking and how residents can take action to address and reduce it. While many have commented that teen drinking has been going on for generations the real issue is how parents and the community at large are choosing to respond to it. Dr. Lance Neveling, who grew up in this congregation, provided an overview of the new medical findings in *The Surgeon General's Call To Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking* on the ramifications of excessive teenage drinking. Other civic leaders reviewed the consequences of participating in or facilitating directly or indirectly underage teen drinking. Finally, attendants were invited to fill out and sign a Safe Homes Pledge.

By signing a Safe Homes Pledge the person pledges the following:

1. Their child(ren) will not host parties without a parent present
2. Parents will not serve or permit alcohol to be consumed by children at parties.
3. Parents will contact adult hosts of parties their child has been invited to verify location and times of party or gathering, confirm adult supervision, and that alcohol will not be served. If alcohol is consumed by minors it will then be reported to the Haddonfield P.D.

In addition, signers are encouraged to place a Safe Homes sticker in their window, encourage friends and neighbors to sign the Safe Homes Pledge, discuss the issue of underage drinking and the need for a cultural change with their family, friends, and neighbors, as well as call the Haddonfield Police Department (429-3000) to report suspicious gatherings of teens in their neighborhoods.

As a faith community that believes in the transformative power of the gospel and the importance of being an agent of change in the community in which we live it is only fitting members who live in Haddonfield strongly consider participating in the Safe Homes Pledge effort. Pledge forms, along with additional information material will be made available at the church on both the bulletin board in the hallway by the stage entrance to the Parish Hall as well as the church office. You can read the entire *Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking* on the Surgeon General's website, www.surgeongeneral.gov.

THE PIPELINE

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

This column has been looking at long-term care for older folks and ways to pay for it. Some options include: Private Pay, Insurance, Reverse Mortgage, and Social Programs.

1. **PRIVATE PAY:** some people have the means to pay for care and choose to do so. Nursing Home Costs are about \$200-\$300/day; Assisted Living can run \$100- \$150/day; Home Care Aides can cost \$12-\$20/hr (or \$175/day if 24 hour care).
2. **INSURANCE:**
 - **Medicare** – This national health insurance is a wonderful thing for older people but does not pay for long-term care. Medicare covers many medical expenses and even covers rehab time spent in a nursing/ rehabilitation facility but does not cover the long haul when one needs daily care just to manage the activities of everyday life like bathing, dressing, preparing and eating meals, monitoring medications, etc. Nursing homes, assisted living facilities and even care at home provides this level of care, but Medicare will not pay for those on long-term basis.
 - **Medicaid** – This state sponsored medical insurance is for those of lower income/savings and covers many kinds of care. It does pay for long-term care at home, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Please call the Medicaid Office to inquire at # 856- 225-8800. It is worth the call.
 - **Private / Employer Insurance** – some of these pay for medical costs plus but you just check with the HR department at your workplace. Generally these pay for re-habilitation and some home care costs.
 - **Long-Term Care Insurance** – not so new but more popular now that some assurance features have been added through regulations. It is often recommended by many financial advisors. As in all insurance; the buyer pays monthly fees for the ‘insurance’ and ‘assurance’ that if something happens, there is money to provide services. Generally, the insured person must meet the criteria of need to tap into their long-term care insurance. There are several around like Genworth and MetLife plus others. I have used Genworth myself for two older people; in one situation the older person had paid many years for this insurance (\$1600/yr for 14yrs = \$22, 400) but never used it. Another person has it and uses it every month to pay a Homemaker to come to her home 7 days/week to care for her (The insurance reimburses her about \$2500/mo for care in her home). As you can see, some do not use it ever-others do. **It is insurance** – you hope you never need it, but you want to have it if you do. It is not inexpensive, but it can be affordable if you are younger when you get purchase it.
3. **REVERSE MORTGAGES:** this option allows families/people to use the equity in their home to pay for any expenses. It is federally regulated. There are some rules and you can get counseling from Bobbie Monou at (856) 456-1121. This is not the bank-just a counselor on your side. The actual mortgage runs through numerous banks who participate. Many people are taking these mortgages to use money to their benefit.
4. **SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS:** there are programs in New Jersey and other states that provide several kinds of service to help older people with their long-term care. In the Camden County area there is:
 - * **Respite** – a break for caregivers offered at no or low-cost to families who need a break. Clients (the person needing care) must disclose income information, but can get good care at a low cost. NOTE - Home Care is never available for 24 hours. No social program could afford to do that. Call Shellie Buckman at (856) 456-1121 for information about Respite Care in Camden County.
 - * **JACC** – Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers – also provides home care for caregivers/people alone needing help to maintain older person/themselves at home. Excellent program to help people avoid institutional care – social workers will ask income information, but care & supplies provided – call Alicia Kagan at (856) 858-3220.
 - * **CAP** – Caregiver Assistance Program - a Medicaid based program but gives much care, supplies to families or people alone who want to remain at home. Call Alicia Kagan for info.
 - * **Global Options** – for people already in nursing Homes, this program can help them return to the community. Contact the Nursing Home social worker.
 - * **Medical Day Care** - these facilities provide all day care for older and disabled people. The cost can be \$75/day or more for private pay, but there are numerous funding sources available to help; eg, the Alzheimer’s grant, etc. All Day Cares are state licensed and have nurses, social workers and activity people available all day long. There is also transportation provided and care available up to 6 days/week. There are numerous in this area: PROMISE Medical Day Care is a non-profit and has access to more funding. However, there are many other fine facilities listed. If interested, call PROMISE and ask for Kathy Licardo, the Director at (856) 751-4884. She’s great and will make you feel immediately at ease. No cost trial days are available if you want to try it.
 - * **Adult Family Care** – a network of homes that have trained home owners who care for people in their homes. About ½ cost of nursing home; Medicaid or private pay. Well supervised by nursing and social work visits. Call Kathleen Silvagni at 856-456-1121.

Please feel free to leave a note in my mailbox in the hallway if you have a question. - Lorraine Miano

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had a great year! The 30 hour famine was a big success and the kids loved it. We are now done for the summer and the next meeting for the fall will be on annouced in the September messenger. The goal for the summer is to collect couches, loveseats, a desk, filing cabinet and any computers & printers under 4 years old. We would like to expand and build a bigger and better youth group experience in 2007/2008. Thank you for your support. All donations please call Kim Anderson, they can be dropped off in the Youth Group room.

Thank you,
Kim Anderson

HELPERS NEEDED FOR PAINTING SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The Sunday School is looking for artistic people to help paint 3 murals in the Sunday School classrooms on the 3rd floor. If you have a talent for drawing and/or painting we would love your help with this project. Please contact Bonnie Richards as soon as possible. We would like this to be completed before the start of Sunday School in September. Thank you

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MOM

For those of you who may not yet know, my Mother, Edie, died peacefully and joyfully on Tuesday, May 29, while I was on a scheduled vacation visiting her in Vermont, where she has spent the last 5 years living with my Brother Ernie and his wife. Memorial services for her will be held on Saturday, July 14 at 1 PM at Zion's Lutheran Church in Egg Harbor City, NJ, and in Vermont on Saturday, July 28. Thanks to all of you for your cards and kind notes, and for your prayerful support. The family is doing well and rejoicing that Mom had a long and fulfilled life. - Pastor Englehardt



Pantry volunteers: **Eva Shaw, Pat Reiter, Molly Smith, Charlie Coleman, Carol and Ben Beahm**, and donations of canned goods from the **Seniors**.

Messenger Helpers: **Eleanor Gaines, Lynne Boyle, Dottie Powell, Betty Keene**.

Special Thanks to **Jen McGarry** for organizing monthly mailings to our youngest members in the Cradle Roll "Splash!" program.

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.*

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The church office is looking for volunteers to spend 2-3 hours each day answering phones and doing other office tasks during the week. Volunteers currently needed are:

Monday Volunteer (after 10 AM): answer phones, reorganize office countertop following Sunday services, archive old bulletins, update church bulletin board, and do parish register work.

Tuesday Volunteer (anytime in the morning): answer phones, update church bulletin board, parish register work, make copies and organize mailings for the pastors and ministry leaders.

Thursday Volunteer (anytime in the morning): answer phones, file invoices, small projects, and copying and mailings for the pastors and ministry leaders.

Friday Volunteer (anytime in the morning): answer phones, make copies of large-print bulletins and hymns, assist secretary with memorial gifts and other donations received during the week.

We currently have volunteers assisting weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays, entering attendance and offerings, and doing other office tasks. This has been a tremendous help to all of the church staff.

If you are interested and are able to give 2-3 hours once a week or every other week, please call Monica in the church office to get more information about the assistance that is needed. Ultimately, the church staff would love to have a volunteer in the office every day. We can offer you a delightful working environment, a good hot cup of coffee and our endless gratitude if you are able to help!

IN HARM'S WAY

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



**Visit us
on the Web**

www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org

Stop by to
check the calendar,
read the *Messenger*
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MEMORIAL GIFT BOARD TO RE-BALANCE FUNDS AND SUPPORT SUMMER MISSION

One of the responsibilities of the Memorial Gifts Board in addition to receiving and disbursing gifts and funds for ministry outside of the General Fund is to evaluate and respond to how those funds are invested. Jack Berrigan, Congregation Council treasurer, spent an extensive amount of time reviewing and analyzing all the minutes and correspondence of the MGB since its inception to gain insight as to what has come in and the practice of how funds have been managed. Paul Knauer, MGB Financial Secretary, spent many hours analyzing the various four funds; Unrestricted Memorial Gifts, Restricted Memorial Gifts, Clark-Hartmann Ministerial Education Support Fund, and the Endowment, and their performance over the last five years.

After an informative summary of that analysis, Knauer provided the Board at a special meeting on June 19 with a recommendation for re-balancing the fund distribution to provide a more stable investment portfolio. This rebalancing would be done in phases and would result in the funds being distributed between large, medium, and small capital U. S. stocks, International stocks, bonds and cash, or money market funds. This rebalancing would reduce the risk of large fluctuations up or down in those funds invested in large capital stocks while simultaneously providing a greater percentage of the funds currently invested in a low return money market to be placed in higher yield bond accounts. The percentages were determined to insure growth with stability while insuring sufficient cash available on a yearly basis as indicated by past activity.

In other business, the MGB approved providing funds from the Unrestricted Memorial Gifts to sponsor a youth camp for the Bosnia Servant Trip sponsored by the N.J. Synod as well as provide the balance of travel costs for Ed Nace, our member, who will also be attending. The Board also approved insuring sufficient funds from Unrestricted Memorial Gifts to afford both pastors, the Music Director, Altar Guild chair, the Organist, and a choir member and Church Secretary to attend the Worship 2007 Jubilee held in Chicago this August. Since there are six attending instead of the anticipated five when the budget was prepared, the Board asked if other resources were available to share the financial responsibility. Pastor’s Zschech and Englehardt plan to use a portion or the remainder of their Continuing Education money for the year, and the Altar Guild has been asked to contribute from their assets as well. Finally, the Board approved paying half of Our Savior’s share in providing for a Community Counselor that has been hired by the Haddonfield Council of Churches. Rather than pastors dealing with requests for assistance this former social worker for Camden County Social Services provides intake and assessment as well as assistance for those requesting assistance from the Haddonfield community. The other half of the \$2,000 will be paid for through the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, and it is hoped this cost will be deemed appropriate to fund through the General Fund in the year or years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

High School Graduates

Andrew Bernard graduated from Moorestown Friends and will attend Bates College in Maine in the fall.

Christina Chmielinski graduated from Maple Shade High School and will attend Burlington County College in the fall.

Spencer Cowan graduated from Cherry Hill West and will attend East Carolina Univ (ECU) in Greenville, NC in the fall.

DJ Richards graduated from Haddon Township High School.

College Graduates

Allison Sargent, Drexel University, Bennett S LeBow College of Business.

Lauren C. Windle earned a Bachelor’s of Arts in History with certification to teach Secondary Social Studies, from The College of New Jersey. She is going to attend Northumbria University in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England to pursue a Master’s of Arts in History.

Shelley Richards graduated from Rider University with a triple major - Political Science, Multi-Global National Studies, Spanish and in the Honor Program.

STORIES ABOUT THE BEGINNING

Join us for a Bible Study on Genesis, Chapters 1-11 (what many modern scholars call pre-history), starting on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings the week of October 8, and lasting for 6 weeks. The Creation stories, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, and the Tower of Babel will challenge our insights to their multi-faceted messages.

ANNUAL ACOLYTE AWARDS

The Annual Acolyte Award Dinner was held on June 3. Three "Robinson-Gaines Acolyte of the Year" awards were presented to outstanding 12th grade acolytes in memory of Robert Robinson and Ronald Gaines. The award recipients were **Robert LaBarge, Katherine Berger and Andrew Bernard**.

In addition, all graduating active acolytes were recognized. They are: **Greg Beahm, Adrianna Cheney, Spencer Cowan, Erica Gensel, Erin Schaffner, Nicole Smith and DJ Richards**. Special recognition was also given to **Natalie Doherty** for her years of dedicated service in the church nursery.

TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

by Jack Berrigan

Our financial condition seems to be improving with the weather. Is it possible that the beautiful May weather reminded the Congregation to share God’s warm, embracing love?

While our May offerings of \$29,846 were 6.5% better than May of 2006, our total \$36,181 contribution for the month exceeded May of last year by 18%. Expenses for the month were \$44,957 reflecting our quarterly contribution of \$10,000 to ELCA Mission Support. With the addition of a \$22,400 grant from Memorial Gifts our checking account balance is a healthy \$38,046.

So after the first five months, what are our prospects for meeting our 2007 budget of \$482,493?

Using historical monthly expense and contribution performance as a benchmark, I have developed some projected targets for evaluating our budget progress. To date, our expenses for the first five months of 2007 are \$182,423 which is about a \$1,000 higher than my projected target of \$181,417. Given we added \$1,600 in non-budgeted expense to outsource payroll processing we are doing an excellent job of managing expense.

I remain concerned about the income side of our budget. At the end of May, contributions totaled \$201,978 including the expected grant from the Memorial Gifts Board of \$22,400. At this time, contributions are running \$18,521 behind the budget target of \$220,499 for the first five months of the year.

It is my hope that Congregation will continue to share God’s warmth over the summer and increase contributions so that we may meet our budget.

Wish List

The generous support provided by individuals within the congregation over the last few months has helped us address several of our special project needs. For example, the summer, the uneven sections of sidewalk around the church will “smoothed” during the summer to make the walk to church more secure. Although we received a substantial donation for the Major Repair Fund, we still need another \$25,000 to reach the \$50,000 base needed to cover emerging repairs. As a reminder, the following items still need support:

- **The Major Repair Fund**
- **Painting of the Sanctuary & Narthex**
- **Programmable Thermostats**

If you would like to contribute to one or more of these endeavors, please contact me or Pastor Zschech. Have a wonderful summer!!!

MEMBERS BEING SOLICITED FOR COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The recently formed Communications Committee is looking for any member with writing or other communication skills they would be willing to share.

The Committee has five areas of focus with a common goal of making sure that events at Our Savior are accurately and consistently conveyed to the congregation.

The five Subcommittees are:

Web Page: We are looking for members willing to write about and/or take digital photos at church events and submit them to webmaster Kelly Harrington to post on the LCOS web page www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org

Newsletter: Volunteers are needed to assist Parish Secretary Monica Ebbenga in assembling, labeling and sorting 500 Parish Messengers to mail each month. Help is needed between the deadline on the 15th of each month and the mailing date of the 24th of each month.

Bulletin: The weekly service bulletin is the most current source of information for the congregation, listing events scheduled in the next two weeks as well as updates on members. Assistants are welcome to help compile the congregational information.

Bulletin Boards: We are seeking members who feel creative and are willing to develop publications that can be posted or made available at entrances/exits of the church as well as helping promote and publicize what is going on with LCOS groups.

Outside media: Members can provide essential information to newspapers, and radio and TV stations about events and groups at LCOS. You will be required to follow press release formats and be aware of media outlet deadlines. Releases will have to be emailed and/or faxed in most cases.

Any member interested in volunteering for any of the above should contact Chairman Dave Wyche and indicate what subcommittees you would be interested in serving.

CONFIRM YOUR CONFIRMATION PARTICIPATION

Confirmation classes will begin again in September, but before they do Pastor Wayne and Pastor Englehardt need to know who will be participating to insure sufficient supplies are ordered. If your child is entering the seventh grade and you did not attend the orientation or notify the office of your child’s intent to participate, please do so during July.

Each participant will need a Living Faith Journal that is an integral part to both the Learn Events held every other week and the Home Huddles encouraged each night with parents in between.

Please call the church office if your child plans to participate and if you would like to be a small group Guide. No experience is necessary. Guides need only love God, like kids, and be willing to give of themselves at Learn, Play, and Serve events. For more information contact either Pastor Wayne or Pastor Englehardt.

OUR SAVIOR NOW WIRELESS!

As a part of the overall upgrade to the computer network and internet service provider the office at Our Savior became a wireless network. This will allow the church laptop to log on to the internet and office network files on the first, second, and even third floors in the front portion of the church. It will also make wireless service available to members who are waiting for family in choir, youth, confirmation or other ministry events as well as provide internet access to members attending committee meetings if needed.

If you would benefit from having internet access while waiting for ministry participants or in the course of a committee meeting please contact the church office and ask for the access code numbers. We hope this will be a benefit to you and your family at Our Savior.

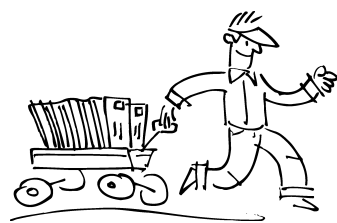
STICKY SITUATIONS CONTINUES THROUGH SUMMER

Each week between the 8:00 and 10:00 worship during July and August Our Savior will continue to offer Sticky Situations, a half hour interactive devotion that explores various “sticky” situations in the life of child or teen and how one’s faith can apply to it. In addition to sticky buns being offered prior to the event this new ministry has been well received by those who have attended in June. If you haven’t checked out Sticky Situations yet this summer you may want to do so in July and/or August before they end on Rally Sunday, September 9. Plan to attend one based on the topics planned for the respective Sunday.

- July 1: **The Graffiti Gang** explores what to do when you witness a crime.
- July 8: **Pass It On** examines how doing the right thing might be painful.
- July 15: **The Garage Sale** challenges us to be truthful in all things.
- July 22: **Make Up Your Mind!** explores dealing with peer pressure.
- July 29: **Just Cruisin’** challenges what to say when we’re jealous of others.
- Aug. 5: **Cleanup Detail** deals with fairness with respect to chores.
- Aug. 12: **No Big Deal** focuses on white lies.
- Aug. 19: **The Competition** explores the pressure to be perfect.
- Aug. 26: **Follow the Leader** examines what to do when challenged to save face.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY BY RALLY SUNDAY?

There’s a reason church staff cringe every time a representative from a church directory company calls and asks if our church would be interested in a pictorial directory. It’s time consuming when it comes to providing an accurate and up to date roster as well as creating the ministry pages in the front. With family portraits taken in November of 2006 the holidays, Lent, Easter, and other increased ministry events and programs led by staff have delayed the creation of these final components. We are close and hope to have it all completed by the end of June so the directories will be available by Rally Sunday. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding.



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

*Dear LCOS Family:
Thank you so much for the package at school. It helped me get through finals and it was also great to hear from you guys.
Thanks again and see you soon.
Ben Beahm*

WORSHIP ROUNDTABLES REVEAL RED BOOK WOES

From June 9-11 the Worship and Music Committee sponsored three roundtable discussion opportunities for members to share their joys and concerns related to the worship changes that have occurred in the last couple of years. Five members came to offer their reflective input that will be shared at the next regular committee meeting.

One of the main topics of discussion was the new cranberry-colored Evangelical Worship Book (ELW) that has been in the pews since mid-February. With its introduction there has been a number of changes, some subtle and others not so subtle, to the worship settings the congregation of Our Savior has been accustomed over the years in using the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The creeds have been updated in accordance to the versions prepared by the worldwide English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) and published in 1988 of which the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America is a participant. These versions reflect both the continuing development in the English language and the need for greater clarity in translating the original Greek. Also, some of the liturgical hymns that were located within each setting of the LBW have now been relocated to the hymnody section under Service Hymns making it more cumbersome to follow the service, forcing the participant to flip back and forth in the book.

How did this happen? Why did we go so quickly to a new worship book without spending a lot of time investigating it thoroughly and then introducing the changes to the congregation over time? These were two major questions asked at the roundtables as well as in the hallways of church over the last few months. What follows is a simple overview of the events that have led to our exclusive use of the ELW as well as what we are doing to adapt to its introduction.

- August 2005: ELCA Churchwide Assembly approves Renewing Worship recommendation for the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book as the new worship resource for ELCA congregations.
- Summer 2006: Preview materials arrive indicating current LBW worship settings will be included in new ELW, but do not show how it will appear in new worship book.
- Fall 2006: Many green LBW books at Our Savior need to be replaced. Pastors and Worship & Music must now decide whether to replace old LBW books or commit to new ELW book.
- With both liturgy settings and many of the LBW and With One Voice hymns the congregation often sings now contained in one book the old LBW books could be replaced without having to learn a new setting and simplify where to look for hymns being sung. Moving to the ELW is seen as a win-win decision by pastors and W&M.
- October 2006: New ELW books made available for purchase in honor or memory of loved ones to the general congregation in order to take advantage of a 12% discount. The response is so overwhelming all the books and ancillary worship resource texts were purchased before they arrived in mid-February after placing our order in late October.
- February 2007: New ELW books arrive in time for a funeral which was to include a hymn included in the new ELW but not in either of the previous worship books. Pastor Wayne decides to place the books in the pews for simplicity sake and then go back to install the bookplates and provide the dedication service at a later time (the bookplates have all been installed and the dedication service will occur in September).
- Rather than continue using the LBW staff decided to make the bold move to begin operating out of corresponding setting of the ELW and have the bulletin reflect pages and hymns in the ELW for the liturgy.
- April 2006: Ushers indicate the presence of both LBW and ELW in the pew was confusing to worshippers and staff concluded that removing the old LBW would be best.
- May 2006: With certain parts of the worship no longer printed in any or all the settings or relocated to the hymnody section following liturgy in the book becomes cumbersome. Staff adapts the bulletin to contain more of the liturgy thereby reducing or eliminating the amount of “page-flipping” a worshipper need do to follow the liturgy.

As complicated as the new book appears to the worshipper it is even more challenging to the worship staff as many components are only found in the Leaders Desk Edition and must be included in the bulletin rather than read from the ELW book. The pastors and worship staff intend to investigate why this format was chosen when they attend the Worship 2007 Jubilee in Chicago this summer as well as continue to fine tune the bulletin to facilitate a more fluid worship experience for both visitors and members alike.