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

OUR SAVIOR’S ROLE IN BOSNIA – “HEALING, HOPE, PEACE”

From June 21 to July 5 the New Jersey Synod will again sponsor an International Service Team to Bosnia where participants lead Christian education camps for children and youth. In many ways it is like vacation Bible school, but so much more. This year’s theme is “Healing, Hope, Peace”, and the Travel Team will once again do the Lord’s work of facilitating “healing” between the Orthodox Serbs, Catholic Croats, and Muslim Bosnia residents, and “hope” for a day where all will know God’s understanding of “peace”.

Ed Nace, one of Our Savior’s members and current Synod Council member, has gone for the past five years or so and will again be a member of the Travel Team. On May 4, he and Pastor Wayne Zschech will provide a dialogue sermon on the gospel text of the day, Christ’s “Unity Prayer” to lift up the situation in Bosnia and how we are a part of God’s response of “healing, hope, and peace” to a people torn by alienation and centuries of hatred.

While members of our congregation may have already participated in other Home Team support and fundraising events, on May 4, and for the remainder of the month, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will begin an opportunity to participate in the Home Team ministry support efforts with a fund raiser under Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care in Congregations matching program. The goal is for this congregation to sponsor a camp, which costs about \$2,000 with any extra helping to support travel costs of other participants. Our Savior will accept donations each Sunday in May and matching funds will be requested from Thrivent Financial up to \$800, which means we need \$1,200 from the congregation to reach our goal of sponsoring a youth camp. Envelopes will be provided for donations and may be found in the narthex and the front and back of the church. We hope the congregation will respond generously, first and foremost with prayer, and second with an offering toward God’s work in Bosnia through the work of our synod.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED MAY 4

Prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on Sunday May 4. New members will be received into the congregation of Our Savior at the worship service they normally attend with a photo taken of each family to help in putting names with faces. The Evangelism Committee along with Pastor Wayne will also have a member of the congregation act as a sponsor for the new members to help them continue to better know and grow in the congregation’s ministry. Take the time to welcome our newest members and introduce yourselves to them.

18 TO AFFIRM BAPTISM AT CONFIRMATION, MAY 18

After one and two years of catechetical faith formation 18 youth from the congregation will affirm their baptismal faith in the rite of confirmation. After a brief reception in the Parish Hall at 9:30 and a class photo in the sanctuary following the 9:15 worship, the youth will process into worship with the other worship leaders. They will profess their faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed. They will affirm their ongoing participation in the work and life of the Church with the help and guidance of God. And we will offer our affirmation of the same to them as well as to God.

As our confirmands prepare for their big day on May 18 at a Pocono retreat the weekend before Pastor Wayne asks you keep these youth in your prayers as well. May God bless Briana Bobo, Patrick Brennan, Gianna Buonpastore, John Eckert, Nicole Fallon, Karen Graeber, Jesse Gralish, Julia Gross, Holly Harrington, Christopher Heinze, Justine Lorenz (St. Paul’s), Michelle Miller, Paul Miller, Mary Pat Reiter, Ben Swan, Richard Tredinick III, Rebecca Windle, and Brigitte Zschech with a fruitful life and ministry of faith.

*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.*



THANK YOU FOR BEING SO WELCOMING

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

If there is an area I struggle in it is in celebrating what is going well over what still needs to be done with respect to mission and ministry. With that in mind I want to share some great stories of how the congregation at Our Savior has been extraordinarily welcoming toward our visitors and those new to our congregation.

At the April Newcomer Orientation meetings on Sunday mornings I always ask the question, “What brought you here and what has kept you coming back?” Lately I’ve heard a similar response from many of the newcomers. “The people here are so welcoming. It seems everywhere we look there are people smiling and laughing and genuinely glad to see you.” “I’ve never been in a congregation where the people seem so happy to be in worship.” “People at this church don’t seem afraid to introduce themselves and make you feel welcome to be here.” It’s comments like these bring a smile to my face as your pastor. The sermons may be great, the music outstanding, but if the congregation ignores the people who gather for worship, fellowship, education and service it won’t be much of a community that cares and encourages one another in the faith.

Last week in worship my wife, Kate, shared a story of Christian welcoming and encouragement that really made me smile. A woman who was clearly a visitor was struggling to follow and participate in worship using the ELW. A new member to our congregation seated in front of Kate noticed the visitor’s dilemma. Instead of remaining in her pew she moved to sit next to the visitor and began to help her follow and participate in worship. Imagine a Lutheran leaving “their pew” to sit somewhere else just to help follow worship! What a great gesture of Christian love and welcoming newcomers to our worship and ministry.

These stories, and there are more, bring a smile to my face. They let me know this congregation is a place where someone who walks in for worship can find a community that is joyous and welcomes others into the joy we have come to experience from our faith in Christ. So keep up the good and faithful work or being a welcoming evangelist who shares the good news of our risen Savior by your smiling faces, introducing yourselves to those who appear new to you, and helping those who seem confused or disoriented in worship or other ministry events. And since we’re such a welcoming place, feel free to invite others to come with you to worship or other events sponsored by Our Savior. Now you know they’ll at least feel welcomed when they come.

ACOLYTE AWARD CEREMONY

June 1 at 6:00

Once again we will be honoring those graduating seniors who have faithfully served as acolytes in worship during their years of high school. All acolytes, from seventh through twelfth grades, are invited to a catered dinner in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 with an awards presentation following dessert. Please contact Pastor Wayne by phone or email if you plan to attend.

OUR SAVIOR HOSTS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

Noon Worship at Kings Court May 1

Over a hundred years ago President Abraham Lincoln first established a precedent for a national day of prayer focusing on peace and reconciliation. Today that precedent has culminated in the establishment of a National Day of Prayer held on the first Thursday of May each year, which is sponsored by the Haddonfield Council of Churches in our community. This year, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will host the service held at Kings Court gazebo near Gracie’s Ice Cream on May 1 beginning at noon in Haddonfield. The Haddonfield Memorial High School Treble Choir will offer their musical talents as well as the mayor who will read the official proclamation. Mark your calendars for this wonderful way to celebrate our freedom to pray and pray for peace.



Dear Friends at LCOS:
It was such a nice surprise to receive a box of goodies at college from church. My roommates thought so, too! Thank you for thinking of me. It was nice to hear from home.
Sincerely,
Nick Miano
Loyola College in Maryland

Many thanks for the Easter liby. The scent is always present! The Easter service was so very inspiring, from beginning to end, and of course to see the church beautifully decorated and well attended.
Sincerely,
Ingrid and George Hager

Dear Pastor, Members, Altar Guild and DVD makers:
There is no way I feel like a "shut-in" because of being able to worship in my apartment a day or two after Sunday services via DVD. Beautiful flowers are brought to my apartment at Christmas and Easter. Thank you all.
Most sincerely,
Mary Reiter

ATTENTION SENIORS! SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 27, AT NOON
BINGO PINOCCHLE 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

SIMPLY GIVING

A Simple Choice - A Generous Response

Simply Giving is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It's designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. By participating in Simply Giving, you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly or monthly offering to our congregation. To learn how you can participate in Simply Giving, contact Monica Ebbenga in the church office. Let Simply Giving help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

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Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
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MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Carole Hammon, Betsy Keuhn, Teresa Vitale
Counters: Matt and Mike Wolf, Hans Underwood, Judy Caravelli

May4

Coffee Hour: Church Council
Readers: 8-Laura Oakes **10:30**-Brian Bell
Communion Assistants: **10:30**-Charles Coleman, Kim Anderson
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-TBA
10:30-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Emily Donovan **10:30**-John Eckert, Paul & Michelle Miller, Karen Graeber, Jesse Gralish

May11

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast - Youth Group
Readers: 8-Bill Neveling **10:30**-Ed Wisser
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-TBA
10:30-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Ricky Tredinnick, Dan Wolf
9:15-Allison & Brian Gensel **10:30**-Jon Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell, Julia Gross, Kelly Haswell, Chris Heinze

May18

No Coffee Hour - Confirmation Reception
Readers: 8-Tom Cheney **10:30**-Confirmands
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-TBA
10:30-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Morgan Sehdev, Jeff Proko
9:15-Alex Fabian, Michael Wolf **10:30**-Steven Peterson, Ethan & Noelle Quanci, Robbie Reiter, Sarah Barrett

May25

Summer Schedule Begins - Worship at 8 & 10 AM
No Coffee Hour
Readers: 8-Arlene Stolarick **10**-Curt Bogina
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann
10-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Joseph Kiernan
10-Jon Maniaci, Luisa Masclans, Karen Graeber, Chris Heinze, Ben Swan

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Thurs	1	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM National Day of Prayer, noon Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Fri-Sun	2-4	Youth Group Pocono Weekend
Sun	4	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Bosnia Sunday Come Together - Christian Ed New Members Received Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM
Mon	5	Blood Drive, 1:30-7:30 PM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	6	Tai Chi, 6:30 PM Social Ministry Committee, 7 PM Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
Wed	7	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Red Kimono Day, 9-1:30 PM Children's Choir/Bells, 3:45/4:15 PM Tai Chi,, 4 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM
Thurs	8	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Fri-Sat	9-10	Confirmation Retreat
Sat	10	Children's Musical Rehearsal, 10 AM
Sun	11	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Pentecost - Wear Red! Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Children's Musical, 10:30 AM Glass Baptism, 10:30 AM
Mon	12	Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	13	Tai Chi, 6:30 PM Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	14	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Tai Chi, 4 PM Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM
Thurs	15	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Sun	18	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Confirmation, 10:30 AM Last Day of Sunday School
Mon	19	Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	20	Tai Chi, 6:30 PM
Wed	21	Tai Chi, 4 PM Children's Church, 7 PM
Thurs	22	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Sun	25	Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Mon	26	Church Office Closed Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	27	Senior Game Day, noon Tai Chi, 6:30 PM
Wed	28	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Thurs	29	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Fri	30	Spaghetti Dinner, 6-8 PM
Sat	31	Wedding, 10 AM

PENTECOST AND MOTHER’S DAY –
WHAT A COMBINATION!

Did you know that Pentecost, after Christmas and Easter, is the third major festival celebration in the Church Year? 50 days after Easter churches are encouraged to pull out all the organ stops and gather for the celebration of the day on which the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples in Jerusalem so that all those who gathered from every place (and time) could hear the gospel of Jesus Christ in their own language. Pentecost was the day 3,000 people were baptized and began to follow Jesus as their Lord, and so began the “Move-ment” that became Christ’s Church. Certainly this is a day that pews would be filled to the brim.

Yet, did you know that with respect to attendance, after Christmas and Easter, it is Mother’s Day that ranks third for highest attendance? It seems Christians do a better job of inviting mom to worship on Mother’s Day (or maybe it’s moms who do the job of insisting husbands and children attend with her) than we do of inviting others to gather with us to hear the gospel like those in Jerusalem long ago on Pentecost.

This year you won’t be able to tell the difference. Due to an extremely early celebration of our Lord’s resurrection at Easter the celebration of Pentecost falls on the same Sunday as Mother’s Day. So along with bringing your mom to worship on May 11, invite your neighbor to come with you and bring his and her moms as well. The sanctuary worship space seats 300 in the pews so Our Savior has plenty of room at all three worship services. The Children’s Cantata is sure to be wonderful expression of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit’s gifts on the children and youth of Our Savior as they proclaim the gospel in word and song at the 10:30 worship. And while you’re at it, wear red in celebration of the day. After all, it is Pentecost, the third great festival of the Church.

LUTHERAN DAY AT
GREAT ADVENTURE
Monday, June 30, June 9 Deadline

June 30 is “Lutheran Day” at Great Adventure and Pastor Wayne will be leading a group of youth and families who wish to participate in the event (he’s a real rollercoaster fan and has yet to experience Nitro). The deadline for registering with the N.J. Synod is June 9 and a signup is located on the bulletin board across from the restroom hallway or you can contact Pastor Wayne by at the office or email (pastorwayne@oursaviorhaddonfield.org). For more details you can check out the synod website (njsynod.org) or Great Adventure’s website.

WHAT ARE THE YOUTH
UP TO?

Youth group rafting/paintball
trip May 2nd – 4th

The youth group will be staying at Pastor Wayne’s Pocono home for a weekend of white-water rafting and paintball. Pastor Wayne will conduct worship with Holy Communion on Friday night in the home and the group will be returning Sunday in the early evening.

Mother’s Day Pancake Break-
fast from 9-10:30 AM in the
Parish Hall (5-11-08)

The youth group will be cooking breakfast in recognition of moms on Mother’s Day in the Parish Hall. All Mother’s please come out and enjoy!

Cell Phone Recycling
Fundraiser Starting May 1st

The youth group will be collecting old function-ing cell phones (they have a battery and will turn on). Anyone wishing to donate a phone can place it the Cell Phone Recycling box located in the youth group room. We will get money back for each working phone donated.

Spaghetti Dinner May 30th

The Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on May 30th from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will include pasta, homemade sauce, garlic bread, and salad. Tickets will be on sale starting May 1st and all the money raised will go toward the Senior High Summer Mission Trip to benefit Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina. Please contact Lisa Quanci or Kim Anderson for tickets.

BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, May 5, 1:30-7:30 PM

More than 1 million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood during their chemotherapy treatment. LCOS will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 5, 2008 from 1:30pm to 7:30pm. in the Parish Hall. Anyone wishing to donate can call Nancy Frazier. Walk-In’s are welcome.

FACES OF LCOS

Choir matriarch still going strong after 76 years

When 13-year-old Jean Schroeder began singing in the adult choir at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Pastor Donald Irvin was just beginning his 21-year tenure as senior pastor at LCOS. It was 1932, and Herbert Hoover was president of the United States.

Incredibly, 76 years, five senior pastors and 12 presidents later, Jean Schroeder is still a member of the adult and bell choirs at Our Savior. She recently celebrated her 89th birthday and looked back on a choral career at LCOS that has encompassed approximately 4,000 practices under at least a dozen choral directors.

"I don't think I deserve any recognition because I've been around a long time," Jean said. "I was blessed with a voice and it has been a privilege to use it all these years. It was an important part of my life, and it still is."

Her mother, Gertrude Pearl, was the long-time organist at LCOS after the family moved to Haddonfield from Philadelphia when Jean was 3.

Growing up near the church, she joined the choir as a teenager under the direction of Charles Ware. Jean majored in elementary education at Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) and earned her teaching certificate, starting her teaching career in 1940 in Pine Hill. She later taught in Lindenwold and Haddonfield, but resigned after getting married in 1943. At that time, teachers were prohibited from being married.

Before starting her family, Jean joined the Bach Festival Society that performed regularly at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. The highlight of her singing career was in 1946 when the Bach Society performed St. Matthew's Passion with the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Five years later, she had the opportunity to spend a week at Fred Waring's camp in the Poconos learning choral techniques.

In 1950, Jean's daughter Linda was born. Less than two years later, Jean and Ernest Schroeder celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Julia.

Linda Schroeder Doherty, 57, lives in Westmont with her husband Bill and daughter Natalie. Linda, like her mother, is a soprano in the LCOS adult choir. She joined Our Savior after graduating from Shorter College in Rome, Ga., where she majored in music, and has been part of the choir for approximately 20 years.

"I inherited my mom's singing talent," Linda said. "People say I sound like her when she was my age. I would like to stay in the choir as long as possible, and I think my mom will too, as long as she is healthy."

Julia "Julie" Schroeder Frederick, who sings alto in the choir and lives in Lindenwold with her husband Bob, joined the LCOS youth choir when she was 8. Now, 46 years later, she continues in the adult and bell choirs with her mom and sister.

"She (Jean) initiated us joining the choir when we were young and we liked it so much we just have continued," Julie said. "It was just a commitment we liked so much. It turned out that all three of us were good at it, and we enjoyed it."

"I think we all will continue as long as our voices allow us. I just get so much more out of the service when I sing in the choir than I do just being in the congregation."

Pat Green, choir director for the past six years, said of Jean, "She knows and loves this church more than anything. I have been honored to know her and have her in the choir."

"Jean epitomizes what a singer is. She is full of grace in many ways. The girls have followed suit and are all stalwarts of the choir. They are all very talented and beautiful singers."

"Jean's voice has not gone away. She is a God-driven person. She brings a foundation to the choir, and that's why I call her the choir matriarch. Jean is more than just a good choir member."

"I have enjoyed listening to Jean and her daughters since I first came to Our Savior," said Pastor Englehardt, who has known the Schroeders during his time of serving at LCOS over a 35-year period. "Jean has also been a regular member of Adult Forum on Wednesday mornings. She is an integral part of our congregation."

"I feel privileged to have both girls in the choir and that they never moved out of the area," said Jean, whose favorite hymn is *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

The privilege, Jean, has been all ours.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

From June 5-7 voting members of the ELCA congregations in the New Jersey Synod will gather in New Brunswick for the annual synod assembly. Pastors Wayne Zschech and Glenn Englehardt will both be in attendance as well as two of our congregation members who will be approved by Congregation Council at the May meeting. While the details of the assembly have not yet been provided the main focus this year will be on mission and ministry in a changing world. Please keep our pastors and lay voting members, as well as all those attending the assembly, in your prayers as they listen for the Holy Spirit's voice of discernment in the worship, business and workshop sessions.

TAKE "POP" TO THE POP SHOP AND SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, June 11

In celebration of Father's Day, June 15, the youth participating in this year's Summer Mission Trip to NC have partnered with The Pop Shop in downtown Collingswood to raise funds for the trip. Simply bring in the "coupon" available at LCOS when you take dear ole Dad to the Pop Shop for a gourmet grilled cheese sandwich (like the one featured in "Bobby Flay's Throwdown" aired on The Food Network) and The Pop Shop will donate 15% of the bill to the LCOS Summer Mission Trip fund. With nearly 20 youth attending this year's mission trip (four times more than last year!) the financial need has increased tremendously from the 2007 budget. So pop on over with Pop and Pop-Pop to The Pop Shop on Wednesday, June 11, and have a tithe-and-a-half of your meal's cost be donated toward our youth working with Habitat For Humanity build homes for the homeless this summer.

LCOS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Hello everyone,

This year Pastor and I would like our Vacation Bible School program to participate in the Haddonfield 4th of July Parade. Whoever is interested in participating in the parade, decorating our float, helping with costumes, please call or email me.

This is for all ages and is going to be a lot of fun. So please consider joining us for this fun family activity!

God Bless America and God Bless You!

Susan Remphrey, Director



Thanks to the following people for helping with the Pantry in April:
Charlie Coleman, Carol & Ben Beahm, Juhan Runne, Molly Smith, Pat Reiter, Andrew Vitale,

Danielle Deery.

Special thanks to **those who packaged and prepared LCOS Care Packages** for our college students and military personnel.

Thanks to **all who cook meals** for My Father's House each Tuesday.

Thanks to **Jen McGarry** for organizing and sending out over 40 *Splash!* newsletters to our infants and toddlers each month.

Messenger helpers: **Arlene Berger, Dottie Powell, Jean Schroeder, Jane Evans, Eleanor Gaines, Louise Mowrer, Betty Keene.**

Office Helpers: **Sue Underwood, Jane Evans, Ward Laubach, Jaime Fallon, Arlene Stolarick.**

IN HARM'S WAY

Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
Colonel Richard Howley, serving in Iraq,
PFC Jonathan Keck, serving in Iraq.

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!

www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SENIORS AT OUR SAVIOR

by Pastor Englehardt

One of the workshops I recently attended with Pastor Wayne and 7 of our Council members at the annual NJ Synod-sponsored Conference on Congregational Ministries was titled "Caring for an Older Relative." The leader was Dr. John Jorgenson, Adjunct faculty at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and Penn State University. He teaches courses on issues relating to aging and older persons. He is currently doing research on elder quality of life, alternative elder housing issues, and attitudes toward aging. While exploring ways to provide care and to cope with the needs of an older relative, as well as at the same time meeting the needs of the care provider who is still working, we also discussed in what ways can the congregation provide the necessary balance so the older person maintains a sense of self-respect and the caregiver not be overwhelmed?

Perhaps the most helpful part of the workshop was the extended bibliography Dr. Jorgenson provided, which includes the following: "Caring for Your Aging Parents - a Common-Sense Guide for Transforming a Difficult Time into a Loving Cooperative Relationship," by Raeann Berman and Bernard H. Shulman, M. D.and

"A Formula for Parish Practice - Using the Formula of Concord in Congregations," by Dr. Timothy Wengert, who is Professor at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and who has been at Our Savior on several occasions.

As soon as I have purchased and begun processing the practical information in these resources we will find some good ways to implement their suggestions here at our church.

Two other important items to mention: we are beginning a grief-support ministry here at Our Savior and you will be hearing more about that in the June Messenger; and we are hoping to restart the Sunday morning van ministry of providing transportation to and from church for those who are in need. If you will get me the names of "potential pick-ups," I will be happy to make the contacts. Thanks - Pastor Englehardt

WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE AID AVAILABLE

Financial aid for college students is now available through the Karl, John, Elizabeth Wurffel Memorial Fund. The aid will be provided in the form of student loans. However, the entire loan may be satisfied or forgiven on the basis of being an active member of a congregation of the Evangelical Luthean Church in America. While the amount of funds available is limited, Lutheran students are encouraged to apply. Terms for the loans will be very beneficial to recipients. Assistance is provided on a one-year basis, with the possibility for applicants to reapply annually up to five years.

For consideration, the Application Forms (available from the church office) must be postmarked no later than June 1.

WHY DO I WANT LIFE INSURANCE?

In the event of your death, life insurance proceeds can help provide for your loved ones by replacing your income and paying debts and expenses. It can also help carry out your charitable wishes and pass on a memorable legacy for the future.

Reasons to consider life insurance:

If you were gone, would your loved ones be prepared? What would happen to them? Would they be able to continue living in the manner they're accustomed—in the same home and community, attending the same schools? Would your spouse be able to:

- Pay for living expenses, day care, repairs, housekeeping, fixed expenses and more?
- Put money aside for your children's college education?
- Pay debts, final expenses, and other commitments?
- Save for his/her own retirement?

The proper life insurance program can make a significant difference in the future for your loved ones.

This information is presented as a public service by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans —George C Welker, FIC. For more information call 856-546-0500.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of the national holiday, the offices at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Please leave a message on the staff voice mail or in case of emergency contact either Pastor Wayne or Pastor Englehardt at their home numbers.

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.

VBS 2008 IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

Our theme this year is the Rainforest Adventure, a tree top Bible blast! On May 4th in the parish hall a volunteer sign up sheet will be available. Please sign up to help this year! Also, registrations will be available. Grades 4 year olds through 5th grade are welcome. First come first serve basis. Also, don't forget we are trying to plan for a float to be in the Fourth of July parade in Haddonfield, please volunteer for this too.

GLENN MILLER SPEAKS TO MEMORIAL GIFT BOARD

Tuesday, May 20

Glenn Miller, the Executive Director of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia Foundation, will be a guest speaker at the 7:30 May 20 meeting of the Memorial Gift Board to discuss how congregations can best utilize memorial and endowment gifts. Prior to serving at LTSP Pr. Miller served as pastor to a Lutheran congregation in York, PA that had an \$8 million endowment from which the congregation had a commitment of utilizing 5% each year for ministry in addition to their regular general fund offering. As the Memorial Gift Board reviews their plan for managing and utilizing the generous gifts given by loved ones in memory of those who have gone before us in the faith as well as bequests from those who have died the insights and ideas offered by Pastor Miller are sure to be of great assistance.

The meeting date is not the usual date of the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month due to new members of the Board being unable to attend Wednesday meetings and the availability of Rev. Miller. A new regular meeting date will be discussed at the meeting.

SUMMER 2008 AT OUR OWN LUTHERAN CAMP

Cross Roads near Califon, NJ

A Christ-centered intentional community where youth and adults: feel nurtured and guided by loving counselors; meet new friends who share similar values; experience God in unique and powerful ways; explore their independence in a safe environment; participate in activities like horseback-riding, rock-climbing, swimming, boating, arts & crafts; explore God's awesome creation.

Brochures are posted around the church or are available in the church office; or for information and/or summer registration find it at www.crossroadsretreat.com.

INTERNATIONAL SERVANT TRIP – BOSNIA

by Ed Nace

If you've been around Our Savior Church, you've been hearing for years about the New Jersey Synod's servant trip to Bosnia. Once again, we are heading back this summer to hold friendship camps for the children of this war torn country.

As the former Yugoslavia was breaking up in the 1990's, war broke out between neighboring states, pitting neighbor against neighbor. This was largely a war against civilians, and the weapons of choice were siege, genocide, rape and torture – unlike anything seen in Europe since World War II. The architects of this conflict were most effective in teaching hatred as a way to ensure that the country would remain divided long after the war. Many years need to pass before a country can recover – economically, politically, and socially. Evidence of the fragile nature of the peace can be seen as Kosovo has just months ago declared its independence from Serbia - and received recognition from the US and most European countries, but not from others, most notable Russia.

In some ways, the nature of our mission trip is evolving with the passage of time. No longer are we serving children who grew up during a war, but we do continue to serve the children who are living in the aftermath. We do still need to walk in companionship with the children there, and replace the hard lessons of hatred that were taught with a message of love and acceptance.

The Travel team is excitedly preparing for the camps this year, and the Home Team is busy as well. In case you're wondering who is on the home team – ITS YOU!! Look for more information to follow during the month of May, and learn how you can be part of this important and exciting ministry. We are looking for support of the travel team and sponsorship of the friendship camps. There are many ways to become involved – preparation of tote bags and heart pillow, financial support and most importantly, with prayer. Check out the opportunities at www.servanttrips.org

*For peace,
Ed Nace*

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

Easter Basket Project - The Social Ministry Committee would like to acknowledge the generous donations to our annual “Easter Basket” project to benefit the 25 children of our Pantry families and the 14 girls we sponsor with weekly meals at My Father’s House in Gloucester City. This year, our sponsors were: Aunt Charlotte’s of Merchantville, Wegman’s of Cherry Hill, Target in Cherry Hill, and Virtua Health & Hospital Gift Shop in Voorhees. Also thank you to Lauren Frazier for her donation of cosmetics for the girls from My Father’s House, and to Holly Dreher for her donation of toothbrushes. Thank you to Eva Shaw, Tracey DiCrescenzo, Maureen and Aiden Bell, Stacey Shaw, Jane Evans, and Joan Candia who met on Wednesday 3/12/08 following the Lenten Soup Dinner to assemble the Easter baskets.

LCOS Care Packages – Social Ministry is now coordinating the LCOS Care Package ministry. Packages will be sent two times per year (late winter & fall). Send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw at eslohboy@aol.com. Thank you to Jan Amme, Larry Friant, Eva Shaw, Tracey DiCrescenzo, Stacey Shaw, Joan Candia, and Pastor Englehardt who met on Tuesday 2/26/08 to prepare 24 boxes for mailing.

Bosnia Fundraiser in May – see article on page 1.

Caring Hearts – Social Ministry sponsored an underwear collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. On Friday March 14th, Caring Hearts hosted their Spring Give-A-Way. Thank you to all who donated underwear. Also, thank you to Jane & Jim Evans for representing LCOS at the Give-A-Way, which was attended by 20 families.

My Father’s House - A refrigerator has been installed in the Pantry for the purpose of storing meals for My Father’s House. Thank you to Jack Berrigan for donating the refrigerator, and to Hans Underwood and Brian Bell for delivering it to the church. Thank you to Dave Hartzell for delivering meals to My Father’s House each Tuesday. LCOS has been approved for \$800 in supplemental funding for 2008 from Camden County Chapter of Thrivent Financial through its Care Abounds in Communities Program to be used for My Father’s House. Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Remember to save your receipts, we must have \$2400 in receipts for this year to receive the supplement.

Social Ministry Committee is scheduled for Come Together Sunday in September, date to be announced.

We will also be planning the Holiday Food Drive and Advent Giving Tree in the Fall.

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Classes for this valuable ancient art program are now being held here at Our Savior on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 4-5 PM and on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church parlor (across from the nursery); led by Martial Arts instructor Jack Poupard, cost is only \$5/session.

COUNCIL LOOKS AT SATURDAY WORSHIP AND MISSION FIELD POTENTIAL

At the April congregation council meeting two mission focused topics were discussed during new business that could have a great impact on the ministry at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior over the next three years. The first was whether it was time to explore offering a Saturday early evening worship as a part of our Sabbath observance. Some of the comments included, “A Saturday worship would allow families whose children have Sunday sporting games an opportunity to worship”, “It could provide a time when young adults would be more inclined to attend”, and “A Saturday worship could have a completely different liturgy and music presentation and style unlike the classic worship style on Sunday morning.” One drawback mentioned was the impact it would have on late afternoon and early evening weddings on Saturday. Please read Rich Amme’s article in this newsletter for more information on this topic.

Also discussed was the impact Mission On the Move (MOM) will have on our congregation’s culture of mission and evangelism over the next three years. If one of the main goals of the MOM appeal is to create a cultural change in congregations from being settled to sent with respect to mission the question for the congregation of Our Savior is, “Just what geographical areas do we target our evangelism and outreach ministry in?” There are four ELCA congregations within a two mile radius and six or seven within a three mile radius of this congregation. How will that impact this congregation’s invitation to those not yet in a relationship with Christ through a faith community? Pastor Wayne will begin with conversation with Bishop Riley of the New Jersey Synod and the pastors of the Camden Cluster as to how the congregations and their leaders might first get to know each other better. Hopefully, this will lead to a unique plan for mission and ministry within the Camden Cluster churches whereby all may be fruitful in their evangelism and mission-minded efforts.



Dear Social Ministry:
Thank you so much for the care packages you have sent me. What a treat it is to open something so gracious, and delicious, during finals and mid-terms. It is a great feeling to know that my church and the ministry keep me in its prayers. Thank you for the continued support at college!
Sincerely,
Keith Friant

Dear Social Ministry:
Thank you so much for the care package. It came just before Spring Break, so I had snacks to take with me. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
Brett DiCrescenzo

Dear LCOS Care Packages Committee:
I really appreciated the thoughtful (and very delicious) care package that I received during my mid-term exams! It certainly was a stressful couple of weeks, and feeling a connection to my faith family at home upon opening that package was a great help during that time !
Thanks again for all you do, especially when I’m at my “home-away-from-home” in Ithaca.
Sincerely,
Erin Schaffner

I just wanted to thank LCOS for the care packages I have received for both the winter and spring semester. It was such a nice surprise to receive them, but the best part was unpacking all the gifts inside. From late night popcorn to tasty-kakes, each package brought a new addition to my steadily dwindling sweet-tooth collection. Some useful items were crammed inside as well, and it’s wonderful to cut-down on purchasing supplies myself. Although I love it down south, it’s always nice to receive something from home! Thanks again so much.
Spencer Cowan

Thanks to the altar guild for the lovely flowers and to Eva and Harvey Shaw for their kind visit.
Florence Danley

Dear Mrs. Gaines, Mrs. Mountney and all the ladies:
Thank you to all who donated their time, food and support [for the funeral luncheon for Guy Hallowell].
The family of Guy Hallowell

See more letters on page 11 . . .

TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

by Jack Berrigan

Although the weather was cold, damp and dreary most of the month, March financials were very bright. With a significant boost from Easter services, income for the month was \$43,831. After the first quarter, total income is \$103,278 which is \$5,264 above our quarterly target. We are extremely grateful for the Congregation’s generosity in this difficult economic environment!

Expenses for March were \$36,055, within budget for the month. For the quarter, we are a whopping \$352 below target on expenses which of course is better than the alternative. While I would like to claim prescient budget forecasting and prudent expense management are responsible for our position on costs, the reality is that we have been blessed by the absence of surprise expenses. May we continue to be blessed in throughout the year!

Special Projects Appeal

Our Savior is a simple, elegant yet aging house of worship in which we all take great pride. Each year, we identify a select set of projects designed to preserve, protect and update our precious facility. Since these projects are outside of the scope of the annual operating budget, the only way they can be completed is through the generosity of individual members of the Congregation. For instance last year, contributions from several members of the congregation helped us smooth the sidewalks, making them safer for some of our more senior members.

There is a carry-over project from last year that has gained increased importance with rising fuel costs: **Replace Manual Thermostats with Energy Efficient, Programmable Thermostats**

Currently we have 13 manual thermostats in the annex. If we replace these manual thermostats with programmable thermostats, it is estimated we could save 5% or more on our annual cost of heating oil alone. The estimated cost of 13 programmable thermostats is **\$2,600.**

If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please contact me at jberrigan@comcast.net

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE?

by Rich Amme

Church Council is currently exploring the possibility of instituting a Saturday evening worship opportunity. As we all know many churches, regardless of denomination, are in competition with various civic, athletic, scholastic, and charitable groups that hold events on Sunday mornings throughout the year.

Before the Council proceeds to authorize Saturday worship we need to know if members of our congregation would want, need and support such an effort. We are not seeking pros and cons for this idea, but rather if such a worship time is one members who are finding it difficult attending on Sunday morning would benefit from having as an option for worship. Please let Council know by contacting Richard Amme.