

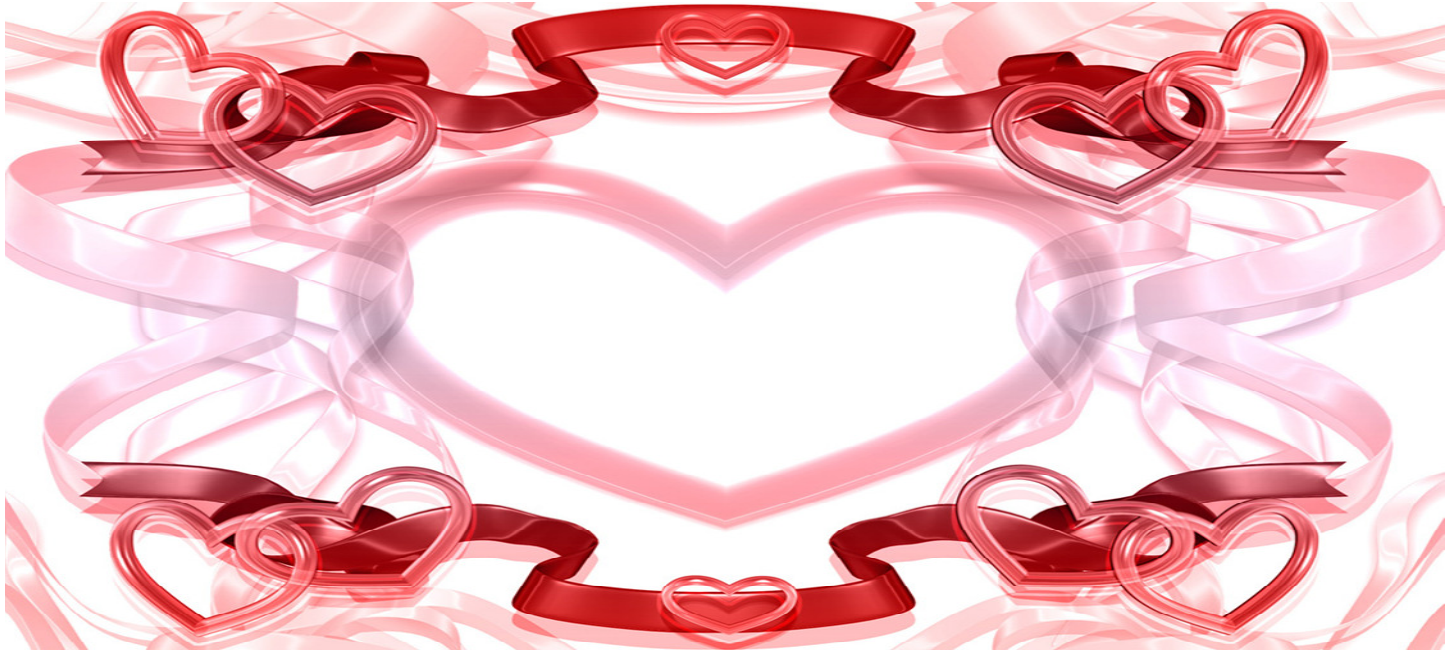
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February 2010 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ

Couples Affirm Marriage Vows in Worship on Valentine's Day



Once again The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will provide an opportunity for husbands and wives to affirm their marriage vows during the 8:00 and 10:30 Sunday worship times on Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is when many spouses are thinking about their love for each other. And whether you've celebrated your first or fiftieth anniversary it's only fitting the church provide an opportunity to affirm your vows of love and faithfulness exchanged on your wedding day.

In the wedding service we pray that God use us as members of the body of Christ, to support married couples in their lives together as husband and wife. We acknowledge that because of sin the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden. We also remember that God continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support through the faith community of which they are a part.

Remember, chocolates go stale. Flowers wilt. The ambiance of a fancy dinner will fade. But the gift of one's lifelong word of love and faithfulness is what sustains every marriage. Take time this Valentine's Day weekend to enrich your marriage with more than Hallmark, Bayard's, or Café Aldo could ever offer.

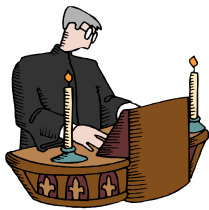
Fastnacht 2nd Annual Trivia Bowl, Feb 16 @ 6:30 PM

You might be asking, "What is Fastnacht and why do we eat diamond shaped unfilled donuts?" First, it's a tradition among German Lutherans from a region of Germany that took the Lenten disciplines of repentance and fasting very seriously. First, in order to properly fast, all the lard used for cooking and frying had to be used up in the house. And what better way to get the "lard" out than to fry up donuts? The diamond shape simply happens to be the one that creates the least amount of waste when rolling out and cutting the dough. Second, since Lent is a time of reflection and repentance rather than frivolity, Fastnacht was also the last day to "let your hair down" before Ash Wednesday's confession and forty days of penance.

It has been a long tradition at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior to embrace this cultural German Lutheran tradition with a family night of eating authentic Fastnacht donuts (made by Haegele's Bakery in Northeast Philly for three generations) and then sharing in the musical and theatrical acts of our congregation and friends. After the success of last year, the Fastnacht Trivia Bowl of various Lutheran, Church, and Biblical history will return. Various musical, theatrical, and comedy acts from members of the congregation will provide the filler between trivia rounds.

So get your teams of 8 together now or simply form join a group at one of the tables that night and test your collective knowledge of the congregation, church, and Lutheranism as you get to know others at Our Savior and their friends. There will be a prize for the winning team (and no, it won't be Fastnacht donuts). Those in worship will get a taste of what is to come during the announcements beginning February 7. This is sure to be a night of fun, frivolity, and feasting before the penitential time of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday night at 6:30 and remember to bring a friend. More than Dunkin' Donuts, it will be worth the trip.

*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.*



“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance...”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Sometimes it seems the financial demands of our lives are never-ending. In addition to our regular church offering, mortgage, taxes, loan payments, tuition bills and rising healthcare costs there are demands above and beyond our spending plans. On January 10 we asked the congregation to make a special offering toward the Mission Support fund of the synod as we were anticipating a \$17,000 shortfall toward our 2009 commitment, which we did with some help from Memorial Gift Fund resources. Then there is the Haiti earthquake recovery and response. In my life the request for assistance and funds has ranged from a pleas by the ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and the ELCA Disaster Response to a woman standing on the corner by Cooper Hospital with a bucket asking for monetary donations she said were going to be sent to Haiti. It seems like everywhere I turn someone or some agency is asking for a donation or support or assistance. If you are like me you can easily begin to wonder, “How can I afford to help? Where am I going to get the money to pay my bills and financial commitments and help those who have been devastated so badly in life?”

It’s then I need to listen to St. Paul’s words to the church in Corinth. In chapter 9 he writes about coming to receive a collection that was being taken up among the various Gentile congregations for the poor in Jerusalem. Like the people of Haiti, the request was to give to those who were without resources to provide for their basic needs. Corinth was a rather affluent community, but clearly not with their own financial concerns. Yet, Paul reminded them of a basic principle of faith we sometimes can forget when we’ve become accustomed to believing we are the ones in control of providing for our daily needs. He writes in verse 8, “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” This is the verse now found on our new envelopes, and over the past year has certainly been lived out in this congregation. It reminds me every time I write out my offering check that no matter how much I give toward God’s work in the world, I cannot out-give what God first gives to me.

As we begin 2010 we have both the financial needs of an earthquake-torn Haiti and a \$57K Faith Challenge factored into the income of our Ministry Spending Plan. Were I merely to trust in my own abilities to provide for the needs of the saints I might be tempted to hoard or not be generous with the resources I have available. When I trust in God to provide me with every blessing in abundance, I am free to share abundantly in every good work, trusting God will make sure I have enough of everything. I pray you share in this feeling as together we journey with God and his people at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, the ELCA, and the Church worldwide.

Re-Focusing Network Interest Meeting-Pastors & Councils, Feb 1 @ 7PM

Pastor Wayne Zschech will host an interest meeting for all clergy and congregation leaders of neighboring Lutheran congregations to hear about a process and program to assist them in recapturing a heart for mission and developing a vision with a strategic plan for ministry. The interest meeting will be held in the meeting area directly off the elevator on the third floor.

The program is called ReFocusing and takes anywhere from 18-24 months to complete in its entirety. Pastor Wayne received the training from Church Resource Ministries back in October to be a Phase I ReFocusing Network facilitator and plans to receive the Phase II training in May or October of this year. He also hopes two to four pastors and their congregations are interested enough to begin the process later in February so they can complete the six sessions of Phase I by September before entering the Phase II portion that includes Leadership Summits involving the congregations at large in developing a vision and strategic plan for ministry. Pastor Wayne will go over the goals of ReFocusing as well as an itinerary and timeline for both phases as well as the cost commitment of those pastors and congregations participating in the process.

Our Sponsored Missionaries Visit for Dinner & Details Feb 5 @ 6:00PM

In the Parish Hall, LCOS will host the missionaries our Sunday school sponsors for a dinner and time of fellowship and sharing. Rev. David Wunsch and his wife Rev. Kathryn Lawler are ELCA missionaries living in Argentina working with Iglesia Evangelica Lutherana Unida. Our congregation has a commitment to provide them each year with \$1,000 of support that initially is funded by the offerings our children provide in Sunday school and then supplemented by resources from the Memorial Gift Board.

David and Kate will be visiting many of the congregations who sponsor them throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for not only our congregation at large, but especially our children, to see and get to know the people they are helping support in a distant country to share in the gospel ministry. It will be a wonderful night of hearing how our support helps makes it possible for them to not only proclaim and teach the faith, but also model it by addressing the needs of the people. The menu isn’t set yet, but we hope you will mark your calendars for this Sponsored Missionaries Fellowship Dinner on February 5 at 6 PM.

Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Sue Tharp, Linda Powell
Counters: Betty Woltz, Bill Wilson, Betty Wilson, Bob Cowan
Ushers: 8: Kristine & Linda Monsen
10:30: (2/7 & 14) Eric & Betty Woltz
(2/21 & 28) The Remphrey Family
February 7 Coffee Hour: Adult Choir
Readers: 8 - H. Harrington **10:30 -** Juhan Runne
Communion Assistants: 10:3 - Betsey Kuehn
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Holly Harrington, Stephen Woltz
10:30 - Emily Donovan, Shelby Cain, Sarah Cain, Sam Lyons, Andrew Shaw
February 14 Coffee Hour: Worship & Music
Readers: 8 - B. Neveling **10:30 -** Cathe Bare
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Bobby Jelonek
10:30 - Chris & Nick Heinze, Andrew & Laura Vitale, Alex Fabian
February 21 Coffee Hour: Property /Thursday AM Work Crew
Readers: 8- C. Monsen **10:30 -** K. Meyer
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry
10:30 - Alison & Brian Gensel, Daniel & Lucas Leverick, Michael McLaughlin
February 28 Coffee Hour: Children & Youth Choirs
Readers: 8 - I. Oakes **10:30 -** D. Deery
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey & Abby Proko
10:30 - Ethan Quanci, Jackie Stillwell, John & Lizzy Finnerty, Alex Gilman

Attention Seniors! Senior Game Day

NEXT DATE IS:

Tuesday, February 23rd at noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge ~
Come out and Have Fun!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

Best of all . . . **It's Free!**

RSVP: Betty Keene
or Eleanor Gaines



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Linda Powell Cherub Choir
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Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Kim Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent

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Many Thanks to... Outgoing Council Leaders, Welcome Newly Elected!

With the passing of another Annual Meeting comes also the grateful thanks to those going off council and welcome to those newly elected. Since this article is written prior to the meeting The Lutheran Church of Our Savior cannot officially welcome personally those who have agreed to be nominated for the vacant positions on the Congregation Council, but know we look forward to your leadership.

To those going off we truly have appreciated your time of leadership and witness by example. Those being recognized at the Annual Meeting who are going off Council and not returning this year are Larry Friant – Vice President, Deb MacBride – Christian Education, Tracey DiCrescenzo – Social Ministry, Charles Coleman – Christian Education & Personnel, Glenn Martin - Property, and Hans Underwood - Youth. Well done good and faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

What is Lent and How Do Christians Live Their Faith Differently During It?

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time when we walk with Jesus in the wilderness of our lives, longing for the waters of new life offered in the baptismal waters of Easter. We long to sing the “alleluia” of praise for our Lord’s resurrection; absent in worship since Transfiguration Sunday, and now must wait until Easter Sunday morning to sing it gloriously again. We practice the disciplines of Lent, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving to the poor. And finally, just as the early Church catechumens prepared for baptism into the community of faith during Lent, we too will participate in Lenten midweek worship and study. And, just as they waited until Easter to provide the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we too shall abstain from baptisms until Easter Sunday.

As a visible sign of our journey through the wilderness of Lent, the baptismal font will be removed from the front of the sanctuary and placed in a visible part of the narthex. No baptisms will be scheduled during this time of preparation. Its absence from our worship space will heighten our anticipation of its return at Easter, and the life-giving waters it offers in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Like the veiled cross that we await to lift high for our Easter processional worship, so too we will await the life-giving waters held by the font of baptismal blessing.



Ash Wednesday Worship with Optional Ashes Offered Feb 17

Ash Wednesday worship has long heralded the beginning of Lent. On February 17 at both Noon and 7:30PM The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold this worship service of confession, reflection, and the imposition of ashes to begin the Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Easter. It’s been only since the Liturgical Renewal movement in the last three decades or so that the imposition of ashes been reintroduced to Protestant worship liturgy. Since it has not been a practice of this church until a few years ago, and for some may seem and feel uncomfortable, the imposition of ashes will be delayed until the very end of worship. Those desiring to have ashes imposed may remain after others have left the sanctuary. As you discern whether to receive them here are some thoughts to reflect on and prayerfully consider as you do.

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words spoken by the pastor as an ashen cross is smudged on one’s brow. Like the words spoken at a funeral committal, ashes are a reminder of our mortality and finitude. They remind us we cannot escape death, no matter how hard we may try to keep it at arm’s length or deny its reality in our lives.

Ashes remind us that at one time they were rubbed on one’s skin to eliminate hard to remove dirt. Lent is also a time of cleansing and renewal. We pray along with the psalmist to “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”, and reminded of God’s cleansing Spirit of renewal in our lives.

Finally, because the smudged cross is made with ashes mixed with oil, we are reminded of the mark with oil placed on our brow at baptism. We remember the promise we were given, “Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” In the waters of baptism we have been joined to both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And while the ashes remind us of our eventual death, the smudged cross reminds us death does not have the last word. As people “of the smudge” we are people who trust in the resurrection to new life it offers through faith in the risen Christ. In Lent we journey both toward the cross and the empty tomb. And this gives us hope.

Working Arm Leadership From Ann Hrivnak to Laurie Eason

After many years of serving as the leader of the Working Arm quilting ministry of the congregation Ann Hrivnak has passed the baton on to one of our newest members, Laurie Eason. Ann and her cadre of quilters have cut and sewn material together to make over 100 quilts a year, every year, for the last couple of decades and more. Now, the time has come to pass the leadership of the group to the next generation of quilting enthusiasts, and Laurie came at just the right time. Laurie Reiter Eason recently joined the congregation after relocating from Arkansas to be closer to her mother, Mary Reiter, and other family members including her brother, Tom, who is also a member at LCOS. Laurie loves to quilt and even works in a store that helps others learn to do the same. She is enthusiastic about her new role in the church and is even willing to drive the church van to New Windsor, MD with any of the women available to deliver the quilts that have accumulated over the past year. Hopefully, they might be able to stop at the Inner Harbor of Baltimore to see the brick that has been provided in their honor by June Telaar, another past leader of the Working Arm, and enjoy a nice lunch on the waterfront.

Welcome Laurie and many, many thanks Ann for the service you provide in making quilts for those who are



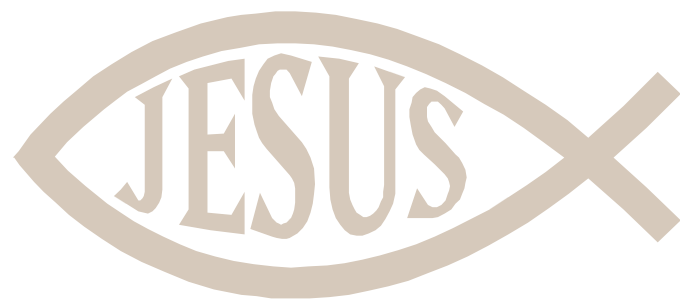
God Bless LCOS Angels

Advent Giving Tree Update

"I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least of these, you did it for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Once again the people of Our Savior have put the Gospel into action with their generosity. A tremendous thank you and well done from the Social Ministry Committee to everyone who took an Advent Giving Tree tag and bought the gifts or donated money to purchase gifts. We started with 252 tags and ended with 214 tags taken and 38 tags left. In addition, \$455 was contributed to the Advent Giving Tree fund to purchase gifts for the remaining tags. Thanks also to Jane Evans, Nancy Gulick, Charles Coleman, Betsy Kuehn, Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw, Tracey DiCrescenzo, Pat Van Cleve, and Ruth Friant for "sitting" with the tree on Sundays during Advent. And a huge thank you to Jane and Jim Evans, Stacey and Eva Shaw, and Ruth Friant for trekking to the church on Sunday, December 20, during the great blizzard of '09 to organize and pack up the gifts. The gifts are given to children, teenagers, young adults, adults and families through the following organizations.

1. **Urban Promise** – provides Christian outreach and education programs for children and youth of Camden.
2. **My Father's House** – a court mandated substance abuse counseling center for male and female teenagers and young adults.
3. **Caring Hearts Ministry** – provides support for individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families.
4. **Pantry Families** – families in our area who are regularly provided with groceries from the LCOS pantry.
5. **Garfield Elementary School, Collingswood** – children of low income, needy families.
6. **Haddonfield Central and Middle Schools** – children of low income, needy families.



Women's Friday Fellowship



Friday, February 19 at 7:30 PM

At the home of Linda Harrington

January Social Ministry News

By Betsy Kuehn

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all for the Holiday Food bags and monetary donations. On Monday November 23rd, 79 Holiday food bags and 15 turkeys were delivered to New Visions in Camden. Each of the 8 Pantry families received holiday food bags and turkeys. A total of 87 bags were collected. We received a total of \$660 in donations for the Holiday Food Drive, plus \$625 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$1285.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who took an Advent Giving Tree tag and bought the gift or donated money to buy the gifts for tags that were not taken. Please see Larry Friant's article for further information.

PANTRY

Help is needed to pack and deliver to our 9 Pantry families, check sign up sheets. Current Pantry needs include meals in a can (ex: Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti), personal items (soap, toothpaste), pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, beans, paper towels, toilet paper, pasta & sauce, canned potatoes, instant mashed potatoes. Thanks to Nancy Gulick & Charlie Coleman for their years in coordinating the Pantry. Dan & Cheryl Cook have agreed to assist with coordinating the Pantry and will be recruiting for others to assist. Pantry families received Holiday Food bags & turkeys for Thanksgiving, \$50 supermarket gift cards for Christmas. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase supplies.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Remember to save your receipts which are needed to receive a supplement from Thrivent under its Care Abounds in Communities program. Ruth Friant is coordinating the meals for My Father's House. She is busy scheduling meals for 2010. Please contact Ruth at 856-429-8018 or friantr@yahoo.com if interested in preparing a meal.

LCOS CARES – BOXES TO BE SENT AGAIN IN FEBRUARY

Social Ministry is coordinating the LCOS Cares ministry. Care packages are sent two times per year (late winter & fall). Send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw at eslohboy@verizon.net. Boxes were available beginning Sunday January 10th, to be returned by February 7th. They will be mailed by the 2nd week in February.

Meeting dates:

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, August, January) at 7pm in Room 112. Upcoming meeting dates are 2/2/10, 3/2/10, 4/6/10, 5/4/10, and 6/1/10.

If you are interested in being part of our committee, please contact me at 856-429-3355 or e-mail me at betsy406@comcast.net.



to the following people for helping with the pantry in December ; **Joan Candia, Charlie Coleman, Kathy Ellis, Nancy Gulick, English Pike, Mary Pat Reiter, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw, Barbara Standke** & seniors for donations.

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

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

January Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Janie Braccio, Jane Evans, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene, Louise Mowrer, and Dottie Powell & Jean Schroder.**

Also those named above along with **Rose Marie Krauss** who helped with the Annual Report.



**Remember Those
in the Military**

In Harm's Way

**Lt. John L. Gaines
Capt. Brian Iarossi,
Jonathan Keck,
Michael Miano**

Keep all who serve our country and preserve our freedoms in your prayers!

12-28-09

Dear Altar Guild & Members of LCOS,
Thanks for the beautiful “Poinsettia” ! It was home when I arrived and how sweet it was for the “Kindergarten Class” to make me a Merry Christmas card. I did feel like a princess! Thank you for your thoughtfulness, it was deeply appreciated.

Gratefully, *Yvonne Schaffer*

December 30, 2009

Dear LCOS,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia which was delivered to me on Sunday.

Also, “thank you” to the kindergarten class for the wonderful Christmas card. It was one of the best cards I received.

Blessings to all, Louise Bader

January 2, 2010

Happy New Year - May it be one of Peace and Contentment for all!

Many thanks to the person who delivered the beautiful “Poinsettia” to our apartment here at Cadbury. We are very sorry that we were not here to see you! Also, and what a wonderful surprise and gift to receive the lovely Christmas card made by the Sunday school. We really treasure them. To Sidney, Kenny & Haley Dietrich, our sincere thank you.

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas.

Love, *Ingrid & George Hagar*

Dear Church Friends,

I want to thank you for sending such a large and full box of goodies to me at college. My friends and I greatly enjoyed the snacks. I appreciate that you remembered me while I am away at school.

Nick Miano

Thank you very much for the Acme gift card and all of your assistance throughout the year. It is very much appreciated. *Kathy & Judy*

To the wonderful People of LCOS,

This gift is in your honor ~ for their future...

You are part of something very special. This life-changing gift, given in your name, will bring joy to a corner of our world that desperately needs to know that others care.

5 Ducks

Five ducks have been given in your name to provide an impoverished family with hundreds of large, protein-rich eggs throughout the year. Extra eggs and hatched ducklings can be sold to pay for other household needs such as healthcare and school tuition, improving children's quality of life and prospects for the future.

Blessings, Joy & Peace, *Janice Bellenghi*



1-7-10

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia. The precious Christmas cards from the Sunday school children were enjoyed.

Our Savior always remembers seniors no longer living in their homes. It means a lot.

Sincerely, *Mary E. Reiter*

Jan 9, 2010,

Dear LCOS,

I was down in Virginia over the holidays with my son and family.

When I arrived home there was a beautiful Poinsettia for me from the church, thank you so much for thinking of me.

Sincerely, *Ruth Balderman*

Altar Guild & Sunday school,

Thank you for the lovely Poinsettia and the Christmas card. A special thank you to Christina of the Kindergarten class for the lovely card.

I hope to meet her some Sunday.

Sincerely, *Eleanor Gaines*

Happy New Year,

We thank you so very much for the pretty Poinsettia, which came to our home on Sunday.

Thank you for remembering us. Have a blessed New Year.

Sincerely, *Gerald & Mary McDaniel*



Dear Cherubs and Parents,
Thank you so much for your generous gift. It was so sweet of you all to think of me. I love having your children. I know we'll continue to sing praises in 2010!

Happy New Year, *Teacher Linda*

Dear Pastor Wayne, Larry & Betsy & Congregation!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you for all the amazing, kind, wonderful, and generous gestures that you have bestowed on us at Urban Promise. We truly can't thank you enough for your support, your help, and your encouragement! Happy New Year to each of you!

Jeri & the Urban Promise Team

Dear Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift that you donated towards my seminary education. It will come to good use for me on my journey here.

Thanks again, Peace, *Jennifer Soltis*

Youth Group Valentine

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New Bible Study

'And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.' (Judges 4:9)

The only woman leader in Judges, Deborah had won unquestioned respect. She sent for Barak to lead the army, but he was unwilling to go into battle without her. Deborah predicted that the real hero of the battle would be a woman.

These 'judges' might be called freedom fighters today. They were renowned not for court cases, but for their military campaigns against foreign invaders. Like all military leaders, they sometimes settled disputes; but the book of Judges is preoccupied not with legal matters, but with people defending their homeland.

Deborah Gideon Jephthah Samson

These are the 4 we will study. Join us on Monday nights at 7:30 PM or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM, beginning February 18-20.

Or read the Book of Judges

Or look for insights and questions on Member Connect

Once again, I am honored to be your discussion guide.

~*Pastor Englehardt*



Treasurer's Outlook

by *Tom Foskett*

Wow, what a year this has been!

Thank you so much for your generous contributions. Despite harsh economic times LCOS overall envelope giving increased in 2009 (\$422K) from 2008 (\$415K). The fall stewardship campaign yielded 125 Estimates of Giving, this is up from 95 in 2008. These estimates help us set the 2010 Spending Plan, and when we do not receive an Estimate from a family the Congregation Resources Committee makes the assumption their giving will be on par with the previous year and possibly a modest increase.

Unfortunately the LCOS expenses continue to increase as well. The three areas where expenses increased include expanding our worship into Saturday night (\$7K), the cost of health benefits for current staff (\$6K), and an upgrade of the mass duplicating equipment (\$4K). These increases in expenses combined with the end of a two-year gift (\$25K per annum), and the loss of key matching funds (\$21K), has really brought some pressure on the 2010 Spending Plan. If you are fortunate enough to attend the Annual Meeting, you will see that the Spending Plan proposed by the council includes a "Faith Factor Challenge" of almost \$57,000. How this Challenge will be addressed in 2010 will likely be an important topic of discussion at the Meeting, and I hope you are/were there to contribute your thoughts.

The council is recommending an initial approval of the 2010 Spending Plan at the Annual Meeting and after evaluating the regular offering in the first four months will determine whether a revised Spending Plan needs to be created for congregation approval. If a revision is necessary it will likely include cuts in the Personnel portion of the Plan. Following the Annual Meeting Pastor Wayne Zschech will send a letter to the congregation with the outcome of the meeting and how it will affect our ministry in 2010.

Thanks for taking the time to read this article and please spread the word.

1st Communion Classes Begin February 24 after Lenten Soup Suppers

Sixth grade youth and their parents are invited to participate in a five-week preparation class for receiving their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, April 1. The classes will be held each week on Wednesdays in Lent from 6:15 to 7:00 following the Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30, beginning February 24. Both sixth grade youth and their parent(s) will gather in Room 112 after the meal for classes that will cover the basic understanding of what Holy Communion is and its meaning in the life of a Christian disciple. Parents who intend to have their child participate need to contact the church office or email Pastor Wayne who will be leading the class. If you have additional questions you may contact Pastor Wayne at your convenience either by phone or email (contact information is on the inside cover).



“It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of

Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
(Matthew 20:26-28)

Supporting God’s work accomplished through the Church at large – envelopes for this 2009 Mission Support were provided at LCOS on Jan 10; Care Packages to college students and military personnel; restocking the Food Pantry which had been fairly full as recently as Thanksgiving; continuing to support our missionaries, David and Kathryn and their children Emily and Matthew, who will be here with us on Friday night, Feb. 5; and now the disaster in Haiti.

Doesn’t it ever stop? After all, we just got through Christmas. NO, for God’s children, there are always opportunities for personal sacrifice, and that includes giving of our financial resources. It’s hard to do that sometimes! It either means giving up some things we don’t really want to live without, or even making some adjustments to our lifestyle, neither of which are very appealing.

Jesus never stopped giving during his three years of earthly ministry, reaching out in every way he could to the needs he encountered. And then there was his ultimate gift of himself on Good Friday, which fortunately, we can’t, nor do we need to try to imitate. But we are called to carry our own cross daily, and that includes the kinds of responses listed above. Pray that God will guide you into making the kinds of giving decisions that will benefit others.

Gifts to Haiti can be done online at www.ELCA.org/haiteatrthquake or by calling 800-638-3522, or by using the Bulletin insert made available on Sunday, January 17. Remember that 100% of donations through our church will be used for relief efforts in Haiti.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1 for every \$2 at a maximum of \$250/member donation; donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010. You may donate through Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org/giving or the ELCA site mentioned above.

If you are a Thrivent member go to www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or call 800-597-5972 or 800-236-3736. The needs will be ongoing, so giving doesn’t have to be done hastily.

~Pastor Englehardt

Wednesday nights in Lent

Sanctified Living: Living as Spirit-led and not just Law-abiding Christians is our Midweek Lenten theme. It’s usually easier to live in a black and white world where choosing what is right is clearer. But even then our sinfulness gets in the way: we roll through stop signs; talk or text on our phones while driving; and drive above the speed limit (sometimes well above!).

God wants us to be Spirit-led, guided by the gift of unselfish love, which is not always easy to discern. Being Spirit-led also means being Spirit-filled (think of Jesus’ parable of the vine and the branches; being linked into a close relationship with God).

In Ephesians 5 Paul says: ‘For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord... Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.’

It’s not just about knowledge, knowing what to do; come and join us to find out what it means to be a sanctified child of God.

On Wednesday nights in Lent (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24) the schedule is as follows: 5:30 Lenten Soup Dinner (including hot dogs or similar child-appealing choice); 6:15 – 7:00 PM Lenten program with children and adults learning in separate areas while Pastor Wayne is giving First Communion instruction to 6th Graders; child care will be provided – help is needed.

The soup dinners (which include rolls, hot dogs, chips, and beverages) will be coordinated by team leaders. If you would be willing to help team leaders to provide this supper, contact Pastor Englehardt (gebirder@hotmail.com).



Faces of LCOS New Cooks Preparing Meals For Our Savior Pantry

The Pantry is one of the most essential Social Ministries provided by LCOS. Physically, it is a large walk-in closet with shelves and a refrigerator in the Parish Hall. Spiritually, every other week it provides food and necessities for nine area families to sustain themselves. Foods and monetary contributions are donated throughout the year by our members. The foods are stocked on the Pantry shelves, and the monetary contributions enable us to shop to supplement certain needs that are not donated.

Each week, bags are packed and delivered each Wednesday, to four families one week and to the other five families the following Wednesday. For several years, Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman organized the packing and delivering for the Pantry, doing it themselves when no one volunteered.

When Nancy and Charlie announced that they were “retiring” from the Pantry Ministry beginning in 2010, the search for replacements ensued. LCOS now has new Cooks in the Pantry – Dan and wife Cheryl ‘Cook’.

“We joined (Our Savior) last February,” said Dan. “We never really worshipped anywhere on a consistent basis – we never really liked any one church. Linda Powell was our son’s (Daniel) kindergarten teacher at Haddonfield Friends and told us about Our Savior.

“We came here and it was very uplifting,” Dan continued. “The members were friendly, engaging. Pastor Wayne had great sermons. The church community just embraced us.” The Cooks live in Cherry Hill. Dan is employed at Mission Solutions Engineering in Moorestown and Cheryl at Bed, Bath and Beyond at Echelon. “I delivered to the families once, and I donated vegetables that I grew in my garden,” Cheryl said of their previous involvement with the Pantry Ministry. “When we heard Nancy and Charlie were giving it up, we agreed to help and hopefully it will be on a quarterly basis and that we will be able to get other members involved.

“Deliveries are made on Wednesdays, at your convenience,” she added. “Some are in Haddonfield, some in Cherry Hill, one in Oaklyn. Some have three kids, some have four kids, one man lives alone. Portions are based on the families’ needs. We supplement for a couple meals – pasta, sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit. There was hardly any food in the Pantry when we took over, but it is getting stocked now,” Cheryl continued. “The food just appears. There are monetary donations to the church that allow us to shop for other items we need.”

Items currently needed most for the Pantry are meals in a can (Spaghetti-Os, ravioli, beef stew, etc.), pasta, sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, beans, paper towels, toilet tissue, toothpaste, and soap.

“I come to church every Thursday for Adult Bell Choir practice and can get things together then,” Cheryl said. “We have sign-up sheets for packing and delivering, and we are hoping to get our Youth Group or some high school students looking to do community service projects to stock the shelves.”

The Cooks have stepped up to keep the Pantry Ministry going for the next three months. They are praying other members will follow their lead.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7 in Narthex after Worship

Every year one of the fundraisers the Senior High Youth Group sponsor is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday to help feed the hungry and homeless. In comparison to the smorgasbord of food some will have spread out on Super Bowl Sunday there are those in our country who will be thankful for a simple bowl of soup. You can help make that a reality. Two soup kettles will be put out with the emblem of each team playing in the Super Bowl on their own kettle. Despite what the outcome of the game later on may be those in worship can determine who “wins” the Souper Bowl by placing donations for one of the two teams in their respective kettle. The kettle with the most cash is the Souper Bowl winner.

So whether it’s the Vikings or Saints versus the Colts or Jets playing in Super Bowl XLIV it really doesn’t matter much if you’re hungry and on the street. Help those who are hungry this winter with your participation in the youth’s version of the Souper Bowl of Caring this year as you leave worship. Show your support for those for whom a bowl of soup means a lot more than a football game. In this bowl “game” the real winners are the hungry of our land.

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