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SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION TIME!

September is here, and Sunday School is gearing up for a new year of fun, facts, and faith! All children from age 3 through 6th grade are invited to get share in our “Hands-On Bible” Adventure.
Sign up day is:
September 9 - Rally Sunday
Before Church from 9:30-10:30 AM
or during the 10:30 service.
Questions? Call Bonnie Richards

September Messenger
Time Sensitive Material Enclosed - Mailed on August 30, 2007

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN
SEPT. 9 AT 6 PM

Seventh and eighth grade youth will once again be gathering in the Parish Hall for confirmation Learning Events starting on Sunday, September 9, at 6:00. The ninety-minute classes are led by Pastors Wayne and Englehardt using the Head To the Heart (H2H) materials produced by the good people at Faith Inkubators in Minnesota. Each Learning Event utilizes Power Point slides as well as skits and karaoke style songs to share the Lutheran understanding of Luther’s Small Catechism as well as other principles of the Christian faith. Participants experience a 45 minute presentation and then gather in small groups where an adult Guide facilitates conversation on questions related to the night’s particular theme. This year’s theme cover the Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer as well as an overnight confirmation retreat in November that will focus on stewardship of one’s time, talent and treasure. A Play or Serve Event occurs once a month that oftentimes is related to a recent theme. Then, once a month, the youth have off while the Guides and pastors gather for a Huddle to discover what’s going well, not so well, and what can be done better as well as get to know and support each other better in their personal journey of faith.

But the shaping and molding of a Christian disciple doesn’t end there. Last year a “yearbook” was made available to all participants that not only included a synopsis of each theme covered (and many that time would not allow), but also an opportunity for parents to “huddle” with their child each night. In between the themes’ pages are two weeks worth of scripture passages and a blessing for parents and confirmand to share with each other. It’s called the Faith Five and starts with sharing highs and lows of the day with each other, then reading the scripture passage and then discerning how it might relate to their highs and lows, followed by each person praying for one other, and ending with everyone offering a blessing to each other. With these journals parents truly can become involved more intimately with their child’s faith formation, as well as use them to cover materials missed if their son or daughter is unable to attend the Learning Event on Sunday night. It’s like a “home-school” option for confirmation.

For a detailed schedule of this year’s program and Learn Event topics check out the web page in September under confirmation. For more information on Faith Inkubators and the materials used check out their website (www.faithink.com).

RALLY SUNDAY JUST
AROUND THE CORNER
September 9

Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 9, and lots preparations are going on! Sunday School has a new exciting Hands-On Bible curriculum, classrooms are being painted, supplies purchased, and teachers recruited! Rally Day will be full of fun and activities.

- Registration for Sunday School will be held during Coffee Hour (9:30-10:30)
- Kids/parents can meet their teachers
- Families will join together in the Sanctuary for Teacher Installation (10:30 AM)
- Teachers will meet from 11:30-12:30 for an overview of the Sunday School year (Lunch Provided)

Mark your calendar. Don’t miss this important Sunday!

YOUTH GROUP
LOCK-IN SEPT. 14

The Youth Group will be having it’s first meeting/Lock-in on September 14th at 7pm. Please come and join the group. All Senior high School youth are welcome to join us for a night of games, planning, pizza, and a night of fun. If you have any questions please contact Kim Anderson.

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.



It's NEVER TOO LATE TO SAY "I'M SORRY"

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

I was a young, new pastor serving my first call in the rural extremes of Montana. Despite being sparsely populated I had a lot of funerals to officiate to the point where I had eleven people to bury in the last ten weeks of 1992. That's a lot of funerals, and as the only pastor for two congregations it meant I didn't always have time to provide post-funeral grief care to parishioners while also meeting with families prior to the next funeral. I remember it was all I could do to keep my head above water in those weeks.

Sometime in March I ran into one of my church elders coming out of the bank. I commented that I had missed him at worship for the past two months and at council meetings, and hoped everything was alright. He shared it wasn't. He said he was upset, and gave me the reason why. While I knew the reason couldn't be the truth, I knew his feelings were genuine. After talking with a friend I realized why. In all the commotion in those last weeks of 1992 I never had a chance to visit with him over the death of his sister. I called and asked if I could visit. After walking past a bull the size of a VW Beetle we talked in the kitchen over hot cocoa. I apologized for not having visited after his sister's death, and asked for his forgiveness. He gave it, but insisted it really had not been a problem. Just the same, he was in worship the next week and regularly thereafter.

I thought about this situation while I was in Chicago at the Worship Jubilee attending a workshop on preaching the new ELW, or preaching in the midst of change. As I listened to the presenter's comments I began to realize I may have made the same mistake like the one so early in my ministry. With all the commotion centered around the arrival of the new ELW, the death of a beloved parishioner and former pastor's wife, Ruth Wisser, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and all that goes with these events, I forgot to pay attention to the grief our congregation would most likely experience as a result of no longer using the familiar Lutheran Book of Worship for a new book that was similar, but not the same. I should have spent some time working with you, my brothers and sisters at Our Savior, to better prepare for the heartache, and even grief, of moving to a new worship book. I am sorry. I hope you can forgive me.

Trusting that we are people who live out our faith in the resurrection I pray you will join me later this month in formally saying good-bye to our old LBW books and participate in a dedication of our new ELW books. After that service the old LBW books will be on display so members who purchased one in memory or honor of a loved one might find it and keep it for sentimental reasons. Those LBW books that are still in good condition will be boxed up and distributed to congregations that are not ready to purchase new ELW books but in need or LBW books in better condition. Also, I will begin to write articles about our worship liturgy in the monthly newsletter to explain why certain changes were made, but also why we do what we do to begin with. Much of the liturgy we use is scriptural in origin and dates all the way back to the early Church's worship practices. Some of the changes made in the ELW were intentional to reflect those ancient practices while others were made to reflect current styles of music. And for those who'd like to talk more about the wonderful new resource we have in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book you can always invite me over for a cup of cocoa, coffee, or tea. Just remember to leave the bull outside.

MONTHLY MISSION STATEMENT THEME: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior Is...Evangelical

When one hears the word "evangelical" the true meaning and essence of the word is often lost in translation. Too often in our current television driven culture evangelical conjures images of men and women in beautiful suits who lead worship in large theater size churches and proclaim a message that often doesn't sound anything like what one is most likely to hear from the pulpit of the church down the street. Evangelicals are often perceived as conservative, religious right types who come off as opinionated and dictatorial when it comes to how they believe one should live the Christian faith.

So what does it mean that the first word to describe the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior is Evangelical? First off, the word itself comes from the Greek word *euangelion*, which means "good news" and is also where the word "angel" comes from. So to say we are Evangelical Lutherans is to say we are Lutherans who are bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. It is the name Martin Luther used to refer to those congregations that had joined the reformation movement from a law centered Christianity based in trying to save oneself by works or good deeds toward others to a Christianity that centered on the good news that Christ's death was the one and only good work done on our behalf to save us from sin and provide us with a means to receive God's grace of new life on the other side of death.

So when we say our congregation is the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior we are saying something about what we do. We are messengers of the good news. And just as the angels proclaimed the good news of Jesus' birth at Christmas, we proclaim the good news of not only his birth, but his life, death, and resurrection for the sake of the world so we might be saved from our bondage to sin and death and experience the new life the risen Christ offers through the waters of baptism and by faith.

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).

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL TRIP

The First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield is again sponsoring a trip to the 75th Anniversary Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in New York to benefit Interfaith Caregivers. This year the show is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. The cost of the trip is \$99 per person in order to enable families to attend. There will be free time in NYC for lunch on your own and shopping. Please contact Betsy Baumhauer at 856-546-0685 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is October 1st.

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION Scheduled for Tuesday, October 23

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Volunteer drivers are needed to take Interfaith Caregivers clients in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield to their doctor appointments, grocery stores, and other places for which they need transportation.

If you have some time you could donate to help our neighbors who are elderly or disabled, please attend Interfaith Caregivers' one-day training session scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Mabel Kay Hospitality House, 24 Walnut Street (next to the Acme), Haddonfield. For reservations, please call the office at 354-0298.

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.

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.*

ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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**

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Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Nursery Provided 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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Beth Hill, Altar Guild	
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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild:

Lynne Boyle, Kathy Shone, Joan Candia

Counters:

Bob Mirabello, Chuck & June Davis, Carolyn Lichter, Larry & Meggan Myers

September2

Readers: 8-Sue Senatore

10-Deb MacBride (reader), Heather Vaughn, Dale Kredatus (communion assistants)

Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10-Rich Amme & Dave Wyche

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga

10-TBA

September9

Readers: 8-John Oakes 10:30-Bill Wilson

Ushers: 8-TBA 9:15-TBA 10:30-Rich Amme & Dave Wyche

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga

9:15-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

10:30-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

September16

Coffee Hour: Memorial Gifts Board

Readers: 8-Renate Genieser 10:30-Cathe Bare

Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 9:15-TBA 10:30-Rich Amme & Dave Wyche

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga

9:15-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

10:30-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

September23

Coffee Hour: Adult Choir

Readers: 8-Arlene Stolarick 10:30-Beth Hill

Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 9:15-TBA 10:30-Rich Amme & Dave Wyche

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga

9:15-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

10:30-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

September30

Coffee Hour: Social Ministry Committee

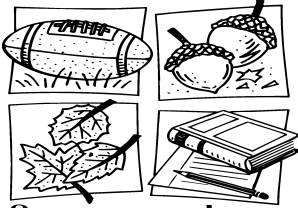
Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 9:15-TBA 10:30-Rich Amme & Dave Wyche

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga

9:15-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

10:30-TBA - Any available acolytes please lend a hand.

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September

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Sun	2	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Wedding, 7 PM
Mon	3	Labor Day, Church Office Closed
Tues	4	Social Ministry, 7 PM Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
Thurs	6	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sun	9	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Rally Day! Teacher's Installation SCS Registration, 9:30-10:30 AM Teacher's Lunch/Training, noon Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM
Mon	10	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	11	Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	12	Children's Choir, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Children's Bells, 5 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	13	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Bells, 7 PM Adult Choir, 8 PM
Fri	14	Senior High Youth Lock-in, 7 PM
Sun	16	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Blessing of Confirmands, 10:30 AM Confirmation Serve Event, 6 PM
Mon	17	Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	19	Children's Choir, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Children's Bells, 5 PM Children's Church, 7 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	20	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Bells, 7 PM Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sun	23	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM King Tut Trip Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM
Mon	24	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	25	Senior Game Day, noon
Wed	26	Children's Choir, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Children's Bells, 5 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	27	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Bells, 7 PM Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sun	30	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Come ringers, come singers, 'tis time to begin . . .

Just come to the choir room and please, do walk in!
The new year is starting, we've got lots to do -
I'm sure there's a choir that's suited for you!
We've ringers and singers for folks of all ages,
But it's all volunteer, so there will be no wages.
There is, as we see it, a much greater reward,
For we're ringing and singing to honor our Lord!

Start-up rehearsal schedule:

Adult Singing Choir - Thurs., Sept. 6, 8 PM

Children's Choir - Wed., Sept. 12, 4:15 PM

Cherub Choir - Wed., Sept. 12, 4:30 PM

Children's Bells - Wed., Sept. 12, 5:00 PM

Youth Bells - Wed., Sept. 12, 7 PM

Youth Choir - Wed., Sept. 12, 8 PM

Adult Bells - Thurs., Sept. 13, 7 PM

So come join us this year, you will find it fulfilling
To make music with others who are ever so willing!

NEW CURRICULUM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hands-On Bible is an adventure of fun, facts and faith. Research indicates that when children are physically and emotionally involved in the learning process, they learn and retain more. Jesus used those same principles as he involved his disciples in learning experiences and interactive discussions.

The approach of this curriculum is to zero in on one Bible principle per lesson and bring it home to kid in several different ways. The Learning Lab gives kids a chance to see, feel, hear, taste and smell making connections to the stories and reaching kids with different learning styles. Games, crafts, and activities reinforce the Bible principles, making learning fun and memorable.

All kids, from 3 years old up to 6th grade and their teachers are sure to have a memorable Sunday School experience.

If you are interested in becoming part of this adventure, call Bonnie Richards, as there are still a few spots open for teachers.

Is GOD CALLING YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

When our congregation is polled on what is important to a rich church life, Sunday School is always near the top of the list. We recognize that it is critical to our growth as a community of faith that we share that faith with children. Traditionally here at LCOS, we have always invested in our Sunday School.

Sunday School in a multi-faceted Ministry that involves many people of many talents.

Teaching is just one of the opportunities available to support Sunday School. Perhaps you enjoy sharing crafts, ordering supplies, writing newsletters or articles for the Messenger, working with music, developing service projects, helping build bulletin boards, playing games, taking photos, or any of the other numerous activities that make up Sunday School.

We can all experience the joy of sharing out faith in Jesus Christ with the wide open wonder of children. Those children have a lot to share with us. Come and experience God's love.

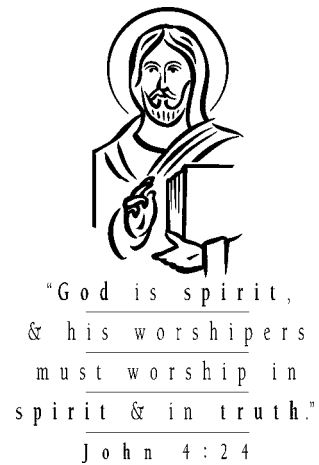
For more information or to volunteer, call Bonnie Richards.

HANDYMEN'S GROUP Returns to work Sept. 6

At 8:30 AM, Thursday, September 6, 2007 the Thursday Morning Handymen's Group will re-start operations.l Anyone noticing repairs to be made, please contact Frank Genieser, Linda Harrington, or Don Wallace so that we can make them as soon as possible. The Church property is in fine condition and we want to keep it that way. Thank you. If you wish to join this endeavor, please show up at that time. We welcome your help.

New "Master" takes over hedge trimming

Just before the 4th of July, Ethan Quanci trimmed the hedge completely by himself, with only supervision from "The Master" [Don Wallace]. He now has complete responsibility for its upkeep and semiannual trimming. It still looks good here in late August. "The Master" has retired!



CHICAGO WORSHIP JUBILEE WELL WORTH THE TRIP

With hundreds of Lutherans from around the country gathered at Chicago's Navy Pier the Worship Jubilee was an experience of Lutheran worship par excellence. In addition to participating in the first setting for Holy Communion in the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) we also were able to experience other worship services in the

worship book such as the Service of the Word, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and the late night worship of Compline. And while the six members of Our Savior's worship staff and volunteers enjoyed singing the various hymns, both old and new, the opportunity to sing them at times with women singing one verse and then men the next, sometimes singing the melody and at others in harmony was a joy. Throw in a flute, or violin, or sax, or a few bongo drums or other hand percussion instruments to compliment the piano or organ and the whole group began to wonder, "How would this go over back in Haddonfield?"

There were also a wide variety of workshops to attend. Beth Hill, Altar Guild chair, went to a few that dealt with worship environment and creating a more spiritually inspiring sanctuary in which to experience God. Pastors Wayne and Englehardt attended workshops dealing with preaching in the midst of transition, the life passages services of funeral and marriage, strong presiding with presence, how to integrate the congregation into worship through trained assistants, creating and lifting up the prayers of the people, and using drama in worship. Others attended workshops more specific to choir directors and organists and how to best utilize the new ELW resource.

Those attending the Jubilee plan to share their discoveries and experience of the convention with members of the Worship and Music Committee this month and over the next few meetings given the sheer volume of information. Some of the changes may come sooner than later, especially as the committee focuses on what other settings of the 9:15 worship might become possible given the wider exposure to possibilities of the ELW. Be sure to look in future newsletters for those articles as well as a new column that will begin to highlight different aspects of Lutheran worship and why we do what we do. Many thanks go out to the Memorial Gifts Board and the Altar Guild for their funding support of most of this trip.

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR ELEANOR GAINES RE- TIRES AFTER 30+ YEARS

Acolyte Training Set for 6
PM on Sept 16

After over three decades of training and coordinating the acolyte ministry of worship and music Eleanor Gaines is passing on the baton of leadership to the next generation. "You just can't say No to Mrs. Gaines", many youth have been heard to say over the years. Even college students were known to don the maroon robes when in town at worship if Eleanor was in need of one or two more due to no-shows. Her smile and infectious little laugh will certainly be missed on Sunday mornings back in the choir room robing area prior to the late worship, and her dedication and diligence to detail will make it difficult to find a new volunteer with the same passion and zeal. Then again, Our Savior was blessed with Eleanor after Dr. Meyers left his high standard mark on the post before her. The Spirit is sure to call someone just as committed.

In the meantime, those participating in the confirmation ministry program are expected to attend the acolyte training class and ice cream sundae social on Sunday, September 16, at 6:00. High school youth who are planning to continue serving as acolytes are also encouraged to attend to insure continuity and constancy of acolyte responsibilities and procedures as well as help new acolytes learn the "ropes", so to speak. This will be an important training class as it transitions from one era of leadership to the next. Those attending will learn the basic responsibilities expected of all acolytes as well as practice some of them such as cross bearing and candle lighting. For more details contact Pastor Wayne at the office or by email.

ALTAR GUILD MEMORIALS

Please place ALL Altar Flower Memorials requests and money (\$12) into an envelope into the Altar Guild mailbox or mail them to the church with the 'Attn: Altar Guild' in the address a month before you would like the memorial. This is important so that the memorials are all accounted for and properly written in the bulletins. Neither the church office nor the Altar Guild can accept responsibility for Altar Flower Memorials that are slipped under the office doors or placed on church desks. Please prevent your memorial from getting lost in the shuffle by either placing it directly into the Altar Guild mailbox or mailing it to the church with the 'Attn: Altar Guild' included in the address.

*Thank you and God bless
~Altar Guild*

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For further information or for assistance in establishing a gift, contact George C. Welker, FIC at 856-546-0500.

THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following people for helping out with the pantry in June and July: **Jan Amme, Charlie Coleman, Harringtons, Betsy Kuehn, Noelle Quanci, Mary Pat Reiter, Pat Reiter, Robby Reiter, Juhan Runne, Molly Smith, Ruth Iacona, and Senior Game Day participants** for the 57 items they donated to the pantry this month.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

*Worship at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Nursery provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 10:30 AM*



IN HARM'S WAY

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



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on the Web**

www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org

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

THE PIPELINE

a column for and about older folks...

Hello to all as September brings a new round of activities and Autumn will soon be in the air. Seasons are such a significant part of our lives, especially those who live in the northeast where seasonal changes are vivid in color, dramatic in temperature and touch our lives in every way – hurricanes, sun and rain on NJ farms, fall colors, cold winters, etc. In fact, seasons are often likened to the ages of men – Spring and Summer is youth; Autumn is middle age and Winter is old age. That brings me to an Autumn schedule:

There are few happenings around town that you may want to consider:

1. Sept 21 and 22 – The “Women of the Well”, a group of women from Christ the King parish in Haddonfield, is inviting all women to a spiritual evening and morning to look at how small kindnesses lead to great miracles. It will not be doctrinaire or specifically religious, but a gentle program of music and talking that lets all women look at their own lives and the kindnesses that have touched them. Relaxing & ecumenical - consider coming – I will be involved and would be glad to see you there. Dates: 9/21(7-9pm); 9/22 (9-11am). Come to one/both.
2. Thursday Oct 4 – Caregiver Conference – “Caring for Aging Loved Ones”- at the Holiday Inn in Runnemede – a very interesting and informative evening learning about county and other resources available to caregivers in Camden County. No cost; food will be offered; very low key; a variety of professionals on the panel. Provided by the Camden County Freeholders and CC Division of Senior and Disabled Services.

Remember, if you are a Caregiver, you need to develop time and strategies to care for yourself. The following ideas may ring true for you:

1. Pull in others to help – caregivers often go it alone – consider calling a sibling and sharing the dilemma and the care issues.
2. Respite Care – there is a Statewide Respite Care Program in the county managed by Senior Citizens United Community Services – call the respite Coordinator at 456-1121 and learn if you qualify.
3. Many nursing and assisted living facilities offer Respite to families for a short stay. See the phone book and give them a call.
4. Consider hiring in-home help. This may be a huge break for a Caregiver. The cost is prohibitive to some. There are many home health agencies (see yellow pages under same) with excellent health services. Try this for a break.
5. Adult Medical Day Care offers a day care setting with nurses, activity aides, social workers, lunch, snacks and an active day. Many are listed in the yellow pages; consider calling PROMISE Medical Day Services (856- 751-4884). Caregivers can utilize these facilities while they attend work.

~Lorraine Miano (mailbox in hallway if you have ideas for me). Thank-you.

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** at 429-5122, or speak to any of the LCOS Diakonia Graduates: **Jacqueline Dennis, Deb MacBride, Ed Nace, Susan Underwood.**

JUNE DAY

Social Ministry is happy to report that a total donation of \$1000.00 was sent on behalf of LCOS as our contribution to June Day at the Moorestown Home. This was made possible in part from the offering of the Community Christian Choir offering of May 5 which was \$585.40. Social Ministry made up the remaining \$414.51 to make a total of \$1000.00. A letter was sent on behalf of LCOS to the Community Christian Choir thanking them for this generous donation. The donation was sent in lieu of LCOS participating in the flea market sale in which we have previously participated. Thrivent Financial was to send the Home a percentage of total funds raised for the day.

LCOS CARES

Social Ministry is sponsoring our second fund raiser under Care in Congregations. The fund raiser will benefit our activity of sending care packages to our college students and members of the US Armed Forces who are in harm's way. This activity will begin Sunday, September 2, and will end Sunday, October 7 giving the members of our congregation a little extra time to make their donation. Donation envelopes will be placed in the Narthex and on the tables in the front and back of our church. We have in the past had very positive feedback from our college students and their parents regarding this activity. We will be doing three mailings during the upcoming school year, the first to be sent in October. We need to know names and addresses of any and all college students of our congregation. If you know of or are a student away from home please phone either Heather Vaughn or Jan Amme. This activity is the best way we have of keeping LCOS in the minds of our college students. Thrivent Financial will supplement all donations up to \$600.00.

THRIVENT NEWS

So far this year we have completed our first activity, a fund raiser for Bosnia. This was completed the first part of June and helped Ed Nace with his trip to Bosnia as a member of the International Service Team. The congregation raised \$796.00 and we were given \$500.00 from Thrivent Financial in matching funds. Our second activity, care packages, will begin in September, and our third activity will be the Holiday Food Drive, late October into November. These three will be the total activities under Care in Congregations. The other program from Thrivent Financial in which we are involved in My Father’s House, a hands on activity under Care Abounds in Communities. We are hoping to receive from Chapter \$1000.00 supplemental funding. So far this year we have meal planners up to the end of December and more people are signing on periodically. We can always use more help, so if you would like to join in this wonderful activity please contact Maureen Bell, Jan Amme, or Betsy Kuehn, your Thrivent Coordinators.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOW GATHERS IN WORSHIP BEFORE CLASSES

When did you first learn how to worship God? When did the liturgy of the church become so familiar to you that you could say or sing it without even looking at the words in the book? When did the hymns of the church, other than the ones sung at Christmas or Easter, become familiar favorites in your life? For many people of faith, it is the songs of our childhood that are most times the most memorable and meaningful to us throughout our adult lives. It is our childhood memories of worshipping next to our parents that stay with us when we either go off to college or one day become parents ourselves with children of our own.

Lutherans believe children ought to be in worship. In our baptism service parents promise with respect to their children that they will “live with them among God’s faithful people and bring them to the word of God and the holy supper.” This is worship. And so along with the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and Commandments parents are responsible for teaching and modeling for their children how Christians worship God in Christ.

Yet, at Our Savior this has been a challenging responsibility to accomplish. Most families with children age three through grade six attend the late service where parents participate in worship while their children attend Sunday school, which seems practical. However, this means the children of our congregation from age 3 to 11 rarely have the opportunity to worship with their families except during the summer months and subsequently are hindered from learning how to worship. More challenging still, once in seventh grade, when youth can begin to worship regularly since there are no Sunday school classes offered, they are required as a part of the confirmation ministry to periodically serve as acolytes or assistants at the altar.

Recognizing this challenge the Christian Education committee has encouraged a change with respect to the opening previously held before the start of classes in the Parish Hall. Just as the baptized community assembles during the “Gathering” portion of worship could not all the children and youth who participate in Sunday school do the same? After some discussion with the pastoral staff, who have been concerned over the same issue, a new practice will be explored this year to provide children and youth an opportunity to experience and participate in worship while also providing a time for exploring God’s word in Sunday school.

Starting on Rally Sunday, September 9, all children will gather with their parents and family for worship in the sanctuary. They will participate in the Gathering portion of worship that includes the confession, gathering hymn, greeting, the Kyrie and hymn of praise when included, and ends with the prayer of the day. On the first Sundays of the month, when the “Meal” is a part of the service, Sunday school age children will be dismissed to their classrooms with teachers meeting them in designated areas of the narthex and education wing hallway. On non-communion Sundays either the Cherub Choir or Children’s Choir will offer an anthem after the Prayer of the Day before all children are dismissed. On the third Sunday of the month children will be invited forward for a brief children’s message before being dismissed. The message will either focus on explaining why we do what we do in worship or on a theme they are learning about in their classes that also fit with the lessons for that day.

This transition has multiple benefits. Parents no longer need to scramble to drop off children at their classroom or Parish Hall before gathering for worship. Families gather together with the whole assembly right from the start. Children also begin to learn part of the liturgy and begin to realize and accept that worship is what the whole family does and not just something done by mom and dad and other adults. It also makes a distinction when it comes to the “Word” portion of worship. Children are dismissed to discover and explore God’s word in the context of Sunday school while older youth and adults do so through the readings, sermon, and prayers of worship.

While this transition is sure to have some rough spots in the first weeks it is hoped the congregation will be patient and enthusiastic for the opportunity for our children to learn and participate in the joy of worshipping God. If you have any suggestions with how this change might be facilitated more easily please do not hesitate to contact either Pastor Wayne Zschech or Deb MacBride, chair of Christian Education. In the meantime, may God continue to bless the worship and ministry of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.



REFLECTIONS ON THE YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

by Noelle Quanci

For the first week of my summer vacation I joined my church youth group and our pastor, Wayne Zschech from Our Savior Lutheran, for it’s first mission trip working with Habitat For Humanity in NC . For me this experience was not really a trip or vacation, it was a learning opportunity and a chance to expand my horizons. Habitat for Humanity Goldsboro-Wayne is an organization that is committed to building affordable housing for low-income families in Wayne County, NC. So far this branch of Habitat has completed 20 houses. Habitat is committed to partnering with volunteers, homeowners, businesses, organizations and donors from all over. Now it was our turn to join in the effort.

We worked on two different houses. The jobs that needed to be done were painting interior walls, installing vinyl siding and shingling the roof. Everyone had a job and everyone became a master at their task. I worked mostly on the roof. After spending the first days learning the fundamentals of the hammer I became quite good at nailing down roof tiles. The work was fun because the whole time we talked and entertained each other with song and jokes. The thought that our hard work in the 97 degree NC temperatures would make a home a reality for families in need sustained us as well.

But it wasn’t all work. We had some time for fun activities. Such as bowling, going to the movies, and miniature golfing.

We met so many different and unique people on the sight and became good friends with many of them. Everyone was so friendly and enthusiastic, you couldn’t help but admire them and learn from them. In one short week I believe I made friendships that will last. I was very sad to be leaving. Tears were part of our morning departure just one week after we had arrived. I considered trying to figure out how I could stay for more time, but as always, all good things must come to an end. I decided that I would put my energies into sharing my experiences with the rest of the youth group and other friends of mine so they would consider joining our group or any other mission trip next year.

I learned about the people in my youth group, about how good it feels to help people in need, and especially how to work as part of a team. I stretched my capacity to care for and understand people. Everyone who is able to go on this trip or one like it should. You’ll meet lots of new people. You’ll get to know your youth group and congregation a lot better. And you’ll have a great time. I can guarantee it.

STORIES ABOUT THE BEGINNING

Join us for a 6 week Bible Study beginning the week of October 8 on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings as we look at the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis. There are really two creation stories, and we will be considering such concepts as "intelligent design," evolution, and *creatio ex nihilo*, the idea of creating something out of nothing, as we look carefully at the words of the Hebrew authors.



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Dear Mrs. Gaines:
Thank you for the Robinson and Gaines Acolyte Award, the lovely plaque, the marble pen set, and the generous \$250 check. I like to acolyte at LCOS.

Sincerely,
Rob LaBarge

To the members of LCOS:
We just wanted to express our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful bi-weekly donations of food. We have been through some hard times and without help from your church, I just don't know what we would have done. This has truly helped ease our burden and we feel truly blessed by your church. May God bless you as you have blessed us.

Sincerely,
The Cunningham Family
(Pantry Recipients)