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#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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#### **Newcomer Orientation**

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

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

### APRIL DECLARED "MINUTE FOR MISSION" MONTH

Whether it's an Agape concert to benefit the Synod Mission Trip to Bosnia, sponsoring our youth in the 30 Hour Famine, hosting the Community Christian Choir concert with proceeds benefiting a local charity, a senior high Summer Mission Trip orientation meeting, a Sunday that highlights the camping ministry of Crossroads Camp, or a Volunteer Appreciation Sunday and Time and Talent Fair the month of April will be a month highly focused on mission and ministry. Therefore, in order to keep our focus on Christ's Great Commission of mission to "Go and make disciples" The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will provide a "Minute for Mission" prior to receiving the offering each week in worship during the month of April.

By providing a Minute For Mission each week the worship staff and leadership hope to keep the congregation connected to not only the mission and ministry of our congregation, but also the work of the larger Church. By providing it prior to receiving the offering it will insure that any who may have come late will hear what is new, vibrant, and exciting within the mission and ministry of Our Savior, the New Jersey Synod, and the ELCA, as well as make the connection that what a congregation places in the offering plate is for God's work in the world through the local congregation. Listen to what God is doing through our congregation and church.

### Go For Baroque! Adult Choir Concert April 22

On Sunday, April 22nd at 7:30, the LCOS Adult Choir, plus guests, will be performing the beautiful Vivaldi **Gloria**, in concert. Antonio Vivaldi was a prolific composer from the Baroque era. **Gloria** has been one of his most frequently performed choral works, and includes orchestra and soloists. Also included on the program will be the beautiful Randall Thompson **Have Ye Not Known, Have Ye Not Seen.** So plan on coming out to enjoy a Spring evening of music with your LCOS Choir. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken.

## HIP HOP DAVE SCHERER OF AGAPE TO LEAD WORSHIP APRIL 22

While the youth of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior may have enjoyed the vocal sounds and testimony of Dave Scherer on Friday night, April 20, in East Windsor, the rest of our congregation will have a similar opportunity on Sunday morning, April 22. Dave Scherer, a Christian hip-hop artist who brings a new and fresh presentation of the gospel with the sound of today's youth. His "Jump Service" has been highly praised by many congregations, and Our Savior hopes to be able to say the same as Scherer will lead all three worship services on Sunday morning with Pastor's Wayne and Englehardt assisting.

Following the service the congregation will have an opportunity to take the sounds of the worship home with them if they choose to purchase one of the various CD's available for sale in the narthex after each of the worship services. If you'd like to experience the sounds of Agape and Dave Scherer before Sunday as well as support the New Jersey Synod Mission Trip to Bosnia this summer you're invited to attend the concert being held in East Windsor on Friday, April 20.

## Spring Nature Walk at THE Cove Saturday, April 14

Let me share with you my love of birds and the outdoors at a morning walk at the nearby Palmyra Nature Cove. Meeting at the Church at 8 AM, you may join us for a late morning picnic lunch (please supply your own food and drink) following the walk, or return midmorning. Contact Pastor Englehardt for details.

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.

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# Two New Men's Bible Studies Introduced; "Diner Doctrine" & "Theology on Tap" By Pastor Wayne Zschech

There's no doubt about it. The church has historically provided opportunities for women to explore and deepen their faith as well as develop Christian friendships within the congregation. Be it the Women's Faith Circle, Mother's Morning Out, or the Working Arm of quilters the church has historically seemed to have more chances for women to deepen their faith among each other. And as a result, the congregations have been blessed by their collective ministry and strong faith expressed in witness and service.

But what about the men of a congregation? Don't their spirits need the benefit of deepening of faith through the life long learning afforded through study of scripture and theology? Don't they need to develop deeper relationships in Christ through fellowship with other men? As I look back on the people who made a difference in my faith life growing up I realize now how influential my father was. Despite his gruffness of demeanor, he had a deep commitment to serving God with respect and integrity of faith. Yet, other than a Lutheran Brotherhood men's group there were really no opportunities for my father to deepen his own understanding of faith and debate his understanding with other men.

I believe men long for an opportunity to discuss the truth of the Bible and its application to our daily lives as women. I also believe that in our culture it is often more difficult for men to find the time to get together on a regular basis for either education or fellowship events. It seems the only times men really have is before work or after the children are getting ready for bed.

For this reason I will begin a new Bible or book studies focusing on faith in daily life offered at two different times. Diner Doctrine will initially be offered fourth Wednesday morning of the month from 7:00-8:30 AM at the Crystal Lake Diner on Cuthbert Blvd. near MacArthur Blvd. Theology on Tap will be offered the following day (Thursday) from 8:00-9:30 PM at RMac's on Crystal Lake Avenue. Each meeting will concentrate on men's issues and what and how our faith speaks to those issues. There will be a sign up clearly posted in the narthex area, or men are invited to contact me by phone or email if you plan to attend so sufficient seating can be arranged. I hope to see you there.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM REPLACES CONFESSION DURING EASTER SEASON

"Confession is good for the soul." It's a saying that many a parent and police detective have used to encourage children and criminals to own up to their misdeeds. But Martin Luther would have also agreed, as for Luther, confession was one way to experience the benefits of baptism all over again. Through confession and forgiveness of sins the Christian experiences both the death of the sinful being and the new life offered with God's words of forgiveness. So each time the Christian community gathers for worship it begins that assembly around Word and sacrament by returning to the font where forgiveness is first offered with the Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness.

However, during the season of Easter, the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book offers an alternative to the Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness; the Thanksgiving for Baptism. After being removed from the worship space during the Lent the baptismal font returns to the chancel area and is filled with water. This provides a strong symbol of the importance of this sacrament, especially since there will be a few baptisms during this season. The words used at baptism may be used to begin the order followed by a visible or audible sign using the water will follow the thanksgiving by adding water to the font during the prayer of thanksgiving. The gathering song follows, and a sign recalling the gift of baptism may be used during the singing. While some congregations may choose to approach to touch the water in the font, and others may have the minister walk through the assembly sprinkling worshippers with water from the font, Our Savior will provide a more subdued approach.

Rather than introducing too many changes at once the congregation will remain in the pews during the gather song as the choir processes in. However, the font will be placed in the nave just prior to chancel steps so that after the worship service those who wish to touch the water and make the sign of the cross on their forehead where it was once made at their baptism, or across their body. In doing so the assembly will remember that as they are sent out into the world they walk wet with the waters of baptism and the new life of forgiveness it offers to all in the name of Christ.

This addition is a part of the Lutheran church's ongoing renewal of our worship liturgy, the work of the people, and its emphasis on the significance of baptism in the life of a Christian. Worshipers are encouraged to keep this in mind as they contemplate their participation in our experience of worshipping our risen Lord. While this change will only be used during the season of Easter, it is hoped the emphasis of baptism is also remembered when the Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness returns during Pentecost.

### Interfaith Caregivers Training April 24th

Interfaith Caregivers will have a special one-day training session for new volunteers on Tuesday, April 24th, 7-9:30 PM at the Mabel Kay House, 24 Walnut St., Haddonfield. Register now by calling 354-0298.

### Day Trip For 55+ Crowd Thursday, May 17, \$75 covers all

This is a tour of the mural arts in downtown Philadelphia - the same tour taken by Prince Charles and Camilla when recently here. A bus takes you to Philly where you pick up an open air trolley and visit all the murals. These are beautiful paintings on sides of buildings and walls. After the tour, you are whisked to lunch on the Delaware at the Moshulu Restaurant – a ship used as restaurant right on the river.

All is done through the Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield. The Senior Coordinator there, Bob Bowman has graciously invited all seniors to enjoy this trip with his group. He hopes to have two buses going. Interested? Call the Presbyterian Church at 429-1960. Betsy will take your reservation. Trip is Thursday May 17. *The cost is \$75*.

Submitted by Lorraine Miano

### SIMPLY GIVING A Simple Choice - A Generous Re-

### sponse

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, April 24, 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

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Traditional Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Celebration Service 9:15 AM
Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School at 10:30 AM

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Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
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Linda Powell Cherub Choir
Bob Knight, Custodian
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Eleanor Gaines, Acolytes
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

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April Worship Leaders	Sun	1	Palm Sunday Worship 8, 9:30 & 11 AM Saving Jesus, Adult Forum 9 AM
Altar Guild: Eva Shaw, Jane Evans, Shirley Webb			Confirmation Play/Serve, 6 PM 1st Communion Class, 6 PM
Counters: Bob Mirabello, Karl Schneider,	Mon	2	Mother's Group, 10 AM
Alix & Eric Jones, Paul Marraffa, Kathy Sibley			Prayer Group, 7 PM
	Tues	3	Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM Lenten Service/Grace
April 1 - Palm Sunday Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM	Tues	J	Episcopal, 12:05 PM
No Coffee Hour			Social Ministry, 7 PM
Palm Sunday Readers  No. 10 Palm Sunday Readers	Wed	4	Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
<u>Ushers:</u> 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:30-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin 11-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett	wea	4	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech			No Cherub Choir
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle	/mis	_	Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM
10:30-Greg Beahm, Nicole Fallon, DJ Richards, Erica & Allison Gensel	Thurs	5	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM
10.50-Oreg Dealin, 1 vicole 1 alion, D J deliado, Encace 1 linson Oction			Maundy Thursday Said Svc., noon
April 5 - Maundy Thursday Evening Service at 7:30 PM			Maundy Thursday Svc., 7:30 PM
Acolytes: Katherine Berger, Holly & Kelly Harrington, Julia Gross, Erin Schaffner,	Fri	6	Good Friday Community Svc at
Caite Ebbenga			Haddonfield Methodist, 12-3 PM Tenebrae Service, 7:30 PM
O	Sun	8	Easter Worship, 8, 9:30 & 11 AM
April 6 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM	Mon	9	Easter Monday, Church Office Closed
Acolytes: Andrew Bernard			Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
			Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
April 8 - Easter Sunday Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM	Tues	10	Church Council, 7:30 PM
No Coffee Hour	Wed	11	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Readers: 8-Tom Weber 10:30-TBA	Thurs	12	No Choirs Today Mother's Group, 10 AM
Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:30-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin	THAIS		No Choirs Today
11-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett	Sat	14	Pastor's Nature Walk, 8 AM
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech			Sr. High Youth Goalball Project
9:15-Katherine Berger, Maddie Gralish, Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Kelly & Holly	Sun	15	Fellowship Cocktail Party Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Harrington 10:30-Andrew Bernard, Jon Maniaci, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Kelly Haswell			Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
10.30-7 midlew Definate, John Mannaci, Jackie Sunwen, John Filmerty, Reny i faswen	3.6	4.6	Confirmation Class, 6 PM
April 15	Mon	16	Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon
Coffee Hour: Parents of Children's/Youth Choir Members			Prayer Group, 7 PM
Readers: 8-Arlene Stolarick 10:30-Walt Haswell	****	40	Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin	Wed	18	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM Cherub/Children's Choirs, 4:30/4:14
10:30-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett			Children's Church, 7 PM
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge			Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Mary Pat Reiter, Maddie & Jesse Gralish	Thurs	19	Mother's Group, 10 AM
10:30-DJ Richards, Erin Schaffner, Chris Heinze, Sarah Barrett, Justin DeBerardinis	Sat	21	Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10 AM
			Table Talk Dinners
April 22	Sun	22	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Coffee Hour: Pantry Committee			Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM
Readers: 8-John Wenzel 10:30-Peaches Larro			Adult Choir Concert, 7:30 PM
Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin	Mon	23	Mother's Group, 10 AM
10:30-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett  Acolytege & Coita Ebbarga Advisora Changy Pobart LaBorga			Prayer Group, 7 PM
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge 9:15-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Maddie & Jesse Gralish, Michael Wolf	Tues	24	Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM Senior Game Day, noon
10:30-Greg Beahm, Jon Maniaci, Nicole Fallon, Kelly Haswell, Sarah Barrett	Wed	25	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
10.50 Oleg Dealin, John Manael, Medie Landin, Leny Hasweit, Sarah Dariett			Cherub/Children's Choirs, 4:30/4:14
April 29	Thurs	26	Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM
Coffee Hour: Adult Forum Group	Tituis	20	Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Readers: 8-Frank Senatore 10:30-Glenn Martin	Sat	28	Lg Cong. Mission Init. Mtg. 9 AM-2PM
Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-Bobbi Newsham & Glenn Martin	C	20	Mother/Daughter Luncheon, noon
10:30-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett	Sun	29	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge, Brie Zschech			Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM
9:15-Katherine Berger, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle			Confirmation Class, 6 PM
10:30-Andrew Bernard, Chris Heinze, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Julia Gross	Mon	30	Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM
	1/10/11	30	Prayer Group, 7 PM
			Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP ATTEND WORSHIP BOOK WORKSHOP

On Saturday, February 24, Pastors Wayne and Englehardt along with church secretary Monica Ebbenga and Music Director, Pat Green, attended a special workshop on the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book recently made available last fall. The Lutheran Church of Our Savior now uses the ELW for its worship services, and plans to have a special dedication of the books in the near future. However, like when you buy a new car, we know how to "insert the key and drive it" but we still need to explore all the features that make it such a useful and flexible resource for a variety of worship experiences.

The group was led through all ten of the Holy Communion settings, and they discovered some of them may be an excellent alternative setting for the 9:15 Celebration Service recently redeveloped last fall. It also became clear that in order for worship to be conducive for visitors and newer members Our Savior will most likely need to change our bulletin format. Most likely the bulletin would include more of the liturgy from the ELW in the bulletin rather than forcing worshipers to flip back and forth between the liturgy setting and service music. The challenge will be to do so without increasing our paper usage exorbitantly.

Many of the hymns were also sung, discovering the ethnic diversity of hymns chosen as well as realizing some of the words used in the "old time" hymns have been restored. The first 150 hymns are actually the Psalms that are meant to be sung by the congregation. The next hundred or so are service hymns used in the regular liturgy leaving over six hundred hymns for assembly song.

Finally, the various other worship opportunities that are available were reviewed, including Morning Prayer, Vespers, Compline, and Daily Prayer. Life passage worship services were also explored such as weddings and funerals. In addition to these worship liturgies the new ELW also includes Luther's Small Catechism and a Daily Lectionary for those who desire to read through the Bible in the course of a year. Having now reviewed the new ELW the worship staff is eager to explore how to best implement its use and introduce the changes and additions it offers toward a deeper and more meaningful worship experience.

### BIBLE STUDY ON BOOK OF REVELATION

We continue to meet on Monday nights at 7:30 PM and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. This intriguing book of Scripture raises questions about a great many themes, including: law and gospel; judgment and grace; heaven and hell; Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming – when, why and what; evil and the AntiChrist; is there a recognizable time frame? – what should be our main concern as people of faith?

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 1 with three worship opportunities at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. It is a Sunday that begins with the procession of palms by pastors, acolytes, and choirs but focuses later on the reading of Christ's Passion story from the gospel according to Luke by various voices in the congregation. This year the middle service at 9:30 will continue its celebration "feel" and highlight our youth choir while the first and last worship opportunities will be the classic liturgy.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 5**, worshippers gather at **7:30 PM** to hear the words of absolution pronounced with the additional laying on of hands by the pastors, an ancient tradition of the Church. It also will be a special night for Our Savior's sixth grade youth as they receive their First Holy Communion on the night the Church remembers the institution of our Lord's Supper on the night of his betrayal. The service ends with the stripping of the altar while Psalm 22 is read by the congregation, symbolizing the stripping and suffering Christ endured at the hands of the soldiers on our behalf.

On Good Friday, April 6 from noon to 3 PM at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church worshippers can hear sermon reflections by various local clergy on the seven last words of Christ from the cross as well as musical work that accompanies each word by a consortium of choir members from the community. Later, at 7:30 PM, back at Our Savior, a Tenebrae, or service of shadows, will be held in the sanctuary that also focuses on the cross and passion of Christ as well as a prayerful remembering of the seven last words with the dimming of the sanctuary at the end.

Then on **Easter Sunday, April 8** the Lutheran Church Our Savior will provide three worship opportunities to celebrate our Lord's resurrection at **8:00, 9:30, and 11:00**. Easter lilies will be placed throughout the sanctuary that have been purchased in memory or honor of loved ones to the glory of God to provide the sweet smell of new life for the congregation's celebration of God's victory over sin and death.

Those who wish to experience a deeper meaning of Easter are strongly encouraged to carve out the time to attend as many of these worship opportunities as possible. Your faith will not regret it, and your life will be more richly blessed by it.

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### TAKE A TRIP TO THE THEATRE! LCOS Staff in Current Productions!

#### Organist, Eric Ebbenga, Music Directs "Caroline, or Change"

"Caroline, or Change" opened this past weekend to wonderful reviews....."deeply human," Splendid, "thrillingly unpredictable!" and "top notch," just to quote a few. Leading the cast through it's incredible musical paces is LCOS' own Eric Ebbenga! Be sure to make time to see this wonderful new musical! It is running now through April 8 (possibly extending to April 15) at the Arden Theater in Philadelphia. For more information and tickets call 215-922-1122.

#### Music Director, Pat Green, Stars in "Nunsense"

Beginning on April 20 and running through May 12, the Broadway Theater in Pitman, NJ will be presenting <u>Nunsense</u>. LCOS' Pat Green will be playing the part of the Mother Superior. So, come on out and see how a Methodist girl, who works at a Lutheran church, portrays the part of a Catholic nun! For ticket information call 856-589-9080.



### Cocktail Party April 14 New faces welcomed and encouraged

Peg and Spike Riley will once again host the annual party at their home on Saturday, April 14th at from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Everyone who comes is asked to bring either an hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Please R.S.V.P. by April 10th to Caryl Wallace or Donna Mirabello. Hope to see you there!

## Calling All Seniors to Lunch Tues., April 24, at noon in the Parish Hall

The weather is changing and it's time for a change for you too! Don't sit home on the last Tuesday of the month, come out and enjoy senior game day. There are lots of things to do including bingo, pinochle, and bridge—or bring a new game to try with everyone. Come out and have fun!

Plus, enjoy a wonderful free lunch. Whether you are single, a couple, or one part of a couple this is a great way to see familiar faces and meet new ones. Watch the *Messenger* each month for the date.

Rsvp: Ruth Iacona, Betty Keene, Or Eleanor Gaines (for food and soda)

#### Annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon Sat., April 28th, at noon in

the Parish Hall

Bring your favorite bear to this years "Teddy Bear Picnic" luncheon. Tickets are \$5.00 for girls 10 and under. Over 10 and adult tickets are \$8.00. Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 1st and can be purchased in the church office or thru Caryl Wallace. Caryl will be selling tickets in the narthex on Sundays April 15th and 22nd before and after services. A wonderful luncheon and entertainment have been organized to delight the "little girl" in all of us. Need not have a daughter to attend, all women invited to come and join in on this special annual event!

### Annual Tasting May 5 Beer tasting with Kurt Schiffle

Come out and join in the fun at this once a year event at Janice and Leo Tyrell's home on Saturday, May 5th at 7:30 PM. This year Kurt will speak to us about the different kinds of beer. Reserve your spot (\$15.00 per person) by calling Bobbi Newsham. Never been to a "tasting" before? This is a great way to try one and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Don't forget! Cut this out and post it on your fridge!

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### LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Dear Helen:

Your luncheon at the church on Saturday was a great success. Your careful planning and work, as well as the efforts of your committee members, made this possible.

A special "thank you" to each one of you for creating a pleasant interval with delicious food during a difficult day.

Sincerely, Ruth Diehl

Dear Congregation and Social Committee:

Once again it is time to thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts you have shared with our population of men, women and adolescents this past Christmas, here at My Father's House. Myself and our entire staff with to thank you personally for a Christ-filled Christmas. Your church, your Social Ministry, including all the men and women who so generously feed our kids, are a blessing to us all. Your dedication to preparing meals throughout the year is incredible. We depend on it so, and you never let us down. The food is great, but the smiling faces and filled tummies are even better to behold.

Thank you for continuing to bless us with the love of Christ. Miriam Mundy Broderick, Director My Father's House

Dear Friends:

As I reflect on the blessing of the past year, the greatest one has to be the loyalty and generosity that Caring Hearts continues to enjoy from your loving church community. You did so much in 2006 to help alleviate the struggles of families living with HIV/AIDS.

You provided linens for campers this past summer at Camp Bright Feathers (125 kids enjoyed a carefree week!) Our giveaway parties feature dozens of boxes of wipes and other personal care items courtesy of LCOS. The recent Social Ministry gift of \$300 helped pay the rent for a family so that they could remain in their home. And at Christmas, you sponsored nine children in two families, helping to bring lots of holiday cheer!

It is not just about monetary contributions. The people of your church community generously share their personal talents. I am indebted to Holly Dreher, Jane Evans, Jan Amme, Larry Friant and others who support our mission.

I look forward to the continuation of our partnership and wish everyone at Lutheran Church of Our Savior many blessings in 2007!

Warmly, Ilyse Janove Caring Hearts Ministry

#### IN HARM'S WAY

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

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Super Soupers!! The 5th and 6th grade sunday school class hosted our wednesday lenten supper on March 14. Thank yous to: **Danny Leverick and Bobby Jelonek** plus **Jeanette and Bob** and for helping us prepare the meal for all to share, and to **Brian Gensel and Ethan Quanci** for helping wih kitchen clean-up. Thanks also to teachers **Deb MacBride and Lisa Quanci**.

Thanks to the following pantry volunteers: Sue Ainsworth, Janet Amme, Pat Reiter, Loren Roscoe, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw, Molly Smith, Candy Stauss, Sue Underwood.

March Messenger helpers: Lynne Boyle, Dottie Powell, Eleanor Gaines, Jane Evans, Edith Sweet, Betty Keene.

The bulletin board on the 3rd floor Sunday School corridor has been decorated for Lent by the **5th/6th grade class** to focus on Jesus' symbols to us of his gifts, promise and prescence in our lives.

#### "LCOS CARES" PACK-AGES—Spring Edition!

It's that time again! If you know of a student or someone in the military who would love to receive a care package in April, please share that information with Heather Vaughn. Also needed are items to put in the care packages: snacks and treats, gift cards, notes, etc. . . and of course helpers to pack for mailing! If you have a name and/or can help, please contact Heather. Thanks!



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

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