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May Messenger

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Discovery Canyon VBS Theme - July 27-31

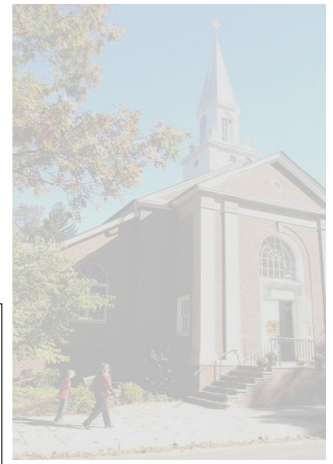
Registrations will soon be available for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Our Savior, July 27-31 from 9:00-12:00 each day. The theme is "Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the World" where children will discover a new "canyon critter" each day who will help them learn the day's lesson. A float in the Fourth of July Parade will once again be planned using the decorations for the church during the week of VBS.

Kim Warren has volunteered to be the new Director for VBS and looks forward to working with both veterans and first-time volunteers as it is sure to be an exciting week. If you want to learn more about what this year's theme check out www.thevbsplace.org and click on "Lutheran" for details. The cost will again be \$15 for the first child and \$10 for every additional sibling and is for children between Age 3 and those who have completed Grade 5. If you want to volunteer for a specific age group or activity, please contact Kim Warren.

May Birthdays



The Parish *Messenger*



May 2009 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ

Summer Worship Changes in 2009

Starting Memorial Day Weekend there will be a number of changes beginning for weekend worship at LCOS.

TIME CHANGE: Beginning the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24, the worship times will change to 8:00 and 10:00 AM and will continue through Labor Day weekend.

STICKY SITUATIONS: For the third year in a row, Pastor Wayne will provide an opportunity for people to explore faith applications to ordinary sticky situations of life. The Power Point led class enjoys both an opportunity to discuss with each other how they'd respond to the sticky situations and some delicious sticky buns every week between 9:15 and 9:45.

WIGGLE WORSHIP: Imagine Children's Church on Sunday morning during the late worship and you have the basic concept of "Wiggle Worship." Squirmy children can make it difficult for parents to listen to Scripture readings and the sermon. As a result, both parents and young children may not benefit from the Word portion of worship. Some parents have indicated this is the reason they rarely attend worship during the summer when there is no Sunday school available during the late worship.

Therefore, during the summer months, Our Savior will provide an opportunity for children between ages 3-8 to engage in "Wiggle Worship" in the assembly area of the third floor, leaving after the Prayer of the Day. Children will sing some songs, listen to one of the lessons and hear a children's sermon during the 25-minute period before re-entering the nave after the offering collection. This practice is similar to the one provided some years ago and hopes to facilitate greater worship by families during the summer months.

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP: The goal of the Worship & Music Committee is to initiate a Saturday night worship experience by the first Saturday in June. The time and format have yet to be determined as they are currently seeking feedback from those who have indicated interest. The time most suggested at this point is 5:00 with a format similar to our current Sunday morning but with a more contemporary tone and feel with respect to music. Once in place, this worship will likely last at least one year and possibly up to three to determine if it is meeting the worship needs of our congregation and mission community. For more information please contact Pastor Wayne or Tom Reiter.

12 to Affirm Baptism at Confirmation

Sunday, May 17

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

As our confirmands prepare for their big day on May 17 at a Pocono retreat two days before Pastor Wayne asks you keep these youth in your prayers as well. May God bless Kyle Carpenter, Emily Donovan, Alex Fabian, Brian Gensel, Joseph Kiernan, Luisa Masclans, Stephen Peterson, Samantha Prepsel, Jeffrey Proko, Robby Reiter, Morgan Sehdev, and Daniel Wolf with a fruitful life and ministry of faith.

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord,
proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs,
and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.*



“Sacred Cows Make Gourmet Burgers”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

I know what you're thinking. “What's he going to change now!” Give me a moment. There's a book on my shelf by Bill Easum entitled, *Sacred Cows Make Gourmet Burgers: ministry anytime anywhere by anyone*. The main thrust of the book is how congregations of the 21st century will be organized as a permission-giving network rather than a bureaucratic hierarchical organization where new ministry only occurs after getting approval from various committees, boards, or leaders in control. Easum writes, “The Body of Christ, like the human body, is a network of a variety of autonomous cells called spiritual gifts. Each gift is autonomous and different, yet functions on behalf of the entire body, not the person with the gift. Individual members of the Body of Christ find their fulfillment, not as their ministry makes them feel good but when their ministry contributes to the health of the Body of Christ.” He then challenges the reader to imagine a human body where all the parts must “get permission” before they can function.

Yet, this is how many perceive ministry happens in the church. Someone wants to start a new ministry to a need in the congregation or community. They have the spiritual gifts, passion, abilities, personality, and experience to get this new ministry up and running. However, before they can begin they have to get approval from the pastor. The pastor tells them they have to get approval from the committee that this new ministry would be affiliated. The chair informs them they need approval from the council, who deliberate it at the next meeting and defer back to the committee to address certain concerns before giving their final approval. By the time the new ministry is finally granted approval under this “sacred cow” system of church bureaucracy the enthusiastic volunteer has heard “No” several times and is no longer excited to start the ministry or has lost the volunteers lined up.

It's time to make gourmet burgers out of that sacred cow and grill it up on the barbeque. Let me be clear. **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a permission-giving network church.** If you have an idea and desire to start a ministry that addresses a need in our congregation or community that fulfills any part of our mission statement you will always hear me say, “Yes, and how can I support you best?” You won't be made to jump through a series of bureaucratic hoops in order to begin a needed ministry providing it does not require non-budgeted funding (and even then funds can be made available through the Memorial Gifts Board). The role of the pastors and ministry leadership will be to provide support and advice so the ministry can best succeed.

Case in point, Kathy Wright asked me if she could start a ministry of providing meals to mothers of newborns. That certainly falls under the “serves human needs” part of our mission statement, so of course I said, “Yes”. She met with Monica to discuss how she might best get the ministry started and within 24 hours Kathy had over eight volunteers and her own Facebook group for Meals for Moms set up. I encourage you to read her article in this newsletter to find out more.

Do you see a ministry need that you have the abilities and passion to address? Does it fit within our Mission Statement? If so, then know the answer to the question, “Can I do this?” is already a resounding YES! Let me know what it is and how staff and leadership can best support you. Until then I pray God continues to bless all that you do in Jesus' name.

Crazy Talk Corner: Worship \WUHR-shihp\ v.

What God does to us when we think we're singing, praying, and listening on Sunday morning.

We know who you are. If you're a male, you're sitting there at 11:50 on Sunday morning thinking, *If I leave right after Holy Communion, I can pick up the kids from the nursery, swing into the convenience store, and I'll still make it home before the first quarter.* If you're a female, you're thinking, *If he looks at his watch one more time, they'll call him Stump for the rest of his life.*

Here's the thing about worship. We think we are the ones doing stuff. We sing, we pray, we kneel and stand, we give, we listen, we talk, we eat and drink, we sleep.

But guess who is really the one doing stuff? God! When we gather weekly in worship, God speaks through the word (which comes to us not just in scripture readings and sermon but in the hymns and liturgy, too). God speaks to us in the visible words of the sacraments. God forgives us through the words of the forgiveness of sins. God *happens to us* in worship.

And then God sends us out to join in God's mission to love, save, and bless the world. The Holy Spirit gathers us around Jesus Christ, speaks to us in the Word of God and the sacraments, and then sends us into the world to continue God's mission. *From Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms* p. 182



Spring Fair

Lutheran Home
255 E. Main Street,
Moorestown, NJ
(On Zelley Avenue)
Saturday May 30, 2009
10 AM - 3 PM

Food, Fun, Books, Plants, Clowns, Balloon Animals,
 Bargains & Entertainment
 "Riverside String Band" & "One Way Express"

Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

NEXT DATE IS:

Tuesday, May 26th,
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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Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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 Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

May Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Carole Hammon, Betty Kuehn, Teresa Vitale

Counters:

May 3

Coffee Hour: Vision Committee

Readers: 8 - C. Monsen 10:30: Pat Hayes

Communion Assistants: 10:30: Charles Coleman, Kim Anderson

Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz 10:30- TBD

Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan, Alex Fabian

10:30 - Chris & Nick Heinze, Emily Donovan,
Sam Lyons, Nicole Fallon

May 10

Coffee Hour: Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Senior High Youth Group

Readers: 8 - B. Neveling 10:30- C. Bogina

Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz 10:30- TBD

Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Morgan Sehdev

10:30 - Karen Graeber, Hayden Remphrey, Andrew Vitale
Holly & Kelly Harrington

May 17

Coffee Hour: Confirmation Reception

Readers: 8- L. Oakes 10:30- Confirmands

Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz 10:30- TBD

Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Stephen Woltz

10:30- Noelle & Ethan Quanci, John Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell,
Michael McLaughlin

May 24

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music

Readers: 8- T. Cheney 10- E. Wisser

Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz 10- TBD

Acolytes: 8- Joseph Kiernan, Alex Fabian, Carri Killian

10- Michael & Dan Wolf, Robby Reiter, Kyle Carpenter,
Stephen Peterson

May 31

Coffee Hour: Suspended until September 13, 2009

Readers: 8- A. Stolarick 10 G. Martin

Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz 10- TBD

Acolytes: 8- Brie Zschech, Stephen Woltz, Carri Killian

10- Kelly & Holly Harrington, Jon Maniaci, Rebecca Windle,
Shelby Cain



MAY 2009

Sun 3 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM, 9:15 AM: New Members, Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship Confirmation Learn 6PM; Youth Group 7PM

Mon 4 Prayer Group 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM

Tues 5 Grief Support, Social Ministry, 7 PM; Executive Committee, 7:30 PM

Wed 6 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 AM; Tai Chi 4 PM Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherub 4:30 PM; Youth 7 PM

Thurs 7 Working Arm 9:30 AM; Children & Adult Bells 7 PM; Adult Choir 8 PM

Sun 10 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM; 9:15 AM: New Members, Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship; 8:30 Pancake Breakfast; 10:30 Mother's Day Musical

Mon 11 Prayer Group 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM

Tues 12 Election Day ~Grief Support 7PM; Church Council 7:30 PM

Wed 13 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 AM; Tai Chi 4 PM Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherub 4:30 PM; Youth 7 PM

Thurs 14 Messenger Deadline! Children & Adult Bells 7 PM; Adult Choir 8 PM

Sun 17 Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Learn 6 PM; Youth Group 7 PM

Mon 18 Prayer Group 7 PM, Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM

Wed 20 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 AM; Tai Chi 4 PM; Children's Church 6 PM

Thurs 21 Children & Adult Bells 7 PM; Adult Choir 8 PM

Sun 24 Worship 8 & 10AM

Mon 25 Church Office Closed; Prayer Group 7 PM

Tues 26 Senior Game Day 12 Noon; Grief support Group 7 PM

Wed 27 Tai Chi 4 PM

Thurs 28 Children & Adult Bells 7 PM; Adult Choir 8 PM

Sat 30 Spaghetti Dinner SMT Fundraiser 5 - 8 PM

Sun 31 Worship 8 & 10AM

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Introducing a New Ministry

Are you expecting or adopting a child? Wondering how you are going to juggle caring for a new baby and providing meals for the rest of your family? We can help you!

Are you a member of the church who is looking for a way to reach out to others in our congregation? Wondering how you could serve your church family when your own life is already so busy? We can help you, too!

In the age-old tradition of women helping women, and of spreading Christ's love through the simple act of sharing a meal, we are pleased to announce the creation of the Meals for Moms Ministry. As any mom, new or not-so-new, will tell you, the time following the arrival of a new baby can be both exhausting and stressful. We hope to give mom a rest and alleviate a bit of this stress by delivering several meals to her home in the weeks following baby's arrival.

If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please contact Kathy Wright. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver a meal to new moms' homes. New moms and almost-moms, we need you too! Email or call Kathy so we can work out your details before baby comes, or soon after.

Highlights...

Conference on Congregational Ministry

On March 27 fourteen members of the Congregation Council attended the synod sponsored Conference on Congregational Ministry held at Steinert High School in Hamilton Square. Dr. Timothy Wengert, professor of Lutheran Confessions at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was the keynote speaker on the topic of the Bible as our book of faith. He emphasized the importance of understanding it is God who has come down to us in Jesus the Christ rather than us trying to get up to God by the works we do. This is the liberating perspective Lutheran interpretation of the Bible offers to a world that continues to save itself by "pulling itself up by its own bootstraps."

Some of the other workshops attended by council members included the following. Pat Haines was astounded by the role the Lutheran Church is playing in achieving peace between Israel and Palestine. Pastor Wayne discovered in another workshop how by creating a sense of community among parishioners both the local church and members have become insulated from being involved with the local and respective neighborhoods. "How can the congregation be more involved in the neighborhood it is located and members more connected to the neighborhoods in which they live?" can be a significant question for Our Savior to address in ministry. Pastor Englehardt discovered 93% of all monetary contributions to ELCA World Hunger go to providing food rather than paying administrative costs. Juhan Runne heard how "the product of what is offered on Sunday morning needs to fit the expectation and need of those likely to attend." Danielle Deery learned about the importance of "gift-oriented ministry," and how identifying the gifts, talents, abilities and passions of those in the congregation can greater assist in matching parishioners and congregants with volunteer opportunities. The Council looks forward to implementing in the coming year what we learned.

Council Retreat

Focuses on Hospitality & Haddon Twp

Having a wonderful time at a dinner party doesn't just happen. It takes planning and intentionality on the part of the hosts and to some degree the guests as well. At their annual retreat, the Congregation Council discussed what they could learn from successful dinner parties they've attended and how that might be applied to ministry at Our Savior. The common thread of all the comments made was that of hospitality, or creating an experience of feeling welcome. A well-maintained and lit exterior and interior along with adequate and clear signs indicating how to get to the various areas are a big help for first time visitors in feeling welcome. Even more so, when a regular member takes the time to welcome the new face and introduce them to others, as well as insure they feel comfortable in following the worship or participating in the event the newcomer feels welcomed. The "Outsiders" are welcomed and included by the "Insiders", and makes a bigger impression on the guest than if the Pastor does the same. Modeling such hospitality will be one of the goals council members will endeavor to provide from now on in the hope it will become contagious for the entire congregation.

The other significant discovery of the retreat was how Haddon Township will now be equal to Haddonfield with respect to providing publicity for upcoming and ongoing events. Haddon Heights, Audubon, Oaklyn, and Cherry Hill each have ELCA congregations in them, and Collingswood has two so Our Savior has refrained from publicizing within those local community papers. However, with there being no ELCA congregation in Haddon Township and our church located within walking distance of the Township it seems only logical Our Savior begin advertising just as heavily in Haddon Township as it does Haddonfield. While neighboring Lutheran churches may also provide ministry to the township it will now become an intentional part of Our Savior's ministry instead of tangential.



Youth Happenings

White water rafting trip May 1-3

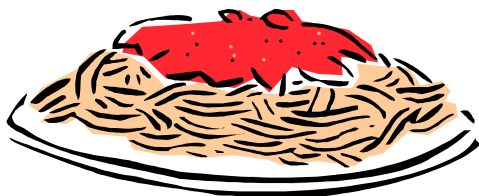
The Youth will be going on our second annual White Water Rafting & Paintballing trip May 1st - May 3rd. The youth will be staying at Pastor Zschech's Pocono house. This trip is a time for the kids to get away and have some fun together while bonding doing team sports. The youth had to earn the right to attend this trip by participating in our various activities throughout the year and all of our youth are eligible to attend.



Mothers Day

Cooking Pancakes for Mom & others

On May 10th the youth will be having their annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast from 9am to 10:30am. Please bring your Mother's to a breakfast cooked by our youth. Free will donations will be appreciated.



Spaghetti Dinner

Supports Youth Mission Trip on May 30th

The Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 30th from 5-8pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will include pasta, homemade sauce, garlic bread, and salad. Tickets will be on sale starting May 3rd and all money raised will go toward the Senior High Youth Summer

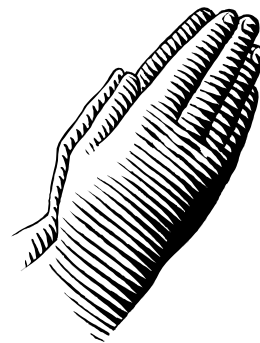
Newcomers Orientation Classes

Continue May 3 & 10 @ 9:15

New Members Received May 31

If you have been a worshipping visitor of Our Savior for a week or over a year, Pastor's Wayne and Englehardt invite you to the Newcomer Orientation classes continuing on May 3 and 10. The classes are held in Room 112 near the ground floor bulletin boards near the Parish Hall. They cover a brief history of the congregation, as well as the Lutheran church and its main beliefs, along with the various ministry programs and volunteer opportunities that are available. A tour of the building and a "meet and greet" with the members of the Congregation Council will also occur on May 10.

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on May 31! New members will be received into the congregation of Our Savior at the worship service they normally attend with a photo taken of each family to help in putting names with faces. Take the time to welcome our newest members and introduce yourselves to them.



Praying for You

Every Monday from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Church library

Alphabetically, we pray for all members within a year; we send a postcard. Requests may be sent to Connie or place a request in the box in the Narthex. Each week we pray for our congregation and part of its Mission Statement. We also pray for our community and the world. You are always welcome to join us on Monday nights, even to sit quietly and listen.

April Social Ministry News *By Betsy Kuehn*

BOSNIA FUNDRAISER

This year's first fund raiser under Care in Congregations will begin on Sunday, May 3 and continue through Sunday, May 31. Again this year Ed Nace will be traveling to Bosnia from June 20 to July 3, 2009 as part of the International Service Team of the New Jersey Synod. We will be accepting donations each Sunday in May and matching funds will be requested from Thrivent Financial up to \$625. Envelopes will be provided for donations and may be found in the narthex and the front and back of the church. We hope the congregation will respond generously.

The second fundraiser will be the Holiday Food Drive in November, donations to be matched up to \$625.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

LCOS has been approved for \$1000 in supplemental funding for 2009 from Camden County Chapter of Thrivent Financial through its Care Abounds in Communities Program to be used for My Father's House. Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Meals have been scheduled well into the Fall, only 3 openings left for the remainder of the year. Remember to save your receipts, we must have \$3000 in receipts for this year to receive the supplement. Contact Jan Amme if you are interested in preparing a meal.

LCOS CARE PACKAGES

Social Ministry is coordinating the LCOS Care Package ministry. Packages are sent two times per year (late winter & fall). Send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw. In February, we sent 32 care packages. We plan to send care packages again in the fall.

CARING HEARTS

LCOS Social Ministry sponsored a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. Caring Hearts hosted their Easter/Spring Party on Friday April 3rd. Thank you to all who donated deodorant and socks. Also thank you to Jane Evans and Jan Amme who represented LCOS at the Give-A-Way.

PANTRY

Help is needed to deliver food to our 13 Pantry families. A sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Contact Nancy Gulick & Charlie Coleman if any questions. Also please remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase needed items for the Pantry. Thank you to the seniors from Senior Game Day for their donations.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR IHOC THROUGH AUGUST

We were able to fill 23 backpacks in 2008 with school supplies for IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council). We would like to top that in 2009. The Social Ministry Committee in conjunction with the Sunday School will be collecting school supplies through August. Needed supplies include backpacks, pencils, pens, glue, protractors, rulers, crayons, markers, filler paper, compasses, folders, spiral notebooks, calculators, etc. Please send supplies to Sunday School with your children or place them in the designated box at the Wayne Avenue entrance to the church. Thank you in advance for your support. Contact Stacey Shaw if any questions.

Meeting dates: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7pm. Upcoming meeting dates are May 5th and June 2nd. If you are interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy Kuehn.



to the following people for helping with the pantry in March; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Joan Candia, Charlie Coleman, Cheryl & Denise, Danielle Deery, Kathy Ellis, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw.** Thanks to **Seniors** for special donations. The pantry is in need of Pasta & Sauce.

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

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

Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Jane Braccio, Jane Evans, Betty Keene, Rose Marie Krauss & Dottie Powell**



In Harm's Way

SFC Donald Brandinelli, serving in Iraq,
Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
Ben Green, serving in the Middle East,
Michael Miano, stationed in Nepal.

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

salad. Tickets will be on sale starting May 3rd and all money raised will go toward the Senior High Youth Summer Mission Trip to benefit Habitat for Humanity in NC.

Please contact Lisa Quanci or Pastor Wayne for tickets.





Dear LCOS,
I wanted to say thank you for the care package that was sent to me at Loyola down in Baltimore. You have no idea how great it is to see TastyKakes down there. So many people do not know what they are so they were a great treat. Thanks again!
Nick Miano

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the midterm care package that was sent to me. It is always so touching and comforting to receive such things from home, and I truly appreciate it! Things here have been going very well, and I attribute all of these blessings to by faith, god's never ending love, and of course the thoughts and prayers from my friends and family. Thank you again, and I'll see you all in May!
~Erin Schaffer

Dear to Whom it May Concern,
Thank you for the two care packages that I have received in the course of the Fall & Spring semesters. I greatly appreciate the time, effort and expense that must have went into their assembly.
With much regards,
Michael Koval

To LCOS,
How can I thank you so very much for the beautiful Easter Lily. The brightened up my living room and made Easter more enjoyable. I thank you once more for your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely,
Marie Flenard

LCOS~
A note of thanks for delivering the very nice Easter flowers to my Dad at The Evergreen in Moorestown. Your kindness is appreciated!!
~Engene Haag

Pipeline... a column for older people and their families

by Lorraine Miano

Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementias are much a part of the news these days, even featured in this column. We all have friends and families who have been touched by AD and related Dementias and who are hurting due to their distressing symptoms. Recently I came across a new publication: *Coach Broyles' Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers* - and decided to share the info here. Frank Broyles is the Athletic Director of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks. His wife, Barbara, developed AD and the coach became her caregiver. In the course of this care, he became frustrated, upset, distressed about his changing roles, but eventually worked out a system of caring - that he calls his "Playbook." I have been very impressed by its practical advice to caregivers and its very compassionate view of the person w/ AD.

His chapters read like preparation for a sporting event:

- Pre-game planning (know your opponent- what are Dementia and AD?)
- Coaches and Special Teams (find the right doctor, putting together your team, etc)
- Playing Offense (Take care of the quarterback, 3 important legal documents, etc)
- Playing Defense (Making memories, home safety, communication, etc)
- The Training Table (Eating problems, etc)

Broyle adds a "Tips & Strategies" pocket reference to his packet that says things like:

- 1) **Pacing:** Walk with her. Hold her hand. Tell her she is safe and loved. Etc
- 2) **Late Afternoon behavior:** Give her a hug. Turn on more lights. Close the curtains.
- 3) **Refusing care:** Keep a daily routine. Explain what you will be doing (bathing, etc)
- 4) **Home safety:** Try to make her world simple. Place safety latches high. Etc.
- 5) **Dressing:** Allow 2x the time you think it will take. If she loves one outfit and refuses to wear anything else - buy several of the same outfit.
- 6) **Wandering:** Keep doors locked. Get an ID bracelet. Let her help w/ simple chores.
- 7) **Communication:** Don't tell her more than she needs to know at one time. Give her time to answer a question. Don't say "You can't". Say "Do as much as you can".
- 8) **In the car:** Keep car keys out of sight. Open door and help w/ seat belt. The back seat may feel safer to her in later stages.
- 9) **Survival Tips:** Stay healthy yourself. Take one day at a time. Make a list of all the things your loved one can still do. Keep a sense of humor. ETC

The entire book is filled with practical knowledge and tips - it's a very worthwhile and easy to read guidebook for anyone caring for another; esp. those with AD/Dementia.

Coach Broyles also made his book available at no cost: www.alzheimersplaybook.com or call #1-800-272-3900. Locally, the Alzheimer's Association can be contacted at (856) 797-1212. These folks have many practical strategies for families. Their excellent annual conference is June 5th at the Doubletree Inn/Mt Laurel, NJ

"My best advice to you is to treasure each day and live it to the fullest. Cherish the time you spend together, and perhaps most important, love each other. I hope you find peace in knowing that it is still possible to live and love when someone you love is living with Alzheimer's Disease. ~Frank Broyles

Mother's Day Musical

May 10, 2009

10:30 AM Worship Service

LCOS Children's Choir
with Special Guests

LCOS Cherub Choir
Captain Noah & the One & Only
Zoo Cruise for Twos



An Evening of Music from The Baroque to The Romantic

with Works by:

George Fredrick Handel
& Gabriel Faure'

May 31, 2009,
7:00 PM

Faces of LCOS The Shaws: A family that prays together, stays together.

Eva and Harvey Shaw traveled to North Carolina the last weekend of April with their daughters Stacey and Kimberly to hear the *Gaithers* in concert. It was far more than just an opportunity to hear their favorite Gospel group perform.

"We do a lot together as a family," said Eva, the matriarch of what arguably is the most involved family at Our Savior. "Family is important. And it's important to us to instill in our children that religion is an big part of our lives."

Harvey grew up in Haddonfield, in the house across the street from where he and Eva currently live, and has been a life-long member at Our Savior. Eva was born in Camden, grew up in Lindenwold and attended a non-denominational church in Laurel Springs.

They met at Watsonstown Skating Rink in 1964. They got engaged 18 months later when Harvey was home on leave from the Navy. They were married in 1967 at Our Savior by Pastor Paules. A year later, Debbie was born - the first of three daughters - to the Shaws.

"I never was baptized," Eva said, "and I wanted our religion to be an important part of our life, so I was baptized two weeks after Debbie by Pastor Wisser. "I was a stay-at-home mom. Harvey was a Haddonfield firefighter. We felt if you were going to live in the community, you should be involved. I was president of the Home and School Association, treasurer of the Haddonfield Ladies Auxiliary, and secretary of the Haddonfield Ambulance Board of Trustees. By my children seeing what I did, it made them want to give back."

Much of the same could be said for Harvey. His parents sang in the LCOS choir. Harvey currently serves as an usher. Eva also serves as an usher, sings in the choir, is a counter, is co-chair of the altar guild and is involved in various activities as part of the Social Ministry committee. Debbie is married to Craig Roncace, who serves as an usher. She is a counter. All three of their children sing in the youth or cherub choirs. Stacey is a counter, an usher, teaches Sunday Church School, is on the Memorial Gifts Board and is part of Social Ministries. And Kimberly sings in the choir and is a counter.

"Years ago, there were many women's groups at church and I was asked to be part of them, but I said I felt like I didn't have the time. I was told there would come a time when I could give more time to the church. That happened about 25 years ago. "I think what I am most proud of is what we have instilled in our children - religion is an important part of our lives and it is important to give back."

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Monica Ebbenga 9 AM - 2 PM

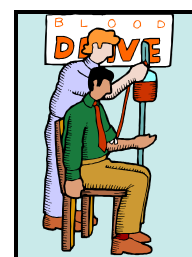
Cindy Randall 12 - 5 PM

*One calling the church office between
these hours can generally expect to reach a
church staff person to talk to.*

Blood Drive at LCOS

As the summer is soon upon us and we start planning for traveling, the American Red Cross is looking for blood donors. Just giving 30 to 45 minutes of your time could help save someone's life. LCOS is hosting a blood drive on Monday, May 4, 2009 from 1:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone wishing to donate can call Nancy Frazier.

Walk-In's are always welcome.





Technology Change Helps Self-Denial, revisited!

If you read my article in the February Messenger, you know that I planned to not watch TV for two months to honor a special Lenten gift to Our Savior. As you are also aware, due to higher powers (and I'm not referring to God!), that date was postponed to June 12, where once again digital broadcasting will become reality everywhere, except for a short time in my apartment. So I have decided to honor my pledge to not watch TV for 50 days, beginning June 12. This means that instead of "March madness," I will be missing the All-Star Game, Wimbledon (tennis), the British Open (golf), and the middle of the 2009 baseball season. I would have preferred the actual Lent, but I am still willing to make the effort – in fact, this will be a bigger sacrifice for me because of baseball.

My self-denial gift to Our Savior was \$100, \$93 of which will go to help people in need through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, reminding me again that a gift through our Lutheran Church and its agencies has only a 7 % overhead so I know that 93 cents of every dollar I give will be put to good use.

While not watching TV I plan to fill my time with reading and other constructive activities; in fact I have set a goal of reading 10 books in that time frame, 7 of which are directly related to my work as a parish pastor. I will let you know their specific titles at the end of the summer.

Jesus' words continue to inspire me:" If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."

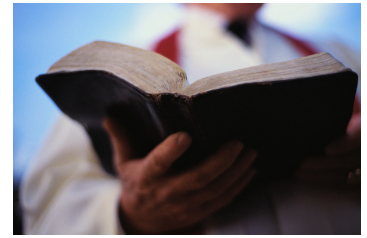
(Luke 9:23-24)

~Pastor Englehardt



Grief Support Ministry

My thanks to Cindy Wisser-Murphy for leading us for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. This was a small group but the process was helpful for those able to attend. We will be offering such a support-group seminar series in the near future, so if you missed this current one and feel you could benefit from such an experience, please contact Cindy or myself.

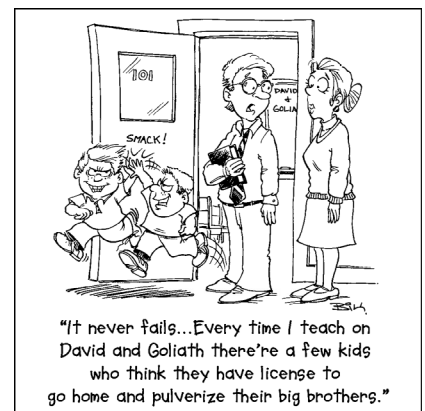


Bible Study

Monday nights at 7:30 PM and
Wednesday mornings 9:30 AM from
April 20/22 – May 18/20

Our Faith and Financial Stress. "The sour economy has brought hardship to millions of people around the globe. Here at home many have lost their jobs, their homes, their financial security. Though the rest of the world may panic, God's people turn to the Almighty for guidance, courage and strength." The Psalms are all about trust in God. Jesus talks a lot about economics, but perhaps nowhere so clearly as in Matthew 6. Join me for a Biblical perspective on this very specific source of concern, dealing with our money! Monday nights at 7:30 PM, Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM for 5 weeks beginning April 20/22; each week has its own valuable insights and is not dependent on any prior week.

~Pastor Englehardt



"Teaching Children the Bible"

For all those, including of course Sunday School teachers, who have a passion for children's ministries. Join me on Saturday, May 30, from 9 PM – 3 AM to be enriched, energized, and encouraged. The event is at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and we will carpool. Keynote speaker is Pastor Paul Lutz, who serves a church in Princeton Junction, and is well known to some of us. Check with me to register, or go to www.activatefaith.org. This includes a continental breakfast and lunch; the cost is \$40 max/congregation and the church will cover it for you

~Pastor Englehardt

Leaving a Legacy through Life Insurance

Within the hearts of many people is a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of others. But how can people ensure that this desire takes root? How can people make sure that those organizations and causes most important to them are supported in a tax-wise manner through their financial gifts?

One great tool for leaving a financial legacy is life insurance. Life insurance offers a practical, affordable and flexible means of passing money to charitable organizations and causes. Life insurance donors can leave a significant financial legacy while receiving either considerable tax benefits or the ability to retain a high level of control over the gift.

The simplest and most common way is by naming a charity as the beneficiary of a life insurance contract. Contract owners simply name the charity as their primary beneficiary. The charity then receives the death benefit. If the owner names the nonprofit organization as its secondary beneficiary, the charity receives the death benefit ONLY if the primary beneficiary predeceases the contract owner. If the charity is named as a partial beneficiary, the charity receives a specific dollar amount or a specific percentage of the death benefit.

Retaining ownership of the life insurance contract means maintaining full legal control over the contract. This allows the owner to change the beneficiary at any time for any reason. However, changing the beneficiary designation to that of a favorite institution, cause or charity does not necessarily provide additional tax advantages.

Another option is to name the charitable organization as owner and 100 percent irrevocable beneficiary of the contract. Upon transfer of ownership, the donor continues to pay all premiums. This gift may allow the owner to receive a current income tax deduction equal to the lesser of his or her cost basis (the premiums paid) or the fair market value of the contract (roughly equal to the contract's cash surrender value).

Many donors would like to make a significant contribution to a charity but simply don't have the funds. By assigning a life insurance contract to a charity and then paying the charity the premiums necessary to keep the contract in force, owners limit their current outlay AND may receive a tax deduction on the premiums that they pay.

Both existing life insurance contracts and new ones can be used as charitable gifts.

Through life insurance, a relatively modest annual payment may result in a sizable charitable gift.

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Before implementing a charitable gift strategy involving life insurance, it would be prudent to have the policy approved.

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Treasurer's Outlook

by Tom Foskett

The LCOS financial news was so good that I would not believe it. We are ahead of 2008. This despite the fact that Easter fell in March in 2008. When I was chosen for this position I was postured to participate in making some difficult financial decisions. To this point it looks like that may not be the case. Thank you so much for the wonderful start to 2009. Income for the first quarter totaled \$107,856; this is greater than the 2008 figure of \$103,278. We are extremely grateful for the Congregation's generosity in this difficult economic environment!

Some timing issues with benefits caused an overage in the expenses, as well as a large amount of printing supplies, these both should level out over the course of the year.

There are some major improvement projects on the horizon, including redoing a bathroom in the parsonage, and extensive window work being done on the church. All these expenses appear to be manageable. Attendance has been down when compared to last year. Despite the attendance drop the giving remains robust.

The giving for the week of Palm Sunday and Easter have been strong. May we continue to be blessed in April!

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