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

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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).

May Messenger
Time Sensitive Material Enclosed - Mailed on April 27, 2007

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE AT KING’S COURT
May 3 at Noon**

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will once again be sponsoring the celebration of a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 3, at the King’s Court gazebo starting at 12:00. Representatives of the various Haddonfield churches, including both clergy and lay, will lead the community in a service of readings, reflections, and prayer for the welfare of our nation. Choral groups from the community have also been a part of past celebrations, and there is sure to be singing by all those who gather. Pastor Wayne Zschech will also be participating, offering the reading for the service.

No one would deny our nation’s need for a day of prayer. We live in a time of war, violence, poverty, hunger, disease, and other manifestations of the power of sin and death that rob us of the abundant life God intends for all people. Our elected leaders are often torn between acting on behalf of the majority or the disenfranchised at the risk of being unpopular by one or the other. Our nation’s people and leaders need our prayers for strength and consolation as well as discernment.

At the same time we live in a time of great abundance and blessing. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates of the world with one of the highest quality of life ratings. We may have poor among us, but they are the richest poor in the world. If you live in the U.S. you have much to offer thanks to God for as one of its citizens. So join the community of Haddonfield and the Council of Churches on Thursday, May 3, at noon at the King’s Court gazebo as we pray for our nation, both the people and our leaders.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
CHOIR CONCERT
May 5 @ 7:00**

At 7 PM on Saturday evening, May 5, the Allentown, NJ based Community Christian Choir will provide a multi-generational concert in the sanctuary of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

“This choir never ceases to provide an inspiring and uplifting night of song and celebration of our Lord’s love and grace”, Pastor Wayne commented. “In addition to all the other CDs in our cars we always seem to have one or two different concert CDs from CCC. When you hear them sing you realize firsthand why Martin Luther once said that to sing is to pray twice. Some of their selections actually can give you goosebumps.” Pastor Wayne has every right to be proud since not only does his sister offer solos from time to time in the choir, but his niece sings in it as well along with children as young as six and seven, making it a night of music the whole family will enjoy.

Please arrive early to insure a seat as this will be advertised in the local community papers. In an effort to provide better parking the 100 member choir will be parking at the Westmont PATCO station and shuttling to the church, leaving space for the three hundred plus guests they hope will come, given the turnout of past performances. In addition, a portion of the free-will offering will be donated toward Our Savior’s June Day offering for the Lutheran Home in Moorestown. For more information about the choir their website can be found online at www.ccchoir.com.

*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.*



“A SABBATH SURVIVAL KIT?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

What do you think of as we enter the month of May? May means Mother’s Day for some. With it come cards, handmade gifts from children and jewelry from one’s husband, as well as brunch or dinner out. May also means proms for many juniors and seniors, with dresses, tuxes, and limo to the dance. May means Memorial Day parades, the official start of barbeque season, and the first weekend the pool is open. And this Memorial Day Weekend it will also mean the celebration of Pentecost, the third high festival of the Church, although if I were a betting man I would predict a higher attendance two weeks before on Mother’s Day. Why will attendance be lower? Because along with everything else, Memorial Day Weekend also marks the official beginning of the Jersey Shore exodus on the weekend.

Pastors almost expect attendance to drop starting in May and plummet by mid-June. We face the reality of our congregation’s lives. Many aren’t around on the weekend. Whether it’s attending a child’s traveling soccer team game, getting the shore house ready for the summer season, or traveling for this graduation or that wedding out of town many of our members just aren’t in town starting at the end of May.

But this got me thinking. As I’ve listened to these families offer their reason for not being available for participating in worship with the rest of the congregation I wondered if they were able to “honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy” while they were out of town. What if the game is during another church’s worship time? What if due to the weekend schedule the possibility of attending worship on a Sunday morning is simply not a reality? How could they keep the Sabbath, a time to honor God’s Word by hearing and reflecting on it while also giving their bodies a rest?

That’s when I got the idea for a Sabbath Survival Kit. I’m not kidding. Starting the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will provide Sabbath Survival Kits for any member going out of town or simply unable to attend worship that Sunday. We’ll also work to have it available for download off our website, oursaviorhaddonfield.org, for those with internet access and can’t stop by the church by noon on Friday. It will basically include the Prayer of the Day, the readings, a brief reflection or the actual sermon for Sunday as well as a question for personal or family meditation or discussion. It will also include some suggestions for how to offer prayers on behalf of the whole people of God, and those of our congregation who need additional prayers. A blessing or closing prayer will complete the kit.

I know some may think I’ve lost it by now (and maybe I have), but as your pastor I have been called to “feed Christ’s sheep” with his Word and grace. Not providing an opportunity do so for those who will be away from the flock this summer would, in some ways, be a dereliction of my duty. So this Memorial Day Weekend as we celebrate God’s pouring out the Holy Spirit on the people of Jerusalem, and thereafter in the waters of Baptism, may we also celebrate the gift of God’s Word that comes to us every week in worship. And for those who can’t make it, don’t forget your Sabbath Survival Kit. You just “May” not want to leave home without it.

EIGHT YOUTH TO AFFIRM BAPTISM ON MAY 20

At the 10:30 worship service eight of our youth will affirm their baptism in the rite of confirmation. Prior to the worship service the youth will gather in the Parish Hall at 9:30 for a presentation of gifts by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as well as a reception hosted by the seventh grade confirmation participants and their parents. The reason for hosting the celebration before the worship service is to provide an opportunity for the confirmands to meet and greet more members of the congregation since typically many youth are unable to stay long after the 10:30 worship due to family luncheon plans.

These eight youth have completed the two year catechetical process they began last year, and covered the five areas of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism; Commandments, Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion, as well as a retreat focusing on our Lutheran origin at the Reformation and an overview of Lutheran worship. This process culminates in an overnight retreat wherein the youth discern how they will now live out their faith in the context of the congregation’s ministry at Our Savior and beyond.

The eight youth who will affirm their baptism on May 6 are Justin DeBaradinis, Keely Donnelly, John Finnerty, Benjamin Foskett, Rebecca Habbina, Kelly Haswell, Ethan Quanci, and Jackie Stillwell. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new journey of discipleship at Our Savior, participating in our ministry at an even deeper level of worship and service to our Lord.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Family Festival May 5th

Kids of all ages will have fun climbing on trucks of all kinds – backhoes, front loaders, dump trucks, school buses, and fire engines. Have your picture taken with everyone’s favorite builder character, register with COPPS Kid ID program, enjoy the arts and crafts center and a performance by “Mr. Scott the Music Man.” Fun for the whole family! Saturday, May 5th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Archer & Greiner parking lot, One Centennial Square, Haddonfield. Event benefits Interfaith Caregivers.

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 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, MAY 22, 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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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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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
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Patricia Shaw-Green, Dir. of Music
Linda Powell Cherub Choir
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Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Eleanor Gaines, Acolytes
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Carole Hammon, Jackie Hicks, Sue Windle
Counters: Bob & Sue Evans, Judy Caravelli,
Dale & Karan Kredatus, Jim Wenzel

May 6

Coffee Hour: Softball Team
Readers: 8-Alan Super
10:30-Brian Bell (reader), Bob Mirabello (communion assistant)
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-Steve Dreher
10:30-Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney
9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Kelly & Holly Harrington, Ethan Quanci
10:30-Andrew Bernard, Jon Maniaci, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Sarah Barrett

May 13

Pancake Breakfast: prepared by the Youth Group
Readers: 8-Bill Neveling**10:30**-Kenton Meyer
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-Eric Woltz
10:30-Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge
9:15-Katherine Berger, Maddie & Jesse Gralish
10:30-Greg Beahm, Nicole Fallon, Erica & Allison Gensel, Jon Maniaci

May 20

Reception for Confirmands Precedes 10:30 AM Worship
Readers: 8-Laura Oakes**10:30**-Confirmands
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **9:15**-Steve Dreher
10:30-Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge
9:15-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle
10:30-Erin Schaffner, Chris Heinze, Sarah Barrett, Noelle Quanci, Julia Gross

May 27

Summer Worship Schedule 8:00 & 10:11 AM

No Coffee Hour
Ushers: 8-Joe & Peggy Hartmann **10**-Eric Woltz
Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans
10-Bob Mirabello & Russ Barrett
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Brie Zschech
10-Andrew Bernard, Justin DeBernardinis, Kelly Haswell, Kelly & Holly Harrington



Tues	1	Adult Forum Trip to LTSP, 6 PM Social Ministry, 7 PM
Wed	2	Executive Committee, 7:30 PM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM
Thurs	3	Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM National Day of Prayer, noon
Sat	5	Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM Community Christian Choir, 7 PM
Sun	6	Beer Tasting@Tyrell's, 7:30 PM Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM <i>Saving Jesus</i> Adult Forum, 9 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM
Mon	7	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	8	Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	9	Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM
Thurs	10	Children's Church, 7 PM Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Christian Ed Mtg., 7:30 PM
Sun	13	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Mother's Day Musical, 10:30 AM <i>Saving Jesus</i> Adult Forum, 9 AM Confirmation Class, TBA
Mon	14	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	16	Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM
Thurs	17	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Fri	18-19	30 Hour Famine 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Sun	20	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM <i>Saving Jesus</i> Adult Forum, 9 AM Confirmation, 10:30 AM
Mon	21	Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	22	Senior Game Day, noon
Thurs	24	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	27	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM <i>Saving Jesus</i> Adult Forum, 9 AM Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM
Mon	28	Church Office Closed
Thurs	31	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Synod Assembly Begins

MEMORIAL DAY MARKS WORSHIP TIME CHANGE With “Sticky Situations” Between the Worship Services

From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend the summer worship schedule for the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be in effect, with worship services at 8 and 10 AM. Normally the void created by the removal of the middle service time has been somewhat of a “sticky situation” with respect to planning anything formal. However, this hasn’t prevented anywhere from 10-12 people from holding their own informal coffee hour down in the Parish Hall during that time.

But this year the Worship and Music committee is planning something different. “Sticky Situations of Faith” will kick off on Pentecost Sunday from 9:15-10 AM. It will provide an opportunity for fellowship and exploring different “faith in real life” issues for people of all ages, especially children who are in school. The format will be simple.

- ◆ 9-9:15 AM Fellowship and food in the parlor/library or narthex.
- ◆ 9:15 -9:50 AM Sticky Situation multigenerational Bible study and reflection with prayer.
- ◆ 9:50-10 AM Hymn singing of tried and true as well as the new while 10 AM worshippers arrive.

Why is Our Savior providing this education opportunity between summer services? The answer, quite simply, is that the 9:15 service, with its interactive reflection in lieu of a traditional sermon, provided worshippers with an opportunity to engage in a focused conversation about how the scripture reading for the day impacted their faith in life. With the absence of Sunday school in the summer Pastor Wayne Zschech suggested using the family devotional book “Sticky Situations” by Group as the cornerstone for a multigenerational fellowship and devotional time between worship services. The goal would be to provide families and other members an opportunity to reflect together on how they might respond to a “sticky situation” in life from a biblically sound faith perspective. Participants hear a sticky situation presented and are given options as to how they might respond. A scripture passage is read and participants discuss how God or God’s people’s actions in a similar situation compare to their responses. A short prayer is offered and those gathered end their time and transition to the late worship with a period of singing hymns from the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book.

Who ought to consider coming to this new ministry in the summer? Everyone, but in particular it will be most beneficial to children and youth and their families. How often do children get a chance to talk about how their faith makes a difference in real situations of their lives with parents or other adults? If we as a family of faith have promised to raise our baptized children in the faith then “Sticky Situations of Faith” is an opportunity for parents and other adults to make good on those promises to the children of our congregation. Besides, we’ll even be serving sticky buns in case the situations aren’t sticky enough!

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED Pentecost Sunday, May 27

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates when the Holy Spirit literally “blew into town” with the result being 3,000 people hearing the good news told by the apostles and believing Jesus was the risen Christ and being baptized that day. Talk about a new membership drive success!

In the “Spirit” of that first Pentecost of the Church the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be receiving new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, at the worship service those choosing to join normally attend (8:00 or 10:00).

Anyone who has been visiting Our Savior and wishes to transfer membership from an ELCA congregation or join by affirmation of faith if from another denomination or if without a church affiliation needs to contact the church office before May 21. Photos will be taken of the new members in the narthex after the service to better assist the congregation in getting to know the newest voting members of Our Savior.

GRADUATING SENIORS BLESSED June 3 at 10 AM Worship

After 18 years of life and 12 years of education graduating seniors step out into the world of college or earning a living. It is a time of new beginnings that may also include living away from family in a new place with new friends and a new church family. As the seniors of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior embark on this new leg in their journey of life and faith it is only appropriate the congregation recognize and bless them as they prepare for graduation, as well as recognize and bless their parents who have faithfully raised them to this point.

On Sunday, June 3, all the graduating high school seniors and their parents will be recognized and blessed at the 10:00 worship service. Parents will be thanked for being faithful to the baptismal promises made so long ago. Seniors will reaffirm their baptismal promises made at their confirmation. The congregation will present the seniors with a gift of an afghan and then lead the parents in a blessing of their child as well as lead the graduates in a blessing of their parents. Those who participated last year thought it a very moving and beautiful expression of love and faith toward Our Savior’s graduating seniors, and it is hoped all those graduating this year will not miss out on this special blessing and recognition service.

SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS

Join the team!

It’s that time of the year again. I’m excited to take the field and get started. Our 2007 schedule is listed below.

We will be playing our home games at the same field as last year behind the firehouse in West Collingswood Heights off of Nicholson Avenue. We have the field reserved every Tuesday evening from now until July 1st. Our schedule is as follows:

- Sunday April 29th Practice at Home Field at 1 pm
- Tuesday May 1st Home vs MLC #1
- Tuesday May 8th Home vs Haddon Heights
- Thursday May 10th Away vs MLC #2 in Pennsauken
- Tuesday May 15th Home vs MLC #2
- Thursday May 17th Away vs Holy Communion in Berlin (Albion Park)
- Tuesday May 22nd Home vs Holy Communion
- Tuesday May 29th Away vs Haddon Heights (in Audubon)
- Tuesday June 5th Home vs MLC #1
- Tuesday June 7th Away vs Holy Communion in Berlin (Albion Park)
- Tuesday June 19th Practice at Home field
- Thursday June 21st Away vs MLC #2 in Pennsauken
- Tuesday June 26th Home vs Haddon Heights
- Thursday June 28th Away vs MLC #1 in Pennsauken (River Road and Tinsman Ave)
- Playoffs To Be Determined

Thanks, Jim Ewing

JUNE DAY

This year the annual celebration of June Day at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The Social Ministry Committee has decided that rather than collect donations of items to be sold at June Day a \$500 cash donation will be sent to the home from our congregation. The \$500 donation will come in part from the free will offering realized from the Community Christian Choir Concert to be held on Saturday, May 5. June Day at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown has become an annual tradition for many of the families of our congregation. We hope to continue that tradition again this year and that you and your family will continue to support this worthy cause.

ANNUAL ACOLYTE AWARD DINNER

Sunday, June 3

Annual Acolyte Award Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 6 PM. "Acolyte of the Year" awards will be presented to outstanding 12th grade acolytes in memory of Robert Robinson and Ronald Gaines.

In addition 10th grade acolytes will receive their crosses and all graduating active acolytes will receive gifts. Sign up on the list in the acolyte room.

“BUILDING BRIDGES OF PEACE”

Bosnia Fund Raiser

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a fund raiser that will benefit one member of our congregation who will travel to Bosnia as part of the International Service Team 2007. Thrivent Financial, through their “Care in Congregation Program,” will match funds donated by our congregation up to \$500.

Donation envelopes will be provided for the four Sundays in May and may be found in the church narthex. On the front of the envelope please indicate if you are a Thrivent member.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

Mary and Martha are having a few folks over!

Along with their brother Lazarus and some other close friends, Mary and Martha are expecting a very special visitor to their home. They’d love to have you join them also. So, come on over, Sunday, May 13th at 10:30, in the sanctuary. There will lots of singing and dancing and story-telling. They promise you’ll have a wonderful time! Come! Join us for Life of the Party!

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

To Pastor Wayne, Pastor Englehardt, and all my LCOS friends: Thanks for your visits, prayers, flowers, phone calls and food during my recent hospital stay. It is a wonderful feeling to know someone cares.

*Love and God bless,
Edith Sweet*

To the Altar Guild: Thanks for the beautiful Easter lily and thanks for remembering me.

*God bless,
Edith Sweet*

*To the Altar Guild: Thanks for the Easter lily - we enjoyed it.
Florence Danley*

Dear Altar Guild: Thank you so much for the lovely lily plant. Lilies have always been my favorite. I wish you could see how beautiful they are. It was so kind of you to remember me in such a delightful way. Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Marie Flenard*

ALTAR GUILD MEMORIALS TO BE PLACED IN MAILBOX

Please place all altar flower memorial requests and money in either the mailbox labeled “Altar Guild” located at the Parish Hall entrance doors near the stage, or mail them to the church with “Attn: Altar Guild” in the address.

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 will accept responsibility for altar flower memorials that are slipped under the office doors or placed on church tables or desks or placed in the offering plates. Please prevent your memorial from getting lost in the shuffle by either mailing your memorial to the church office or placing it directly into the Altar Guild mailbox.

Thank you.

Altar Guild

IN HARM'S WAY

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! THANK YOU!

Thanks to **Morgen and Trish Gruber, Susan Reintzel, Eva Shaw, Betsy Kuehn and Sue Tharp** for helping **Beth Hill** to deliver Easter lilies

Thanks to **Bill Cowan, Jim Frazier and Don Webb** for the heavy maneuvering of materials to aid **Beth Hill** in preparing for Holy Week.

April Messenger Helpers: **Lynne Boyle, Dot Powell, Jean Schroeder, Betty Keene**

Another successful Lenten tradition drew out approximately 40 – 50 per Wednesday evening for Worship and Fellowship lead by **Pastor Englehardt**. Special thanks to all who made this memorable: Cooks: **Monica Ebbenga, Sue Underwood, Lisa Quanci, Bobby Jelonek, Dan Leverick Mark Bare Dave Graeber**; Rolls: **Pam Lyons, Heather Vaughn**; Kids Program: **Ethan Quanci, Noelle Quanci, Kat Berger, Caite Ebbenga**; and **numerous volunteers** who had chipped in to set up and clean up and to keep the Lenten tradition and fellowship alive.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS ENCLOSED

Please fill out and return the enclosed Time and Talent sheet to the church before the end of May. Thank you so much!



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

www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org

THE PIPELINE

A column for older people and those who care for and about them

Caregiving evokes such a picture in one’s mind of one person touching, holding or placing a protective arm around the shoulder of another. The word just makes one think of people looking after another for the sake of comfort, reassurance, nurture or the actual work of feeding, clothing, bathing another. In the next few months, I plan to write about Caregivers – how they cope, resources available and some LCOS stories of same.

In this country, family caregivers have come of age & assistance is being offered. According to a 2004 study by MetLife & the National Alliance for Caregiving, more than 34,000,000 Americans provide some support to an older family member. Maybe you are one of those people who are attempting to offer care – nearby or even far away. You are not alone and there are resources.

At the federal level the Senate has just passed ‘the Lifespan Respite Care Act’ – introduced some years ago by Senator Clinton. The act provides lots of dollars to provide a break for all kinds of family caregivers. This may take some time, but it does reflect a national will to help caregivers in our country. The good news - New Jersey is way ahead in this field. NJ long ago recognized the physical, emotional and financial toll caregiving takes on caregivers and began providing services to help them with their commitment. Many of the service are no cost or low cost. Call – you could be eligible.

At the top of the list is ***the County Office on Aging***. Established many years ago by the Older Americans Act - these county agencies provide information, case management and programs for older people and are available in every county throughout the country. In Camden County, we have the Camden County Division of Senior& Disabled Services at (856)858-3220/ (800)955-2446 – ask for a social worker or try www.camdencounty.com.

Here is a list for you of other resources to call for brochures and information:

- * The Statewide Respite Care Program (relief for caregivers of anyone over 18yrs) (856) 456-1121 – ask for Shellie
- * The Caregiver Education Initiative (free visits by professional to caregiver home for counsel/info – very relaxed) (856) 456-1121 – ask for Mary
- * The Jersey Assistance to Community Caregivers Program (many home care based services) (856) 858-3220 – ask for Alysha
- * The phone book lists many agencies under Home Care – most are state certified (ask), private pay agencies and can provide a good service at home for about \$16.00-\$19.00/hr.

Finally: mark on your calendar a Caregiver Conference sponsored by Camden County Freeholders and ***free to all – including a light supper***. Many experts will be there to answer questions and share information about county services. Look for me there.

“Caring for Aging Loved Ones Conference” Monday, May 21, 2007 from 5:30-8:30PM - Merchantville Community Center

Submitted by Lorraine Miano

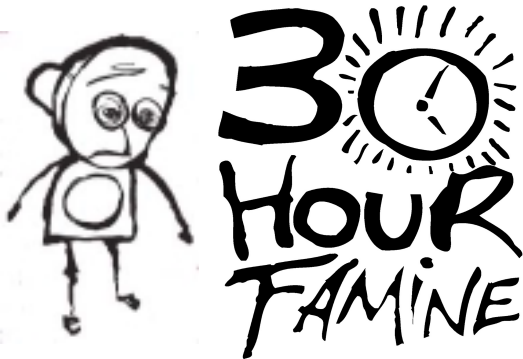
NEW JERSEY SYNOD ASSEMBLY Meets May 31-June 2 to Elect Bishop

The Twentieth Annual New Jersey Synod Assembly will be held at the Brunswick Hotel in East Brunswick, NJ, from 7:15 PM. Thursday, May 31, to Saturday, June 2, 2007.

The Annual Assembly is an opportunity for congrega-tion members within the synod to gather together and share the joys and concerns of ministry, mission, and com-munity as the NJ Synod of the ELCA.

This year the assembly will elect voting members to the 2007 ELCA National Assem-bly as well as a bishop for the synod as Bishop LeRoy Riley’s term has expired. Bishop Riley has expressed he would be available to serve again if elected so now only time will tell.

Voting members from Our Savior have yet to be deter-mined, but those attending will be staying at the Brunswick Hilton where the assembly is taking place. Please keep all those in attendance in your prayers as the synod gathers to celebrate and deliberate the Holy Spirit’s movement in our congregations.



YOUTH GROUP TO ENDURE 30 HOUR FAMINE May 18-19

Did you know that if the world were a village of 100 people, 60 people would always be hungry, and 26 of those 60 would be severely undernourished? Did you know an additional 16 people in the village would go to bed hungry at least some of the time, and only 24 people would always have enough to eat? Even in this country there are 7 million people who go hungry every day, 3 million of which are children. When we feed the hungry we "serve all people, following in the example of our Lord Jesus" (Affirmation of Baptism LBW p. 198)

Our Savior's Youth Group will participate in the 30-Hour Famine project starting at midnight May 18 until their fast is broken on the following Sunday morning before worship. Members are encouraged to either sponsor youth or donate to the project on Sundays, April 29 and May 6 in the narthex area where the youth will have a display set up. The proceeds from this fundraiser are sent on to World Vision who in turn provide food to the poorest of the poor.

MOTHER'S DAY YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, May 13

On the morning of Sunday, May 13, the youth groups will prepare a Pancake breakfast for everyone at LCOS – a free will offering will gratefully be accepted and will benefit a worthy cause.

ADULT FORUM GROUP TO ATTEND LECTURE AT SEMINARY Tuesday, May 1 departing at 6 PM via church van

In conjunction with the series "Saving Jesus", the adult forum group will travel by church van and carpool to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia on Tuesday evening, May 1, to hear a lecture by noted author Chris Hedges. Hedges argues that the Christian fundamentalist movement emerg-ing today in the United States resembles the early fascist movements in Italy and Germany at the beginning of the last century.

Hedges was part of a New York Times team that won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for the paper’s coverage of global terrorism. His remarks at the seminary will focus on his new book, *American Fascists: The Chris-tian Right and the War on America* (Free Press, 2007).

Hedges, the son of a Presbyterian pastor, is currently a senior fellow at The Nation Institute in New York City and a Lecturer in the Council of the Humanities. He is also the Anschutz Distinguished Fellow at Princeton University. Hedges, earlier in his career, spent nearly two decades as a foreign corre-spondent in Central America, the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. He has reported from more than 50 countries working for The Christian Science Monitor, National Public Radio, The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times, where he spent 15 years. He is the author of the best-selling book *War is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*, which draws on his experience of covering conflicts to describe the patterns and behaviors of individuals and nations during wartime. He is not a pacifist and has sup-ported humanitarian interventions, such as those in Bosnia and Kosovo, designed to stop campaigns of genocide.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Another opportunity for little ones to worship in a child-centered service will occur on Wednesday, May 9. This short service will be held outside, weather permitting, starting at 7:00PM with light refresh-ments to follow.

So gather your children (or grandchildren), their friends and neighbors and come worship with us!

NEW CHECK VOUCHER SYSTEM INTRODUCED

How do you get reimbursed for money spent on a ministry event or have a check “cut” for materials or services you plan to use in an upcoming ministry activity? If you don’t know the following should be very helpful. Before any check is ever written at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior it must now have a Check Voucher made out and signed by the committee chair who oversees that area of ministry. These check request vouchers can be found in the bottom right hand side of the mail-boxes in the Parish Hall with instructions for filling them out on the bulletin board directly across from it.

This new check request procedure is not completely new. There were check request forms available before to submit for reimbursement, but these new forms have a yellow duplicate that once a check has been made out and sent the committee chairs receive a yellow carbon for their records. This will insure accurate record keeping on both the part of the Treasurer as well as the Chairs of ministry committees. **Note: Receipts and handwritten requests for reimbursement are no longer able to be placed on the Parish Secretary’s desk for check requests. All requests for checks must be submitted to the committee chair on an official voucher form before a check will be written.** While this may present a slight inconvenience to the average parishioner it will more greatly insure ministry expenditures are within planned ministry financial boundaries and getting reimbursed in a timely manner. Those needing checks on a regular basis would do well to keep a copy of the procedure with them, and if there are any questions please contact Pastor Wayne, Jack Berrigan (Treasurer) or Monica Ebbenga (Bookkeeper).

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GUIDELINES FOR MESSENGER/BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All ministry groups and individuals submitting articles for Sunday bulletins and monthly *Messengers* should be aware of the following guidelines, which are intended to increase efficiency:

- All submissions to the Sunday bulletin and monthly *Messenger* must be transmitted electronically to the church secretary via email (highlysung@verizon.net). Please contact the church secretary if you need assistance or do not have the means to do so.
- All submissions should be presented to the church office in their final written form. Please do not ask the pastors or secretary to write your article for you. You are the one who is most qualified to present the details of your event or message.
- Deadline for Sunday bulletin submissions is 9 AM on Thursdays.
- Deadline for monthly *Messenger* submissions is always the 15th of the month.
- Best practices: Please use simple block formatting, please do not use all capital letters for your headline, and there is no need to indent for paragraphs. Also, the newer standard for word processing is to use only one space following the punctuation at the end of a sentence. In general, the less formatting that is contained in your submitted article will mean less additional work adjusting the formatting to fit our publications.

The church office thanks you for your cooperation. These practices will help to save precious time while assembling the *Messengers* and bulletins, and, even better, will increase clarity of communications to all of our members and friends!

THE TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

By Jack Berrigan

Typically, March is a transitional month in the Church fiscal year. It is a month when we move from the cold, dark negative place where expenses exceed income to the warm, bright positive spring when offerings begin to outpace expenses. This year is no exception.

For the month of March, contributions were \$2,000 higher than expenses and \$6,700 higher than February contributions. Those of us, who worry about the finances of the church, thank the Congregation for its financial support in March.

While we have been able to reduce the deficit by \$2,000 in March, we still have a \$6,200 deficit for the fiscal year. If the Congregation is to fulfill its pledged stewardship obligation, it must contribute 10% more than it did last year. For the first quarter of 2007, contributions are running only 3% better than 2006. Apparently our contributions are not keeping pace with our stewardship promise.

The end of a fiscal quarter is a good time for each of us to check whether our contributions are consistent with our pledges. I checked mine and discovered I had fallen behind. An additional contribution during Easter week put me back on track! I hope each of you will follow my lead. We certainly could use the boost in contributions!

I found that checking my contributions against my pledge was complicated and time consuming. It turns out there is an easier way to keep my contributions proportionate to my pledge. It is the *Simply Giving* program sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent is a not-for-profit organization guided by the Lutheran tradition and values of its 3 million members for more than 100 years. As some of you know, Thrivent provides matching funds for several of our outreach programs, i.e., LCOS Care, Holiday Food Drive, and My Father’s House.

The *Simply Giving* program is a convenient, secure way for our members to electronically transfer contributions weekly, monthly or quarterly to keep pace with your pledge commitments. Did you know that electronic funds transfer is a more secure method for contributing to the church than a check or cash?

To join the program, you can pick up an Enrollment/Authorization form from Monica in the Church Office or if you are like me, you can go to thrivent.com and complete the form on line. I like the fact that the *Simply Giving* program lets me automatically transfer funds from either my checking or savings account at a frequency that works for me, i.e., Weekly on Monday or Friday, the 1st and 15th of each month, monthly on the first or 15th. Moreover, I can designate which particular funds (e.g., General/Operating, Major Repair, Evangelism, or Outreach), and the amounts I want contributed to each fund. Unlike other forms of electronic payment, there is no fee because Thrivent Financial pays the transaction fees as a gift to the Lutheran community. Check it out at thrivent.com, you’ll like it!

Special Projects Appeal

Last month I identified four special projects which are beyond our current budget and need financial support from the Congregation ASAP. I would like to thank those of you who have responded but we need more financial assistance for these projects. As a reminder, the projects and anticipated costs are listed below. Please note the addition of one new project, sidewalk repair.

Project	Estimated Cost
Major Repair Fund	\$47,500
Sanctuary & Narthex Painting	\$22,000
Programmable Thermostats	\$2,600
Repair Parsonage Basement Walls	\$4,000
Repair Sidewalks	\$2,500

If you would like to contribute to one or more of these endeavors, please contact Pastor Zschech. Congregational support is greatly appreciated!

WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE AID AVAILABLE

Financial aid for college students is now available through the Karl, John, Elizabeth Wurffel Memorial Fund. The aid will be provided in the form of student loans. While the amount of funds available is limited, Lutheran students are encouraged to apply. Terms for the loans will be very beneficial to recipients. Assistance is provided on a one-year basis, with the possibility for applicants to reapply annually up to five years.

For consideration, the Application Forms (available from the church office) must be postmarked no later than May 15.



FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS SURVEY

Many thanks to all of you who filled out and returned the Fellowship Survey. Your answers will help us determine the fellowship interests of the congregation. If you have not filled out a survey, you may pick one up in the main entryway of the building; the survey box is also there for you to place your forms. The results will be in the June Messenger.

One idea that was well received is attending a Riversharks Game! Watch for more information in upcoming Messengers. Also, watch for information on the Congregational Picnic to be held this summer.

BEER TASTING SATURDAY, MAY 5TH-7:30 PM

Have you ever been out and thought about tasting a new beer but were unsure if you would like it, so you chose not to order. Well, join us for a fun and informative evening where you will get a chance to try new and uncommon brews. Once again Kurt Schiffler will be our expert and speaker. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Our hosts this year will be Janice and Leo Tyrell, 237 Rhoads Avenue (428-9624). Please call Bobbi Newsham (609-828-5244) soon to reserve your spot!

SENIOR GAME DAY TUESDAY, MAY 29-12:00 NOON

Bring a friend to Senior Game Day for a wonderful afternoon including a “free” lunch. Join in a game of bridge, pinochle, bingo, or bring your own game to share! Singles/Couples all welcome. All that is asked is that you call either Ruth Iacona 429-4813, Betty Keene 429-5083, or Eleanor Gaines 429-8056, so that they can prepare for lunch.

*Go to old favorites, or come to come to something new—
just come out and join the Fellowship Committee's Events!
Bobbi Newsham, Chair*