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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

POWER POINT VOLUNTEER  
Needed for Entry Announcement Monitor

The signs they are a changing, and with it comes a new way to serve in ministry at Our Savior. Pastor Wayne, working with the Communications ministry at Our Savior, is seeking someone with Power Point creation skills to assist in the creation of the weekly announcement slides that are now displayed on the Wayne Avenue entryway announcement monitor. The goal would be to have as many as four different people working in this new area of ministry so a person would only have to make up a week of slides once a month. Anyone who enjoys creating Power Point slides and prefers to work from home will find this an excellent way to participate in ministry at Our Savior, and is asked to contact Pastor Wayne Zschech.

This new ministry came about in November when a new announcement monitor was installed in the entry area to replace the former individual letter board. The new color monitor displays a Power Point slideshow on a continuous loop of the current day’s schedule and various announcements upcoming events and reminders going on at Our Savior. It has been a great addition to the Communications ministry as well as the Evangelism (now re-named Outreach) ministry of the congregation. The versatility of changing the daily schedule will allow visitors and parishioners to know what groups are meeting and where even with last minute changes.

Both the monitor, paint for the walls, and new Dell computer designated to run the program were made possible through an anonymous grant at the beginning of the year. Many thanks go out to Bob Ely for his work in getting the system hooked up, and Pastor Wayne for painting the wall and creating the various slides viewed on the monitor.

While the office staff and Pastor Wayne will continue to create and maintain the “Today’s Schedule” slides for each day of the week, Pastor Wayne is eager to provide those with Power Point slide creation skills and desire to share in this ministry. Each Sunday a new week of slides is created as a file into which the daily schedule slide will be inserted. Pastor Wayne is hoping there are at least two or three youth or adults who might find this a way to participate in the ministry at Our Savior even from the comfort of their home.

ANNUAL MEETING  
Sunday Jan 25 at Noon

Immediately following the late worship service on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> the voting membership of the congregation of The Lutheran Church Our Savior will gather in the parish hall for a lunch prior to the Annual Meeting. This year’s meeting will prove to be an interesting one as six Congregation Council members and two members of the Memorial Gifts Board will need to be elected by a quorum of the congregation to serve three and four year terms respectively. Additionally, the 2009 Financial Plan for Ministry will be voted on.

In addition to these regular business items of ministry handled at the annual meeting the Vision Committee will share the work they have achieved in the previous year and the goals they have for 2009. The Memorial Gift Board will also present and recommend a proposal for a change in the Memorial Gift Board charter that provides the background and basis for the annual calculation of the grant that is available to the congregation for ministry from the Endowment Fund. Other discussion may include how to best provide opportunities for life long learning and faith formation within the congregation as well as teaching and nurturing a worship life among our children.

*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.*



## Facebook Focused Fellowship Groups?

*By Pastor Wayne Zschech*

Are you on Facebook? If you had asked me that question a year ago I would have said, “No, and I don’t plan to be.” But after my 25<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion last summer that all changed. One of my classmates created a Cinnaminson High School 82 group on Facebook and gave us all instructions on how to get on. Once a member of Facebook we could not only look up the photos from the reunion, but keep in touch with classmates by identifying them as “friends”. Ironically, I no sooner had a profile on Facebook when I was being asked by a number of classmates, church members (mostly youth), and friends from afar to be their “friend” and confirm I would be. Over the last five months I’ve had more contact with friends and classmates than I have in the last 25 years!

This got me thinking about how Facebook might be a great way for members of the congregation to keep in touch with each other in the midst of a hectic and time crunched week. I've longed to lead or facilitate a discussion group on any faith in life issues adults deal with regularly in order for the congregation to nurture personal and spiritual growth through fellowship like our mission statement says. But as much as I've wanted to do this I couldn't figure out what TIME would be the best to offer it. Sunday mornings at 9:15 isn't good for parents with children. Most adults work during the day. Many people, me included, have other meetings, activities, or family commitments that prevent a regular night and time each week or even once a month. Saturdays? Forget it. Between finally having the time to do the household chores we can't get done in the week and running errands or attending children's athletic or extra-curricular events the whole day is booked.

But if I created an LCOS Focused Fellowship group on Facebook that deals with faith in life topics then the issue of time and day would no longer be an obstacle. People could post their comments at whatever time of day they are available and whichever day they can. The group could be as large or small as needed since fitting everyone in a room is no longer an issue. Best of all, since everyone can have a profile picture we can recognize each other on Sundays when coming to worship (or even coordinate meeting each other to do just that!) And in case you're wondering what "Focused Fellowship" a group that in the midst of gathering for fellowship with a specific focus (e.g. moms of toddlers, faithful financial planning).

I hope to start one by February, but will need to become better acquainted with Facebook until then. Please drop me an email if you have a particular faith issue or discussion topic you think would be interesting for others in the congregation to nurture their personal and spiritual growth by fellowshipping on Facebook with each other. In the meantime I look forward to making some new friends and becoming one of yours both in cyberspace and in the worship space at Our Savior.

**NEWCOMERS  
ORIENTATION  
CLASSES BEGIN  
JAN 4 AT 9:15**  
New Members

Received January 25

If you've been a worshipping visitor of Our Savior for a week or over a year you are invited to join Pastor Glenn Englehardt for four weeks of a Newcomer Orientation class in Room 112 near the bulletin boards on the ground floor near the Parish Hall. The classes will 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 congregation council will also occur as well.

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on January 25! 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. The Evangelism Committee along with Pastor Wayne will also have a member of the congregation act as a sponsor for the new members to help them continue to better know and grow in the congregation's ministry. Take the time to welcome our newest members and introduce yourselves to them.

**January, 2009**

# WOMEN'S FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

## An Evening Out

On January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm we will share a delicious meal at Tre Famiglia on Haddon Ave. (between Rhodes and Wayne Aves). If you would like to come, please let Connie know by January 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars now for the February meeting of the Women's Friday Fellowship Group will be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm, at **Deb Tredinnick's house, 402 4th Ave., Haddon Heights**. We will share our own favorite books from childhood as we gather the donated books.

## Seeking Gently Used or New Books for Needy Students

Perhaps you have books that your children have outgrown or you can buy an extra book the next time you are at Barnes and Noble. The Women's Friday Fellowship Group is collecting gently used or new children's books for a school with many needy students. These books will be used for a reading program to help these students maintain their skills over the summer. They are primarily looking for books from kindergarten to 2nd grade level, although other levels will be put to good use. If you are able to help out, place the books in the box outside the office. We will collect books until the end of February. If you have any questions, contact Connie. Thank you!



**ATTENTION SENIORS!**  
**SENIOR GAME DAY**  
**NEXT DATE IS:**  
***TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, AT NOON***  
**BINGO PINOCCHLE 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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Rich Amme	Worship & Music
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Dave Wyche	Communication

## MEMORIAL GIFTS BOARD

Cathe Bare  
Jack Berrigan, ex-officio  
Paul Clark  
Paul Knauer  
John Laughlin  
Bob Mirabello, ex-officio  
Laura Oakes  
Stacey Shaw  
Elizabeth Woltz  
Wayne Zschech, ex-officio

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor  
Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor  
Monica Ebbenga, Office Administrator  
Cindy Randall, Office Assistant  
Eric Ebbenga, Organist  
Patricia Shaw-Green, Dir. of Music  
Linda Powell Cherub Choir  
Bob Knight, Custodian  
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup  
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care  
Beth Hill, Altar Guild  
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

# JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

**Altar Guild:** Teresa Vitale, Arlene Stolarick  
**Counters:**

## January 4

**Coffee Hour:** Adult Choir  
**Readers:** 8- J. Oakes **10:30-** Dave Wyche  
**Communion Assistants:** **10:30-** Bob Ely, Larry Friant  
**Ushers:** 8- **10:30-**  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Morgan Sehdev  
**10:30-**Chris & Nick Heinze, Emily Donovan, Robby Reiter, Nicole Fallon

## January 11

**Coffee Hour:** Memorial Gifts Board  
**Readers:** 8- B. Wilson **10:30-** B. Bogina  
**Ushers:** 8- **10:30-**  
**Acolytes:** 8- Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernam, Alex Fabian  
**10:30-** Karen Graber, Hayden Remphrey, Holly & Kelly Harrington, Andrew Vitale

## January 18

**Coffee Hour:** Social Ministry  
**Readers:** 8- C. Monsen **10:30-** C. Gross  
**Ushers:** 8- **10:30-**  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Samantha Prepsel  
**10:30-** Steven Peterson, John Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell, Kyle Carpenter, Sam Lyons

## January 25

**Coffee Hour:** NO Coffee Hour  
**Readers:** 8- T. Cheney **10:30-** W. Haswell  
**Ushers:** 8- **10:30-**  
**Acolytes:** 8- RobLaBarge, Stephen Woltz, Carri Killian  
**10:30-** Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Jon Maniaci, Rebecca Windle, Shelby Cain



## JANUARY

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**Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship**  
**& New Member Class (Rm #122) 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6:00 PM**
- Mon

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Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
- Tues

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Social Ministry, 7 PM  
Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
- Wed

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Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM  
Tai Chi, 4 PM  
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM  
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs

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Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun

11

**Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship**  
**& New Member Class (Rm #122) 9:15 AM**  
**Baptismal Medallians Presented (10:30 AM)**  
**Confirmation Huddle 6 PM**  
**Youth Group 7:00 PM**
- Mon

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Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
- Tues

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Church Council, 7:30 PM
- Wed

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Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM  
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM  
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs

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Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun

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**Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship**  
**& New Member Class (Rm #122) 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6 PM**  
**Youth Group 7:00 PM**
- Mon

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Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Wed

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Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM  
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM  
**Children's Church, 7 PM**  
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs

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Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun

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**Worship 8 & 10:30 AM , Reflections Worship,**  
**Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**
- Mon

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Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30PM
- Tues

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Senior Game Day, 12 Noon
- Wed

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Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM  
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM  
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs

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Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM

# COUNCIL RENAMES EVANGELISM To “Outreach Committee”

Say the word “evangelism” and what do you think of? Two young men in black slacks and ties with white shirts knocking on doors? A man standing on the street corner crying out, “Have you found Jesus yet?” to all who walk by? A preacher on television or at church who bangs on a podium or pulpit proclaiming you need to get right with God in order to be saved? Or is it a person who simply reaches out to another person who has little or no relationship with Jesus or God’s people to come with them to worship or a fellowship or service event?

Let’s face it. When most Lutherans hear the word “evangelism” we get a knot in our stomach and break out in a cold sweat. As a result it’s also the most difficult ministry committee on Congregation council to identify someone to chair its activities. However say the word “outreach” and the stigma evaporates. Reaching out to others is not so threatening. It seems easier to reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ and opportunities to experience it than it is to be “an evangelist”, even though they are both one in the same.

With this stigma in mind the Congregation Council at its regular December meeting agreed to change the name of the Continuing Resolution entitled “Evangelism Committee” to “Outreach Committee” and the description of the committee’s work as follows: “This committee will be responsible for stimulating and leading members of this congregation in continuous and concerted efforts to reach out and awaken those who are spiritually indifferent within the congregation and the surrounding communities. Toward this objective, the committee will create and implement annual plans that grow membership, attendance and involvement in the faith community of Our Savior by addressing unmet needs of congregants and members of surrounding communities.”

It is the hope that with the changing of the name the congregation may also begin to change how it thinks about evangelism by reaching out to those who have little or no connection to the church. Some of the activities and ministry projects of the Outreach Committee include the Cookie Brigade who bring cookies to first time visitors within a day of worshiping with the congregation, the new pictorial directory, assisting in coordinating Newcomer Orientation classes as well as identifying sponsors for those choosing to formally join the congregation.

# YOUTH HAPPENINGS in the New Year

The youth group will have a “faith formation” meeting on Sunday, January 11. Pastor Wayne will play a short video and then introduce talking points.

January 25<sup>th</sup> is “Youth Sunday.” The senior high youth group will lead the day’s worship services.

# PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES Now Available... At Last!

After beginning the process back in the fall of 2006 the new Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior directories are finally ready for distribution! These new directories are available in three ring binders and may be picked up at the church office during the week or on Sundays. There is one copy available for each family in the congregation, and the new binder system is intended to create the opportunity for updated information to be added to the directory binder over time. New member photos and contact information will be provided on an annual basis, as well as Congregation Council photos and contact information updated each year in February. The various schedules and calendars for those participating in different areas of ministry (confirmation, youth group, reader, usher, acolyte, choirs, etc.) can be included in the directory binder for easier access of information related to ministry at Our Savior.

This process began over two years ago when the church worked with My Church Directories to produce an 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition back in October of 2006. Unfortunately, the company went bankrupt before completing the directory and after receiving the photo files last spring it was clear a volunteer team would have to create the directory. A directory program was purchased and with updated and new photos taken after worship in October the directory was created mostly in-house thanks to the efforts of Deb and Bob Ely, Deb MacBride, Bill and Spencer Cowan, and Monica Ebbenga.

Many thanks go out to all the various people who helped to make this possible including those who coordinated the original photo sessions back in 2006. Our greatest regret is that some of the people for whom photos were taken in 2006 are no longer with us due to death or moving out of the area or congregation. The staff and volunteers at Our Savior hope the congregation will find this an excellent resource in reaching out to members and keeping track of ministry opportunities during the current year.

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# GOD BLESS LCOS ANGELS Advent

## Giving Tree Update

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

Once again the people of Our Savior have put their faith into action with their generosity. A huge thank you and well done from the Social Ministry Committee to everyone who took an Advent Giving Tree tag and bought the gifts or donated money to purchase gifts. We started with 237 tags and ended with 199 tags taken and 38 tags left. In addition \$875 was contributed to the Advent Giving Tree fund and was used to purchase gifts for the remaining tags. The gifts are given to children, teenagers, young adults, adults and families through the following organizations.

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

## CRAZY TALK CORNER: Evangelism \ee-VAN-juh-lih-zuhm\ n.

The terrifying act of sharing the good news with those who desperately need to hear it.

Like many crazy talk terms, evangelism comes from Greek – and thus may keep ordinary people clueless about what it means. For most, evangelism describes an act that is presumptuous, pushy, and painful. But the Greek word euangelion means “good news.” Evangelism is any act of speaking or doing that shares with others the good news that Jesus Christ loves them unconditionally. Evangelism is not a program or strategy; it is a way of life – which is, of course, crazy talk.

The above article is taken directly from the book Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms edited by Rolf A. Jacobson and printed by Augsburg Books in Minneapolis, copyright 2008, p. 61



# UNDECK THE SANCTUARY January 7 @ 4PM

With the arrival of Epiphany comes the removal of the various Christmas décor from around the church sanctuary. The Altar Guild and Worship and Music Committee would appreciate any help that is available on Wednesday, January 7, beginning at 4:00 and during the Cherub and Children’s Choir rehearsals, to carefully remove the Christmons and lights from the trees, take down the trees and carefully store them in their respective containers. The Thursday Morning Work Crew will assist in storing the containers in their appropriate closet on January 8. Please contact Pastor Wayne if you are able to help or just show up on Wednesday, January 7.



## PRAYING FOR YOU

- Every Monday from 7-7:30 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

# JANUARY SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS By Betsy Kuehn

## MY FATHER’S HOUSE

Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls at My Father’s House. Jan Amme is contacting those who have cooked meals for the girls this year to see if they plan to cook again in 2009. Contact Jan if interested in preparing a meal.

## PANTRY NEEDS

Help is needed to pack and deliver food for our Pantry families. Sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. We currently serve 11 families. Also a reminder to remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items, do not need baby food. Contact Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman with any questions. Also thank you to the Youth Group for cleaning, re-organizing, and shopping for the Pantry on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**LCOS CARE PACKAGES** – Social Ministry sent out 27 care packages to LCOS college students & military personnel in early November. We plan to mail care packages again by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February. Please send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw.

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** – On Monday 11/24, Jane Evans, Jan Amme, Harvey Shaw, and Larry Friant delivered 11 turkeys and 86 food bags to New Visions in Camden. Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman delivered food bags and turkeys to the 11 Pantry families. Ten turkeys went to the Pantry families (one didn’t want one), and 22 bags (2 per family). A total of 108 bags were collected. We received a total of \$832.00 in donations for the Holiday Food Drive, plus \$800.00 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$1632.00.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** – Thank you to all who took an Advent Giving Tree tag and bought the gift or donated money to buy the gifts. Please see Larry Friant’s article in this messenger for more information.

**Meeting dates:** We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy Kuehn

Thanks to the following people for helping with the party in November; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Joan Candia, Danielle Deery, Juhan Runne, Senior High Youth Group, Eva Shaw, Molly Smith, Andrew and Laura Vitale,**



**Seniors and other congregation members** for donating canned goods.

Thanks to **all who cook meals** for My Father’s House each Tuesday.

Thank you to **Darla Miley-Gibson, Kathy Wright and Bobbi Newsham** for preparing food for the November 19th Family Dinner.

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

Messenger helpers: **Betty Keene, Rose Marie Krauss, Dottie Powell, Eleanor Gaines, Lynn Boyle, Jane Evans, Lousie Mowrer, Arlene Berger**

## IN HARM’S WAY

**Lt. John L. Gaines**, aboard USS Vicksburg  
**SFC Donald Brandinelli**, serving in Iraq,  
**Colonel Richard Howley**, serving in Iraq,  
**Michael Miano**, stationed in Nepal.

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



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

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# MUSINGS FROM THE CORNER: SEEING THE VISION

by Susan

The Random House dictionary defines vision as “the act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be: the vision of an entrepreneur for example.

This whole concept of vision started me thinking in the context of what is happening in our homes, our nations and the whole world today.

There is an undercurrent of fear and anxiety over economic stressors, physical safety, morality and a myriad of other “things that go bump in the night.” People are trying desperately to “see” what the future holds. They look to economic indicators, world reports, stock market reports, polls and daily astrology readings. Things seem, at best, to be pretty gloomy these days.

And yet.....I think we need to remind ourselves that the one true visionary that we need to be turning to and trusting in has been at work fulfilling His vision for the world since the beginning of time. God’s heart isn’t skipping a beat over the latest headlines.

Perhaps, we should ask ourselves at this juncture, “What does God want us to do personally and as a congregation working as the body of Christ to help fulfill His vision? He wants us to turn to Him and reach out to others to do the same. He promises to care for our needs, our safety and our peace of mind if we put our faith in Him. How is the vision for the church family at LCOS going to strengthen our own faith as well as reach out and help our neighbors “see” God in today’s world? How do we align ourselves with God’s vision for us? What does this look like?

It may be seeking God’s will through time spent in personal or communal prayer. For some it may be simply sharing our personal faith stories with friends or family. For others it may take the form of an invitation to a neighbor to join in worship or a “random act of kindness.” It may be that sudden inspirational thought that you’re convicted to share.

As we prepare to enter into a new year let us commit hearts, minds and hands towards fulfilling God’s vision for us here at LCOS. Speak to the pastors. Seek out committee chairpersons. Share your ideas and become a light in the vision of our Savior.



# THRIVENT BAPTISMAL MEDALLIONS

Given on January 11

On Sunday, January 11, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 AM worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child’s baptism, the children will be given a blessing by the pastors as well as a gift of a pewter baptismal medallion. The medallion has the child’s name and baptismal date engraved on the back as a permanent reminder of God’s gracious act.

Parents who will be participating in the service are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting the church office either by phone (429-5122) or email ([info@oursaviorhaddonfield.org](mailto:info@oursaviorhaddonfield.org)). Those eligible for receiving a medallion include: Alison Bogina, Jack Fetter, Lilly Glass, Alexander Gonzalez, Thomas Gonzalez, Mason Hager, Andrew Kiewel, Julianna Martinsen, John McKeever, Collin O’Connor, Logan Riggione, Erin Ryan, Avery Smyth, and Kaitlyn Troiano.

## INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS Volunteer Training Session

January 21, 2009, 9 -11:30 AM  
United Methodist Church of  
Haddonfield

All interested mothers and fathers, there will be babysitting provided during the training session. Please come see how IFC can fit into your busy day!

Volunteer drivers are needed to take Inter-faith Caregivers’ clients in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield to their doctors’ appointments, to the grocery store, and to other places for which they need transportation. We need all types of volunteers, and we encourage parents of young children to consider how volunteering with IFC can fit into your busy day. Even if you only have twenty minutes a week, you can drop someone off at a local appointment or help make a meal for someone while teaching your children the value and importance of helping others. After the holidays are over, and the New Year has begun, please consider making volunteering a part of your family’s values.

For reservations, please call the office at 354-0298. We are confident that you and your family will find volunteering with IFC rewarding. Please call Lea Jacovini at 856-354-2020 with any questions.

# FACES OF LCOS

## The Quanci Family Brings New Energy to Our Savior

Variety. Diversity. Energy. Lisa Quanci and her family bring it all to Our Savior.

Considered “newcomers,” relatively speaking, the Quanci family joined LCOS four years ago and church leadership has embraced their enthusiasm and involvement.

Lisa and John Quanci moved to South Jersey in 1988 after John received his PhD in Chemical Engineering. He has worked for Mobil, BP (British Petroleum) and currently Sunoco.

Lisa, who has a degree in graphic design from the Fashion Institute of New York, was raised Roman Catholic for 25 years. The couple joined St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Collingswood after returning to the United States from England, where they lived for a while. They then returned to Great Britain but came back to the U.S. and found a house in Haddonfield.

“A few years after we returned, we decided to try Our Savior. . . it was right down the street. . . and we were inspired by the confirmation program that Noelle could take advantage of,” Lisa said. “We joined four years ago but it doesn’t seem that long. “We got in at the tail end of Pastor Dunkle’s tenure,” she continued. “We were kind of upset (when he retired) because we had just joined the church and it seemed like we were going through what we went through at my past church. Pastor Wayne came and Noelle got to vote for the new Pastor and she felt empowered, and that was important. Things just built from there.”

What built was a high level of service based on the Quancis’ commitment to their faith.

Lisa has been a Cub Scout leader for seven years, and currently youngest son Brandon, 10, is a member of her Den. She has served on the Executive Board of the Middle School PTA, Board of Governors for the Civic Association, senior class representative at Haddonfield Memorial High School, is the volunteer art coordinator at The Camden Forward School.

“Wherever I am, I belong to a lot of things,” Lisa said. “I am definitely an idea person. I have a lot of ideas.”

The Quanci children follow their mother’s lead. Noelle, now a senior at HMHS, is captain of the color guard, plays percussion in the stage band and is involved with stage management at the high school. At LCOS, she sings in the youth choir and is very involved in Youth Group. Ethan, 16 and a sophomore at HMHS, is a Boy Scout working on his Eagle badge, runs track and cross country at the high school, is an acolyte, sings in the Youth Choir, is involved in Youth Group and regularly helps his dad keep the church hedges trimmed. Brandon is a fourth-grader at Elizabeth Haddon School and sings in the Children’s Choir at LCOS.

“The kids have varied interests,” Lisa said. “We always encouraged them to spread themselves out . . . to do different things and different sports and different activities. When you are young, you find out what you are good at. Our kids liked the physical things like marching band and track.”

What the members at LCOS have learned is that Lisa is reliable and dependable.

She sings in the Adult Choir, taught Sunday Church School for two years and is currently an assistant, has helped Bobbi Newsham with Social Ministry events, assisted Heather Vaughn in revising the photo board in the Narthex, is on the Youth Group Advisory Committee and recently attended the Mission Trip Habitat for Humanity this summer to North Carolina.

“The mission trip was one of the most awesome things I’ve ever done,” Lisa said. “It was absolutely wonderful. I surprised myself. My father was a handyman so I was familiar with wood and building. By the second day, I was using a miter saw, cut out windows with a saw-all . . . it was empowering. We had some special moments with the kids and to see them grow . . . it was incredible. The last night, Pastor Wayne had us all sit around a table and talk about our highs and lows, and at least half (of the 19 youth) said their high was ‘We built a house.’ They couldn’t get over it. The only thing not completed was the roof. Their smiling faces were awesome and it made you hungry for more.”

Lisa and the Quancis’ appetite for giving has been a blessing for our membership. She feels likewise.

“I am so thankful and grateful for the opportunity to have a relationship that has been created in such a short time at the church that was right down the street all this time,” she said. “I am really happy where I am. This is the right place for our whole family.”



Within a week or two (depending on when you get this), it will be a new year. New Year’s celebrations (‘out with the old, in with the new’); New Year’s resolutions (maybe this year I’ll actually keep a few!); new opportunities; a new President and Administration; I’ll be a new grandfather in July (at least that’s the month Krista is due).

But for many it will be same old, same old. Fears about the economy, about keeping one’s job, about health, about aging, about the threat of terrorism, about the environment, about the strength of the family, about the future of the church. For many, when Christmas carols stop being sung, and the tree is put on the curb or dismantled and put away, and the children are back in school, it will mean going back to the same old grindstone, with little new to look forward to.

For people of faith like us, Isaiah says “Sing to the Lord a new song.” (42:10) This was a dramatic change in tone in the Book of Isaiah, which actually begins in Chapter 40: “Comfort, O Comfort my people, says your God.” Comfort and hop for the worst of times. God’s chosen and exiled people needed it then, and don’t we need it now! The confident nation Isaiah once knew slid further and further downward. The people needed words of encouragement. Don’t we need them now as well? Isaiah tries to reestablish faith in God. God has in mind a new thing, a plan far more impressive than anything seen before.

Do we find the prophet’s words comforting? What plan might God have for you, and for us as a community of faith? God is a keeper of promises; he ultimately provided the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, a gift most of the people of Isaiah’s day failed to recognize. Is your trust in the Christian God, or have you invested that trust elsewhere?

It’s a new day, a new year; a new opportunity to celebrate God.

*by Pastor Englehardt*

## 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.*

## JANUARY BIBLE STUDY: Opening the Book of Faith

In these 4 weeks we will look at 4 different texts: one from Exodus, one from Jeremiah, one from John, and one from Romans.

Each week we will also be applying 1 of the 4 different approaches to, or methods of, biblical study that folks have been using for generations. They are Devotional Reading, Historical Reading, Literary Reading, and Lutheran Theological Reading.

The lesson of each week stands on its own, but there is accumulative value in being able to attend all four. I look forward to your presence and insights.

Join me on Monday nights (7:30) PM or Wednesday mornings (9:30 AM) beginning January 5, as we recall or learn anew the Lutheran approaches to Scripture that have been so fruitful over the centuries. **Pastor Englehardt**

## ECLIPSING EMPIRE

### Focused Fellowship January 4- March 22

***Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God.*** Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul’s footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This study explores fresh insights into Paul’s message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle’s radical relevance for today.

**Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parlor:  
January 4 – March 22**

For more information, contact Monica Ebbenga



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## CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

### Join us this Winter!

If you have not yet experienced this fun and meaningful worship experience for young children (through age 6 or 7), now is the time! So grab your pencil and your calendar and reserve these dates:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 7:00-7:30PM

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00-7:30PM

We hope to see you soon!

## TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

### by Jack Berrigan

The generosity of our Congregation is a beacon for our ministries in these difficult times. Contributions in November were \$43,504. Total contributions through November are \$420, 213 which is \$4,831 above my projection for the first 11 months. With continued support from the Congregation, December contributions will exceed \$73,000 from a year ago and we will have achieved the extraordinary, balanced financial support for the God’s work!

Ministry leaders, administrative staff and the pastors continue to show responsible, prudent management of expenses. Expenses for the month were \$38,482. For the year to date, total expenses are \$413,781 which is \$5,521 lower than expected.

December is an important month in the church calendar. It is the month we celebrate the birth of Jesus and, it is a month the many volunteers who support the ministries Our Savior receive a collective pat on the back for a job well done! Thank you!

This year I would like to offer a special thank you to the members of the Congregation who have contributed to Our Savior in a time of need. Bless you, all! Happy holidays!

## Stewardship Appeal

If you have not submitted your estimate of giving for 2009 by the time you read this, please take a few minutes to complete it and send it in. We desperately need all of the estimates of giving to put together a realistic budget for 2009.

In what promises to be a particularly challenging year for all, the uplifting help our ministries and your contributions offer will be particularly important. As a faith community we have an opportunity to be source of light and hope for those in need. Help us shine!