

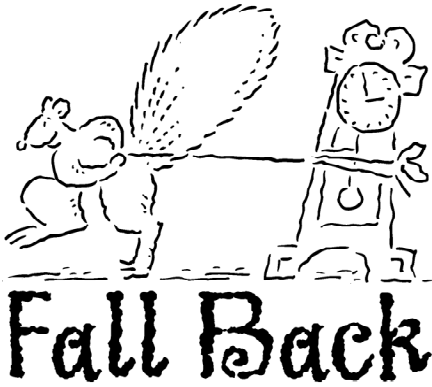
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Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 2 AM.

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November Birthdays



The Parish Messenger

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



Rev. Dr. Bruce Main~ UrbanPromise

Sunday, November 8th 8 & 10:30 AM Worship

For the past twenty years Bruce Main has served as executive director and now president of UrbanPromise Ministries in Camden, New Jersey. UrbanPromise, founded in 1988 is a ministry that seeks to revitalize impoverished urban communities through Christian-based comprehensive youth development programs.

UrbanPromise hosts several after school programs, summer camps, employment readiness programs, entrepreneurial training opportunities, missionary internships, alternative schools for teens and the **CamdenForward School**—a elementary school experience for low-income families. Bruce assisted in developing UrbanPromise satellite programs in Wilmington, DE, Toronto, Vancouver, BC, and Lilongwe, Malawi. All these programs focus on equipping children and teens from under resourced communities with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth and Christian leadership.

Bruce Main is a graduate of [Azusa Pacific University](#), BA Theology; [Fuller Theological Seminary](#), Pasadena, California, MA Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry at [Princeton Theological Seminary](#). Selected by *Christianity Today Magazine* as one of America's **"UP & Coming Leaders Under 40"** within the United States, Bruce Main speaks both nationally and internationally at various mission conferences, colleges, churches and business gatherings. Bruce and the work of UrbanPromise is featured regularly in local media outlets and was recently highlighted on Diane Sawyer's 20/20 special, *Waiting on the World to Change* and ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition.

Bruce is an adjunct faculty member at [Eastern University](#). He co-authored [Revolution & Renewal: How Churches Are Saving Our Cities](#), with Dr. Tony Campolo. Main also has authored, [If Jesus Were A Sophomore: Discipleship for College Students](#) and [If Jesus Were A Senior: Last Minute Preparations for a life of Discipleship](#). Both books published by Westminster Press. Main also published, [Spotting the Sacred: Finding God in Unlikely Places](#), with Baker Books and just released [Holy Hunches: Responding to the Promptings of God](#).

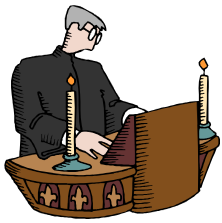
Mr. Main lives in New Jersey with his wife, Pamela, and their three children.

Saturday Night Alive Worship Well Embraced

In the first three weeks of its one-year pilot, the Saturday night worship attendance has averaged 42 people per worship. Many of the attendees have shared it allowed them to worship at Our Savior on a weekend they normally would not have been able to attend on Sunday morning. Others are simply checking the new worship led by guitars and a Power Point slide show of songs and liturgy to see what it is like. Pastor Wayne has chosen to preach from the aisle among the pews rather than from the pulpit for a more intimate style of delivery. The songs are more in the praise style rather than traditional hymns, and the worship team looks to expand the repertoire of the congregation and guitar "band" as the weeks progress. Clearly, this new worship opportunity was a much needed addition to the worship offerings at Our Savior.



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.



“For All the Saints”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Who are the “saints” that helped shape, form, or guide the formation of your faith and trust in God and Jesus over the course of your life? Last month I attended a training workshop for the reFocusing Network Process our congregation will enter into starting January 2010. Part of the training included the creation of a timeline of people, events, and situations that made a significant impact in my life and faith and reflecting on how my life was changed because of them. Here are just a few of mine.

Martha Zschech, my mom, who showed me the joy that comes from generously giving God our first fruits and regular percentage of what God has first given us toward God’s work in the world through the work of the church.

Joyce Gutelius, my fifth grade Sunday school teacher (and unbeknownst to me at the time, daughter of Helen Rink who was member of Our Savior and was married to Harry Gutelius here at Our Savior), showed me the passion and joy that comes from being in a relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Carl Weber, who baptized and confirmed me, and later encouraged me as I contemplated entering seminary (and ironically is an uncle to Ruth Friant and Jeanette Leeds), modeled how worship keeps us connected and aligned with God’s will and kingdom that is constantly breaking into our lives.

Mae Eakin, my high school Bible study teacher, knew her Bible so well the only lesson plan she had was asking, “What do you want to talk about today?” and we were off and running throughout the entire Bible. Mae taught me that knowing God’s Word draws us closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dee Littleton, my 8th grade Sunday school teacher and years later my senior year mentor at seminary (and oddly enough is the related to Jane Evans and Pat Scott of Our Savior – I’m beginning to see a pattern here), taught me the importance of lifelong learning in the life of Christian and especially the pastorate.

Finally, Rudy Zschech, my dad, who showed me the excitement that can come in rolling up your sleeves and getting sweaty and dirty for the sake of serving others in the name of Christ. Because of his example, I look forward to many years of working with Habitat for Humanity and other outreach agencies.

November 1 is All Saint’s Day, and this year falls on a Sunday. During the each worship service the congregation will be given an opportunity during the Prayers of the Church to name aloud or silently all the saints that have made a difference in one’s life and faith. So, think about who are the saints, both those who have died and gone before us in the faith, and those still with us, who have helped shape and mold you in the image of Christ? How might you be that saint for your children and others in your life? On All Saint’s Day, let us offer their names as our prayer as we give thanks for all the saints and praise to our Lord and Savior who continues to give us strength and hope by his Spirit’s Power.

“Make It Simple”

Is this Year’s Stewardship Theme

For the first four Sundays in November, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will explore the “Make It Simple” stewardship resources from the ELCA as a part of its annual Stewardship Appeal. Make It Simple rests on four separate, but related themes. Each is phrased as an action, presumably an action that God’s people take as a part of their stewardship. The four Sunday themes are:

Nov 1 – Following Jesus: When we follow Jesus we trust in our relationship with a God who provides for our every need and how undue concern for our possessions can get in the way of our living as his disciples.

Nov 8 – Facing the Truth: Amidst the storms of our lives we face the truth that God can be trusted to provide for our future better than we could do on our own./

Nov 15 – Acting Together: As disciples we live in community with one another and provide for the common good of all out of love for one another.

Nov 22 – Sharing Enough: Rather than keeping a scarcity mindset disciples of Jesus embrace a state of contentment and that what God provides is enough for living a full life in Christ.

In addition to bulletin inserts each week, there will be a Bible study on each of the themes during from 9:15-10:00 am between the two classic worship services of 8:00 and 10:30, held in the Parish Hall near the stage. Various DVD testimonials will be shared with casual discussion over refreshments following. The Appeal will culminate with a Commitment Sunday on November 22 at all worship times wherein the congregation will be invited to place their Estimates of Giving Intent Forms in the offering that day. Also on that day, the Fellowship Together ministry will host a Come Together Sunday where all the various ministry groups will provide an “expo” of their ministry and invite new and long-time congregants to offer their time and talent in one or more ministry activities. Be sure to join the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in November as we explore how we can “Make It Simple” when it comes to giving of ourselves in faith and service to our Lord.



Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Betsy Kuehn, Jane Evans
Counters: Arranged by Dale Kredatus
Ushers: 8: Judy Caravelli & TBD
10:30: John & Kayann Laughlin

November 1 Coffee Hour: Outreach
Readers: 8 - Arlene Stolarick 10:30 - Charles Coleman
Communion Assistants: 10:3 - Pat Haines, Kim Anderson
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Ethan Quanci, Andrew Shaw
10:30 - Dan & Mike Wolf, Billy Tessing, Andrew & Laura Vitale

November 8 Coffee Hour: Vision Committee
Readers: 8 - Bill Wilson 10:30 - Holly Harrington
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Daniel & Lucas Leverick
10:30 - Jackie Stillwell, John & Lizzy Finnerty, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry

November 15 Coffee Hour: Social Ministry
Readers: 8- Tom Weber 10:30 - Rich Amme
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Morgan & Regan Sehdev
10:30 - Ethan Quanci, Joseph Eckert, Melanie Carpenter, Alex Gilman, Carri Killian

November 22 Coffee Hour: Come Together Sunday
Readers: 8 - John Oakes 10:30 - K. Carpenter
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey & Abby Proko
10:30 - Nicole & Spencer Fallon, Billy Tessing, Melissa Olt, Molly Tomlinson

November 29 Coffee Hour: Worship & Music Committee
Readers: 8 - J. Wentzel 10:30 - Walt Haswell
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Michael McLaughlin, Stephen Woltz
10:30 - Karen & Kyler Graeger, Sean Thornton, Kyle Carpenter, Bobby Jelonek

Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day
NEXT DATE IS:
Tuesday, November 24th
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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Linda Powell Cherub Choir
Greg Gitzes, Interim Custodian
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
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Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Kim Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent

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UrbanPromise and Tortilla Press

are once again teaming up to raise scholarship money for kids in Camden

“Second” Sunday Night Out
November 8 ♦ December 13

The Cause of Education!!!

We know that one of the greatest ways to break the cycle of poverty is through education. Join UrbanPromise for Dinner at the Tortilla Press.

10% of all monies raised will go to a scholarship fund set up by Urban Promise.

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Reservations Recommended!!
4 Seatings: 5:00 ♦ 6:00 ♦ 7:00 ♦ 8:00



November 11th - Faith Formation night for youth group. Come and listen to Pastor related your faith to your everyday life. 7pm - 8:30pm

November 22nd - The Youth Group will be going roller skating. Times to be announced.

Women’s Friday Fellowship November Meeting

Gathering at Margaret Gensel’s home

on November 20th at 7:30
We hope you will join us whenever you can. All women are welcome, bring a friend! For more information, contact Connie Wolf

Save the date; January 22 out to dinner!



Sunday School will be collecting Pencils, Pens, & Rulers for IHOC. For every school supply your child brings in they will receive a bible buck to spend in the school store.

Sunday School will be collecting pantry items at the end of every month. For every food item brought in your child will receive a bible buck to spend in the school store.

November 22nd the Sunday school children will be doing a Thanksgiving Project.

November 29th there will be no Sunday school.

The Sunday School needs volunteers to help with the Christmas pageant. Costumes, snacks, rehearsals, music, props, etc...If you would like to help to contact Kim Anderson.

Vision Team

to use “reFocusing Network” process over the next 12-18 months

One of the challenges of congregations that have an established and strong ministry is to not become settled with respect to being mission-minded. When congregations attain the point of being financially secure and have a well-rounded program ministry it would be easy to settle into a mindset of maintenance rather than reaching out and continually inviting and bringing others into a relationship with Christ through the congregation. Congregations that remain settled for too long with a maintenance mindset will eventually begin to decline and, if left unchecked, will eventually reach the point of having to close their doors.

The Vision Team at Our Savior recognized the key to preventing the downward trend from ever occurring is to constantly keep the mission-minded edge in our congregation’s ministry rather than get settled into a maintenance mindset. In order for the congregation at Our Savior to do this we will be utilizing the materials provided in the reFocusing Network Process made available through Church Resource Ministry. Last month Pastor Wayne Zschech participated in a week-long training seminar to become a network facilitator for our congregation, and hopefully two or three other congregations in our area, to go through Phase I beginning in January. Here’s a brief overview of the process.

January 2010: Pastors participate in a Launch Retreat weekend resulting in the creation of a Personal Calling Statement (PCS). This PCS utilizes Awaken and Activate workbooks to discover and begin implementing one’s Core Values, Biblical Identity and Personal Impact Statements. In this retreat, which is later offered to the Vision Team, Council, staff and other leaders as well as the congregation at large, participants discover God’s presence in their lives and what God’s vision for their future might be.

February – June: Pastors continue to meet monthly to follow-through on their PCS and how to be more effective leaders in their ministry as well as facilitators of the reFocusing process in their congregations.

Feb/March: Vision Team participates in the Launch Retreat using the Awaken/Activate materials to develop their PCS.

May: Pastor Wayne Zschech attends Phase II training of the reFocusing Network Process.

June: LCOS Leadership participates in the Launch Retreat using the Awaken/Activate materials to create their PCS.

September: Phase II Launch Retreat occurs for pastors in the network. Pastors continue to meet monthly through March.

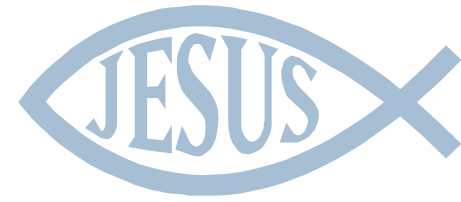
October: Vision Team leads congregation in Summit #1, and create a Journey Wall (timeline) of significant ministry milestones that have shaped church in the past. Core Values of the church will be identified.

November: Summit #2 is held where a “Community Profile” is shared that identifies our mission focus and time to listen to our Lord to discover and clarify God’s vision for our church.

December: Summit #3 is held to identify three to five major missional initiatives that need to be launched in the next three years.

January 2011: Three year Strategic Plan for Ministry with that include the mission initiatives is presented at the Congregation Annual Meeting for approval and ratification.

Please keep in mind this is a TENATIVE TIMELINE and may need to be revised depending on availability of participants and how thorough each step of the two phases can be accomplished. Please pray the Vision Team and the congregation’s leaders be attentive to God’s vision and plan for Our Savior over the next three to four years as we begin enter more deeply into this visioning process.



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 2 AM.

Please remember to change your clock & your smoke detector batteries. Enjoy the extra hour!



November Social Ministry News

By Betsy Kuehn

MEETING DATES: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in being part of our committee, please call Betsy.

CURRENT FOCUS:

Holiday Food Drive

LCOS once again will be collecting food and monetary donations which includes ‘turkey coupons’ from the supermarkets. You can help in several ways- by picking up a bag at church and filling it with non-perishables listed on the bags and/or whatever non-perishables you feel would be appropriate, contribute a turkey or other Thanksgiving meat, etc. All cash donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial, dollar for dollar, up to \$625.00. Please make checks payable to LCOS, indicate it is for Holiday Food Drive. Bags will be available beginning Sunday November 1st. Please return bags by November 22nd. They will be delivered Monday November 23rd. Also a coupon box will be available for grocery receipts for free turkeys. If you know someone in need, please let us know. We will be sharing our goodies with local persons, New Visions in Camden, and Pantry families. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Betsy Kuehn.

Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree will be in Narthex beginning November 29th thru December 13th. Please see Larry Friant’s article for more information.

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 Fall Give-A-Way/Halloween Party October 23rd. **Thank you** to all who donated deodorant and socks.

Care Packages Were send to college students and military personnel in October. **Thank you** to those who participated. Please send names, addresses, and e-mails of college students and military personnel to Eva Shaw as the committee is planning to send boxes again late winter.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Pantry Help is needed to pack and deliver food to our 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. Current Pantry needs include canned fruit, soups, desserts such as cookies, puddings, meals in a can (ex: Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti), personal items (soap, toothpaste), pancake mix & syrup. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase supplies for the Pantry.

My Father’s House Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Meals have been scheduled until the end of the year. Remember to save your receipts!!



to the following people for helping with the pantry in September; **Joan Candia, Danielle Deery, English Pike, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw.**

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

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

Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Arlene Berger, Jane Evans, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene, Louise Mowrer, Dottie Powell and Jean Schroeder.**



In Harm's Way

**Lt. John L. Gaines
Capt. Brian Iarossi
Jonathan Keck**

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



Dear LCOS:

Thank the tape services for seeing the church DVD is delivered.

Martha Ostertag & Florence Daley



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship at First Baptist Nov 25 @ 7 PM

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will again host its annual Thanksgiving Eve Community Ecumenical Worship held this year at the First Baptist Church located on Kings Highway. The worship begins at 7:00 and will be lead by worship leaders and representatives from the various member congregations in Haddonfield. For more information please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech (429-5122) or the church office (info@oursaviorhaddonfield.org).

Faces of LCOS Kim Anderson The Architect of the Sunday Church School Renovation

Kim Anderson was all too familiar with Sunday Church School at Our Savior. Ten years ago, she started teaching for SCS Superintendent Bonnie Richards, her mother. Slowly, Kim saw attendance decline and increasingly it became more difficult to find teachers. "The upstairs was dated and run-down, and we needed to make it more friendly and acceptable for teachers," Kim said. "There was no storage space and it was hard to find our supplies."

At the end of 2008, she drafted a proposal to renovate, improve and refresh the classrooms on the third floor. She thought a little paint, new carpet, some better supplies and a place to store them would make Sunday Church School a more enjoyable experience. When Sunday Church School began several weeks ago, attendance was at what is believed to be an all-time high and, for the first time in Kim's memory, there was a teacher for each class plus four substitutes.

Call the project a huge success!

"I had no idea it would be this big a project, but once we started, everybody said, if you're gonna do it, you might as well do it right," Kim said. That included addressing the climate control issues on the third floor where there were only a few window unit air conditioners. And there was a section of the third floor where the heat was determined by the thermostat in Room 112 on the first floor.

When long-time LCOS member Freda Goodman died, her family contributed a monetary gift to Our Savior in her memory and condoned using the funds for the Sunday Church School renovation project. The Memorial Gifts Board concurred.

So Council approved replacing most of the windows throughout the church, including the third floor, to save on energy costs. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC) were improved. "I'm glad we did it all," Kim said. "We replaced the windows, put in new heating and air conditioning, new carpet, two new storage closets, fresh paint, each classroom got new shelving, dry erase boards and bulletin boards. And the office got new supplies and a copier so the teachers don't have to go all the way down to the office on the first floor. "The toughest part of the project was cleaning out the third floor," she continued. "LCOS has a habit of not throwing anything away. We kept a lot of the things but gave them to Vacation Bible School, and they now have their own closet so they don't have to borrow supplies from Sunday Church School. "I'm happy with the way things turned out and everything got done," Kim said. "The one last big thing we are waiting for is a computer for the office. But everything was purchased with Freda Goodman's gift. It's hard to tell how much the project cost because we replaced all windows throughout the church and replaced the HVAC. But my guess would be about \$110,000-\$120,000.

"I think it was well worth it," she added. "Attendance has been crazy. We have about 98 kids registered, which I think is the most we've ever had. And just as important is that the kids are coming every week. Our curriculum is based on groups of four to five kids, and many weeks we did have enough in some classes to break into groups. We've seen some families bring third-and fourth-graders in their families who have never attended Sunday Church School before. I think they heard how nice it is."

As the congregation signs "I have no greater joy than this" the children are dismissed to Sunday Church School each Sunday, the parents know they are going to hear that their children are walking in the truth to a warm and comfortable classroom.

Pipeline A column for and about older people and their families...By Lorraine Miano

As we approach November and December, gift-giving becomes part of our thinking – what shall I get Mom, Dad, Grandmother, etc for the holidays? Whenever asked, the most desired gift by older folks is – the gift of "time". What many older folks would like from their families is some time together. Where to start... Start with a visit – maybe just a short visit to chat and catch up. Perhaps you can consider establishing routine visits each week (an evening to talk and perhaps look through the mail together; write the bills), or weekly lunches or dinners where you can take the older person out or eat in. Sharing food and time is always enjoyable. A truly lovely time to share is attending church together and going out for brunch after – even if monthly – it means so much. Other "time together" options might include taking your older loved one AND another person (a friend, grandchild(ren), or neighbor) to tea. Afternoon tea is fun for several generations to share. A colleague of mine likes to go to the movies with her Mother - it's time together, but enjoying a show, too. There is nothing so valuable as time and shared experience. Once the time is gone, it cannot be recovered- probably why it is so valued and always chosen as the most cherished 'gift'.

If TIME is not an issue, there are many other practical gift ideas:

- 1) an emergency call device (a famous one is LIFELINE – well known and experienced but there are others, too) or call button that offers some security to a person living alone
- 2) a cell phone on your 'family plan' that your loved one can keep nearby
- 3) a few hours of a housekeeper each month – a family gift from all – privately hired or through a homemaker or housekeeping agency
- 4) a lawn mowing service with a reputable, local lawn service – can be the gift for all holidays
- 5) a 'reassurance call' each day – if you cannot do it, there is a county service that might help – called 'Reassurance Contact' at (856) 795-4980. Ask about the program. This organization will even call up to 4x/day to remind someone to take their medications;
- 6) Look through a store like Komfort & Kare in Westmont shopping center for items that might make an older person more comfortable,
- 7) and an easy favorite – stamps and writing/note paper/ or a variety of cards all ready to go. Plan an evening to help lick stamps and send some notes to grandma's friends!

To all – enjoy a wonderful holiday with those you love. "To everything there is a season, and a *time* for every purpose under the sun". *Ecclesiastes 3*.

Musical Notes...

From the Music Director

By Pat Shaw-Green

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!!

Indeed He is.

We are days away from Reformation Sunday.

It's always a wonderful Sunday, especially for music! We will have the Seacoast

Brass with us once again, which is

always a very special way of

celebrating. Together with our

wonderful organist and all

the members of the choir, a mighty sound shall be heard by all!

We are slowly but surely building up our choir numbers again. The Children's Bell Choir has grown in leaps and bounds and are looking forward to playing for the congregation very soon! The youth Choir, though rather small at present, has a great spirit and a great sound to match. They would, however, love to have more singers join them! We are always accepting new members, even in the middle of the year. Rehearsals last for one hour from 7 - 8 PM, so there's still lots of time to get homework done!

The Adult Choir is always looking for new members to join them. No audition is required, so you don't need to sing alone. For those of you that LIKE to sing alone, there are always solo opportunities within the choir year. So, come and join our mighty musical fortes, which only means that we sing loud!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!



“Put your money where your heart is!”

~ that’s one of the mottos of Lutheran World Relief, a vital ministry of our Church (ELCA). We are already doing that in a number of ways; for example, our Working Arm task force sends quilts on a regular basis to LWR. Right now, LWR’s supply of health kits remains critically low as requests for assistance across the world increase; LWR needs more than 45,000 health kits to fill planned shipments by year’s end to 9 designated countries (if you need specifics, let me know). “Kits not only send a tangible message of God’s love amidst suffering, they also save lives. Health kits, in particular, help families stay healthy in difficult living conditions,” says Brenda Meier, LWR’s Director for Congregation and Community Engagement. How can you respond when the Spirit so moves you?

In several ways:

Financial donations to LWR: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD, 21298-9832

Credit Card donations: 1-800-LWR-LWR2; or lwr.org/giving.

The simplest way is through Our Savior, making sure you mark your gift for “LWR”.

No matter how we do it, this is God’s love, gift wrapped. Thanks for continuing to be good stewards.

~Pastor Englehardt

Advent Giving Tree Be an Angel, Take a Tag!



Beginning Sunday, November 29, the Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the second floor Narthex outside the sanctuary entrance again this year to help bring some Christmas joy to people in need in our area.

If you would like to participate in the Giving Tree, take a tag from the tree, sign the sheet next to the tree, purchase the item on the tag (limit each gift to about \$25), and return the gift wrapped with the tag attached.

Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken.

Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father’s House, Urban Promise, Caring Hearts, Haddonfield and Collingswood schools, and our LCOS pantry families.

The Advent Tree tags will be available for three consecutive Sundays, November 29, December 6, and December 13. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 20.

If you have any questions, please call Larry Friant. Thanks for your help!

Monday Night Prayer Group

7:30 PM in the Library

Connie Wolf and I continue to invite all of you to submit specific situations where God’s promises of hope, justice, and peace are especially needed. Once again, based on today’s headlines 10/16 I offer the following examples:

- A sense of crisis builds in Pakistan
- Wages head to 20-year tumble: private sector and retirees feel drag
- President Obama vows to boost aid to post-Katrina new Orleans
- Holiday airfares down this year
- Poll: Are public cellphone conversations rude?
- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg out of hospital
- Dry areas to welcome wet winter
- Yellowstone National Park plans to cut snowmobile numbers

Please email such requests to: Connie at or myself at and we will include them on the next Monday night.



Enjoying a Meaningful Advent

In an effort to provide you and yours with some great new resources to bring meaning for the season of Advent into your home, the Christian Education committee is offering to meet with you for 15-20 minutes following the 10:30 AM Service on either Sunday, Nov 29 (this would be best as it is the First Sunday in Advent) or December 6 in the Narthex. We will take those few minutes to help show you the richness of these resources. They are called Book of Faith Advent Reflections: While We Wait, which include seasonal activities for individuals, groups, and families, daily devotions and prayers for Advent, and 1 Bible study for each of the 4 Sundays in Advent. Don’t miss this opportunity to enhance your faith in this 25 or so day period leading up to the joyous Christmas celebration.

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Bringing one’s retirement plan along for the ride

Whether by personal choice or circumstances beyond one’s control, changing jobs requires making wise retirement decisions. Working for multiple employers often means dealing with multiple retirement plans. Unfortunately, those who change employers often fail to continue monitoring their retirement plans closely.

Cashing in an employer-sponsored retirement, profit-sharing, stock-bonus, 401(k), 403(b) or 457 deferred-compensation plan can be tempting, but negative consequences are likely to result. For example:

- Taking cash from a retirement plan can reduce the value of an investment by up to 40 percent. Federal income taxes, state and local taxes, and penalties may all apply at the time of withdrawal.
- If younger than age 59½, or if younger than age 55 when employment is terminated, employees have to pay a 10 percent federal penalty on the taxable portion of the distribution unless an exception applies (such as death, disability, eligible medical costs, or a qualified first-home purchase). A tax professional can provide specific information about distribution exceptions.
- For most people, Social Security will not, by itself, provide enough income to live in retirement. Pensions, if still available, typically only provide 17 percent of one’s needed income. This means that one will need to accumulate assets to maintain one’s standard of living in retirement.

People changing jobs should consider rolling their employer-sponsored plan directly into an IRA (individual retirement account). In doing so, their retirement funds keep growing tax-deferred and potential tax penalties are avoided.

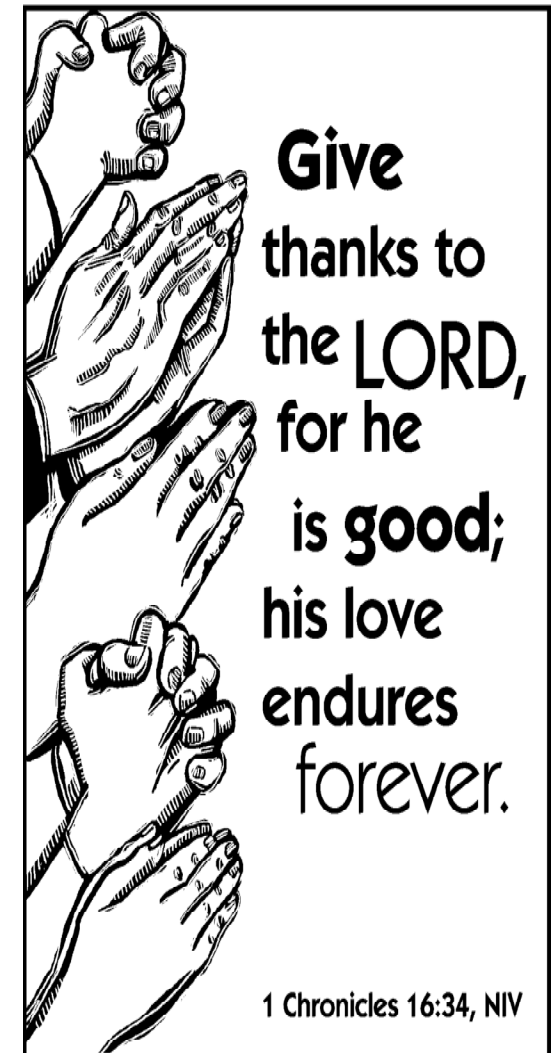
Consolidating multiple retirement plans under “one roof” can help one simplify life and gain control over qualified plan assets. For example, consolidating IRA and 401(k) assets with one institution may save both time and money. Assets can be transferred from one IRA provider to another without taxes or penalties.

Note that funds paid to an individual directly from an employer’s retirement plan or another IRA must be reinvested within 60 days of receipt. This portability feature—moving money from one qualified retirement plan to another without IRS tax penalty—is a great benefit enabling investors to make the most of their money.

In today’s economy, change is a part of life. Careful planning can ensure that change doesn’t hamper the comfortable retirement one deserves. A financial professional can help analyze financial needs and find an appropriate solution to meet those needs.

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Urban Promise Sunday, November 8

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Main
President of Urban Promise will be speaking during the 8 & 10:30 AM Worship services

As special treat, Performing Arts will participate in the services.