

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS 2007

Each year, the altar is decorated with lilies for Easter Sunday services. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$15, made payable to “LCOS Altar Guild” and mail or bring to the church office by **March 25**.

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COME IN OUT OF THE COLD!
Hot Soup - Wednesdays at 6 PM

Warm up your Wednesday nights with soup, worship, and fellowship. It is not too late to join us as we look at Life at the Edge of Faith, an exploration of the characters that find themselves as unwitting participants in the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

The soup is hot, the rolls fresh, and the fellowship comforting.

Wednesday Nights 6 PM
March 7, 14, 21, and 28

March Messenger
Time Sensitive Material Enclosed - Mailed on March 2, 2007



MARCH, 2007

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

TUESDAY NOON LENTEN
WORSHIP AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

Once again this year Grace Episcopal Church on Kings Hwy in downtown Haddonfield is sponsoring a noon Lenten worship series for those who wish to accentuate their Lenten discipline of scripture study, meditation and prayer. Clergy from the community congregations will offer a brief sermon reflection that is accompanied by singing and prayers. No registration or sign-up is necessary. Services are held regardless of how many or few attend so if you want to change the way you spend lunch on Tuesdays in Lent you might want to check out this annual offering endorsed by the Haddonfield Council of Churches.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES
BEGIN MARCH 18 AT 6:00

All sixth grade youth and older youth who have not received instruction regarding Holy Communion are invited to attend the three preparation classes scheduled each Sunday from 6:00-7:30 starting March 18. Parents and youth are both encouraged to attend if the youth desire to receive their first Holy Communion during the 7:30 worship on Maundy Thursday, April 5. *Come to the Table* are the written materials that will be used by both youth and their parents as they explore the deeper significance, meaning, and value of this sacrament in the life of a Christian disciple.

Those youth and adults planning to attend the three classes must contact Pastor Wayne or the church office of your intentions to insure there are sufficient materials. Youth who will be receiving their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday will be asked to come early that night to insure sufficient seating in the sanctuary with their families. Parents are asked to please remember flash photography is discouraged during any worship service as you prepare to celebrate with your son or daughter that night.

ADULT FORUM GROUP TO
EXPLORE "SAVING JESUS"
Sundays at 9 AM in the Parlor,
starting Mar. 11

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right? *Saving Jesus* is a revolutionary dvd-based exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious voices of our day, the weekly sessions include conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video segment and guided discussion. Join Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes and a host of others for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today.

We hope you will join us in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9 AM for a lively conversation! For more information, contact leaders: Monica Ebbenga and Pastor Englehardt.

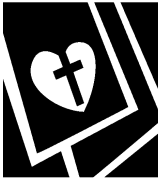
LENTEN BOOK SALE

Come browse at the Augsburg Fortress Book Sale, on Sunday mornings through March 11, in the Parish Hall. Choose a book to enhance your Lenten journey, buy a gift for a loved one, or donate a book to the LCOS library.

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).

*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.*



FROM THE PASTOR

"THEY’VE CHANGED THE CREEDS AGAIN?"

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Creeds are confessional statements. They express in a clear way what it is I, or we as a community, believe with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Maybe this is why when the Church was trying to determine what should be included in the Creed of the Church some participants were killed for their position over how Jesus’ humanity and divinity was expressed. Finally, at the Council of Nicea, the Church agreed on a form that became known as the Nicene Creed, the official creed of the Church with the Apostles Creed that of the individual believer.

But those creeds were written in Greek back in the fifth century. Language and culture has changed greatly since then. We don’t use the word “quick” anymore when talking about the “living”, nor do we use “man” when speaking about humanity in general. Some of these changes were already made back in 1977 when the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) came out. But since then there have been some additional changes. These changes, and their explanation, are included in the Leader’s Desk Edition of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book. Since we’re going to be using it now, I thought you might like to know what some of those changes are and why they were made. These are the notes on the Creed it provides with notable changes in italic.

- Although the Nicene Creed was once exclusively associated with the communion service, more recent Lutheran practice alternates the use of the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed. The Nicene Creed is especially suitable on festival days and during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Easter. *The Apostles’ Creed is especially suitable for the season of Lent*, with its emphasis on the renewal of baptism, and for Sundays for which the color is green.
- The versions of the creeds are those prepared by the worldwide English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) and published in 1988.* These versions reflect both continuing development in the English language and the need for greater clarity in translating the original Greek.
- In the Nicene Creed, the translation “truly human” in line sixteen* more accurately reflects the Greek *anthropos* in light of the fact that “man” is no longer a collective term for human beings in modern English usage.
- In line twenty-six of the Nicene Creed, the phrase “and the Son” was a later addition to the Creed by the Western Church.* Consideration may be given to using the alternate reading provided in the footnote, especially when this creed is used in ecumenical gatherings that include Orthodox Christians.
- The alternate reading “He descended into hell,” for line eight of the Apostles’ Creed reflects another widespread usage and may be substituted if desired.* The translation “He descended to the dead” has gained broad ecumenical acceptance as a rendering that encompasses the breadth of meaning inherent in the original text.
- In both creeds, the word *catholic*, meaning “universal,” is part of the original text.

You might wonder what I think of these changes. First, with the Lutheran church’s growing embrace of the early Church’s use of Lent as a time to prepare candidates for baptism at the Vigil of Easter it seems appropriate to use the Apostles’ Creed, the creed in which we baptize, as the preferred creed during Lent. Second, since the creeds were not originally written in English and our use of language changes over time it is only appropriate our language in the creed change as well, such as the issue of Jesus becoming truly human. Third, regarding the Holy Spirit proceeding from both the Father and the Son for the sake of ecumenical agreement without compromising our doctrine of the Trinity seems only appropriate too.

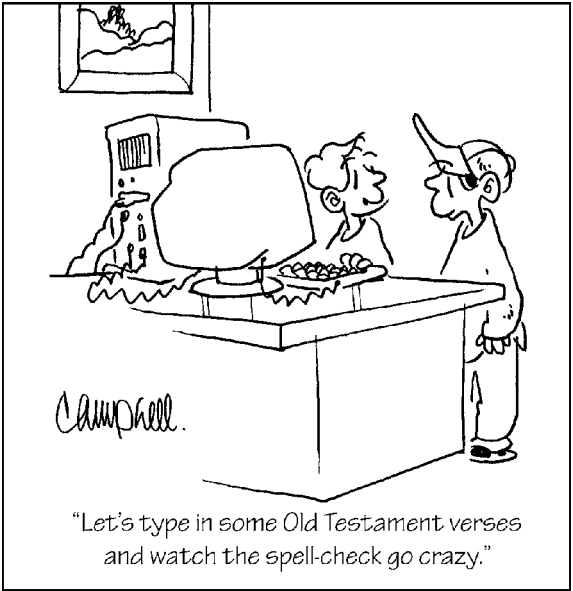
However, it is probably the “change” in the line regarding Jesus’ descent into hell or to the dead that will cause the greatest controversy, so I offer these points to consider. First, it was already an alternate reading back in 1977 with the LBW. Second, whether we confess Jesus descended to hell or to the dead doesn’t necessarily change what we believe Christ’s descent actually conveys. In Article IX of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, the Lutheran reformers state concerning *Christ’s Descent into Hell*, “For it is enough that we know that Christ descended into hell and destroyed hell for all believers and that he redeemed them from the power of death, the devil, and the eternal damnation of hellish retribution. How that happened we should save for the next world, where not only this matter but many others... will be revealed.” To say “hell” or “to the dead” is not to admit or deny hell’s existence, but instead to confess that by his death, descending, and resurrection Christ has triumphed over any and every power of sin and evil that has ever existed. And *that* is the gospel we cling to by faith when we are faced with the powers of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises in life.

I hope this information is helpful to you as worship using this new and multi-faceted resource of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. Before I die I expect another worship book to be created that will most likely have changes to consider again. And when they do, I hope they will create the opportunity for us to discuss our faith at a deeper level rather than simply repeating from memory words that have lost the power of their meaning in our lives.

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.



CAMDEN COUNTY TOASTMASTERS

Would you like to improve your communication skills, practice public speaking and hear positive feedback in a non-threatening environment? Camden County Toastmasters meets at the church at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

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.

MOMS GROUP

A nondenominational group of mothers/caregivers of young children meets each Monday and Thursday morning from 10-12 noon for casual conversation and playtime in the church nursery.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 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,
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THE EVANGELICAL

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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

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
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Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
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Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Betty Herrmann, Janie Braccio, Joan Johnson
Counters: Eva Shaw, Debbie Roncace, Stacey Shaw

March 4

Coffee Hour: Christian Education Committee
Readers: 8-Renate Genieser **10:30**-Heather Vaughn (reader), Dale Kredatus, Deb MacBride (Communion assistants)
Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz **9:15**-Dan & Linda Harrington **10:30**-Harvey Shaw & Craig Roncace
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech **9:15**-Katherine Berger, Kelly & Holly Harrington, Maddie & Jesse Gralish **10:30**-Andrew Bernard, Jon Maniaci, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Chris Heinze

March 11

Coffee Hour: Monday/Wednesday Bible Study Class
Readers: 8-Tom Cheney **10:30**-Curt Bogina
Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz **9:15**-Dan & Linda Harrington **10:30**-Harvey Shaw & Craig Roncace
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Robert LaBarge, Adriana Cheney, Brie Zschech **9:15**-Scott DiCrescenzo, Noelle & Ethan Quanci **10:30**-Erin Schaffner, DJ Richards, Sarah Barrett, Julia Gross, Nicole Fallon

March 18

Coffee Hour: Good Times Committee
Readers: 8-Sue Senatore **10:30**-Colleen Gross
Ushers: 8-Eric & Betty Woltz **9:15**-Dan & Linda Harrington **10:30**-Harvey Shaw & Craig Roncace
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge, Brie Zschech **9:15**-Katherine Berger, Mary Pat Reiter, Rebecca Windle **10:30**-Greg Beahm, Michael Wolf, Chris Heinze, Karen Graeber, Erica & Allison Gensel

March 25

Coffee Hour: Senior Game Day Committee
Readers: 8-John Oakes **10:30**-Ken Koehler
Ushers: 8-Dave Wyche **9:15**-Dan & Linda Harrington **10:30**-Harvey Shaw & Craig Roncace
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Adriana Cheney, Robert LaBarge, Brie Zschech **9:15**-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Noelle & Ethan Quanci **10:30**-Andrew Bernard, Kelly Haswell, Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Shane Bobo

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Sun	4	Worship 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM Lenten Service/Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM Social Ministry, 7 PM Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
Mon	5	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 PM Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Tues	6	Youth Snow Tubing Trip Daylight Savings Begins!! Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM Confirmation, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Wed	7	Lenten Svc.@Grace, 12:05 PM Church Council, 7:30 PM Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 PM Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Thurs	8	Table Talk Dinners Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM First Communion Class, 6 PM Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Fri-Sat	9-10	Lenten Svc.@Grace, 12:05 PM Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 PM Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
Sun	11	Conference on Congregational Ministries at Steinert HS Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Saving Jesus Adult Forum, 9 AM Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM Confirmation Class, 6 PM First Communion Class, 6 PM Sr. High Youth Group, 7 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Mon	12	Lenten Svc.@Grace, 12:05 PM Hfld Chamber Choir Concert, 7:30 P Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choirs, 4:15 & 5 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner, 6 PM Youth Choirs, 7:15 & 8 PM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7 & 8 PM
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JR. HIGH YOUTH GO SNOW TUBING MAR 9-10

For any and all junior high youth who didn’t get enough time on the snow in February the Junior High Youth Group will be going on an overnight trip to Big Boulder Ski Area for a day of snow tubing, skiing, or snowboarding. The plans are to leave the church by around 5:00 PM. on Friday, March 9 and stay overnight at Pastor Wayne and Kate’s townhouse at Big Boulder. After a night of fun and games the group will enjoy the tubing park at Big Boulder or skiing or snowboarding if available the next day. The group will return between 8:30 and 9:00 PM. on Saturday, February 10. Parents will be called if there is a change from this time of return.

The cost for tubing is \$40 for the day (10:00-10:00) or \$20 for two hours (which Pastor Wayne has discovered is quite a lot of tubing). A snopass for skiing or snowboarding will cost \$36/youth and \$46/adults. This is not including the cost of rentals (\$25youth/\$28adults). Chaperones are still needed for this trip, even if you don’t ski, board, or tube (if that’s even possible) you can hang out in the lodge or up at the house. Interested youth and adults must notify Pastor Wayne of their interest no later than March 7.

CONFERENCE ON CONGREGATION MINISTRY RETURNS TO HAMILTON SQ. MARCH 24

Jesus gave his disciples a Great Commission. “Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teach them all I have commanded you.” This is what lies at the heart of the Synod sponsored Conference on Congregation Ministry held every year at Steinert High School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Hamilton Square. At the conference congregation leaders and volunteers will have the opportunity to hear a multitude of guest speakers and participate in forums and workshops in ministry related to their area of interest, oversight, or passion. The Lutheran Church Our Savior congregation council is planning to attend this event “en masse” to the best of their ability so they may have greater insight and direction as to where this congregation might go in the coming year.

If you would like to attend this exciting event please contact the church office for more information and a registra-tion packet as there are numerous workshops from which to choose. Car pooling may be a possibility for those attending and who wish to meet at the church first. It is only about a 45 minute drive to Hamilton Square so carpoolers should plan to meet by no later than 7:30 to insure time for registration before the first speaker at 9:00.

Pastor Wayne has said any member wishing to attend he will provide for their registration from the Pastor’s Discretion-ary Fund if money is an issue of attending.

BIBLE STUDY ON BOOK OF REVELATION

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

“LIFE ON THE EDGE OF FAITH” LENTEN MIDWEEK THEME

“Life on the Edge of Faith”, a midweek Lenten series, explores how five characters bear witness to a world-changing event that forces them to the edge of faith. Each service contains a brief sermon, and the five midweek services also feature monologues from the perspective of someone who was present at our Lord’s Passion (a sleeping disciple, the high priest, a maid, a soldier, and a city resident).

Each midweek event will start with the worship experience promptly at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. During the worship, those gathered will enjoy a light soup supper and fellowship with other participants. The midweek services are designed for all ages to relate to and find meaning, so families may want to take this opportunity to gather at Church on Wednesdays in Lent to for a different kind of family devotion. After all, no matter what our age, we all experience life on the edge of faith.

GO FOR BAROQUE! Adult Choir Concert April 22

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

NEW RED ELW BOOK GREAT RE-SOURCE! INCLUDES LITURGY CHANGES

When the Lutheran church created the green Lutheran Book of Worship in 1977 it was hailed as one of the most well thought out worship books of its time. Other denominations when embarking on redeveloping or creating a new worship book looked to the LBW for inspiration and guidance. Yet, the LBW was intended for use by four Lutheran denominations, the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church of Canada and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (who dropped out before final publication). This new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book will be the first time the Lutheran church has created a worship book not as a result of a merger (Augustana and United Lutheran Churches merged to form the LCA prior to the LBW Creation).

The LBW was, and is, a great worship resource with three settings for Holy Communion as well as other worship settings, psalms, hymns and other devotional resources. The new red Evangelical Lutheran Worship book goes even further. It includes ten settings for Holy Communion plus formats and related rites for Holy Baptism, Lent and the Three Days, Life Passages, Daily Prayer, and Assembly Song. With super-thin, but durable, pages it contains more worship information resources than ever before, but at the same thickness as the old LBW.

Now for the changes. While the new ELW is more versatile than the LBW or even the With One Voice additional resource that came out in the 1980’s, it can be more challenging to follow the service straight from the book. The predecessor worship books were meant for worshippers to follow directly out of the book, flipping from the liturgy section to the hymn section. With more congregations now printing most of the liturgy in the bulletins the ELW has become more of a worship resource that worship planners can design services from than congregants to follow along without turning back and forth in the book. As a result, our bulletin may look different in the future to better facilitate worship with the new ELW.

Then there’s the word changes. This new worship book uses the versions of liturgy prepared by the worldwide English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) of which the ELCA is a member communion. Most notable are the changes in the Creed (see Pastor Wayne’s article in this newsletter). Other changes may be in the sung parts of the liturgy and reflect generally the continuing developments in the English language and the need for greater clarity in translating the original Greek.

Recommendation: In the coming months as you prepare for worship you might take the time to read the Introduction to the ELW while waiting for worship to start. Thumb through the different sections and discover the variety and breadth of worship and devotional materials it includes. It even has the scripture references for our liturgy and Luther’s Small Catechism in the back! Most of all, keep an open mind when encountering something new in our regular worship liturgy. The Worship and Music Committee will be meeting throughout this year to better familiarize ourselves with this new resource and how it might best be used at the Lutheran Church Our Savior now and in the years to come. As always, your thoughts and comments are welcome.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

My sincere thanks to Pastors Zschech and Englehardt for their visits, while I was a patient at Jefferson Hospital, and to the members and friends of Our Savior for their get well wishes, emails, telephone calls and visits at the hospital and at our home. The huge stack of cards provided inspiration and helped get me through this very “surprising” surgical event.

As I write, I am now 3 weeks out of surgery, feel amazingly wonderful, and have essentially resumed normal life activities (except for snow shoveling!). Throughout the experience I have been surrounded by my wonderful wife and family, and I have felt that God was watching over me and even appointed a couple of guardian angels to make sure I made it through successfully. I never thought I was a candidate for bypass surgery, which tells you how much I know, and my advice to others who might not think they are at risk to heart disease is very simply: check it out!

In Christ,

Pastor Dunkle

Dear Monday Evening Prayer Group

On behalf of Hayden and our entire family, we would like to thank you for keeping Hayden in your prayers. Knowing he was being thought of through your group, gave Bill and I peace and patience while waiting for the results. As you are aware, by the power of prayer, his results came back with great news.

God Bless you all and thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

The Remphrey Family

Dear Friends of LCOS:

In celebration of the life of Ruth F. Wisser, we are so appreciative of your outpouring of loving concern and personal memories.

Grieving in her loss, we are uplifted by your caring support and kind expressions of sympathy. Ruth's spirit will live in the hearts of us all forever.

We want to thank the pastoral staff, the musical department, and the reception committee for their exceptional contribution in the celebration of Ruth's life.

How blessed and fortunate we are to share your friendship in Christ. We will always cherish your thoughtfulness . . .

In Christ's love,

Pastor Wisser and family

To the Social Ministry Committee:

The Auxiliary of the Lutheran Home at Moorestown appreciates your generous contribution of \$200.

As you know, gifts such as this enable the Auxiliary to continue functioning on behalf of the residents.

Thank you very much.

Doris Gilmour

Corresponding Secretary, LHM Aux.

HADDONFIELD CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

At LCOS on March 27, 7 PM

The Haddonfield Chamber Choir - 28 high school students, 2 directors and 10 parent chaperones - will be touring England and Scotland this spring break during Holy Week. The group of singers plus a string quartet will perform three concerts of American sacred music. In Edinburgh they will sing a concert at Dean Parish to benefit Freshstart, an organization which feeds the homeless.

In Oxford, they will do a joint concert with high school age musicians of the Oxfordshire Music Service, and in London they will perform an afternoon concert at the Star and Garter Home for Ex-Servicemen, in a historic building on Richmond Hill.

The choir will perform a preview of their tour program in our sanctuary on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 PM. All are welcome to be audience guinea pigs at this free concert! Come hear some beautiful settings of spirituals, gospel songs, a round by Revolutionary era American composer William Billings, some contemporary works, and of course - River in Judea!!!!

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Courtesy of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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THANK YOU!!

*A New Look - Take a quick peek into my office and notice the beautiful oak furniture: a filing cabinet and desk. My sincere thanks to **Eric and Betty Woltz** for these attractive and very useful gifts – now I have good reason to unclutter my office! – **Pastor Englehardt***

*Thanks to the following Pantry volunteers: **the Shaw family, the Stauss family, Pat, Robby & Mary Pat Reiter, Carolyn Lichter, Juhan Runne, Eve Wolf, Jill Starrett, Sue & Frank Senatore, Sue Ainsworth, M. Smith, Teresa Vitale, the Roscoe family.** Also, thanks to everyone who donates goods to the pantry and special thanks to **Sue & Frank Senatore** for their years of service to the Pantry. - from the new Pantry Coordinators: **Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman***

*Our deepest appreciation and thanks to our wonderful office volunteers: **Jaime Fallon**, who enters the weekly attendance, answers phones during our staff meetings, and assists with many office projects on a weekly basis. **Jane Evans**, who enters the weekly offerings into our database and mails checks out to vendors. **Mary Wurst**, who takes care of filing all invoices monthly. Our Messenger helpers: **Betty Keene, Jane Evans, Margaret Mirabello, Edith Sweet, Mary Wurst, Dottie Powell, Florence Danley, Jean Schroeder, Beth Hill, Eleanor Gaines.***

*A special welcome and thank you to **Joan Johnson**, the newest member of the Altar Guild!*

LCOS MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Kathryn V. Schardt, daughter of **Rich and Sue Windle**, graduated with Honors, in December, with a double major degree in International Relations and Psychology from the University of Delaware. Kathryn has moved to London where she will begin her career there. We wish her much success.

IN HARM'S WAY

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



FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS!

Although our brainstorming meeting did not have many in attendance (5), we did come up with lots of great ideas for future events. To decide what the congregation would be interested in doing the Fellowship Committee will be preparing a survey for you to help us plan some additional events. You will be able to mark if you have any interest in each idea, and check off if you would like to help with that activity. This form will be distributed on Sunday, April 1st with your bulletin. Please take the time to fill one out so that we can plan more rewarding fellowship activities.

ANNUAL TASTING!

This year Kurt will talk to us about various types of BEER. Leo and Janice Tyrell will host this event at their home on Saturday, May 5th, 7:30 PM. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please call Bobbi Newsham to reserve your space. Very informative and fun evening.

SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY!

Peg and Spike Riley will again host our annual evening on Saturday, April 14th at 7:30 PM Great way to come out and meet new people in an informal setting. Everyone is asked to either bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert. To sign up please call Caryl Wallace or Donna Mirabello.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER!

Grab your favorite bear and come to our "Teddy Bear Picnic" luncheon on Saturday, April 28th at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for girls ten and under. Great lunch, program, prizes, and lots of fun. Tickets go on sale April 1st in the Narthex or can be purchased at the church office, or by calling Caryl Wallace. All women invited—you do not need to bring anyone!

REMEMBER-ALL ABOVE EVENTS

ARE FOR EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION.

COME OUT AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Christmas may be the most secularized Christian holiday, but Easter, and the Holy Week leading up to it, is at the core of what the Christian faith is all about. Beginning with the celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday on April 1 and journeying through Maundy Thursday Good Friday the Church's celebration of the gospel culminates on Easter Sunday, April 8. It is during this week that Christians around the world not only remember the sacrifice Christ made on the cross of Calvary, but the promise of new life through death he inaugurated on Easter morning and calls us to remember in the meal he instituted that is the focus of our Maundy Thursday service.

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

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

On **Good Friday, April 6 from noon to 3:00 at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church** worshippers can hear sermon reflections by various local clergy on the seven last words of Christ from the cross as well as musical work that accompanies each word by a consortium of choir members from the community. Later, at **7:30 back at Our Savior a Tenebrae**, or service of shadows, will be held in the sanctuary that also focuses on the cross and passion of Christ as well as a prayerful remembering of the seven last words with the dimming of the sanctuary at the end.

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

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