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October Messenger

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C.R.O.P. Walk Returns October 25 at 2 PM

How far did you have to go to get the food and drink for your meal today? In many Third World countries women and children walk up to 10 Kilometers just to buy food and collect potable water. That's quite a difference from ten steps from the sofa to the fridge for a glass of cold water from the door and piece of fruit from the crisper.

"Because they walk, we walk." That's the theme of the C.R.O.P. Walk sponsored Church World Services and hosted each year by the Haddonfield Council of Churches. It is also a tradition of our congregation to have the confirmation class and any others who wish to walk participate in this awareness and service event. Of the proceeds collected, 25% will go toward a local hunger outreach program designated by the HCC. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to collect donation sponsors prior to the event or simply bring \$20 to the event that day. All walkers will gather at the gazebo of King's Court in downtown Haddonfield by 2 PM. The 10K walk usually takes 2 to 2.5 hours depending on your speed. Our Savior will once again be the first rest stop and will need volunteers to host the food and beverage tables.

Please contact Pastor Wayne for more information.

October Birthdays



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



Saturday Night "Alive" Worship Begins October 3 at 5 PM

After a long journey, Our Savior will be launching a pilot worship service on Saturday nights at 5:00 each week beginning October 3. The worship will be similar in the liturgy of our Evangelical Lutheran Worship service, but pastors and other worship leaders intend to use the Chicago Folk Service and Worship and Praise songbook for the musical style. This setting is designed for guitar, piano, flute, and bass rather than organ for musical accompaniment, and worship staff are in the process of hiring a guitarist and pianist for the year-long pilot.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each week, and while the pastors may or may not "robe up" the worship is intended to allow for greater informality with respect to attire. Like the Reflections Worship at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, the worship will be somewhat pared down to keep it at an hour or less, and the sermon will be similar to the early and late Sunday worship times with hopes of adding some additional multimedia during the sermon.

The Worship and Music Committee hopes this new worship opportunity on Saturday begins to address the needs and concerns for worship our members and surrounding community have who are unable or find it difficult to attend Sunday morning worship. Feedback during the coming year will be welcome and can be provided to either of the pastors or the Worship and Music Committee's box. Please include your name so there can be an opportunity for dialogue.

3rd Grade Bibles Class October 18 at 6 PM Bibles Given Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday is all about Martin Luther's rediscovery of the freedom the gospel offers from God's own Holy Word. Being the parent of a baptized child also means a promise was made to one day place in that child's hands God's Word of scripture when he or she was old enough. On Reformation Sunday, the parents of third grade children will make good on that promise as they present their children with their first Bible at a special blessing during the 10:30 worship service.

On the Sunday prior, October 18, from 6-7:30 PM, those same parents and children will gather in the Parish Hall for a preparation class on the importance of studying God's word of the Bible in a disciple's daily life. Parents and children will highlight key passages in each book of the Bible the children will be receiving and parents will write a dedication to their child in the cover.

Any child who is in the third grade, or did not receive one in years past should contact the church office to let Pastor Wayne and staff know of your attendance and participation.

Newcomers Orientation Classes Begin Sunday, October 4 at 9:15 AM **New Members** Received on Reformation Sunday, October 25

If you've been a worshipping visitor of Our Savior for a week or over a year you are invited to join Pastor Wayne Zschech 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 on October 11.

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on Reformation Sunday, October 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 Outreach Committee (formerly 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.

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.



"Classic Hymns & Classic Rock" By Pastor Wayne Zschech

I admit I am a fan of rock 'n roll music. I grew up listening to Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Van Halen, The Cars, The Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, and even enjoyed music considered the "Golden Oldies" back in the 70's and 80's. This was the music of my generation (which reminds me I also listened to The Who) and can still be heard today on any classic rock and regular rock 'n roll radio stations. What's even odder is that many of my daughter's friends are also still listening to these same bands that I enjoyed when I was their age. I found it oddly refreshing while chaperoning band camp that the boys in my cabin wanted to know what music I listened to at their age and discovered they listened too many of the same artists today!

This got me thinking about what many say about the future popularity of classic hymns played by an organ in the church. Some say that it is only a matter of time until the organ is no longer heard in churches. Some say it no longer has a place for today's young people as they music and instruments they listen to on the radio or on their iPods does not include an organ. What youth or young adult of Generation X or the Millennial Generation would choose to listen to such an "outdated" sound? It doesn't connect with what they listen to every other day of the week.

But then I thought about the relationship between Classic Rock and Classic Hymnody. They're considered classic because for all intents and purposes they are or will be timeless in their own right. More than this, just as my daughter's generation listening to the music of my youth in some small way connects us to each other, so do classic hymns to the generations of Christians who have gone before us in the faith. Think about it. Some of these hymns have been sung for hundreds of years to the same tune and played on the same instrument, an organ as they are today. When we sing these hymns we are in some ways connected to the saints of the church's history and our own. Our grandparents sang these hymns. Our great grand-parents sang these hymns. Our great-greatgreat-great grandparents most likely sang these hymns as well. I couldn't sing you one song my mother taught me as a child, but I can sing you her favorite (How Great Thou Art with a little bit of Statler Brothers drawl thrown in).

So the next time you're in church singing a hymn you think is a bit "outdated" try to imagine your great-great-grandmother standing next to your great-grandfather and teaching him the words to that song of faith and hope. The words of that hymn were words of inspiration, joy, and hope to them in their journey of faith. They are yours as well. I don't know if my great-great granddaughter will be singing "Thunder Road" by The Boss (I know my daughter won't), but I do hope she will be singing "How Great Thou Art" as well as "Borning Cry" and "Earth and All Stars", Kate's and my favorites. What's one of your classic hymn favorites? Share it with your children and grandchildren. It just may become one of theirs, and when we sing it together we sing with all the hosts of heaven above and the saints below.

Council Appoints New Property Chair

At it's September meeting the Congregation Council appointed Glenn Martin to fill the Property Chair vacancy after the resignation of Brian Bell back in the spring for personal reasons. Glenn has worked in the mechanical service industry for many years and comes with a good knowledge of and background in general repair and property. He will serve for the remainder of the year and is eligible to fill the remaining two years of Brian Bell's term if elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

Ministry Training Pastor Wayne to Attend

After a summer of discerning how the Vision Committee might best proceed in developing a vision statement and strategic plan for ministry the decision was made to use the Focused Ministry program and materials made produced by CRM (Church Resource Ministries, crmleaders.org). Pastor Wayne used these resources with his former church and the congregation found it to be a source of inspiration, direction, and motivation resulting in a three-year strategic plan that was completed to about 85% of all the goals stated.

Pastor Wayne will travel to Atlanta for the training from October 5-9 and will then be qualified to be a network trainer of the Phase I of the program for other pastors and their leadership team. He will provide this first at Our Savior and then be trained for Phase II in 2010 to lead the congregation in the second part of the process resulting in a vision and ministry plan to be approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting. If Our Savior has similar results to other churches using the program it will mean an exciting and spirit-filled time of renewal and refocused ministry for our congregation. Please continue to pray for the Vision Committee and the Pastor Wayne as they enter into this new phase of the visioning process.

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October Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Betsy Kuehn, Jane Evans Counters: Arranged by Dale Kredatus

October 4 Coffee Hour: Property/Thurs AM Work Group Readers: 8 - C. Monsen 10:30 - Danielle Deery **Communion Assistants: 10:3 -** Tom Foskett & Kathy Simpkins Ushers: 8: Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30: Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Carri Killian, Billy Tessing 10: - Nicole & Spencer Fallon, Emily Donovan, Karen & Kyler Graeber

> October 11 Coffee Hour: Christian Ed Committee Readers: 8 - B. Neveling 10:30 - Kate Zschech Ushers: 8: John & Laura Oakes 10:30: Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Morgan & Reagan Sehdev 10: - Brie Zschech, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry, Dan & Lucas Leverick

October 18 Coffee Hour: Communications

Readers: 8- L. Oakes 10:30 - C. Gross Ushers: 8: John & Laura Oakes 10:30: Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey & Abby Proko

10: - Alex Fabian, Sam Lyons, Keaton Schneider, Sean Thornton, Molly Tomlinson

October 25 Coffee Hour: Congregation Resouces

Readers: 8 - J. Wentzel 10:30 - C. Bare Ushers: 8: John & Laura Oakes 10:30: Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Shelby Cain, Holly Harrington 10: - Alison & Brian Gensel, Chris & Nick Heinze, Keaton Schneider

Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Dav NEXT DATE IS:

Tuesday, October 27th 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 **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Confirmation Retreat Focuses on Stewardship

On October 16 and 17 the seventh and eighth graders in the Confirmation Ministry at Our Savior will participate in the annual Fall Retreat. While the location has not yet been confirmed the group will stay at a church within a two hour driving time. The focus of the retreat will be our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Those attending will also have an opportunity to enjoy the local sights and sounds of the area. Please pray for our confirmation youth, and especially Pastor Wayne and the parents, attending this retreat as they deepen their understanding of how God has blessed each one of us to be a blessing to others in the name of Christ.

Urban PromiseSunday, 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.

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.

Women's Friday Fellowship October Meeting

The fellowship got off to a great start this year with a get-together at Kate Zschech's house.

Our next gathering will be at Debbie Tredinnick's house 402 4th Avenue, Haddon Hts on October 16th at 7:30.

In addition to monthly gatherings, in January and May we are planning to go out to dinner. In March we will head to the Zschech's house in the Poconos for a weekend retreat!

We hope you will join us whenever you can..

All women are welcome!

For more information, contact Connie Wolf.

Save the date; *November 20* is the next gathering!

Memorial Gifts Funds Vision Team Training and More

At their regular September meeting the Memorial Gifts Board approved the funding of training and material costs for Our Savior to enter into the Focused Ministry process as a part of the Vision Committee's overall plan to develop a vision and plan for ministry by 2011. This is a key step in the Vision Committee's work that has been somewhat stalled in the past year. At a June meeting the group agreed that to create their own process for developing a vision and strategic plan was more than the group felt capable of doing in a timely fashion. Pastor Wayne Zschech agreed to investigate programs and methods offered by the synod as well as one he had used in a previous congregation that provided a systematic method of accomplishing the process.

Given the success rate and Pastor Wayne's past experience with the Focused Ministry materials the committee agreed to use these materials pending it was able to be funded through Memorial Gift funds. This would include Pastor Wayne attending the Phase I training seminar in Atlanta in order to then train Pastor Englehardt and other members of the Vision Committee in the coming year, as well as the materials they would need in order to do so. Pastor Wayne will attend the training from October 5-9.

In other business the Memorial Gift Board approved the Social Ministry Committee revision of the Patterson-Plotzke Urban Promise Scholarship to include Camden graduating seniors that are involved with Urban Promise in addition to those graduating from the Urban Promise Academy. The scholarship was just established this year with the approval and blessing of family from Jean Patterson and Bernadine Plotzke to provide two \$1,000 scholarships to two graduating seniors from Urban Promise Academy who were continuing their education. Due to the low number of graduates furthering their education the Committee and Board agreed it would be wise to expand the pool of potential candidates to any graduating Camden senior who has been a part of Urban Promise's various forms of ministry.

Finally, with the final checks received from the estate of Freda Goodman the Board agreed to allow another \$42,000 be made available to fund any outstanding property work associated with the Sunday school renovations and overall appearance of the facility. Included in this work would be the repainting of the hallways, narthex, stairwells, and main office as well as replacing the carpet in the same areas along with Rooms 112, 116, and 117.

Interfaith Caregivers Training

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Why not donate your time to help your neighbors who are elderly or disabled. Interfaith Caregivers is an organization dedicated to helping the elderly and disabled remain independent in their homes by providing supportive volunteer services for clients in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield. Come volunteer with us. Help a neighbor and enrich your life and that of someone else! We are looking for volunteers to provide transportation to doctor appointments, grocery stores, meetings and senior centers to name a few. Or visit with a client, prepare a meal or call to check up on someone who lives alone. You can also help by sharing your expertise. Join one of our committees such as finance, fundraising, public relations, grant writing or graphic arts. Contribute your time and talent to a worthy organization that has been serving our communities for almost 20 years.

Commit to making some time to volunteer this fall and turn over a new leaf. Attend our next raining session Wed. October 14th at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Haddon Heights from 7-9:30pm.

For reservations, please call the Interfaith Caregivers' office at 354-0298

UrbanPromiseand **Tortilla Press**

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

"Second" Sunday Night Out
October 11 ♦ 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 Urban-Promise for Dinner at the Collingswood Tortilla Press.

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

Tortilla Press
703 Haddon Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08109
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Attention: Seniors!

Camden County Senior Fair

Wed Sept 30, 2009, 10AM-2PM ~FREE!

At Cooper River Park, Lunch provided at no cost, Entertainment and Free Flu Shots/screenings. Many local agencies with information available. A very festive day with health awareness on the top of the agenda. If you need a ride please call Senior Citizens United Community Services Sen-Han at (856) 456-3344

Caring For Aging Loved Ones Wed Oct 7, 2009, 5:30 PM-8:30 PM

A free conference for caregivers of elderly and disabled. At the Holiday Inn on 9th Ave, Runnemede, NJ. A light dinner will be provided at no cost; an expert panel to discuss your questions/concerns (L. Miano from LCOS on the panel) You must register; seating limited; please call Fran Sohn at (856) 858-3220

Both events are sponsored by the Camden County Freeholders and the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services

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If you need assistance in obtaining an application or applying online, please feel free to contact Kathleen Simpkins @ 856-795-9182.

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October 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 contact Betsy Kuehn

CURRENT FOCUS:

Deodorant & Socks Collection for Caring Hearts An organization that helps children and their families affected by AIDS. We need to provide for 24 men and 24 women, also new pairs of socks for infants, children, women, and men, all sizes and colors. A box will be available beginning September 20th thru October 18th. On October 23rd, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Fall Give-A-Way/Halloween Party.

Care Packages will be send to college students and military personnel in October. Boxes will be available Sunday October 4th, to be returned by October 25th. Please send names, addresses, and e-mails of college students and military personnel to Eva Shaw. The committee will prepare the boxes for mailing following the 10:30 service on October 25th.

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 pasta, sauce, beans, tuna, and cereal. 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!!

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Holiday Food Drive

Donation envelopes and holiday food bags will be available November 1st. The deadline to return bags is November 22nd. We have requested \$625 in matching funds from Thrivent.

Advent Giving Tree

The tree will be in Narthex beginning November 29th, thru December 13th. The deadline to return gifts is December 20th as committee members will be organizing gifts in Parish Hall. Gifts for Caring Hearts will be due back by December 13th, as the Holiday Party is Friday December 18th. Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken. Contact Larry Friant if any questions.



to the following people for helping with

the pantry in August; Joan Candia, Charlie Coleman Danielle Deery, Nancy Gulick, 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, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene, Louise Mowrer & Dottie Powell.



From October 5 to 9 the HMHS environmental club will be collecting electronic waste for recycling and disposal. Electronic devices become obsolete quickly and because of their hazardous content, proper disposal is often difficult, the hope is to reduce the amount of local e-waste that ends up in our landfills.

The items will be managed and broken down to re-useable parts by Magnum Industries of Deptford.

<u>Items accepted are</u>: computers, monitors, hard drives, VCR's. **NO TV's**.





In Harm's Way

John L. Gaines & Jonathan Keck

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



Dear LCOS friends:

Thank you so much for delivering beautiful flowers from the church services to us.

Sincerely, Ellis and Florence Danley

Dear LCOS Family,

I want to thank everyone who has expressed sympathy to me for the loss of my sister Kate, who died at the age of 102.

I really appreciate your friendship. Love, *Dottie Powell*



Dear LCOS,

Please extend the thanks to all of those involved in this year's VBS program for the recent gift of \$129.18 sent on August 21, 2009 to benefit the Navajo Mission School Project.

This unique school offers children who live in the remote canyon country o Rock Point, Arizona, a Christ-centered education while respecting the culture & tradition. The school works in partnership with Navajo people to form a community that is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and seeks to meet the educational, health, social, and spiritual needs of the Navajo people.

In the last couple of years, the school has had to turn children away during registration because they were filled to capacity & simply did not have the resources to take in more children. The contribution s VBS kids make will help the school expand so even more kids can benefit.

I pray that you will find great joy in knowing what your gift makes possible in the lives of others today, and in the future.

Cynthia Halverson

President ELCA Foundation & Executive for Developments Services

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies for IHOC. We were able to fill 55 backpacks thanks to your generosity. We will continue to collect supplies through out the year in Sunday School.

We will also be putting out "backpacks" in May of next year for people to take home and fill. Let's see if we can beat 55 next year! Thanks Again- *Stacey Shaw*

Faces of LCOS Newer Member Danielle Deery Brings Energy to Our Savior

"Chris and I were married in May 2006," Danielle said. "Chris was Catholic but did not worship regularly. I wanted to go to church on Sunday mornings, so I started looking for a church. I had always been a Lutheran so I thought, if I was going to go to church by myself, I might as well look for a Lutheran church. I looked at a couple different churches but I liked Our Savior the most," she continued. "I'm happy (at Our Savior) but I'm not yet comfortable. . . I am new and I want to tread lightly."

But Danielle has taken energetic steps toward contributing to various ministries at LCOS. She is a member of Church Council and responsible for Congregational Resources, which helps develop the church budget and promote stewardship.

"When I first joined the church, I got involved in the Pantry and the Women's Group," Danielle said. "I wanted to find a way to get involved and contribute to the community. Then Pastor Wayne approached me about being on Council. I'm still trying to understand Council and my role, and to understand the church," she said. "As I move through my three-year term, I'll learn how I can improve my role."

There's little doubt Danielle will learn quickly. She attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA where she met Chris and graduated in 2002 with a BA in history. Always having had an interest in law, she then earned dual masters degrees – in Law from the University of Richmond and in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University. She passed the bar exam in 2006 and currently works for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

Danielle, from Indianapolis, and Chris, from Sicklerville, now live in Audubon. She has acclimated herself to her new environments, in South Jersey and at LCOS.

"When we moved here, Chris said, 'You live in Philly now and you have to pick a team to root for because it's a big sports city,' "she said. "I picked the Phillies because I had the most fun going to their games and there is no baseball team in Indianapolis. I love the Phillies. Going to Phillies games is one of our bigger activities. I love going to the beach. We go to Ocean City a lot. And we're always traveling to see family and friends," she continued.

Her favorite thing about worship at Our Savior? "Baptisms," she said. "And we're lucky to have such an amazing choir. I think Lutheran churches attract nice, friendly people, and it's one of the reasons I like going to church."

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Pipeline

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

A common question among people looking for solutions and assistance to care for the older people in their lives is "Where do I go from here?" There are several places one can turn and generally, a social worker or eldercare professional can offer a service termed "Case Management" (sometimes now called "Care Management"). This can range from general information to assistance with long-term care planning. To start, let's turn to the no-cost option, the local county services. In Camden County, the Division of Senior and Disabled Services in W. Collingswood can offer "Case Management" to callers. A Social Worker will walk callers through a wide array of services and may meet with families depending on circumstances. At no cost. Please call (856) 858-3220 and ask for a Case Manager to help with long-term planning. These are very dedicated professionals.

For those that need and can afford a private "Case Manager", this might be preferable because this person will often be able to give you more time and attention.

Three that I know (the first two I know personally and highly recommend):

1 Link 4 Senior Care, Inc. – this Certified Senior Advisor and Information and Resource Specialist has 3 levels of care she offers at prices starting at \$75 up to about \$400. She will give you info and make arrangements for you. Mary Kate gives a compassionate and clear view of options and is knowledgeable about the Camden County area as well as many nearby counties/states.

Mary Kate Kennedy can be contacted at (856) 939-5005 or e-mail: solutions@1link4seniorcare.com

Samaritan Case Management – this certified gerontologist will meet with you and also provide counseling, ideas, resources for you and your family for a private fee – in the range of \$300+. Nancy Carman has many years of experience also in the field. She is associated with Samaritan Hospice – this is a new service provided through this excellent organization, but one does not need to be sick or involved with the hospice. The Case Management unit is separate. Nancy Carman can be contacted at (856) 596-1600 or e-mail: ncarman@samaritanhospice.org

CHS Geriatric Care, Inc is a professional geriatric case management service with a staff of professional Case Managers involved in assisting people with long-term care arrangements. Carol Solomon is the president and has many years in the field as a Social Worker and Case Manager. Her rates are similar to above. She can be contacted at (856) 985-1180 Or e-mail: info@chsgeriatric.com

Perhaps assistance with future planning is something you have been seeking - consider a consult with a Case Manager as present to your elder loved one or yourself this year.

Octoberfest

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Lutheran Care at Moorestown 225 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ Gut Essen

Pork & knockwurst Sauerkraut & Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Beverages Rolls & Homemade Cake

Three Seatings 4-5 PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children See Joan Candia for tickets

Vendor / Craft Show

The Ladies Auxiliary of Haddonfield Fire Co. will be having a Vendors/ Craft Show on Saturday, October 24th from 11am-3pm in the parish hall. The will be representatives from Longaberger, Tupperware, Avon, Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia Jewelry, plus crafters. There will also be a Chinese auction.

The youth group from Our Savior will be selling food and drinks. So come out for a fun day of shopping.

MOPS of St. Pius X 2nd Tuesdays 9:15 - 11:15 AM

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is looking for new member moms! Meetings include childcare for children from infancy through kindergarten, breakfast, speakers, crafts, discussion groups, and inspirations from Mentor Moms. Annual events include: Santa Breakfast and Easter Family Fun for the community; member Spa Day and special craft project for charity

MOPS of St. Pius X meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Church hall from September to June from 9:15-11:15am. Our first meeting of the 2009-2010 year will be held on Tuesday, September 29th. Come see what we are all about! Visit our website at:

www.mopsofstpiusx.vpweb.com or contact Kim Warren at mopsmomof2@gmail.com



"Permission to go public:

You've got the Bible behind you when you talk about your faith! ~Pastor Englehardt

We Lutherans tend to be pretty quiet when it comes to expressing our faith. We usually aren't quiet about most other things, as can be witnessed in almost any fellowship hall on any given Sunday... We tend to see our faith as a private possession. But, the Christian church was meant to be a very public entity, and the Christian faith has always been meant to be expressed in some very public ways.

The Bible – our guidebook of faith – is a collection of books that tells the stories of God's public relationship with the people of Israel, and how that relationship extends to all who believe through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. According to these stories, God created the world and everything in it in a very public way. God brought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt in a way that all of their enemies could see. The prophets were very public with their message of repentance and obedience in ways that spoke to Israel, as well as to its adversaries.

Scripture also tells us that Jesus had a very public ministry that spoke good news to many people in many ways. As Jesus departed this earth, his instruction to those who knew the good news was to make sure to tell others. The book of Acts records the efforts of many disciples and emerging faith communities to publicly declare their decision to follow Jesus, and it includes their public testimonies of belief in the God who sent him. The last book, Revelation, even tells of those who lost their physical lives because they wouldn't publicly denounce the lordship of Jesus.

All of the characters in these Bible stories possessed a private faith. But at some point they decided to be active in a community of faith to join with others in Word, Sacrament, and service. Through the Word and Spirit of God, they received permission to be public with their faith.

Jesus says in Mark 9:50 that we who know and believe the good news of God's power and love are the salt of the earth, a flavoring and preservative that are needed and necessary for the sake of the world. God's Word gives us permission to be public salt.' (quoted from an article in the September <u>Lutheran</u> by Bishop Stephen G. Marsh)

Are you hesitant to talk about your faith? That's why we have Sunday School and adult education opportunities here at Our Savior; please join us however and whenever.

In the September Messenger Connie Wolf and I invited all of you to submit specific situations where God's promises of hope, justice, and peace are especially needed. Based on today's headlines (on 9/11/09) I offer the following as examples:

As we reflect 8 years later on the tragic events of that day, we pray for the families of victims, as well as all who continue to be 'victimized' by the worldwide problem of terrorism and its far-reaching consequences.

For all of us as we try to endure the current economic recession, but especially for the unemployed, those living in poverty, and those who have had to give up their house.

For health care reform: no matter where we stand on the issue and the current proposals, the system isn't perfect by any means, and we pray that necessary and affordable adjustments can be made.

In thanksgiving that study shows that "One swine flu shot is all you need; so that more people could be protected with the supply." And we pray that people who are most vulnerable will get the shot and that all of us will use proper precautions to minimize the effects.

For Jaycee Lee Dugard (the 18- year kidnapping victim in California) and her family as she and her daughters continue to adjust to "new-found freedom."

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

"The justice of Allah is not to see wrongdoers relentlessly hunted down and made to suffer retribution, but the powerful desire to see peace, right and order prevail, by removing the failing, weakness, or enmity that lay behind the wrong. If someone has been wronged, it is the duty of all Muslims to unite to have the wrong put right. Muslims can never think it right to turn a blind eye to injustice, or let it go unchallenged. That is seen as weakness, and counter to the will of God.

Allah is always merciful, and He understands human weakness. He will indeed forgive you if you are sorry; but if you have wronged another person, then *their* demands of justice also have to be fulfilled. God always counsels a merciful attitude: 'The reward for an injury is an equal injury back; but if a person forgives instead and is reconciled, that will earn reward from Allah.' (Surah – chapter in the Koran – 42:40)

The Muslim must do everything possible to put the wrong right. If it is not done before death, then Allah will reward the offended after death."

Do we as Christians believe something similar?

Group

Monday

Join the discussion on this and a number of other themes. Bible study is Mondays at 7:30 PM or Wednesdays at 9:30 AM beginning September 21 and 23; or else join us through MemberConnect..

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THRIVENT CORNER Weathering market volatility

Market volatility points to a basic investing truth: You cannot predict market direction with any degree of certainty or consistency. The key to survival is to have a long-term strategy and follow a few time-proven guidelines to help manage your money and emotions.

Don't panic: If your investment strategy reflects your long-term financial goals, don't make drastic changes or let market swings steer you off course.

Keep investing: Realize that even after markets have dropped, they have rebounded over time. Consider your financial ability to continue investing through periods of low prices. While it does not assure a profit or protect against loss, buying on a regular schedule regardless of price—called dollar cost averaging—may benefit you in the long run.

Diversify: It is important to maintain a good mix of stocks, bonds and cash in your portfolio. Various asset classes perform differently, so the upswings in one may offset the declines in another. While diversification can help spread risk, it does not eliminate it.

Focus on time, not timing: When you invest, do it with long-term objectives in mind. History has proven that a successful investment strategy stays focused and stays invested. Avoid the temptation to buy as the market surges and sell as it dips—market analyses show that timing the market rarely, if ever, works and it can cost you dearly.

Consistently staying invested can help you realize possible positive returns over time. Those who miss out on the market's best-performing days may miss out on significant returns (and growth) of their investments.

Consider the 10-year performance of the Standard & Poor's 500® Index (an unmanaged index which measures the performance of 500 widely held common stocks of large-cap companies) from Dec. 31, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2007. Those fully invested over the full 10 years would have enjoyed an average annual total return of 5.91 percent. A \$10,000 investment tied to the index would have grown over that period of time to \$17,756.

By contrast, if an investor missed the 10 best days of the market (happened to pull his or her money from the market on its 10-most "up" days), he or she would have experienced an average annual total return over that 10-year period of negative (0.30) percent. That same \$10,000 investment would have shrunk to \$9,702.

Similarly, missing the 20 best days of the market would have resulted in an average annual total return of negative (3.91) percent, and his or her \$10,000 investment would have declined to \$6,715.

Of course, no individual may invest directly in any index, and past performance is no guarantee of future results. Still, the lesson remains clear: Staying invested in the market is the only sure way to never miss the market's best days.

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Treasurer's Outlook

by Tom Foskett

As we continue through these lean times in our economy, we continue to be blessed by the generosity of our congregation. In August, income was \$30,064 almost exactly the same as August of 2008. Income for the year to date is \$310,907 which is keeps us on track to meet our budget of \$475,475.

Based on council's decision at the May meeting, we have now begun tithing our offering to the Synod's Mission Support on a monthly basis rather than making periodic lump sum installments. This particular line item in the budget is running behind, but not substantially, and the council's decision was based on being faithful in providing resources for the work of the larger Church. Although the budget for 2008 and 2009 for staffing was constant, 2008 had the advantage of not having the office assistant for the whole year, so expenditures in staffing line item for 2009 will eclipse 2008.

Another blessing we have received is the bequest of Freda Goodman that has made possible the renovations, mechanical upgrades, and refurbishment of the education rooms and other areas of the church. The discernment of the Memorial Gift Board in making the funds available will surely make a difference in our Christian education and other faith formation ministries. Please take a field trip to the third floor to enjoy the bright new changes.

As a reminder, there are four critical months left in our fiscal year. September, October, November and December account for a disproportionate 40% of our annual expense and income. With God's blessing, the continued generous support of the congregation and prudent management of expenses, we will meet the commitments of our thriving ministries and balance the budget.