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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

ENRICH MARRIAGE AT
VALENTINE’S DAY EVENT,
Affirm Marriage Vows on Feb 15

Once again The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will provide an opportunity for husbands and wives to affirm their marriage vows during the 8:00 and 10:30 Sunday worship times on Valentine’s Day weekend. Valentine’s Day is when many spouses are thinking about their love for each other. And whether you’ve celebrated your first or fiftieth anniversary it’s only fitting the church provide an opportunity to affirm your vows of love and faithful-ness exchanged on your wedding day.

In the wedding service we pray that God use us as members of the body of Christ, to support married couples in their lives together as husband and wife. We acknowledge that because of sin the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden. We also remember that God continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support through the faith community of which they are a part.

This year, The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will go even further in supporting husbands and wives. On Valentines Day, February 14, Pastor Wayne Zschech will host a “Marriage Enrichment Event” from 1:00-3:00PM for couples who want to spend two hours focusing on their marriage vows and how to live them out now that the honeymoon for many is now over. In addition, you’ll get to know other couples from the congregation as you share your experiences and offer support to each other. Make it an afternoon prelude to the evening’s plans, and for those with children the youth will offer a Drop n’ Date childcare that night from 5:00PM-9:00PM. Remember, chocolates go stale. Flowers wilt. The ambiance of a fancy dinner will fade. But the gift of one’s lifelong word of love and faithfulness is what sustains every marriage. Take time this Valentine’s Day weekend to enrich your marriage with more than Hallmark, Bayard’s, or Café Aldo could ever offer.

WELCOME NEW LEADERS!
Many Thanks to Outgoing Council

With the passing of another Annual Meeting comes also the grateful thanks to those going off council and welcome to those newly elected. Since this article is written prior to the meeting The Lutheran Church of Our Savior cannot officially welcome personally those who have agreed to be nominated for the vacant positions on the Congregation Council, but know we look forward to your leadership.

To those going off we truly have appreciated your time of leadership and witness by example. Those being recognized at the Annual Meeting who are going off Council and not returning this year are Jack Berrigan - Treasurer, Mike Fallon – Congregation Resources, and Eric Woltz and Rich Amme – Worship & Music. Laura Oakes is going off Memorial Gift Board after serving her second full four-year term and as Secretary of the Board. Well done good and faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the congregation of Our Savior.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY,
Feb. 1, in Narthex after Worship

Every year one of the fundraisers the Senior High Youth Group sponsor is Souper Bowl Sunday to help feed the hungry and homeless. In comparison to the smorgasbord of food some will have spread out on Super Bowl Sunday there are those in our country who will be thankful for a simple bowl of soup. You can help make that a reality. Two soup kettles will be put out with the emblem of each team playing in the Super Bowl on their own kettle. Despite what the outcome of the game later on may be those in worship can determine who “wins” the Souper Bowl by placing donations for one of the two teams in their respective kettle. The kettle with the most cash is the Souper Bowl winner.

So it’s the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII and not the Eagles and the Ravens. Sure we know had it been the Eagles and local hero Joe Flacco’s Ravens in the Super Bowl there would have been a great deal more support for both teams. Just the same, show your support for those for whom a bowl of soup means a lot more than a football game. In this bowl “game” the real winners are the hungry of our land.

*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.*



“Do They See What We See?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

My wife, Kate, reminds me from time to time that, “Perception is the only reality that counts.” So even if a husband puts two loads of laundry in the washer within a six month period to the wife it seems as if her hubby “never” does the laundry. In order to change the perceived reality of the wife the husband will need to change his behavior. No one can say you never do the laundry if you put a load in each week.

I’m currently reading a book called *Church Marketing 101: Preparing Your Church for Greater Growth* by Richard Reising. While I balked at the title (Marketing the church? How could any self-respecting Lutheran pastor do such a thing?) the author’s definition of marketing made me think of my wife’s mantra. “Marketing is the management of perception.” This means we are marketing all the time, whether we want to or not, because by our appearance, actions, and words we are always conveying a message that is perceived by others. The question is whether the perceived reality is consistent with our mission and understanding as a community of the Christian faith? Do they see what we see?

This is why managing others perception is so important in living out the gospel. Reising defines management as “knowing where you stand today, where your goals lie tomorrow, and making adjustments.” First, how do others perceive us? If a visitor were to base his or her perception of the Christian faith or this congregation on how you act what might be their perceived reality be?

Second, if the perception of others is not what we believe we are meant to be, we need to define that goal clearly, and then third, make adjustments, or a plan of action, for how we will get there. Therefore, the Vision Committee acts as essentially the “perception management team” at Our Savior. Over the course of this next year they will be spending time asking those tangentially involved in our congregation as well as those within the local community what their perception is Our Savior, the Lutheran church, and the Church at large. They will create a Vision Statement of what our goals for tomorrow (a few years from now) will be, and a strategic plan for how to make the adjustments needed for other’s perception to be in line with God’s vision for our congregation. They will offer an answer to How do we get others to see what God sees in us?

In the meantime I invite you to consider the following questions.

- What’s my perception of Our Savior?
- How might others perceive Our Savior?
- How does God want us to be perceived?
- What can I do right now to change the perception I and others have of our congregation so it is more in line with how God would have us be?

If perception is the only reality that counts when it comes to conveying the good news of Jesus Christ then what can we do together to insure our perception is consistent with God’s? I invite you to join me in managing that perception every day by what we say and do in the name of the Lord and for the sake of the gospel. God bless.

FASTNACHT ADDS
NEW TRIVIA BOWL
FORMAT

Donut Option Feb24 @
6:30PM

Stop! What is Fastnacht and why do we eat diamond shaped unfilled donuts? First, it’s a tradition among German Lutherans from a region of Germany that took the Lenten disciplines of repentance and fasting very seriously. First, in order to properly fast, all the lard used for cooking and frying had to be used up in the house. And what better way to get the “lard” out than to fry up donuts? The diamond shape simply happens to be the one that creates the least amount of waste when rolling out and cutting the dough. Second, since Lent is a time of reflection and repentance rather than frivolity, Fastnacht was also the last day to “let your hair down” before Ash Wednesday’s confession and forty days of penance.

It has been a long tradition at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior to embrace this cultural German Lutheran tradition with a family night of eating authentic Fastnacht donuts (made by Haegle’s Bakery in Northeast Philly for three generations) and then sharing in the musical and theatrical acts of our congregation and friends. This year, in addition to the original white powdered sugar Fastnacht donuts there will also be some cinnamon sugar coated ones made by the same bakery offered as well. Then, after various choirs and other groups in the church offer their acts there will be a Trivia Bowl of various Lutheran, Church, and Biblical history that is sure to make you laugh (e.g. translate the following bible passage written in text message format). There will be a prize for the winning team (and no, it won’t be Fastnacht donuts). Those in worship will get a taste of what is to come during the announcements beginning February 8. This is sure to be a night of fun, frivolity, and feasting before the penitential time of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday night and remember to bring a friend. More than Dunkin’ Donuts it will be worth the trip.

BOOKS: LIBRARY UPDATE

New for Tweens, Teens, and Parents

The LCOS has a number of new books for Tweens, Teens, and Parents. We have two new Bibles: [KidsBible.com](#) and [Boys Bible: The Ultimate MANUAL](#). Teens who are looking for a good book might enjoy [Real Life Encounters with God](#), [Sticking Up for What I Believe](#), and [Light for My Path For Teens](#). [Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood For Jesus](#) contains brief stories of martyrs throughout the ages, as well as those who have died recently proclaiming God’s word. These new books are located on the Books for Teens section of the library.

We have also added some great titles for Parents. [Shepherding a Child’s Heart](#) provides advice for all parents. Those of us blessed with teenagers will benefit from reading [And Then I Had Teenagers](#) and [50 Great Tips, Tricks, and Techniques to Connect with Your Teenagers](#).

Stop by the LCOS Library to check out these and many other wonderful books! To check out a book, just remove the card from the back pocket, sign your name, and place it in the basket. Feel free to keep each book as long as it is useful to you. If you have feedback about books that you check out or can recommend others to be purchased, please contact Connie..

Seeking Used or New Books for Students

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

If you have any questions, contact Connie.



ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

NEXT DATE IS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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
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Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Kathy Ellis, Linda Powell
Counters:

February 1

Coffee Hour: Children & Youth Choirs
Readers: 8- C. Monsen **10:30-** Betsy Kuhen
Communion Assistants: **10:30-** Juhan Runne, Brian Bell
Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz **10:30-** Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Morgan Sehdev
10:30-Chris & Nick Heinze, Emily Donovan, Robby Reiter, Nicole Fallon

February 8

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music
Readers: 8- B. Neveling **10:30-** C. Bare
Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz **10:30-** Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernam, Alex Fabian
10:30- Karen Graber, Hayden Remphrey, Holly & Kelly Harrington, Andrew Vitale

February 15

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild
Readers: 8- T. Weber**10:30-** D. Deery
Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz **10:30-** Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Samantha Prepsel
10:30- Steven Peterson, John Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell, Kyle Carpenter, Sam Lyons

February 22

Coffee Hour: Property / Thursday Work Group
Readers: 8- T. Cheney **10:30-** H. Harrington
Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz **10:30-** Bill & Susan Remphrey
Acolytes: 8- RobLaBarge, Stephen Woltz, Carri Killian
10:30- Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Jon Maniaci, Rebecca Windle, Shelby Cain

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FEBRUARY

Sun	1	Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM Youth Group Souper Bowl Fundraiser
Mon	2	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	3	Social Ministry, 7 PM Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
Wed	4	Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM Tai Chi, 4 PM Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	5	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Fri	6	Youth Retreat - Harvey Cedars
Sun	8	Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Learn 6 PM
Mon	9	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	10	Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	11	Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM Memorial Gifts, 7:30 PM (Rm#112) Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	12	Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sat	14	Valentines Day Drop 'n Date 5 - 9 PM
Sun	15	Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM Affirmation of Marriage Confirmation Play/Serve 6 PM
Mon	16	Church Office Closed, Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	18	Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM Children's Church, 7 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	19	Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Fri	20	Women's Fellowship, 8 PM
Sun	22	Worship 8 & 10:30 AM, Reflections Worship, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Learn 6 PM Youth Group 7 PM
Mon	23	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	24	Senior Game Day, 12 Noon Fastnacht, 6:30 PM
Wed	25	Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM Youth Bells, 7 PM; Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 PM Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs	26	Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM

FACES OF LCOS

Ten years separate Joe Hartmann, Jon Batchelor and Bill Neveling. One church brings them together.

Now retired, all three are regular worship members and were unaware of how their paths had crossed – being long-time members of the same church and having taught at the same high school for one year. Combined, the three men have been members of Our Savior for more than 170 years and spent a combined 93 years as educators, and almost as many coaching high school athletes.

Memories of Our Savior In Dugout With Joe Hartmann

Our Savior was a part of Joe Hartmann, Jr.’s life for as long as he can remember. His parents married in 1929 and moved to Haddonfield, joining LCOS shortly after it was chartered in 1927 and when Pastor Donald F. Irvin started his 21-year call at Our Savior.

“I was baptized there, confirmed by Pastor Irvin, and I remember going to church once a week at the end of the day during what they called Religious Release when we were in 7th and 8th grade,” Joe recalled. “I remember when the Rectory was on Ardmore Avenue, around the corner from the church. And my dad rented Pastor a garage for \$3 a month. I was an acolyte for many years and served under Dr. Myers. He demanded loyalty and discipline. And I remember the church softball team was pretty good.”

During those years, according to Joe, the YMCA organized youth leagues in many sports and it was common for churches to sponsor teams to participate. But for Joe Hartmann, Jr., sports – particularly baseball – at Haddonfield Memorial High School was his calling. During a distinguished career, he became a student of the game. Joe graduated in 1949 and matriculated to The College of South Jersey, which became Rutgers-Camden.

“Rutgers was expanding, and I was part of the first class at Rutgers-Camden, and its first baseball team,” he recalled. “We had a lot of World War II veterans who were returning to college and some pretty good players. We played a lot of Division I teams and held our own.”

With the U.S. engaged in the Korean War, Joe joined the Coast Guard in 1952, served almost four years and then returned to Rutgers in Camden to complete his degree and credits to earn his teaching certification in 1958. He met Peg there, and a year later they were married. They will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Feb. 21.

After spending a year counseling in a work-related program for disabled youth, Joe Hartmann, Jr. started down the path – make that basepath – of what is a continuing career of coaching baseball. This will be his 61st year coaching. His teaching career began in 1960 in Cherry Hill. He began teaching and coaching at Eastern High School in 1967. Three years later, he was also named Athletic Director. He was not aware that fellow LCOS members Jon Batchelor and Bill Neveling were also at Eastern during the 1969-70 school year.

His teaching duties ended in 1978 but he continued coaching and eventually ended is career at Eastern with a record of 236-136 and five Olympic Conference championships. Determined to create opportunities for young athletes and expose them to the eyes of professional scouts, Joe Hartmann was instrumental in starting the Diamond Classic tournament in 1974 which brought together conference champions from throughout South Jersey. Fittingly in 1999, it was renamed the Joe Hartmann Classic.

In 1978, Coach Hartmann introduced South Jersey athletes to the Carpenter Cup, a competition for all-stars representing various leagues from throughout the Tri-State region which concludes with a championship game at Citizens Bank Ballpark. South Jersey currently has three entries in the tournament.

After retiring from Eastern, Joe coached at Clayton High School and has been an assistant at Overbrook High School for the past 11 years. He currently is at spring training with Major League Baseball’s Tampa Rays, for whom he serves as a scout. His list of accomplishments on the diamond – to the benefit of young athletes – seems endless.

It was a baseball connection that played a part in Joe and Peg Hartmann returning more regularly to the LCOS congregation. “I started coming back to church in the mid-60s but when Pastor Dunkle was here. . . I liked him . . . we had something in common because he played baseball at St. Joe’s (University).

“My father was on Church Council for years, served as treasurer, and my mom was involved. I remember – I think I still have a picture – of my dad with Pastor Irvin when they gave Pastor a 1954 Chevy for his retirement. Pastor Irvin was a kind and gentle man. My dad started a fund through Memorial Gifts to support young men or women who wanted to go to the seminary.

“I remember the Father-Son Banquets when they used to get professional athletes to come and talk. The church was a big part of our life . . . a lot of good memories. I remember the annual strawberry festival. Everybody came. It was unbelievable.

“The mothers had a big impact on me at church. They gave themselves to the church and they were always nice to me, and that meant a lot. The church has meant memories for me . . . nothing but positive memories . . . all the people and friendships that we’ve established.”

NEXT MONTH: Jon Batchelor

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Optional Ashes Offered February 25

Ash Wednesday worship has long heralded the beginning of Lent. On February 25 at 7:30PM The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold this worship service of confession, reflection, and the imposition of ashes to begin the Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Easter. It's been only since the Liturgical Renewal movement in the last three decades or so has the imposition of ashes been reintroduced to Protestant worship liturgy. Since it has not been a practice of this church until last year, and for some may seem and feel uncomfortable, this year the imposition of ashes will be delayed until the very end of worship. Those desiring to have ashes imposed may remain after others have left the sanctuary. As you discern whether to receive them here are some thoughts to reflect on and prayerfully consider as you do.

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words spoken by the pastor as an ashen cross is smudged on one’s brow. Like the words spoken at a funeral committal, ashes are a reminder of our mortality and finitude. They remind us we cannot escape death, no matter how hard we may try to keep it at arm’s length or deny its reality in our lives.

Ashes remind us that at one time they were rubbed on one’s skin to eliminate hard to remove dirt. Lent is also a time of cleansing and renewal. We pray along with the psalmist to “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”, and reminded of God’s cleansing Spirit of renewal in our lives.

Finally, because the smudged cross is made with ashes mixed with oil, we are reminded of the mark with oil placed on our brow at baptism. We remember the promise we were given, “Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” In the waters of baptism we have been joined to both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And while the ashes remind us of our eventual death, the smudged cross reminds us death does not have the last word. As people “of the smudge” we are people who trust in the resurrection to new life it offers through faith in the risen Christ. In Lent we journey both toward the cross and the empty tomb. And this gives us hope.

1ST COMMUNION CLASSES

March 4 after Lenten Soup Suppers

Sixth grade youth and their parents are invited to participate in a five-week preparation class for receiving their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, April 9. The classes will be held each week on Wednesdays in Lent from 6:15 to 7:00 following the Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30, beginning March 4. Both sixth grade youth and their parent(s) will gather in Room 112 after the meal for classes that will cover the basic understanding of what Holy Communion is and its meaning in the life of a Christian disciple. Parents who intend to have their child participate need to contact the church office or email Pastor Wayne who will be leading the class. If you have additional questions you may contact Pastor Wayne at your convenience either by phone or email (contact information is on the inside cover).



VALENTINE’S DAY

DROP’N DATE

Youth Group Childcare

In these tough economic times the Senior Youth Group wants to make sure the cost of a babysitter or childcare is not the reason couples skip going out on Valentine’s Day. Therefore, they will host a Valentine Drop and Date Childcare night at the church from 5:00-9:00 PM on Valentine’s Day for children of all ages. Simply drop your child off and the youth and advisors will make sure they are fed, cared for, and played with during your time out together. While a free will donation will be available it is not mandatory and certainly will be cheaper than a babysitter rate. So call up the restaurant and book the reservation for the theater (just don’t go see Bride Wars) because your childcare issues are solved.

GREEN & WHITE

WORSHIP BANNERS

Dedicated in Memory of

Bill Wyche

When Bill Wyche died the congregation of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior lost a loving “churchman”. Bill was always willing to go the extra mile to make the church, and especially the sanctuary, look its best. After his death Pastor Lou Dunkle asked Bill’s son, Dave Wyche, and daughter, Susan Buonpastore, if worship banners might be purchased with the memorial money left in their father’s name. They agreed.

So it is with great joy the Altar Guild, Memorial Gift Board, Worship and Music Committee, and Pastor Wayne Zschech celebrate the dedication of green and white worship banners that will hang in the front of the church on the organ side. The green will hang during the Ordinary time of the church year, Epiphany and Pentecost. The white one will hang for Christmas, Easter, and all festivals for which white is the color, such as All Saints and Baptism of our Lord. The banners will be formally dedicated in worship when Dave and Susan, as well as their families, are able to attend worship together, although the banners may be hung prior to that time.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

LCOS CARE PACKAGES – Attention LCOS members. We plan to send out care packages to college students & military personnel in February. Boxes will be available in the narthex on February 1st and must be returned by February 15th. If you have a child in college or anyone in the military please email their name & address to Eva Shaw eslohboy@verizon.net or call Eva at 428-9434

Meeting dates: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact me at 856-429-3355 or e-mail me at betsykuehn@aol.com.

PRAYING FOR YOU

Every Monday from 7-7:30 PM in the

Church library

Alphabetically, we pray for all members within a year; we send a postcard. Requests may be sent to Connie, or place a request in the box in the Narthex. Each week we pray for our congregation and part of its Mission Statement. We also pray for our community and the world. You are always welcome to join us on Monday nights, even to sit quietly and listen.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

The Music department here at LCOS is up to all kinds of good things this Winter and Spring. We of course are always delighted to recruit new members at any time of the year, but if you’ve ever thought about joining, now would be a great time. The Children’s Choir is already beginning their rehearsals for the Mother’s Day musical. Of course they will still be singing every month (on the 3rd Sunday,) and will be doing lots of great songs for all to enjoy! The Youth Choir is hoping to get their long-awaited tour to another town and church, up and running this spring. we have added several members this year, and they’re working hard on their music so as to be ready for both our own church services as well as a “tour” possibility. In these days where our youth aged children are so immersed in schoolwork and extra curricular activities, it is heartwarming to know that Youth Choir still means a lot to our youth who enjoy giving their time to the church and singing their praises to God!

The Adult Choir (who are always accepting new members) will soon begin rehearsals for an all Baroque concert, including the music of George Fredrick Handel. It will be accompanied by very fine baroque musicians. The next few months promise to be very busy and exciting for the all the choirs. We ask for your prayers, your support and your presence as we sing and ring through this coming time!

Always remember, if you or your child is thinking about joining a choir, please contact Pat Green.

Thanks to the following people for helping with the party in December; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Danielle Deery, Kathy Ellis, Pat Reiter & cohorts, Ethan Roncace, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw, Molly Smith.** thanks to

Seniors and other parishioners for donations, the only things we need now are cereal, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste & soap.

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

Special thanks the following people who helped deliver Christmas Poinsettia - **John & Margie Van Buren, Betsy Kuehn, Sue Tharp, Carla & Ray Wright, Harvey, Eva & Stacey Shaw.**

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

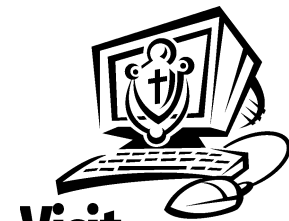
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IN HARM'S WAY

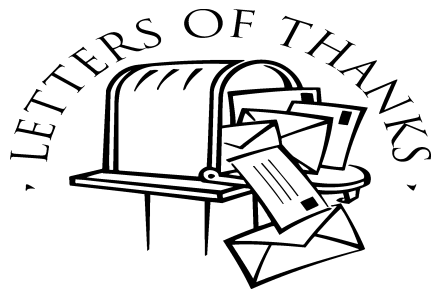
Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
SFC Donald Brandinelli, serving in Iraq,
Colonel Richard Howley, serving in Iraq,
Michael Miano, stationed in Nepal.

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



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

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www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org



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.

Dear Friends at LCOS

I wanted everyone to know how happy I was to receive a package from the church while I am here in Nepal. My Mother tells me Mrs.(Eva) Shaw and her daughter, Stacey, were instrumental in sending all the good stuff. Thanks to them, especially.

The package took some time to arrive because it was monsoon season and packages were held in Kathmandu. Now the roads are clear and trucks can get through. My own mode of travel is helicopter or trekking.

I am here with “Medicins Sans Frontieres” or as we say in the USA, “Doctors Without Borders”. This is an international organization that brings health care to people in need all over the world. I am in the Kalikot region of Nepal – up in the Himalaya Mountains.

I am the logistics and supplies person for the medical team. I lead a large group of locals in getting supplies to the medical facilities all over here - trekking sometimes for a few days to reach villages. A recent project was to electrify the hospital where I am attached – they had been using solar power. My main meals consist of lentils and beans with occasional goat dinners. I try to order eggs and peanut butter in my supplies, too. The Nepalese people are very nice and the scenery is beautiful. For recreation, we have a movie night (a white sheet for a screen) or ping pong (I am proud to have built the table).

Really – we could use some paperbacks for reading. There are very few books around. I have been here since July ’08 and will stay until June ’09. I am presently the only American on the team. It is an amazing experience. Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely, *Michael M.*

11/2008

Dear LCOS,

Thank you for your \$200 contirbution to Metro Camden Habitat for Humanity!

Your gift allows us to continue to build simple, decent, affordable houses for families in need here in Camden.

Thank you again for your partnership with Metro camden Habitat for Humanity!

Thank you very much for the Acme gift card. I would also like to thank you again for the Walmart gift card, the Thanksgiving turkey & groceries, and all you do for me throuout the year. Thank you. *Kathleen C.*

12/2008

To the Members of LCOS,

Thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity. Your generous \$350 Thanksgiving Donation is most appreciated. Your contribution certainly helped our efforts to provided essential supprot to those in need in the Camden area. We rely so heavily on the support of

caing individuals and organization sto help the homeless and at-risk in the Camden area. Your gift will truly make a difference in the lives of our homeless and poverty stricken population. An ever increasing proportion of our funding comes from individuals, places of worship and business; without this support we could not exist. Without your caring helop we could not assist the 100+ persons who come to our doors each day for food, clothing, shelter, referrals, and all sorts of aid. We are truly grateful for the support you provide, through our organization, to the unfortunate members of our society. *New Visions Community Services of Camden, Inc.*

Thank you very much for another wonderful care package. It will be a great help for getting through the push to finals. It had a great selection of candy, snacks, and goods. It is always nice to receive a reminder that the church is thinking of its students away at school. I hope everyone had a great Thanks-giving and hopefully I will see some of you over winter break before I leave for a semes-ter in Austrailia! Thanks again, *Geoff D.*

Thank you so very much for the thoughtful care package. College is wonderful and the moon pies that I found in the care package made it a little more delicious.

Thank you! *Elizabeth W.*

Our recitle was again a very happy event; and the student's families tell me they thought it was a big success. so thanks again to all at the church who helped. Sincerley , *Joyce N.*

Dear Cherub Parents,

Thank you so much for the generous gift certificate to use in Haddonfield. I will have so much fun spending it! Thank you for trusting me with your wonderful children. *Linda P.*

“We appreciate greatly the many Christmas cards and notes received during the holidays and have very fond, warm, and nostalgic memories of Christmases past at Our Savior. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year!” *Pastor Lou and Carleen Dunkle*

LCOS,

Thankyou for the poinsettia which was given to me. I appreciate someone took the time to do this. Sincerely, *Martha O.*



BALANCING WORK & FAMILY CAREGIVING: FOUR QUESTIONS TO ASK

Part II of a Two-Part Series *by Lorraine Miano as quoted from the “Caring Times” newsletter.*

In the December 2008 online edition of *Caring Right at Home*, we took a look at some of the challenges faced by employees who are serving as a family caregiver for an older or disabled loved one. If you are currently a working family caregiver, what can you do to help balance your work and caregiving responsibilities? The first step is to make a plan and do your homework. Are you taking advantage of available resources? Are you trying to do it all alone, rather than asking for help? Here are some questions to ask as you assess your situation:

Q: Have I investigated resources available through my company? **A:** More and more companies realize that assisting caregivers is part of a good employee retention strategy. Although some family caregivers are hesitant to discuss their situation, not wanting to bring personal problems to work, remember that your company is as eager as you are to lessen the impact of caregiving on your productivity. Talk to your supervisor or Human Resources department about your current situation. Ask if your company has an employee assistance resource and referral program that offers family caregiver information and support. Find out the company’s policy on family leave, flextime, telecommuting and job sharing. This is a positive step to help your company recognize your needs—and that of other employed caregivers.

Q: What support services are available in my community? **A:** As a caregiver, you are not alone! Take the time to investigate support services available for caregivers:

In-home care services *range from companionship to help with personal care and the activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, using the toilet), including meal preparation and light housekeeping.*

Adult day centers *provide daytime care and social activities for older adults. Programs vary as to the amount and type of care available; services might include meals, transportation, healthcare services and rehabilitation.*

Geriatric care managers (GCM) *are eldercare professionals who can assess your loved one’s needs, and develop and implement a personalized plan of care, taking into account the needs of your older family member and your own work issues as well. GCMs can provide ongoing follow-up monitoring if desired.*

Respite care programs *provide temporary relief for caregivers. This may be a professional caregiver who comes into the home, or your loved one may go to a short-term program at a hospital, assisted living community or skilled nursing facility.*

Support groups *provide emotional support, information sharing and companionship for caregivers, who often feel isolated. It helps so much to share experiences with someone in the same boat as you!*

Some support services are available at no cost; others you or your loved one must pay for. But it is often worth paying out of pocket in order to keep your career on track. And if you feel guilty about “bringing in outsiders,” remember that depending less on you can increase your loved one’s sense of independence, freeing both of you to enjoy each other’s company more and spend a relaxed time together.

Q: Am I trying to do too much? **A:** With today’s smaller families and our mobile society, sometimes only one family member is available to serve as the family caregiver. But other times, it happens that one family member gradually evolves into the main caregiving role as their loved one’s condition changes, without anything really being discussed. Is it time to revisit the arrangement in a family meeting? Discuss with siblings the financial and personal costs of your caregiving duties. Can your brother provide respite some evenings? Can Mom visit your out-of-state sister for several weeks? Learn to delegate.

Even if you are the only family caregiver for your loved one, can you expand your support team with friends, neighbors, members of your or your loved one’s faith community? What about volunteers? Set priorities in other areas of your life, as well—can you temporarily give up some of your other commitments, especially those that you don’t really enjoy?

Q: Am I taking care of myself? **A:** Working family caregivers are highly susceptible to “caregiver burnout.” They feel confused, fatigued, constantly worried, angry...and then, often, guilty about having those feelings! Caregivers should remember that taking care of themselves is part of caring for their loved one. As you investigate resources to help in your loved one’s care, don’t forget to carve out some time just for yourself...time to nurture your spirit and “recharge your batteries.” This will not only make you a better family caregiver, but a better employee, as well.

The numbers are in: more and more workers will be faced with family caregiving issues as Baby Boomers age. If you’re already dealing with these competing demands, remember that finding balance between your personal life and work life is a key task—and getting help is part of achieving that balance.

Right at Home is a national organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for those we serve. We fulfill that mission through a dedicated network of locally owned, franchised providers of in-home care and assistance services.



Technology Change Helps Self-Denial

I will not be able to watch TV in my apartment beginning Feburary 18. I’ve known about this for several months; the antenna on the roof of my apartment building relays only analog signals; and the owners have warned us to either purchase cable or a converter box, or else we will be “left in the dark.” Because of the timing of this change, I plan to do neither. The following week Lent begins, and it gives me the perfect opportunity to honor a Lenten self-denial pledge of not watching TV for what will amount to about 2 months. I’m not a huge TV watcher but I will definitely miss being able to see “March” madness, the championship rounds of NCAA college basketball; and I’m used to eating meals with the TV on. Nonetheless, the opportunity for self-denial is important; I can give an extra gift to Our Savior (probably the equivalent of 2 months of renting cable), and fill the ‘TV time’ with reading and other constructive activities.

by Pastor Englehardt

REMEMBERING LOUISE SLAW
Died on January 1, 2009

Louise Slaw, a longtime member of Our Savior, died on January 1, 2009. Because she has been living for a number of years with her daughter Linda in California, we thought it best to give an update, in case you wish to get in touch. Linda’s address is:

This address is also listed in the recent pictorial directory under Louise Slaw.

OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW
Diakonia Teaching 2/8 - 3/8

Interested in an overview of the Old Testament? Join me on 5 consecutive Sundays, February. 8 – March 8, from 2-5 PM, join me at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church on the White Horse Pike in Oaklyn.
Pastor Englehardt

LENTEN THEME
Simply Living midweek service

Learn with us how less can mean more and how quality can trump quantity, in this day of busy schedules, complex technology, and the desire “to not miss out.”
This will happen on Wednesday nights in Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1) with the schedule as follows: 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Dinner (includes hot dogs or similar child-appealing choice); 6:15 – 7:00 PM Lenten Program (Simply Living) where children and adults will be learning in separate areas while Pastor Wayne is giving First Communion instruction to 6th Graders; child care will be provided – help is needed.
The soup dinners (which include rolls, hot dogs, chips, and beverages) will be coordinated by team leaders. If you would be willing to help team leaders to provide this supper, contact Pastor Englehardt or Christian Education Chair-person Deb MacBride .Pastor Englehardt

ECLIPSING EMPIRE
Focused Fellowship 'til March 22

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God. Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul’s footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This study explores fresh insights into Paul’s message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle’s radical relevance for today.
Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parlor:
Until – March 22
For more information, contact Monica Ebbenga.

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER
Beyond Normal Giving

Many people of modest means think giving a significant charitable gift is financially impossible. This isn’t the case. People of all income levels are capable of providing significant financial gifts to congregations, national church bodies or to church-related institutions (e.g., colleges, Bible camps, social ministry organizations, etc.). Life insurance may offer a practical, affordable and flexible means of supporting the Lutheran faith. In addition, giving the gift of life insurance may offer considerable tax benefits to people now and to their future estate. To give beyond one’s normal giving, consider the gift of life insurance. To learn more about this opportunity, contact a financial services professional.
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR IHOC

We were able to fill 23 backpacks last year with school supplies for IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council). We would like to top that total this year. The Social Ministry Committee in conjunction with Sunday School will be collecting supplies through August. We are looking for backpacks, pencils, pens, glue, protractors, rulers, crayons, markers, filler paper, compasses, folders, spiral notebooks, calculators, etc... Please send supplies to Sunday School with your children or place them in the designated box at the Wayne Avenue entrance to the church. Thank you in advance for your support. Any questions please feel free to contact Stacey Shaw



TREASURER’S OUTLOOK
by Jack Berrigan

My news is an extraordinary ray of hope in these difficult times! The pastors, staff and ministry leaders creatively managed expenses without compromising God’s work or our commitment to Mission Support. Consequently, our year-end expenses for 2008 were \$484,341 which is \$12,834 below our budget of \$497,175. When combined with the incredibly generous \$491,905 in total congregational contributions, we exceeded a balanced budget for the second straight year. Factoring in the \$6,425 surplus we carried over into dedicated accounts from last year, we ended 2008 with a net surplus of \$ 999.
For those of you who are wondering about the symbolism of 999, here is the story. In the world of numerology, the number 999 represents divine truth and justice. The number 999 is the reverse of the Beast of Revelation, 666. According to mythology, the number 999 substantiates the existence of God and signals that Satan will be chained for 1000 years (999+1 year). And, I thought a surplus was good news! There is apparently more power in that surplus than meets the eye.
There is one worrisome cloud in this otherwise sunny scenario. Weekly envelope contributions were 2.5% lower than 2007 and almost 5.5% lower than we budgeted based pledges. Since weekly contributions in 2007 were 5% higher than 2006, it is clear that this issue is temporary, related to current economic conditions rather than an underlying erosion of support from the congregation.
One of my retirement goals was to spend six months of every year in the tranquil world of Stone Harbor. Dorothy and I have been blessed with the ability to realize this goal. Since our move to a new phase of life could jeopardize my attention to the finances of Our Savior, I believe it is in the best interest of the congregation that I resign as Treasurer.
In two years as your Treasurer, I have been blessed by the phenomenal generosity of the Congregation as well as the timely, cooperative support of ministry leaders and the Council. I am especially indebted to Monica Ebbenga whose efficient and effective bookkeeping made my job easier. Only a few of us see the effort Monica extends to ensure the financials are accurate and sound. Thank you, Monical