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COME TO THE MUSIC

On Sunday Oct 28, 2007, the LCOS Adult Choir will once again join forces with the Adult Choir from St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Woodbury for a fabulous afternoon of Choral, Brass and Organ music! Please come and join us for this wonderful event, which is to benefit New Visions in Camden. There is no charge but there will be a free will offering. Come. Be inspired and uplifted!

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

FIRST BIBLE INSTRUCTION ON  
OCT. 14 FOR THIRD GRADERS  
AND PARENTS

Bibles Presented on  
Reformation Sunday

“In time, will you place God’s Holy scriptures in their hands?” This is one of the promises every parent makes at their child’s baptism, and on Reformation Sunday, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will help all parents of third graders keep that promise. Reformation Sunday has become for Lutherans a time of remembering and celebrating the importance of God’s word as revealed in scripture in the life of a Christian disciple. This makes it an appropriate time for parents to keep the promise they made at their child’s baptism by presenting them with what may be their first Bible provided by the Lutheran Church of our Savior.

But these are not “new” bibles. While they are newly purchased, third graders and parents have attended a First Bible Instruction Night on October 14 at 6:00 that includes a list of key verses of faith located in each book of the bible. By the time parents present it to their child both of them have highlighted all of these verses as well the parents having written an inscription to their child. The translation is easier for children to read and understand so opening their bibles and reading God’s word to them is not as intimidating as more scholarly translations such as the New Revised Standard Version can sometimes be. Please keep all our third graders and their parents in your prayers this month as they discover and rediscover God’s word in the scripture of the bible.

FALL FOR FUN AT  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH!  
Kids: wear your pajamas!


The next Children’s Church service will be on the third Wednesday, October 17. If you haven’t come to check out this special service for young children and their caregivers, now is the time!

Join our ministry team of energetic youth, pastor and lay leaders for songs, prayers and activities at 7:00PM. As usual, we plan to finish by 7:30 so your little ones will be home in time for bed. Bring your kids, neighbors, grandkids, nieces and nephews and enjoy this fun worship service!

GET THE RED OUT ON  
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Red is the official color of celebration festivals of the Church. It is the color of Pentecost and ordination services for pastors. It is also the color appointed for the celebration of the Reformation, the last Sunday in October, each year. While you may not have a reason to wear red most other days in the year, Sunday, October 28, is the day for you to get the red out as you come to church. Pastor Wayne said he may even try to find a true red cleric just for the day! Come celebrate the importance of God’s word in the life of a Christian disciple on Reformation Sunday with the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and don’t forget to wear red when you come.

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

“Amen, Applause, or Awe In Worship?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

How would you respond? The choir has just sung an anthem where the words and tune have struck a chord in your soul so deep you are moved to tears. What do you do when they finish? The bell choir or a musician has just played a hymn or gospel arrangement on the bells, piano, or other instrument so moving your heart is filled with joy or passion. How do you express that joy when they stop? Do you put your hands together in applause, say “Amen” in affirmation of the proclamation of God’s word they’ve expressed through music, or do you simply sit in silent awe, struck by the power of God’s Spirit through this musical offering?

I pose the question because a few members of the congregation have raised concern over the frequency of applauding after most anthems, which for others creates an awkward experience in worship. In the1996 article “Is Applause Appropriate In Worship” Scott Weilder, Associate Director for Worship and Music, wrote, “There are moments when spontaneous applause erupts from an assembly because there is just no other possible response.” He cites that for some cultures “applause in worship as an outburst of emotion is quite common”, and that “What would be a common response in most African American communities would not be received in the same way in many predominantly northern European Lutheran congregations.”

While we will need to become aware and sensitive to one another’s means of expressing our spirit-filled affirmation, this does not resolve our current situation. While clapping as a part of singing a hymn is certainly a means of expressing our faith, applause has long been associated in our culture as acclamation or acknowledgement of a performance. Sometimes we applaud not in response to what we heard, but simply because we heard it. Weilder points out, “Americans tend to applaud after all performances – good or not. At best, such applause may simply be a courtesy.” I have often found myself applauding simply because everyone else is doing so, uncomfortable in being perceived as “rude”.

So how do we express our joy in worship after a choir or musical anthem, prelude or postlude, or even when our children sing in church? Pat Green, our Music Director and director of various choirs, as well as individuals in the Adult Choir have expressed their being uncomfortable at applause. “We sing to the glory of God”, Pat said, and applause can often be misperceived as glory to the choir. An awe filled silence can be a profound response to a choir anthem. I have found myself saying “Amen” to be a more profound response to an anthem than any applause I could offer.

Granted, there may be times when we will be genuinely moved by the Spirit to applaud in praise and thanksgiving. When that time comes I hope we will also hear a few “Amens” and “Alleluias” from the congregation as well. But for the most part, I invite you to refrain from applauding simply for the sake of being polite or acknowledging the person’s efforts. There are other ways more appropriate to show our appreciation for their participation such as speaking to choir members or the person or people who offered the special music for the day after the service. Until then, may God continue to bless us with talent worthy of our worship and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## CROP WALK FOR HUNGER

Sun., Oct. 28 at 2:00 PM

Each year in October the town of Haddonfield has a few hundred extra pedestrians walking through town. And that’s a good thing! On Sunday, men, women, children, youth, and even toddlers, will be participating in the Crop Walk to help stop hunger sponsored by the Haddonfield Council of Churches. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsors prior to the walk to maximize the contributions, or you can pay a participant “fee” in lieu of sponsorships at the time of the walk. This way, even if you decide at 1:30 you want to participate you still can.

Walkers are to gather at the King’s Court gazebo by 1:45 to register and get their shirts before walking en mass around town. The loop is basically toward Bancroft then around Hopkins Pond toward our church for the first refreshment stop that we sponsor. Any donations of juice or snack items would be greatly appreciated. Then walkers travel out toward Hinchman Rd before heading back into town for the second stop in front of the Baptist church. The last leg takes you down Washington before heading back up on Warwick and back to the gazebo for the full 5K.

Our confirmation youth will be encouraged to not only participate but raise \$1,000 in sponsorships or donations. With 28 to 30 youth plus adults this is very possible. Their contributions and others will not only go toward stopping hunger abroad, but 25% of the total contributions are given back to a designated food bank in our area. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to enjoy a long walk through Haddonfield while taking a “step” toward ending hunger in our world. No one should ever go to bed with an empty stomach.

## 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).

## FREE SEMINAR

Cherry Hill Library - Wed., Oct. 17  
11am – 12:15 pm

- Reverse Mortgages (for 62 yrs +)
- Using the equity from your home
- US Government sanctioned
  - experts in the field will be presenting
  - call #1-800-598-0039 to reserve a space

## INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 23

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Volunteer drivers are needed to take Interfaith Caregivers clients in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield to their doctor appointments, grocery stores, and other places for which they need transportation.

If you have some time you could donate to help our neighbors who are elderly or disabled, please attend Interfaith Caregivers’ one-day training session scheduled for Tuesday, October 23rd from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Mabel Kay Hospitality House, 24 Walnut Street (next to the Acme), Haddonfield. For reservations, please call the office at 354-0298.

## 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.

## 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.*

### ATTENTION SENIORS!

### SENIOR GAME DAY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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,  
OR ELEANOR GAINES**

### THE EVANGELICAL

### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

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**Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM**

**Nursery Provided 9:15 & 10:30 AM**

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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild:

Betsy Kuehn, Jane Evans

Counters:

Julie Frederick, Betty Woltz, Kathy Simpkins

October 7

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Development Committee

Readers: 8-TBA 10:30-Mike Fallon (reader)

Jack Berrigan, Edythe Austermuehl (Communion assistants)

Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountey 9:15-TBA

10:30-Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Ricky Treddinick, Mary Pat Reiter

9:15-Kelly & Holly Harrington

10:30-Justin DeBerardinis, Emily Donovan, John Finnerty, Allison Gensel, Karen

Graeber

October 14

Coffee Hour: Church Council

Readers: 8-TBA 10:30-Colleen Gross

Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountey 9:15-TBA

10:30-Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Dan Wolf, Brie Zschech

9:15-Patrick Brennan, Gianna Buonpastore

10:30-Kelly Haswell, Christopher Heinze, Jon Maniaci, Steven Peterson, Jacqueline

Stillwell

October 21

Coffee Hour: Faith Circle

Readers: 8-TBA 10:30-Ed Wisser

Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountey 9:15-TBA

10:30-Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Joseph K.

9:15-Scott DiCrescenzo, Jesse Gralish

10:30-Benjamin Swan, Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Kyle & Kenneth Carpenter

October 28

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music Committee

Readers: 8-Laura Oakes 10:30-Peaches Larro

Ushers: 8-Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountey 9:15-TBA

10:30-Glenn Martin & Bobbi Newsham

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Morgan Sehdev, Mary Pat Reiter

9:15-Rebecca Windle, Jeffery Proko

10:30-Nathaniel DeMarino, Samantha Prepsel, Sarah Barrett, Brianna Bobo

SHORTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST EARLY

The Ladies Auxiliary of Haddon Fire Co. and the Youth Group from LCOS will be hosting a Vendor's afternoon. Vendors such as Tupperware, Avon, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Discovery Toys, Southern Living, Party-Lite, Enchanted Creations by Debbie, Creative Crafts by Stacey, Beaded Jewelry and Jems, Cookies N' More. More vendors will be added as they become available. Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm in the Parish Hall. The Youth Group will be providing lunch (fee). There will also be a silent auction. If you need more information, contact Eva Shaw.

OCTOBER

Mon 1 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Prayer Group, 7 PM  
Tues 2 Social Ministry, 7 PM  
Executive Committee, 7:30 PM  
Wed 3 Children's Choir, 4:15 PM  
Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM  
Children's Bells, 5 PM  
Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM

Thurs 4 Working Arm, 9:30 AM  
Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM

Sun 7 Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM

Mon 8 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Prayer Group, 7 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM  
Church Council, 7:30 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Wed 10 Children's Choir, 4:15 PM  
Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM  
Children's Bells, 5 PM  
Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM

Thurs 11 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM

Sat 13 Choir Retreat  
Bancroft Day, 11:30 - 3 PM

Sun 14 Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Blessing of Confirmands, 10:30 AM  
First Bibles Class, 6 PM  
Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM

Mon 15 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Faith Circle, noon  
Prayer Group, 7 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM

Wed 17 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Children's Choir, 4:15 PM  
Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM  
Children's Bells, 5 PM  
Children's Church, 7 PM

Thurs 18 Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM  
Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM

Sun 21 Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Wright Baptism, 10:30 AM  
Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM

Mon 22 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Prayer Group, 7 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM  
Senior Game Day, noon  
Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Wed 24 Children's Choir, 4:15 PM  
Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM  
Children's Bells, 5 PM  
Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM

Thurs 25 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Adult Bells, 7 PM  
Adult Choir, 8 PM

Sat 27 Choir/Brass Rehearsal, 10 AM  
Sun 28 Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Reformation Day-Wear Red!  
Bible Distribution, 10:30 AM  
Nolan Baptism, 10:30 AM  
Choir Concert /St. Stephen's, 2 PM  
CROPWalk, 2 PM

Mon 29 Mother's Group, 10 AM  
Prayer Group, 7 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM  
Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Wed 31 Children's Choir, 4:15 PM  
No Cherub Choir Today  
Children's Bells, 5 PM  
Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM

CONFIRMATION YOUTH BLESSED, PARENTS AFFIRM BAPTISMAL PROMISE ON OCT. 14

When an infant or child is baptized the parents make a promise. “Will you faithfully bring your child to the services of God’s house, teach them the Com-mandments, Creed, and Lord’s Prayer, and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith?” Between their baptism and the age of 12 most parents do just that in one way or another. But during the child’s early teen years the church offers an intense and focused disciple making experience traditionally called “confirmation” wherein the child learns at a deeper level the meaning of the basic tenets of faith his or her parents have already taught as explored in Martin Luther’s Small Catechism.

As a way of blessing those youth who have already begun this year’s confirmation and calling parents back to the promises they made at their child’s baptism Our Savior will provide a special blessing service during worship on Sunday, October 14. Youth in the confir-mation ministry will be blessed by the pastors and parents will recommit their time and energy to sharing and modeling the faith of the church by reading scrip-ture with and praying for their child each night before offering them a blessing as they prepare for sleep. It’s called “Home Huddles” and is made available through the Living Faith journals each youth receives in confir-mation. Please keep the confirmation youth and their parents of Our Savior in your daily prayers as they live out the promises they have made to each other and God during this intense time of faith formation.

COME CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY!

In addition to many new books for kids and teens, we also have new books for parents. Just a few of these are: Mommy’s Locked in the Bathroom: Surviv-ing Your Child’s Early Years, Dynamic Dads:How to Be a Hero to Your Kids, and Joy Ride 2: Faith-filled Fun and Games for Drivetime. Stop by anytime and check out a book! Just sign the card in the back of the book and place it in the red basket. Enjoy!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth group will be having their next meeting on September 30th at 7 PM.

Also, we are having a fundraiser. There is no time limit, it will be an ongoing fundriaser. The youth group has created their own mall and we would like you to shop at it. Please visit [www.visitourmall.com/LCOSyouthgroup](http://www.visitourmall.com/LCOSyouthgroup), click on the store you want to shop and order as you normally would. A percentage of your order goes to our youth group. Please see the orange flyers hanging around church and take one for home, family & friends. They are on the table in the youth room.

High school youth are also invited and encour-aged to take part in the annual Haddonfield CROP Walk on Sunday, October 28, beginning at 2 PM; Pastor Englehardt has pledged \$100 to the group, IF at least 5 youth participate!

Thank you,  
The Youth Group

THE HUMAN ELEMENT  
Pastor's Bible Study Begins

October 8 & 10

Join us for a 6 week Bible Study beginning the week of October 8 on Monday nights at 7:30 PM and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM as we look at the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis. There are really two creation stories, and we will be considering such concepts as "intelligent design," evolution, natural selection, and the Big Bang Theory. While recognizing that God is creator, and humans are biologically very similar to many species, especially primates, how does the Garden of Eden text help us understand who we really are as people of God? Please join us for an always challenging discussion.



# MISSION MOMENT:

## “The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior Is a FAITH COMMUNITY”

What’s the difference between a congregation and a faith community? Hopefully the answer is “Nothing!” Yet, for some the distinction might be significant. This month we focus on the part of our mission statement that identifies the baptized men, women, and children of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior as being a faith community. These two words are significant in understanding not only who we are as a congregation, but what God is constantly calling us to be, a community of faith.

Somehow, when I hear the word community I think of a dynamic and interactive network of people. People are involved in the lives of other people in a community. I know your name and you know mine, and that means something to both of us. We laugh together in times of celebration, and support each other in times of sorrow or strife. In a community, people depend on each other for the survival of the whole. And while a congregation might also do this, I can see how for some a congregation may simply be a group of individuals who gather together for worship on Sunday without a sense of wanting or needing to have a relationship with the person sitting next to or in front of them. Communities are relational, and hopefully so are congregations.

But what makes this community different from a neighborhood community? What makes this community set apart from other networks of people who have dynamic and interactive relationships with one another? It is the qualifier that precedes it. Ours is a FAITH community. It is our faith that binds us together as a community rather than our street address or zip code or school that we attend. It is our core belief and trust that binds us together as a faith community with a cord that cannot be broken, as the hymn is sung. No matter what our race, economic status, gender, age, or any other aspect of life that may divide a community may be, it is our faith that binds us together as a community that loves and supports each other despite what the world might lead us to do.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community first and foremost. As we participate in the various aspects of ministry this month, I hope we would do whatever we can to increase and strengthen our sense of community with each other. Introduce yourself to five people you don’t know after worship on Sundays. Invite someone you know only a little to coffee or brunch before or after worship. Forego running one quick errand while the children are at choir practice to talk with and get to know the parents and grandparents hanging out in the hallway downstairs. I’ll even put the coffee on for you if you’d like. We’re more than a congregation. We are a faith community. Halleluiah!

# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

LCOS once again will be collecting food and monetary donations which includes ‘turkey coupons’ from the supermarkets. You can help in several ways- by picking up a bag at church and filling it with non-perishables listed on the bags and/or whatever non-perishables you feel would be appropriate, contribute a turkey or other Thanksgiving meat, etc. *All cash donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.* Please make checks payable to LCOS for Holiday Food Drive.

Bags will be available beginning Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please return bags by November 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be delivered Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Also a coupon box will be available on the table under the announcement board inside the Wayne Avenue entrance outside the kitchen. This will be for grocery receipts for free turkeys.

If you know someone in need, please let us know. We will be sharing our goodies with local persons, New Visions in Camden, and Pantry families. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Betsy Kuehn.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Rally Day was a great success. We have about 80 children enrolled in Sunday School this year.

Our theme for the year is Hands On. Our staff this year is 3 and 4 year olds - Stacy Shaw, Kindergarten - Jeanette Jelonik, 1st grade - Elaine Howley, 2nd grade - Valerie Brown, 3rd grade -Kimberly Anderson, 4th grade - Caitlyn Ebbenga. All of our teachers are wonderful and we are looking forward to a great year. One of our projects for this year is supporting the food pantry. So each week we will be asking for a food donation for the pantry. For the Month of September our lesson will be on Creation for all classes, So each week ask your child about God’s creation.

God’s Blessing  
Bonnie Richards  
Sunday School

# ADULT FORUM BEGINS OCTOBER 7

## Living the Questions - Sundays at 9 AM in the Parlor

Featuring premier religion voices of our day such as Nancy Ammerman, John Bell, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, Helen Prejean, Barbara Rossing, Tex Sample, John Shelby Spong and Emilie Townes, *Living the Questions* includes a 20-minute DVD segment of conversations with leading voices of faith, and plenty of time for our own discussion.

Upcoming topics include "An Invitation to Journey", "Stories of Creation", "Biblical Authority", and "Lives of Jesus." For more information contact Monica Ebbenga or Sue Underwood.

## IN HARM'S WAY

**Lt. John L. Gaines**, aboard USS Vicksburg  
Keep all who serve our country and preserve our freedoms in your prayers!

# THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

## Courtesy of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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For further information or for assistance in establishing a gift, contact George C Welker, FIC 856-546-0500.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4

The Senior Group of Christ the King Church will sponsor an Oktoberfest to benefit the Interfaith Caregivers on October 4 at 12:30 P.M. in the Lower Level of the church. Oktoberfest celebrates the harvesting of the hops and other grains that are needed to make beer. The people of Germany and other countries use this time to try the newest brew.

The luncheon will feature home-made German food, including savory meats and sweet desserts. Tickets at \$12.00 will go on sale after Labor Day. Tickets may be purchased at the Interfaith Caregiver office or Christ the King Parish office. People of all ages and faiths are invited to attend.

## BABY WIPES NEEDED

LCOS Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Baby wipes collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. On Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Fall Give-A-Way, which includes a healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families. Jan Amme and Jane Evans will represent LCOS at the Give-A-Way. Our goal is to collect 40 boxes of baby wipes. If ten people bring in four boxes, we will reach our target. So next time you go shopping, think about those children in need and bring your baby wipes to church by Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance. Contact Betsy Kuehn if any questions.



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

**Visit us on the Web**

**www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org**

PIPELINE

... a column for and about older people by Lorraine Miano

*Discharge Planning* is an important part of what any facility does when a patient is going home (or sometimes to another facility)... and hospital discharge planning is particularly important since discharge from a hospital implies a serious condition has been a factor.

Discharge Planning usually involves a number of people planning for your discharge home. This team includes the physician, a *Discharge Planner* (usually a nurse or social worker) and you. The team is looking at the patient’s current condition and relying on the doctor to say when this person can move to the next lower level of care – be it a rehab facility, home, etc. Almost all older people are approached by Discharge Planners, but if you are in the hospital and are being told you will be going home – ask for a Discharge Planner to assist you. The goal of any Discharge Planner is to assure that you are going on to a safe and accommodating place where your health needs will be attended. Hospital Discharge Planners have a wide variety of services, agencies and facilities with which they work cooperatively. When you are discharged; it generally means you are going to:

- Home with family support
- Home with agency support (Medicare, Insurance, Medicaid, social service programs, private help)
- A Rehabilitation facility
- An Assisted Living facility or Boarding Home, Comprehensive Personal Care Home, other
- Hospice or palliative care unit

The Discharge Planner is the one who coordinates a variety of people and services that will help the patient make the transition from hospital to the next step. He/she will make the referrals to the agencies that will be waiting for you at discharge. Many times, a representative from the agency/facility will visit you in the hospital. But if they do not, the Discharge Planner can answer many of your questions about:

- Which home care agency will be assigned to you
- What social services might be involved and what it means
- The kind of facility to which you are going
- What can be expected – generally
- The insurances involved and how things get paid

Unfortunately, hospitals cannot always allow for a relaxed discharge – one sometimes gets the news about discharge the day before. To help yourself through this, remember:

- 1) ask for a Discharge planner and make it clear you are interested or even included in the meetings
- 2) Keep notes along the way
- 3) Try to be kept informed about your discharge date if possible
- 4) Try to learn about the services or facilities recommended

In the next few columns I will look at the places to which one is ‘discharged’.

LEGACY STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
KICKS OFF OCT. 21

What is the legacy you have received in life? Maybe it’s a family business or a work ethic established by a family member generations before you. Maybe it’s a recipe for a particular dish or dessert that your family has been known for since your ancestors first came to this country. Or maybe it’s simply the photo album, diaries, and genealogy of your family for over the last century or beyond.

There is another legacy we have received in life; it is the legacy of faith and the ministry that flows from it. In 1 Timothy Paul refers to this as he describes Timothy’s faith that first existed in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice and now flows through him. This year The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation. The legacy of faith and ministry that has been handed on to us from our parents and other saints who have come before us continues to shine brightly in a land where there darkness still abounds. From the creation of New Visions in Camden to the Food Pantry at Our Savior, or the quilts made by the Working Arm to the Vacation Bible School program offered every summer this congregation has left a legacy of faith, love, and hope that continues to flow through us toward the communities in which we live.

On Sunday, October 21, the Our Savior will kick off its annual fall stewardship appeal with the theme of Legacy. It will be a time of reflecting on the legacy of faith and ministry that has been left to us personally and as a congregation over the past eighty years as well as begin to ponder what legacy we will leave for the children and grandchildren of our congregation and community’s future. Then on November 11, the same Sunday the Thanksgiving Bags are collected, we will bring our pledges forward as our commitment to ministry in the coming year as we consecrate them to the Lord. What is the legacy of faith you will provide for the future of God’s church at Our Savior and beyond? Remember this little acronym. Lois, Eunice, Grace And Christ = You. It’s our legacy of faith, hope, and love that has been given to us and we are to pass on.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The recently formed Communications Committee is looking for any member with writing or other communication skills they are willing to share.

The Committee has five areas of focus with a common goal of making sure that events at Our Savior are accurately and consistently conveyed to the congregation.

The five Subcommittees are:

**Web Page:** We are looking for members willing to write about and/or take digital photos at church events and submit them to webmaster Kelly Harrington to post on the LCOS web page [www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org](http://www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org)

**Newsletter:** Volunteers are needed to assist Parish Secretary Monica Ebbenga in assembling, labeling and sorting 500 Parish Messengers to mail each month. Help is needed between the deadline on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and the mailing date of the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Bulletin:** The weekly service bulletin is the most current source of information for the congregation, listing events in the next two weeks as well as updates on members. Assistants are welcome to help compile the congregational information.

**Bulletin Boards:** We are seeking members who feel creative and are willing to develop publications that can be posted or made available are entrance/exits of the church as well as help promote and publicize what is going on with LCOS groups.

**Outside media:** Members can provide essential information to newspapers, and radio and TV stations about events and groups at LCOS. Will be required to follow press release formats and be aware of media outlet deadlines. Releases will have to be emailed or faxed in most cases.

Any member interested in volunteering for any of the above should contact Chairman Dave Wyche and indicate what subcommittees you would be interested in serving.

# WILL OUR FAITH HAVE CHILDREN?

That was the title of a workshop I attended some 10 years ago, which raised the issue of the importance of Christian education, especially through such ongoing opportunities as Sunday School. In connection to the Fourth Commandment (which is the part of Luther's Small Catechism our Confirmands are currently studying), listen to Martin Luther's piece on the duty of parents to their children: " Let everybody know that it is their chief duty, on pain of losing divine grace, to bring up their children in the fear and knowledge of God, and if they are gifted to give them opportunity to learn and study so that they may be of service wherever they are needed. If this were done, God would richly bless us and give us grace so that citizens might be trained who would be a benefit to the nation and the people..."

Sunday School is the place for your children to be on Sunday morning. We start together in worship and they are dismissed to spend time hearing and learning God's Word, just as we are doing in church. We are really working hard to make our Sunday School a welcoming place, a place that encourages all ages of children to grow in faith as they learn about God and His Word. But we need your children to be a part of this learning process.

Christian Education Chairperson Deb MacBride and myself were able to attend a NJ Synod sponsored event recently entitled: "Sunday School Teacher Training: the Basics." We were able to glean many practical ideas from the workshops that were offered and shared some of those ideas at a Sunday School teacher orientation event here at LCOS with our own teachers on Sunday, Sept 9. Future workshops for our LCOS teachers will be forthcoming with the encouragement for them to be a part of the annual Synod event in 2008.

Pastor Englehardt

# PEDALS FOR PROGRESS

The Rotary Club of Haddonfield will sponsor a bicycle collection for Pedals for Progress on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 9 AM - Noon (rain or shine) at 242 Kings Highway East - Borough Hall Parking Lot in Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

Many Americans have used bicycles gathering dust in a garage or basement. They bring almost nothing in terms of resale and fill our dwindling landfills. Millions of people in developing countries throughout the world have no means of transportation other than their feet. Pedals for Progress addresses this situation by gathering used bikes and shipping them to willing partners worldwide. Get the satisfaction of providing help and a future to other people!

# HAVE YOU TRIED THE CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 9:15?

Just who comes to the 9:15 Celebration worship at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior? For starters, it's for anyone who wants to participate in a worship that is more relational than the classic worship offered at 8:00 and 10:30. The sermon is actually an interactive reflection with the pastor offering a brief image or analogy related to the scripture reading for the day followed by a question for reflection that worship participants then share their responses with those sitting near them. Many have found it a great way to get to know members of the congregation at a deeper level than just a cordial "Good morning" during the sharing of the peace.

If you prefer a liturgy that is a bit livelier then the 9:15 Celebration worship might be for you too. You can clap in worship without turning heads, and the Youth Choir that sings on the first and third Sunday of the month has been known to sway as they sing their praises to the Lord. Most of the hymns are out of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, but this year new hymns that can be projected or produced in a praise book are also being looked into as well.

Finally, the Celebration worship at 9:15 is for families who long to worship together as a family. With this in mind, the worship is structured for participants of all ages. Families can worship together before joining others in the Parish Hall for coffee, refreshments and fellowship afterwards. Then at 10:45 the children can join their Sunday school classmates in the Narthex as they gather from worship to follow their teacher to class.

Haven't tried this unique worship experience at Our Savior yet? Why not give it a try in October and see what you think?

# AGAPE IN CONCERT

David (Agape) Scherer will be in concert at Christus Lutheran Church in Camden on Friday evening, October 7th at 7 PM. Admission is by free will offering and will benefit Christus' Youth Group as they prepare to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2009. Dave's music is fun and inspiring as many of you will recall from his Jump Service at Our Savior last spring!

# WORSHIP NOTES:

## Hymn of the Day Before or After Sermon?

Recently, Pastor Wayne has been inclined to move the Hymn of the Day from before the sermon to right after it. Some have asked the question, "Why? Does it make a difference?" It depends. In general, the ELCA explains the purpose of the Hymn of the Day (HOD) in this way. "Standing along with the Scripture readings and preaching, the Hymn of the Day proclaims the Gospel through song. It is a uniquely Lutheran addition to the historic western rite." Sung during the Word portion of our worship, The Hymn of the Day, above all other hymns sung in worship, focuses on the theme lifted out of the readings for the day and proclaimed in the sermon. Unlike the gathering or sending hymns at the beginning or end of worship, the Hymn of the Day is not optional in the Holy Communion settings of the Lutheran church. Yet, while many congregations sing it after the sermon, it can also be sung prior to the sermon. So why change it if the practice at Our Savior has been to sing it before the sermon? Pastor Wayne offers this rationale for singing the HOD after the sermon. "At one of the workshops offered at the Worship Jubilee this summer the presenter encouraged every pastor to be prepared to answer the question, 'Why am I doing this' when it comes to how they lead worship. For me, the Hymn of the Day flows from the reading of the lessons and the preaching of the sermon. When I write my sermons I not only have the preaching text and other readings of the day in my mind but also the Hymn of the Day. Hymns are meant to be our proclamation of faith in God and Christ, and if I've done my part, the sermon brings out that aspect as the congregation stands to sing the Hymn of the Day. The sermon explores the deeper meaning of the scriptures and connects God's word to our daily lives of faith. Then, having hopefully made that connection, the congregation stands to sing their proclamation of faith in the Hymn of the Day before confessing that faith in the Creed. In fact, I oftentimes try to have the last part of my sermon be a transition to the first verse or refrain of the Hymn of the Day. Why do I prefer the Hymn of the Day after the sermon? For me, it's an essential part of having our worship flow from one part to the next in a progression that leads to deeper meaning and understanding for everyone who participates."

Given that both Pastors Wayne and Englehardt are in favor of the Hymn of the Day following the sermon and there seems to be no precedent for keeping it before other than "that's the way we've always done it" the Hymn of the Day will be moved to after the sermon from now on. Granted, on Sundays when Holy Communion is offered the congregation will be standing for the Hymn, Creed, and Prayers before sitting after the Peace, which is really no longer than standing at the checkout in Wegman's or Shop-Rite on any Sunday afternoon. Next time you worship, think about how the words you sing in the Hymn of the Day capture the theme proclaimed in the readings and sermon. Then let it be the song you sing throughout the week as you journey in faith from the worship.

# LETTERS FROM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Dear Pastor Zschech & Congregation of LCOS,

Thank you for allowing us to have the beautiful settee that has graced the ladies room for all those years. It has always reminded me of my grandfather, Paul G. Craft, who was a longtime member of Our Savior before his death in 1970, 3 months before my birth. He picked the settee out when he redecorated the church years ago, and my mother and aunt always told me stories about him each time we sat on the settee. My family has always felt a strong connection to that piece of furniture, and we are thrilled to now have it in our family. I felt that my grandmother, Hazel Craft, who passed away in February, was smiling down on me as I drove the settee to my house in Maryland. It will be cherished.

I am enclosing a donation that you can put toward the replacement. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
**Tracy C. Batley & Family**

Pastor Zschech & Pastor Englehardt,  
Thanks for all the ways you've been a blessing!  
Sincerely,  
**Joyce Walker-Odendahl & Sandra King**

Dear Pastors and Congregation,  
I wish to thank all of you for your love, prayers, and unending support for my Mother, Mary N. Wurst. It still does not seem possible that she has now passed for three weeks. Certainly, it has been most difficult for my family and me. Mother, truly was a very special person.

It is just too difficult to answer and thank each and every one of you individually for all of your concern and condolences through this very difficult time. I wanted to personally write to all of you at Our Savior. Pastor Zschech and Pastor Englehardt, I want to thank you for all of your frequent visits and prayers given to my Mother as she was cared for at the Moorestown Lutheran Home. All of my dear friends in the congregation, thank you for your visits and prayers as well. Now I know my Mother has found her peace as she now has been invited into God's Everlasting Kingdom. While on earth, I also know that she was loved and cared for by her dear church family.

Again, I cannot thank all of you enough!  
Peace and joy to you all!  
**Tom Machesney**