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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC COMBINED JULY 20

On Sunday, July 20 The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold its 10:00 worship at the pavilion of Challenge Grove Park just off of Brace Road in Cherry Hill near the Coastline Restaurant. This outdoor worship will be extremely visitor friendly with the liturgy and hymns completely contained in the worship bulletins, which will make it a great opportunity to invite someone you know who doesn’t have a worship community to experience Lutheran worship in a casual setting. Be sure to bring a folding chair for worship and then for the picnic that follows. Holy Communion by intinction will also be celebrated at this service.

Immediately following the worship service the Congregation Picnic will begin that includes a potluck barbeque lunch with Fellowship Together Committee providing the burgers and dogs and the congregation providing the sides and dessert. Throw in a number of “classic” picnic games as well as a few others for people of all ages and you have a great afternoon of fun in the sun. Don’t forget your sun protection!

2009 NATIONAL GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

Interest Meeting, Mon. July 21, 7 PM

The 2009 National Gathering in New Orleans is approaching fast. Registration opens in September. There will be an informational meeting on July 21, at 7 PM in Parish Hall. Those interested in attending should be present to go over the agenda, transportation, hotel and food, and the out of pocket cost. If you can’t attend please let me know and other arrangements to meet can be made. I hope all our youth will be attending, it will be an experience of a lifetime!! -Kim Anderson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Rainforest Adventure by Augsburg Fortress

July 21st is just around the corner and here at LCOS we’re planning an exciting VBS adventure for your kids. Are you looking for a safe, friendly, and fun environment for your kids? Then sign up today for Rainforest Adventure. This fun filled vacation Bible school is for everyone between the ages of 4 year old through 5th grade. The adventure begins July 21st through July 25, from 9:00 to 12:00 each day.

Set in the canopy of a vibrant and exciting rainforest environment, this lively VBS program will engage your kids as they discover that everyone can do their part to care for God’s creation. Through kid friendly Bible stories that emphasize stewardship, combined with a jungle of hands on, fun filled activities, at Rainforest Adventure kids will learn that it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus’ love with everyone.

At Rainforest Adventure, kids will hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy rainforest rhythms, play zany games, eat yummy snacks, and make lots of new friends.

Registration is now available throughout the church.

We are also in need of teachers, please contact Susan Remphrey or Pastor Wayne if interested. If you are teaching and need your supplies, please call me. We would also like to decorate the church on July 19 and 20, so please mark your calendar to help one day or both. I will be available after church on July 20 for anyone who has questions or concerns. Also, a mandatory safety form must be signed by all volunteers. Please ask the office for this form and return to me before VBS begins.

In Christ, Susan Remphrey

*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.*



“PUMP PRICES PRODUCE A PEDALIN’ PASTOR”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Okay, I give up. At \$4.00+ a gallon for gas I’ve reached my limit of driving my car for trips under two miles and especially those around town. How can I preach about being a faithful steward of the resources God has entrusted humanity with if I get in my car simply to make bank deposit or get a few groceries at the local Acme? It’s time to be more European in my local travel plans and use my feet or bicycle for close trips when the weather permits. And in the last week that hasn’t been a bad option. Here are some of my observations.

Pro’s: I get more exercise. I get to enjoy the scenery more. In some commutes I actually get there faster depending on traffic. There’s always parking close by.

Con’s: A longer travel time means less time for other tasks in the work day. Hot weather will produce sweaty shirts and a smell that is not akin to frankincense or myrrh. Motorists aren’t always aware of cyclists. Riding along parked cars could include the sudden opening of a door resulting in the need for medical assistance or a healing service.

All joking aside the rise in gas prices has caused me and Pr. Englehardt to reflect on our current travel practices as well as why gas prices are rising so high. We both have made the commitment to not visit anyone at home or the hospital without first confirming they will be there when we arrive to reduce unnecessary trips by car. Whenever possible we’ll use PATCO speedline for trips into downtown Philly when necessary. We’ll carpool with each other when attending pastor’s or synod meetings or events and invite other clergy to do the same.

As to why gas prices are so high there may be several reasons depending on which side of the “aisle” you sit on politically. Regardless of this, I invite you to ponder and reflect on this question as the temperature and gas prices of summer continue to rise. How far are you willing to go for the sake of personal comfort and convenience over against being a faithful steward of the resources God entrusted humans with the care and dominion of in Creation? I love to drive my car. As a result I have never included public transportation options in my travel plans prior to now. What do I need to learn in order to do so now? What changes to my lifestyle would benefit not only my monthly fuel budget, but also my relationship with God, those with whom I share a ride, and the creation God entrusted to my care?

Maybe this time of skyrocketing prices at the pump can be an opportunity for us to change the way we live for the better when it comes to being in closer relationship to God, each other, and creation itself. Rather than a curse, \$4.00 and more for a gallon of gas could be blessed opportunity for a deepening of our faith and the way we live it in daily life. I look forward to talking with you about it. Until then please excuse the sweat stains and asking for a glass of tap water when I arrive on my bike. Blessings and peace this summer.

“WAY TO LIVE” MISSION TRIP THEME IN NC

From July 12-19 twenty-two youth and six adult sponsors will be travel to Goldsboro NC to work with the chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County (Pastor Wayne, a church on Wayne Ave traveling to Wayne Co...Hmmmm). All kidding aside the group will stay the first night at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna before worshipping with them on Sunday morning and then traveling on to Goldsboro for a week of construction work with HFH.

Pounding hammers, rolling paint, or laying sod won’t be the only activities the youth and adults will participate in. The Summer Mission Trip is also about relationship building within the community of the church and discovering a deeper faith relationship with God. This is done with a devotional period each day that includes a small group discussion time. The theme for this year’s SMT is “The Way to Live” and will utilize a book by the same title. While the book contains nineteen topics that relate to faith in the life of a teenager Pastor Wayne will only be leading the youth through about seven of them. Youth will read those chapters in advance of the trip and then journal their thoughts in preparation for discussions during small group. Please pray for the youth, adults, and Pastor Wayne as they prepare and go on this life-changing experience.



ALTAR GUILD FLOWER MEMORIAL PRICE INCREASE

We, the Altar Guild, have been working nicely with a competent flower shop. The flower shop helps us with various needs and they are very dependable. Their prices have increased, therefore we need to increase our prices slightly, too. Sunday Memorial flowers will cost \$ 15; Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies will cost \$ 18. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are interested in placing a flower memorial for any special occasion you can use one of the forms below and place it into the Altar Guild mailbox.

This Morning’s Altar Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God and In
Memory Of

This Morning’s Altar Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God In
Celebration Of

ATTENTION SENIORS!
SENIOR GAME DAY
NO GAME DAY IN JULY OR AUGUST
NEXT DATE IS:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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

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.

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Stacey Shaw
Elizabeth Woltz
Wayne Zschech, ex-officio

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor
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Eric Ebbenga, Organist
Patricia Shaw-Green, Dir. of Music
Linda Powell Cherub Choir
Bob Knight, Custodian
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Sue Tharp, Betty Keene
Counters: Matt Wolf, Tom & Colleen Weber, Shirley Michelet

July 6

Readers: 8-Tom Weber 10-Betsy Kuehn
Communion Assistants: 10-Bob Ely, Dave Wyche
Ushers: 8-Alan Super, Charles Wingate 10-Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech
10-TBA

July 13

Readers: 8-Laura Oakes 10-Colleen Gross
Ushers: 8-Alan Super, Charles Wingate 10-Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Morgan Sehdev
10-TBA

July 20

Readers: 8-Bill Neveling 10:30-Peaches Larro
Ushers: 8-Alan Super, Charles Wingate 10-Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan
10-TBA

July 27

Readers: 8-Tom Cheney 10-Glenn Martin
Ushers: 8-Alan Super, Charles Wingate 10-Eva Shaw, Stacey Shaw
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Holly Harrington
10-TBA

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Carla Wright, Beth Hill
Counters: Warren & Susan Reintzel, Carla & Ray Wright, Bill & Betty Wilson

August 3

Readers: 8-Alan Super 10-Juhan Runne
Communion Assistants: 10-Rich Amme, Betsy Kuehn
Ushers: 8-TBA 10-TBA
Acolytes: 8-Caite Ebbenga, Rob LaBarge, Kelly Harrington
10-TBA

August 10

Readers: 8-John Oakes 10-Kenton Meyer
Ushers: 8-TBA 10-TBA
Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Morgan Sehdev
10-TBA

August 17

Readers: 8-Bill Wilson 10:30-Curt Bogina
Ushers: 8-TBA 10-TBA
Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Kelly & Holly Harrington
10-TBA

August 24

Readers: 8-Christine Monsen 10-Cathe Bare
Ushers: 8-TBA 10-TBA
Acolytes: 8-TBA 10-TBA

August 31

Readers: 8-Christine Monsen 10-Cathe Bare
Ushers: 8-TBA 10-TBA
Acolytes: 8-TBA 10-TBA



JULY		
Wed	2	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Fri	4	Independence Day, church office closed
Sun	6	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9:15 AM
Mon	7	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	9	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Sat-Sat	12-19	Youth Mission Trip to NC
Sun	13	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9:15 AM
Mon	14	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	16	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Sun	20	Worship, 8 AM Outdoor Worship/Picnic, 10 AM Challenge Grove Park
Mon-Fri	21-25	Vacation Bible School, 9 AM - noon
Mon	21	National Youth Gather Mtg., 7 PM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	23	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Thurs	24	VBS Program, 7 PM
Sun	27	Worship, 8 & 10 AM Sticky Situations, 9:15 AM
Mon	28	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	30	Tai Chi, 4 PM

AUGUST		
Sun	3	Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Mon	2	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	6	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Sun	10	Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Mon	11	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	13	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Thurs	14	Wedding Rehearsal, 6 PM
Fri	14	Giambrone Wedding
Sun	17	Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Mon	18	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	20	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Sun	24	Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Mon	25	Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	27	Tai Chi, 4 PM
Sun	31	Worship, 8 & 10 AM

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MEMORIAL GIFT BOARD SUPPORTS MISSION:

Clark-Hartmann MESF Helps “Strapped” Seminarians

At its May meeting the Memorial Gift Board took a much needed step in discerning how to best administrate the Clark-Hartmann Ministerial Education Support Fund. “One of the greatest challenges the seminary faces today is excessive student debt,” guest speaker Rev. Glenn Miller, Vice President of Development at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia explained at the meeting. “Students with college loans are saddled with additional loans in seminary that upon graduation will likely not have the income to eliminate them in any short period of time. Congregations that provide financial support are a blessing to seminarians and the Church’s ongoing work in the gospel,” Miller continued to say.

The MESF was originally established by the Clark and later Hartmann families to provide financial assistance for members of Our Savior who were enrolled in seminary. However, how should the Board administrate the MESF when there are no members in seminary? The Board agreed last year that \$1,500 could be available each year (\$750/semester) but struggled with the application process for non-LCOS applicants. Miller explained to the Board that “the seminary is at the end of a ‘financial aid funnel’ whereby some students arriving on campus have possibly received assistance from both the local congregation and synod and others have not. More simply put, the \$750 per semester support would be able to go to the seminarian with the greatest financial need. The Board agreed and voted to begin providing the support to the proper department of the LTSP for disbursement with \$1,500 available each academic year. The only caveat the Board insisted upon was the recipient attend and assist with worship once during the semester so the congregation would be able to put a face with the name of the student receiving the Clark-Hartmann MESF. Members of Our Savior are reminded that donations may be added to the corpus, or principal, of the fund, which would increase the amount of aid available for seminarian financial aid.

Unrestricted Memorials Fund Summer Mission Trip

In other business the MGB agreed to provide \$3,175 in financial support to the Summer Mission Trip to meet the travel and operating expenses of the \$6,500 event. Participants were providing \$50 each (totaling \$1,400) and fundraising was anticipated to raise \$2,025, which has been exceeded (approximately \$2,300). However, with the need to rent an additional 15 passenger van the expenses have been increased by another \$1,000. Fortunately, due to the extreme generosity of the congregation and support by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the Bosnia Servant Event (see article in this issue) the money originally planned for financial support for Bosnia has been re-allocated for providing support of transportation rental on the SMT. This type of financial support comes from memorial gifts, such as that given in memory of John and Dorothy Cunningham in support of youth ministry, as well as interest and growth of the entire Fund that would not have been possible without members of Our Savior remembering the church in their will and in loving memory of those who have died in the faith. Their gift creates the opportunity for God’s work to continue being fruitful through the ministry of Our Savior.



PACK-A-SACK

The school year has just ended, but don’t put away those extra school supplies. Donate them. The Social Ministry Committee in conjunction with Sunday School is collecting school supplies for IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council).

The children range in age from Pre-K to 5th grade. They are in need of backpacks, paper (construction and lined), scissors, pencils, pens, calculators, crayons, notebooks, markers, rulers, folders, glue sticks, etc.

If you are cleaning up from this year or shopping for next year please pick up some extra supplies and place them in the designated box in the church entrance way by August 3rd. Thank You!



TITHE YOUR “FOUND MONEY” FOR MISSION

Do you know how you’ll be spending your economic stimulus government check yet? One of our members decided she would tithe her check to the Senior High Summer Mission Trip. It was “found money” for her since it was never a part of her monthly or annual budget. It was money she never expected. So why not tithe it before spending it?

Not a bad idea. How much will you receive from “Uncle Sam” for the sake of the economy this year? Why not remember the God who calls us to serve in the mission of the gospel by giving ten percent first to the God’s work in the world through the ministry of this congregation before checking out the sales at Best Buy, Macy’s or Home Depot?

If everyone were to do so that could result in \$15,000 of extra offering income for ministry this year! What a blessing that would be to the ministry of this church and God’s work in the world.

JUNE CONGREGATION COUNCIL ACTIONS: “Don’t Bottle It Up!” Pledge Taken

At its regular June meeting the Congregation Council of Our Savior took two major strides in living out the Christian calling to “strive for justice and peace throughout the world.” The first was to take the “Don’t Bottle It Up!” pledge created by the New Jersey Synod’s Youth Ministry Mission Team that was presented at the Synod Assembly the prior week. In a resolution concerning reducing the use of disposable bottled water the Team asked congregations to take the pledge as well as those attending the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering, which youth from Our Savior intend to participate. The pledge asks participants to “reduce [their] use of bottled water, which means: opting for public tap water over bottled water; and advocating for healthy strong water systems both locally and globally.”

Why such concern? First, the ELCA’s *Caring for Creation* Social Statement reminds us that “[A]s people of biblical faith, who live together in trust and hope, our primary motivation is the call to be God’s caregivers and to do justice.... As members of this church, we commit ourselves to personal lifestyles that contribute to the health of the environment. Second, according to sources from the Earth Policy Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council bottled water creates more trash and uses more energy than a re-useable bottle filled from the tap. Disposable plastic bottles take up to 1000 years to biodegrade in landfills. Finally, they require substantial energy to manufacture, fill and transport leaving a carbon footprint that contributes to global climate change.

Americans are fortunate to live in a country with such a vast supply of drinkable tap water. It is an act of faithful stewardship of the Earth’s resources to choose drinking water from the tap over the convenience of bottled water whenever possible. Therefore, the LCOS council agreed to take the “Don’t Bottle It Up!” pledge and wherever possible reduce or eliminate the use of bottled water for ministry events, such as Vacation Bible School, church picnics, or youth events. They also encourage families of the congregation to consider doing the same in their homes, using a refillable bottle that is hand washed over the convenience of disposable water bottles.

Council Approves Youth Worker Covenant

The other major action taken by the Congregation Council was to approve a Youth Worker Covenant in order to “provide an environment that reflects the Christian characteristics of love and respect in all its ministries,” as well as “be a safe and secure place for all children and adults who attend or participate in [its] programs or activities.” While some areas of the covenant still need refinement the general contents were approved and intend to be implemented over the next year. Anyone who works with youth, especially teachers, helpers, and youth advisors, will be asked to read and sign the covenant before working with the children and youth of Our Savior.

Some of the areas covered in the covenant are: Open Door Policy, One-on-One Contact, Two Person Preference, Touching, Bathroom Procedures, and Transportation. The covenant is not meant to be a hindrance to ministry but a safeguard for both children and the adults who work with them against inappropriate behavior. If you would like to see a copy of the covenant one can be provided through the church office. It is the hope of the council this covenant will be a blessing to Our Savior’s ministry with children and youth rather than an obstacle, and education events will be planned for those intending to work with children and youth throughout the year.



Dear LCOS:
On behalf of the Auxiliary of Lutheran Care at Moorestown, I would like to thank you for the generous cash donation of \$500 in support of our June Day celebration.

Joan Candia
Key Woman

COME SING WITH US

Have you been enjoying listening to the choirs at LCOS? Have you ever thought you might like to try it? Can you sing “Amazing Grace” and have people actually recognize it?? OR....Can you hold an object in both hands at the same time? Do you often get a ringing in your ears? Do you enjoy fun, fellowship and beautiful music all at the same time? If so, you are definitely someone who should consider one of our choirs this September! We have both singing choirs and bell choirs in 3 different age groups. Just perhaps one might fit you perfectly! Think hard about it over the summer, then come join us in September. Adult Bell choir and singing choir resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 4th, with Bells at 7:00 and singing at 8:00. Childrens’ and Youth choirs start up again on Wednesday, September 10th. Children’s bells are 4:00 to 4:45, and singing choir is 4:45 to 5:30. Youth bells start at 7:15 and go to 8:00; Youth singing choir is from 8:00 to 9:00. We have lots of really great things planned for our choirs this year, so, come and be a part of this wonderful ministry!

SUMMER STAFF VACATION SCHEDULE

During the summer the pastors, office and worship staff will be “re-creating” while on vacation the same as they hope and pray the congregation has time to do as well. Monica Ebbenga will be away July 14-18. Pastor Englehardt will be away in August on the 8th and 9th and again from the 21-28 for events related to his daughter’s wedding. Pastor Zschech also plans to take another week or two in August but no dates have been determined as of yet.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS FOCUS ON SPIRITUALITY AND JUSTICE ISSUES

Five resolutions were approved at the New Jersey Synod Assembly held in East Brunswick from June 5-8.

1. Book of Faith Synod: The first asked the synod, congregations, and members to become a Book of Faith Synod as a part of the five-year Book of Faith Initiative being launched by the ELCA in the fall of this year. What is this initiative? Basically it is one wherein Lutherans are encouraged to live out the baptismal promise they affirm to “hear the Word of God” and to “proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.” In the simplest of terms, the initiative is to get Lutherans reading and knowing the Bible through whatever means best facilitates that goal. For more information check out the information available on the ELCA website at www.elca.org by clicking on first “What We Believe” and then “The Bible”.

2. ONE Campaign: The second resolution asked the New Jersey Synod to join the ONE Campaign and become involved in the goals of the Millennium Declaration (check out www.one.org for details) as well as encourage congregations and individuals to do the same.

3. Social Statement on Persons with Disabilities: The third resolution memorialized the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to direct the Church and Society unit to develop a social statement concerning persons with disabilities to be presented for consideration by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. They also asked the task force pay special attention to the unique issues that face different types of disabilities, whether they are physical, sensory, psychiatric or intellectual.

4. Inhumane Immigrant Raids and Detention: The fourth resolution dealt with inhumane tactics associated with immigrant raids and detention practices. Drawing on the scriptural mandate to provide hospitality and justice for the strangers in our midst the Immigration Task Force of the Lutheran Office on Public Policy in the synod urged voting members to adopt a resolution that called for more humane treatment of immigrants without documentation as well as “end the current reliance on detention, raids, intimidation and punitive measures as primary tools of immigration control and enforcement.” The resolution was approved and ultimately called for pastors and congregations to live out their promise to strive for justice and peace in the all the earth by first learning about the current practices and communicate their concerns to the proper authorities and elected officials.

5. Reduction of Disposable Water Bottle Use: The fifth resolution approved concerned the reduction of using disposable water bottles as a part of the Youth Ministry Mission Team “Don’t Bottle It Up!” pledge campaign. This resolution was approved as well and details can be found in the Congregation Council Highlights article of this issue. Copies of the resolutions will be available on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes in the Parish Hall.

The Assembly also included a celebration banquet of ministry and service as well as a round of “Are You Smarter Than a Confirmand?” hosted by Rev. David Jost as well as Holy Communion worship each day. Pastor’s Zschech and Englehardt and voting members Nancy and Jaime Frazier learned a lot and enjoyed the fellowship of Lutherans around the synod.

Thanks to the following people for helping with the pantry in May: **Lauren and Femi Adejewon, Carol and Ben Beahm, Charlie Coleman, Danielle Deeny, Juhan**



Runne, Molly Smith, and Seniors and other congregation members for donating canned goods.

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

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

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

IN HARM'S WAY

Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
Colonel Richard Howley, serving in Iraq,
PFC Jonathan Keck, serving in Iraq.

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



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

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

Results of Bosnia Fundraiser- Thank you to all who donated to the Bosnia fundraiser to support Ed Nace for his trip to Bosnia from June 21 to July 5 as part of the International Service Team of the New Jersey Synod. The congregation donated a total of \$1,857.16 + \$800.00 in matching funds from Thrivent, for a total of \$2,657.16.

My Father’s House - Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls at My Father’s House. Remember to save your receipts. LCOS has been approved for \$800 from Camden County Chapter of Thrivent under Care Abounds in Communities for My Father’s House, we must have \$2,400.00 in receipts to receive this supplement.

Pantry Needs Just a reminder to remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items. Donations tend to decrease during the summer months. Current Pantry needs include pasta, spaghetti sauce, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, and juices. Donations can be left in the box by the Wayne Avenue entrance. Also, help is needed to pack and deliver food during July and August. Sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Thank you.

Looking ahead to the Fall-


Come Together Sunday- Social Ministry is scheduled for September 21st during Coffee Hour. Please come down and see all that Social Ministry is doing.

LCOS Care Packages (Eva Shaw) – Packages to be done two times per year (late winter & fall). Send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw.

Holiday Food Drive – Donation envelopes and bags to be available beginning 11/2, also 11/9, 11/16, deadline 11/23. We will request \$800 in matching funds from Thrivent.

Advent Giving Tree – Tree in Narthex beginning 11/23, 11/30, 12/7. Deadline to return gifts 12/14, also organizing of gifts in Parish Hall.

Next meeting dates: Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday 9/2/08 at 7pm. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy Kuehn.



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Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP 2008-09
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Are you in high school, or will you be entering high school in the fall? Do you like hanging out with people your age and doing fun things together? If so, then come join the youth group in September for what is shaping up to be another great year. The first event of the year is a “lock-in,” in which all new and returning members of youth group sleep over in the church. During this time, we get to know each other and plan events we will be participating in throughout the year. These events include volunteer opportunities and service projects, meetings and gatherings, and trips and retreats, to name a few. If you’re interested in taking part in any of that, next time you see Pastor Wayne or Pastor Englehardt, tell them you want to know more about the youth group, and they’ll give you the information or contacts you need. Other than that you can just ask around and you’ll find us. We use the green and purple room downstairs in the church next to the bathrooms.

Don’t miss out on fun opportunities to serve God and create warm memories here at LCOS. Come join the youth group and make new friends. We’re looking forward to seeing you in the fall!

GERMAN TRIP IN 2010

Join Pastor John Collins of Faith Lutheran Church, Lavallette, NJ, for 9 days in early July of 2010, "9 days: Steps of Martin Luther with The Passion Play of Oberammergau." Touring the German countryside, visiting Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, Erfurt, Nuremberg, and Munich among others. Relive the Reformation movement in Lutheran Germany and witness the world-famous Passion Play. See Pastor Englehardt for necessary information.

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Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM

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MAY TREASURER’S REPORT
by Jack Berrigan

In the context of an uncertain economy, we are blessed with a Congregation that continues to provide consistent generous support of the ministries of Our Savior. Offerings in May were \$31, 157 which is virtually the same as offerings in April. In addition to weekly contributions, we posted \$47, 000 in grants which raised our total income for May to \$78, 157. The grants include \$22,000 from the Memorial Gift Board which helps support the valuable ministry work of Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Worship and Music as well as Social Ministry. The second grant of \$25,000 is an anonymous gift from a member of the Congregation who wants the funds to be used to underwrite the following activities which the donor expects will support the Vision goal of “Growth”:

- A youth choir accompanist
- “One Call” a telephone service that allows the church to quickly contact all church members in an unobtrusive but effective manner
- “Member Connect” an internet based service that permits us to send e-mails to members
- Part time secretarial support

So far, our annual budget has effectively accounted for inflation. Expenses for the month of May were well within expectations at \$34,761. Most importantly, total expenses thru the end of May are \$189,788 which is only \$621 more than we projected for the first five months.

As we head into the summer months, we are on target to meet our 2008 budget of \$490,069. Income and expenses are very close to where they should be at this time. I would like to thank the Congregation for their generosity and pray for their continued support over the summer months.



WHY I CHOOSE TO BE A LUTHERAN!

I have been working on a manuscript for almost 20 years which I hope someday may be published with the above title. I was quite the seeker in my college and young adult years, being exposed to all the major religions of the world (including Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Taoism, Roman Catholicism – a little different from my essentially Lutheran up-bringing - as well as a host of other religions and religious experiences), not knowing that one day I would be a teacher of World Religion studies in the churches I have served, and that my oldest daughter Krista would convert to Islam and marry a Pakistani Muslim. And when I say “exposed” I mean that I talked to people who were practicing those particular faiths to help me understand what each had to offer.

Recently a good friend, David Donges, retired as Bishop of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, and a newspaper article quoting David’s thoughts hit home as I thought about this long-time unfinished project of mine. “Born into a Lutheran family in the western Pennsylvania town of Davidsville – where he attended the only church in town, St. David’s Lutheran Church – Donges is an unabashed Lutheran. He is committed to a denomination that he acknowledges has been sidelined by a cultural shift toward nondenominational and nontraditional worship. ‘Denominational loyalty is dropping every day,’ he said. ‘It used to be if you were born into a Lutheran family, by golly, you stayed Lutheran. Now you to where the programs are.’ It is a trend that puzzles, and, perhaps, saddens him. He worried that the “feel-good” theology of some modern churches is focused on what the Bible says, rather than what the Bible means.

‘It just doesn’t seem to encounter the world in the ways in which I think the Lutheran Church does, although we can’t pack arenas or stadiums,’ he said. ‘I don’t know of a church in the world that has a theology, a history, a liturgy, the pastoral care emphasis, the social conscience, preaching, word and sacrament as does the Lutheran Church. I don’t know of a church in the world that has those gifts, all those gifts, and I think our people sometimes don’t have a clue.’

‘At heart,’ he said, he remains an “optimistic Lutheran,” confident in the grace of God and the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. ‘We believe in our Confessions that the church is and always will be.’ “

Thank you David for reminding me why living out my faith as a Lutheran works very well for this “endless seeker.”

Pastor Englehardt

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS HUGE SUCCESS!

Both the Spaghetti Dinner featuring Lisa Quanci’s homemade sauce and the night at the Pop Shop were a great success in raising funds for the Senior High Summer Mission Trip (SMT) this year to Goldsboro NC. Over \$1,300 were raised at the Spaghetti Dinner where over 110 people enjoyed a filling and delicious meal served by diligent teens and a hardworking kitchen staff of parents and youth. This was quite a change from the fifteen folks who came out last year. Italian music, table centerpieces and the right lighting changed the Parish Hall into a quaint place for dinner on a Friday night.

And while the final amount is not yet known from the Pop Shop there were about 75 people who ate out in support of Our Savior’s youth. The manager even claimed it was one of the better supported fundraisers she’s observed from various groups. It was quite a sight to see almost half the Pop Shop filled with folks from Our Savior, their friends, and family. Hopefully they saved room for dessert! Regardless the support the congregation has provided has gone a long way to provide the \$6,000-\$7,000 total needed for a donation to Habitat for Humanity, travel, food, and activity costs. Many thanks!

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

We continue to meet at 7 PM on Mondays in the church library (just off the narthex going toward the nursery). Since we meet year-round, even on Monday Holidays, you are welcome to drop in at any time to join us for our half hour of prayer. Each week this year we have been praying alphabetically for 8 or 9 households of our membership; postcards are sent and requests (which as asked will be kept confidential) are always welcome. Recently we began praying for our church mission statement, which appears on the front cover of each week’s Sunday bulletin.

This Fall, probably on a Saturday in late October, we will be hosting another “prayer workshop” which will include the Labyrinth and other means for examining and experiencing one’s prayer life. Details will be in the September Messenger.

FACES OF LCOS

Social Ministry ‘Laborers’ Harvest Plenty To Provide Meals For Underprivileged Girls

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” – Matthew 9:35-10:8

Miriam Broderick founded a halfway house in Gloucester City in 1998, and a few years later it became *My Father’s House*, an intensive outpatient rehabilitation center dealing primarily with criminal justice clients recommended through probation, parole, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), and Welfare. Some have driving under the influence (DUI) violations.

The programs offered are for men, women, adolescents and the elderly. Treatment varies in stages, from intensive outpatient (three times a week) to outpatient (twice a week) to transition (once a week). All stages include family sessions and individual sessions weekly. There are 90-100 clients served weekly.

“I love all my clients but I really love my kids. They are all wonderful, wonderful kids,” Broderick said of her “crowd.”

“When you see them, they are not wanting for anything. Approximately 98 percent are on probation or parole, even the adolescents. Most have been arrested for drug possession.

“They are the poorest of the poor on many levels, and 98 percent of them live in poverty, according to income guidelines. The clients who are lucky enough to be employed have low-paying jobs.

“Many are from broken homes. Most are from Camden or Gloucester City. They have seen people murdered. Some have seen family members murdered.

“That’s the population we serve. They have to come and provide urine samples. The adolescent girls come here Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5-8 p.m.”

Tuesday nights are the favorite for the girls. Since 2001, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior’s Social Ministry has provided dinner every Tuesday night, 52 weeks a year.

Coordinated by Jan Amme and Maureen Bell, with assistance from Betsy Kuehn and Dave Hartswell, Social Ministry has been the disciples who have sent approximately 30 “laborers into His harvest.”

“Miriam thinks there is God, and then there is Our Savior,” Amme said. “Our members have been very supportive of this ministry. It is rewarding because, in most cases, these are girls who have never had anyone care about them and they have only known abuse. They (*My Father’s House*) are trying to get them out of that environment.”

“I can’t thank Our Savior enough for the apostolic work

your church does,” Broderick said. “I can’t say enough wonderful, beautiful things about the people of Our Savior.

“The church provides meals and anything we ask – trash bags, toilet paper, paper plates . . . and the girls love anything and everything you send over.

“Our Savior is our only regular contributor, and there is always so much food and it is so fabulous that, when not all the food is eaten, we feed the men (also on Tuesday nights).”

“We used to send over canisters of iced tea, fruit . . . but now we are trying to change their environment and send over a nice home-cooked meal,” Amme said.

“We provide an entrée, salad or vegetable with a dessert and drinks,” Bell said. “We also donate supplies, like trash bags, latex gloves, antiseptic wipes . . . nothing extravagant but necessities for them.

“The dinners can be simple . . . hot dogs and baked beans. Jane Evans’ chili – they LOVE it! We have never had one complaint. This may be the only hot meal these girls get all week.”

Maureen Bell coordinates the needs of *My Father’s House* with Broderick, and Jan Amme coordinates members of the congregation to provide the meals – currently, meals are planned every week into November.

Meals can be dropped off and left in the refrigerator donated by Jack Berrigan in the pantry in the Parish Hall. Dave Hartswell has volunteered to deliver the meals to *My Father’s House* on Monday nights or Tuesdays.

The Berrigans also fund one meal a month from Pasta Pomodoro in Voorhees. The restaurant voluntarily delivers the meal to *My Father’s House* and, according to Berrigan, goes the extra mile in its provisions.

Members who provide meals are asked to submit receipts for the food purchased. If Social Ministry can verify \$2,400 in receipts, Thrivent will provide \$800 which can be used for Easter baskets, presents and small gift packages.

“It is one service ministry that it does not matter how old you are, it is something you can do as a family, as a youth group, as a congregational community service,” Pastor Wayne Zschech said of meals for *My Father’s House*. “It is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to get to know each other. God often reveals himself in the Scriptures with meals.

“I think it is amazing that, specifically Dave, Maureen and Jan, coordinate 52 meals a year AND deliver them.”

“I can’t tell you how blessed we are to have Our Savior provide these meals,” Broderick said. “The girls are very blessed. . . they are the chosen ones.”