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**Poinsettia Memorials**

Each year the altar is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$18.00, made payable to "LCOS Altar Guild." The poinsettias are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Saturday, December 26. The deadline is Sunday, December 13.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of donor to Memorialized One(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to church office no later than December 13**

**December Birthdays**



# The Parish Messenger

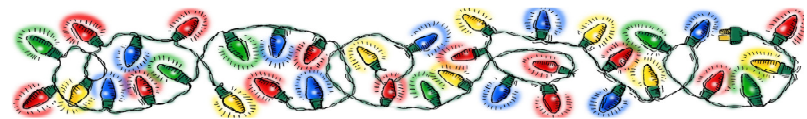


December 2009 NEWSLETTER  
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR  
HADDONFIELD, NJ

## Confirmands & Congregation

### Deck the Halls December 13 at Noon

Ever wonder who helps decorate the sanctuary for Christmas each year? This year it could be you! On Sunday, December 13 shortly after the conclusion of the 10:30 worship, the confirmation class, along with any other parishioners and friends, are invited to assist the Worship and Music Committee in decorating the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. Lunch will be provided at noon and the three large pine trees will be put up, strung with lights, and decorated with the handmade Crismons immediately following the meal. Pastor Wayne will be coordinating this yearly effort and will explain the symbolic meaning of the crismom decorations for any who are interested. Contact the church office if you plan to attend to insure enough pizzas are ordered. Homemade Christmas cookies are always a great treat to share if you would like to bring some.



## College Age Youth Invited

### Christmas Party at Parsonage Dec 19 @ 6 PM

Home from college and looking for a way to reconnect with church friends from home? Pastor Wayne Zschech invites all college age students (that includes graduate students too) to enjoy a dinner and fellowship at the parsonage immediately following the Saturday Night Alive worship at 5 PM on December 19. Pastor Wayne will prepare the dinner. (Don't worry. He actually is a decent cook according to his family.)

Please let Pastor Wayne know if you plan to attend to insure enough food is prepared. He looks forward to hearing how your adventures in higher education or the School of Hard Knocks has been going and hopes he can continue the conversation via email in the new year. Regardless if you can attend he hopes to see you on Christmas Eve at one of the four worship times of 5, 7, 9 or 11 PM

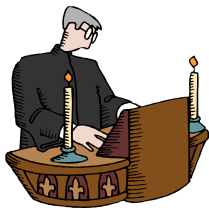
## Medallions

### Remember Baptism Promises: Blessing Service January 10

A child's baptism is a blessed event. In the waters the baptismal candidate is joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever. When a child or infant is baptized the parents and sponsors make a promise to both teach their child about the Christian faith and to model it for them as well. It is both an awesome responsibility and a joyous task, and throughout the years the congregation of Our Savior provides resources to parents in keeping those baptismal promises.

One of them is to set aside the Sunday of The Baptism of Our Lord, this year on January 10, as a day for all parents who have had children baptized in the previous year to have the child blessed by God and renew those promises. During the blessing service the child will receive a baptismal medallion generously provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with their name and baptismal date engraved on the back. Their parents will renew the promises they made at the font on the day of their child's baptism, and the congregation recommit their support in helping them do so. Parents who intend to participate in this blessing service are encouraged to contact the church office to confirm your attendance on that day.

*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.*



# “A Christmas Invitation”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech



It has begun. The malls are beginning to fill up with shoppers in search of Christmas gifts at a bargain. Kitchens are now beginning to bustle and billow with flour with Christmas cookies being baked. Christmas cards are being signed and addressed while listening to the carols of Christmas. Lights and wreaths are being hung outside and in as the house and grounds begin to take on the festive look of the Christmas season. We only have so much time before December 24 rolls around to prepare for our celebration of our Savior’s birth that begins with worship on Christmas Eve.

Yet, there are many whose preparation for the celebration of Christmas may not include this last event. Christmas Eve candlelight worship is a part of many people’s concept of “what you do at Christmas”, but they may not know which church to attend. It’s a fact. People who are interested in going to church on Christmas Eve will be more likely to attend one they are invited to by a family member, friend, co-worker or classmate than one where they may not know anyone.

Do you know anyone who doesn’t have a church home? Do you have new neighbors, co-workers, classmates, or friends who have moved into your life since last Christmas and might be wondering where to worship at Christmas? Here’s how to invite them to our Christmas Eve worship services this year and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

1. Ask them what they’re doing to celebrate Christmas this year.
2. If they’re going to be in town, say, “Attending Christmas Eve worship at my church adds so much to my celebration of Christ’s birth. If you’re not already committed, I invite you to join me (or “my family”) at one of Our Savior’s Christmas Eve worship services this year. I/We usually attend the (5, 7, 9, 11 PM) service. They each have a Holy Communion and end with a candlelight singing of Silent Night. You can ride with us or meet us there.
3. Don’t let them try to use you as an excuse not to come. “Oh, I don’t want to intrude on your family’s tradition,” or “I don’t want to be a burden on you.” They’re not. This is what we’re supposed to be doing, especially at Christmas. Christians go and tell others that Jesus Christ is born, and invite them to join in the celebration.
4. If this doesn’t work, be sure you tell them there will be hot chocolate, coffee, and Christmas cookies in the Parish Hall prior to each service. This will give them some time to see other people and read through the service prior to going down to the sanctuary. Good luck and may God’s Spirit of peace, hope, joy, and love be with you as we approach the celebration of our Savior’s birth.

## Lessons & Carols

### Irish Flare on December 27~ 9 AM

Once again The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a single worship of Lessons and Carols on the First Sunday after Christmas. The 9 AM December 27 worship will be the only worship that day and will again feature musicians with an Irish flare similar to the one held in 2006 on Christmas Eve morning arranged by Eric Ebbenga. Many who attended that worship believed it was a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas and have asked when we would make it available again. The answer is, This year! If you have out of town guests this is a wonderful service to invite them or your friends to attend.

A Lessons and Carols service features the various biblical texts associated with the birth of our Lord and appropriate carols to go with them. No sermon will be preached at this service so children may find this a worship they can participate in more easily. There will be no Sunday Church School offered on that day, but childcare will be available beginning at 9 AM.

## Saturday Night Alive Worship

### Continues to Meet Worship Need

After a month and a half of worship it appears the Saturday Night Alive Worship is meeting a definite need in the congregation. With around 35 people attending on any given Saturday night many say it is the only service they could have attended that weekend at Our Savior. Others have found the more “casual” worship, with pastors not robing and typically preaching from the pews rather than the pulpit, and the entire service lead by guitar and Power Point slides, instead of organ and worship books and bulletins.

The worship is still undergoing “tweaking” and Pastor Wayne hopes a larger drop-down screen along with a better projector to be purchased in the 2010 to better facilitate this worship, as well as the Reflections worship at 9:15 on Sundays. If your schedule has challenged your ability to gather for worship on Sundays or know of friends or family for whom this is an issue we invite you to consider trying out the Saturday Night Alive Worship in December or anytime in the New Year. If you are looking for a more casual worship with praise songs sung more often than hymns then you also might give the SNA worship a try. Most importantly, if you know of anyone who has no church home, invite them to any of the worship services at Our Savior you believe they would connect with the most. For this is what we’ve been called to from our baptism.

## Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild:** Eva Shaw, Carol Larro, Shirley Webb

**Counters:** Arranged by Dale Kredatus

**Ushers: 8:** Joe & Peggy Hartman

**10:30:** Eric & Betty Woltz (TBA 12/20)

**December 6 Coffee Hour:** Adult Choir

**Readers: 8** - R. Genieser **10:30** - Tom Reiter

**Communion Assistants: 10:3** - Bobbie Newsham, TBA

**Acolytes: 8** - Rob LaBarge, Holly Harrington, Sarah Swan

**10:30** - Emily Donovan , Stephen Woltz, Sam Lyons, Andrew & Laura Vitale

**December 13 Coffee Hour:** Altar Guild

**Readers: 8** - H. Harrington **10:30** - K. Meyer

**Acolytes: 8** - Rob LaBarge, Morgan & Reagan Sehdev

**10:30** - Joseph Kiernan, Shelby Cain, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry, Ethan Quanci

**December 20 Coffee Hour:** Memorial Gift Board ~ In Library

**Readers: 8-** C. Monsen **10:30** - C. Bogina

**Acolytes: 8** - Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey & Abby Proko

**10:30** - Chris & Nick Heinze, Daniel & Lucas Leverick, Alexander Gilman

**December 27 NO Coffee Hour**

**Lessons and Carols**

**Acolytes: 9** - TBA

## Attention Seniors!

### Senior Game Day

**NEXT DATE IS:**

**Tuesday, December 15th  
at noon**

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge ~  
Come out and Have Fun!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

Best of all . . . **It's Free!**

**RSVP:** Betty Keene 429-5083,  
or Eleanor Gaines 429-8056



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

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

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Kim Anderson	Youth
Glenn Martin	Property
Bill Cowan	Secretary
Charles Coleman	Christian Education
Danielle Deery	Congregational Resources
Tracey DiCrescenzo	Social Ministry
Tom Foscett	Treasurer
Larry Friant	Vice President
Patricia Hanies	Worship & Music
Dale Kredatus	Financial Secretary
Betsy Kuehn	Social Ministry
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Bobbi Newsham	Fellowship Development
Tom Reiter	Worship & Music
Juhan Runne	Personnel
Kathy Simpkins	Seniors
Hans Underwood	Youth
Dave Wyche	Communication


### MEMORIAL GIFTS BOARD

Cathe Bare  
Jack Berrigan  
Paul Clark  
Larry Friant, ex-officio  
Paul Knauer  
John Laughlin  
Laura Oakes  
Stacey Shaw  
Elizabeth Woltz  
Wayne Zschech, ex-officio

### STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor  
Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor  
Monica Ebbenga, Office Administrator  
Cindy Randall, Office Assistant  
Eric Ebbenga, Organist  
Patricia Shaw-Green, Director of Music  
Linda Powell Cherub Choir  
Greg Gitzes, Interim Custodian  
Jeff Gross, Night Lockup  
Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care  
Beth Hill, Altar Guild  
Kim Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent



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## UrbanPromise and Tortilla Press

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

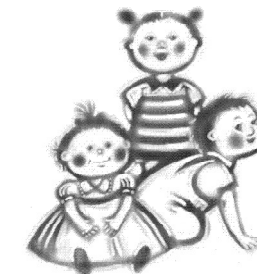
### "Second" Sunday Night Out ♦ December 13

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

Tortilla Press 703 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108  
(856) 869.3345 *Reservations Recommended!!*

4 Seatings: 5:00 ♦ 6:00 ♦ 7:00 ♦ 8:00

## Youth Events



Childcare Available

## Drop 'n Shop 12/11/09 ~ 6 - 9 PM

The Youth Group will be having their annual "Drop n Shop" on Friday 12/11/09 from 6 - 9 PM..

All ages are welcome. The kids will be watching movies, playing games, having a snack, and most of all having fun.

Free will donations will be appreciated.

## Seeking Host families/homes M.I.S.T. Agency

Need housing for two International High School students who will be attending Paul VI and Camden high school in your area for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Would you please open your heart and home to a student this year. We find that this is a wonderful ministry and experience for all involved. Host Families provide room and board, the student will pay for all his/her personal expenses and have their own medical insurance. They speak and understand English. As a host family you will receive a monthly stipend of \$600.

If you are interested please contact Lisa at [Lspruck@mistagency.com](mailto:Lspruck@mistagency.com) or 678-264-8671

## Weekly Newcomer Classes Begin in January 24, 2010

If you've been a worshipping visitor of Our Savior for a week or over a year you are invited to join Pastor Glenn Englehardt in January for four weeks of a Newcomer Orientation class in Room 112 near the bulletin boards on the ground floor near the Parish Hall. The classes will cover a brief history of the congregation, as well as the Lutheran church and its main beliefs, along with the various ministry programs and volunteer opportunities that are available. A tour of the building and a "meet and greet" with the congregation council will also occur.

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on January 24! New members will be received into the congregation of Our Savior at the worship service they normally attend with a photo taken of each family to help in putting names with faces. The Fellowship Together along with Pastor Englehardt will also have a member of the congregation act as a sponsor for the new members to help them continue to better know and grow in the congregation's ministry. Take the time to welcome our newest members and introduce yourselves to them.



## Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 20, 10:30 AM

Rehearsals will be December 6th & 13th at 9:30 AM on the 3rd floor and dress rehearsal will be on Saturday 12/19 from 9-11 AM. The Sunday School children are also still collecting pantry items and school supply items. For every item your child brings in to their teacher they will receive a Bible Buck.

Any parents willing to help out with various projects or our pageant please contact Kim Anderson..



# Sunday School Classrooms & Property “Facelift”

## Nearing Completion: Memorial Gift Board Allocation of Goodman Estate Provided Funds

At the writing of this update the work begun this summer to improve the Sunday school classroom facilities and provide much needed refurbishment and replacement of various facility items is nearly completed. The overall list includes some of the following.

- New carpet in all classrooms as well as the Youth Room and Conference Room on the first floor and all public hallways and the office stairwell.
- Fresh coat of paint for entire third floor, hallways and stairwells, narthex, entryway, office, and Room 117.
- 72 new energy-efficient windows installed throughout the building, replacing the old aluminum-framed single pane windows.
- 11 new mini-split heat pump heating and air-conditioning units and a large heat pump to either replace the old AC window units or provide cooling in the annex classrooms, which did not exist before. This allows for greater energy efficiency in the winter and summer as only those rooms occupied need to be heated or cooled rather than an entire zone of the building. Programmable thermostats were also installed in every room to improve efficiency.
- Every classroom had new shelving installed and filled with new supplies for year.
- The Superintendent’s office was also renovated to better facilitate teacher’s getting the supplies and support for teaching. The room now is able to accommodate small meetings and many of the teachers enjoy fellowship and collaboration each Sunday before the 10:30 worship.

The benefits hoped for by these improvements have already been realized by the Christian Education ministry. Students look forward to attending Sunday school, and teachers are finding it easier to recruit substitutes when needed since the resource areas are so well organized. And with winter on the way, the new windows and supplemental heating system will insure warm rooms when the temperatures dip below freezing.

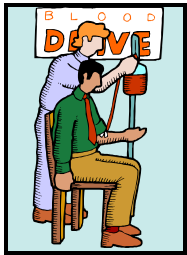
Many thanks go out to Kim Anderson and her family for all the hard work they put into the transformation of the classroom areas as well as those who have helped move furniture from the office, AV room, and other rooms on the first floor. Most of all, we are so appreciative of Freda Goodman who remembered the work of her Lord that is lived out in the ministry at Our Savior by her generous bequest and the Memorial Gift Board in their discernment of how it might best serve God’s mission here.

## Give Gift of Life

### Blood Drive December 17

While the economy may be preventing some to give the gifts they’d like to give almost anyone over the age of 17 can give a gift that could save someone’s life, a pint of their blood. It only takes about 30-45 minutes depending on the number of people donating at a given time and making an appointment ahead of time helps speed the process.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 1-7 PM in the Parish Hall. In the Sunday’s prior to the drive Nancy Frazier will be available to take sign-ups in the narthex as you leave worship. Even if you don’t sign up you can still come as a walk-in. With local hospitals needing up to 2,000 pints of blood each day to meet the surgical and emergency demands the hope for new and more frequent blood donors continues exist. Please consider being a part of fulfilling that need in this season of hope.



*“...they will call him  
Immanuel”  
— which means,  
“God with us.”*



*Matthew 1:23*

## December Social Ministry News

*By Betsy Kuehn*

**MEETING DATES:** We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in being part of our committee, please call Betsy .

### Holiday Food Drive

Thank you to all for the Holiday Food bags and monetary donations. All cash donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial, dollar for dollar, up to \$625. Holiday food bags to be delivered Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> to New Visions in Camden, and the Pantry families.

### CURRENT FOCUS:

#### Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree is in Narthex beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> thru December 13<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to return gifts is December 20<sup>th</sup> as Social Ministry Committee members will be organizing gifts in Parish Hall. Gifts for Caring Hearts will be due back by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for the tags that are not taken. Contact Larry Friant if any questions. Please see Larry’s article in the November messenger for more information.

**Caring Hearts** LCOS Social Ministry sponsored a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries. The Holiday Party is Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Care Packages** the committee is planning to send boxes again in February. Send names, addresses, and e-mails of college students and military personnel to Eva Shaw.

### ONGOING PROJECTS:

**Pantry** Help is needed to pack and deliver food to our Pantry families. A sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Contact Nancy Gulick & Charlie Coleman if any questions. Also please remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items. Current Pantry needs include canned fruit, soups, desserts such as cookies, puddings, meals in a can (ex: Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti), personal items (soap, toothpaste), pancake mix & syrup. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase supplies for the Pantry.

**My Father’s House** Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Meals have been scheduled until the end of 2009. Remember to save your receipts which are needed to receive a supplement from Thrivent under its Care Abounds in Communities program. Thank you Jan Amme for your many years of service coordinating the meals for My Father’s House. Ruth Friant is the new coordinator. Make a note of the change. Please contact Ruth if interested in preparing a meal in 2010.



to the following people for helping with the pantry in October; **Carol & Ben Beahm, Joan Candia, Charlie Coleman, Danielle Deery, Mary Pat Reiter, Juhan Runne, Eva Shaw** & seniors for donations.

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

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

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



**Remember Those  
in the Military**

### In Harm's Way

**Lt. John L. Gaines,  
Capt. Brian Iarossi,  
Jonathan Keck,  
Michael Miano**

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



Dear LCOS:

Thank the tape services for seeing the church DVD is delivered.

*Martha Ostertag & Florence Daley*

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 throughout the year. Thank you.

*Kathleen Cunningham*

I just wanted to say thank you for the care package! It made my day to receive a whole box of goodies in the mail. My housemates and I were all very grateful for the candy (it's impressive how quickly a house of college students can go through candy). The jar of Nutella was by far the highlight of my week. We are in the last weeks of term right now, and Nutella is basically a necessity for finals. I truly appreciate the kindness and work that goes into sending the care packages. Thanks for thinking of me and brightening my day! Love, *Caitie Ebbenga*

Just writing to say thank you so much for the care package! It was so kind of you all and I really appreciated it. I picked it up as I was running off to Draping class and everyone was outrageously jealous of my awesome package. I had coincidentally been diagnosed with the flu that previous week and the mini tissue packs came in handy like you would not believe! I shared the pull and peels (those were my classmates favorites) and Audrey and I are fully enjoying the chocolate. Thanks again and I cannot wait to see you all over thanksgiving break hopefully! Lots of love, *Noelle Quanci*

Dear LCOS and Mr. & Mrs. Friant,  
Thank you so much for the care package! In the continuing adventure of living off campus it took me about a week to get to the post office in order to retrieve it but it was worth the wait! I was especially excited to see the ‘tasky kaket’ because it’s hard to explain them to Midwesterners without physical evidence. 46 days until Christmas! See you all then!  
Sincerely, *Kat Berger*

Dear Friends at LCOS,  
We wanted to thank all of you for the wonderful care package. It was nice of you to think of us during this time here at seminary. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much for all your support and love, my family and I will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.  
In Christ, *Ken, Bree, Max and Alex Tomlinson*

Hi,  
I want to thank The LCOS for the care package I recently received. I can't believe how much you fit into the box. Everything is very useful, especially the chocolate!  
Thanks again, *Katherine Wallace*



## The Power of One “Raise Up and Give Hope”

Believing that one person, given the opportunity, can make a difference in the world, Our Savior’s Social Ministry Committee and Memorial Gifts Board worked together this past year to establish \$1000.00 annual scholarships for two graduating high school seniors actively involved with Urban Promise in Camden who are continuing their education beyond high school. The scholarships are made possible through an endowment fund established with generous bequests by Bernadine Plotzke and Jean Patterson.

The scholarships are renewable for up to four years for a total of \$4000.00 per recipient as long as he or she remains in school fulltime and maintains a minimum grade point average. The goal is to sponsor two new graduates each year so that ultimately we will be helping eight youth annually. During worship on November 8, Dr. Bruce Main so eloquently challenged us to raise young people up and give them hope. The gift of education that the scholarships support hopefully will empower these youth to make a difference. Below is a thank you letter from the first recipient, Jeanine Sandoval, who is majoring in criminal justice at Camden County College. In her original application letter Jeanine said that her goal was “to make my community more positive by taking all the negative aspects out and putting in positive ones so that the youth of Camden can be safe and bright.”

Dear Mr. Friant & the Scholarship,  
Firstly, I would like to give you and the Scholarship Committee the utmost thanks for blessing me with this scholarship award! I am very grateful to you have taken my letter under consideration. I am still in shock that I have received this award. Words cannot explain how thankful I am for receiving the good news. To give you an insight on what I am going to sure the scholarship towards, I will use it towards my summer classes. I did not have the money to pay cash for them, but now that I do, I plan to take advantage of this great opportunity. Also I just wanted to thank the LCOS for making this possible. Giving these opportunities to high school graduates who are pursuing their education is a very thoughtful and caring. To conclude, I just want to thank God for working in you and the Scholarship Committee to bring this great opportunity to me. God bless you.

Sincerely, *Jeanine Sandoval*

## Faces of LCOS Betsy Kuehn pours her heart and soul into Our Savior

If you don’t know Betsy Kuehn, it is only because you don’t *think* you know Betsy Kuehn.

Betsy is arguably the most active and busiest member of our congregation. For those of us who say we just have time to do more of the Lord’s work, consider what Betsy manages to do for Our Savior:

Is in her second three-year term on Church Council

Is a member of Altar Guild, which includes preparing the wine, and Communion tables and glasses each month as well as washing the glasses between and after services

Is chairwoman of Social Ministries, which includes the Food Pantry that collects and delivers food to nine area families in need; My Father’s House, which prepares a full meal for 14 girls every Tuesday; Holiday Food Drive, which collects bags of food for less fortunate families at Thanksgiving; Advent Giving Tree, an annual project to provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate children; Easter Basket Helpers, an effort to provide baskets of food and candy for Pantry families and the girls at My Father’s House; Caring Hearts, a three-times-a-year project to assist this non-profit’s families who have been adversely affected by HIV or AIDS; IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council), an effort to collect school supplies for homeless children throughout South Jersey; LCOS Care Packages, twice-a-year undertaking of collecting “goodies” for college students of LCOS families; and UrbanPromise, a scholarship presentation to the Camden City ministry that helps equip youngsters to succeed in life and Christian leadership.

Betsy, a clinical dietetic technician, has been a life-long member of Our Savior. She was baptized here by Pastor Paules on Easter Sunday in 1961, attended Sunday Church School, was confirmed by Pastor Wisser in 1975, and helped in the nursery on Sundays when she was in high school.

Her father, Bill, was Church Treasurer for 20 years, from 1953-1973, serving under three pastors.

“I still live in the house where I grew up with my mother, Doris, and father,” Betsy said. “Our Savior was always a part of our lives. We were always active in the church, so. . .I enjoy doing what I do for the church,” she continued. “I’ve been a member all my life and I just want to stay involved in the church where I grew up. I enjoy meeting new families and there are many members who I’ve known for a long time. What has remained constant is my faith. I would like to see more members get involved in Social Ministry, and I think I speak for all our Committees,” Betsy continued. “I know people have busy schedules, but just washing Communion glasses would be helpful.”

So now you know Betsy Kuehn, who is involved in virtually everything that goes on at LCOS.



## New Library Books

by Bruce Main, Director of Urban Promise

Come visit the LCOS library and check out a book by Bruce Main, who preached at LCOS on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In [Spotting the Sacred: Noticing God in the Most Unlikely Places](#), Bruce Main explores the act of noticing as a means for spiritual growth. Filled with engaging, often poignant stories that illustrate acts of godly virtue, [Spotting the Sacred](#) will challenge and encourage readers to go through their day more attuned to God's work in their lives and the lives of others.

No matter what their walk of life, everyone wants a sense of purpose and of being part of God's plan. God often gives ordinary people "holy hunches" that, when acted upon, accomplish the miraculous. In [Holy Hunches: Responding to the Promptings of God](#), Main helps readers recognize and respond to holy hunches in their lives. Full of amazing real life examples to inspire and practical advice to guide readers, [Holy Hunches](#) shows us how to see the miraculous possibilities in the everyday and uncover the divine in the mundane.



Make a joyful noise to God,  
all the earth; sing the glory  
of his name; give to him  
glorious praise.  
Say to God, ‘How awesome  
are your deeds!’ Psalm 66:1-3a



It is probably a very rare Lutheran pastor who doesn't truly enjoy worshipping with his/her congregation, and I am no exception. And worship can come in a variety of forms and settings, as you well know, and I am thankful for each and every one. In fact, as much as I like our "traditional Sunday worship," which has roots back to the early church and even to the Old Testament, I enjoy doing something just a little (or sometimes even a lot) different! And I'm beginning to see the value of Power Point, and its paperless option. The addition of our Saturday night service has been a real blessing thus far for a fair number of people, a somewhat different crowd each week, which is a good thing.

But I would like to take just a minute to lift up to you the Sunday morning 9:15 AM option we call "Reflections worship." It is done by Power Point; it includes Holy Communion each week; it lasts 45 minutes (you can depend on that time frame because the sanctuary and the worship leaders are time-constrained; and it gives those present an opportunity to discuss applications of a particular text each week to every day life, following input and a challenging question or two from the presiding pastor. I love that format because I am one who could spend all day, every day, discussing my faith. And no one who is involved in the small discussion groups is put on the spot, so you can sit and listen to the input of others without the need to speak out. When my youngest daughter, Mara, visited in May, I suggested she give this Reflections Worship a try; she did and loved it, and wondered why other young adults, like herself, were not attending on a regular basis (Katherine Berger, home from college, was the only other one that day). This worship experience with its unique format is not for everybody; but certainly there are others of you who would truly enjoy it once you gave it a try.

~Pastor Englehardt

## Advent Resource

The Advent resource booklet (called *Book of Faith Advent Reflections: While We Wait*) will be available following each of our Sunday services (as well as the Saturday night before) on November 22 and 29 in preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Advent, which is Sunday, November 29. If you aren't around either of those weekends you can still pick one up on the weekend of December 6, once again surrounding our worship times. This great resource can be used throughout the season by individuals, groups, or families, and contains some creative ideas for celebrating the anticipation of the coming Christ child.

## Advent Giving Tree Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 29, the Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the second floor Narthex outside the sanctuary entrance again this year to help bring some Christmas joy to people in need in our area.

If you would like to participate in the Giving Tree, take a tag from the tree, sign the sheet next to the tree, purchase the item on the tag (limit each gift to about \$25), and return the gift wrapped with the tag attached.

Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken.

Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father's House, Urban Promise, Caring Hearts, Haddonfield and Collingswood schools, and our LCOS pantry families.

The Advent Tree tags will be available for three consecutive Sundays, November 29, December 6, and December 13. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 20.

If you have any questions, please call Larry Friant . Thanks for your help!



## Monday Night Prayer Group 7:30 PM in the Library

We continue to meet each week in the church library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor just outside the elevator. Stop by and sit with us if you are free; you can come, and sit quietly to listen – no one will ask you to participate otherwise unless you choose to. We continue to pray for community, congregational, and world needs. Postcards are sent each week and requests are kept confidential unless otherwise noted by giver.

Those requests may be sent to Connie at or place a request in the box in the narthex; or contact Pastor Englehardt.



## THRIVENT CORNER Money Tips for Job Seekers

Losing your job is tough. But in the midst of a recession, rebounding and finding new employment is even harder.

While uncertainty and doubt may overwhelm you, job loss can be an opportunity to reevaluate your career, take control of your situation, and most importantly regain your self-confidence.

However, while building a resume and making connections to find a new job are a priority, the first issue most people should address is money.

The following checklist from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a not-for-profit financial services organization, provides some immediate tips to stay financially afloat after a job loss.

- **Draft a survival budget** – Anticipate that you'll be out of work for at least six months. It's impossible to predict how long your unemployment will last, of course. But you can control what you spend and save. Tips on increasing your cash flow are also available on [www.thrivent.com/jobchange](http://www.thrivent.com/jobchange).

- **Make sure you and your dependents have health insurance coverage** – It may be least expensive to join your spouse's plan, if that's an option. If not, look into COBRA coverage through your former employer. The 2009 economic stimulus package from the federal government requires that a percentage of COBRA premiums be paid by your previous employer for a period of time. Details are available on the [US Department of Labor website](http://www.dhs.gov/eid/US%20Department%20of%20Labor).

- **Examine credit card debt** – Contact your credit card company about lowering your interest rate. If you have credit card debt, you may need to make just the minimum payments until you get back to work. If your debt is significant or you are having trouble making even the minimum payments, try to negotiate a payment plan with your creditors. For help managing your debt, learn about [Thrivent Financial Bank's Debt Savvy](http://www.thrivent.com/jobchange) program.

- **File for unemployment benefits** – You have a right to receive benefits you've paid for. Rules may vary by state.

- **Maintain your life insurance coverage** – It may be tempting to save cash over the short-term by canceling your life insurance contract. But if you try to resume coverage on a lapsed contract at a later date, you'll pay more and you may have to prove insurability with a medical exam.

**Avoid drawing upon retirement funds** – Resist the urge to dip into retirement savings except as an absolute last resort. Receiving that money now could mean early withdrawal penalties and taxes you hadn't anticipated. Plus, you'll lose the potential earning power of that money for your eventual retirement.

These tips are part a series of job transition resources available on Thrivent Financial's website at [www.thrivent.com/jobchange](http://www.thrivent.com/jobchange). You'll find job interview tips, information on job boards and networking, sample resumes and more, including money tips for after you land a job—because you will get one.

"Regaining financial security is a critical part of dealing with job loss," said Laura Dierke, manager of financial education programs for Thrivent Financial. "Working in partnership with your family to discuss these money topics can be extremely beneficial."

The road to a successful job transition will come with many twists and turns. But taking ownership of the situation, moving forward with confidence and taking advantage of the tools available will help you get back into the job market.

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## Treasurer's Outlook by Tom Foskett



Well this is it. The final big push. The congregation has done a great job to this point with their generous gifts. October was an OK month as we received \$28,820. Given the considerable economic pressures we all feel, the ministries of Our Savior continue to be blessed by the generosity of our Congregation. Contributions in October were \$37,402, including the second portion of a two year \$25,000 gift and a contribution from the Memorial Gifts board we have received \$391,009 year to date. This out paces last year's amount through October which was \$376,711.

In general we have stayed on budget for the year. The worship and music budget is a little strained due to the Saturday night service. In my opinion a splendid reason to be over budget. However any ability that members have to contribute in excess of their pledge to defray this expense would be greatly appreciated.

As we approach the final month of the year, the Church budget hangs by a slender string. In this tight economy, the pastors, administrators and ministry heads are doing all they can to keep our expenses down. The challenge we face is contributions. It is my sincere hope that Congregation will continue its generous support of the ministries of Our Savior.

### Stewardship

If you have not submitted your estimate of giving for 2009 by the time you read this, I want to give you some food for thought. In order for Council to recommend a realistic financial plan for 2010 ministries in these economically stressed times, it is essential to have all estimates of giving.

The ministries of LCOS become more effective when every member contributes to God's work in the world. The uplifting help that our ministries offer members of the church community as well as the communities at large promises to be particularly important this coming year.

Please participate in handing in a pledge, it makes our job easier to estimate 2010 offerings and it solidifies your commitment to the Our Savior congregation.