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

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION CLASSES BEGIN OCT 5 AT 9:15 AM

New Members Received Reformation Sunday

If you’ve been a worshipping visitor of Our Savior for a week or over a year you are invited to join Pastor Wayne Zschech for four weeks of a Newcomer Orientation class in Room 112 near the bulletin boards on the ground floor near the Parish Hall. The classes will cover a brief history of the congregation, as well as the Lutheran church and its main beliefs, along with the various ministry programs and volunteer opportunities that are available. A tour of the building and a “meet and greet” with the congregation council will also occur on October 12.

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on Reformation Sunday, October 26! 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 Evangelism Committee along with Pastor Wayne will also have a member of the congregation act as a sponsor for the new members to help them continue to better know and grow in the congregation’s ministry. Take the time to welcome our newest members and introduce yourselves to them.

3RD GRADE BIBLE CLASS Oct 19 at 6 PM

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

On the Sunday prior, 10/19, from 6-7:30 PM, those same parents and children will gather in the Parish Hall for a preparation class on the importance of studying God’s word of the Bible in a disciple’s daily life. Parents and children will highlight key passages in each book of the Bible the children will be receiving and parents will write a dedication to their child in the cover. Any child who is in the third grade, or did not receive one in years past is asked to contact the church office to let Pastor Wayne and staff know of your attendance and participation.

PHOTO DIRECTORY SUNDAYS October 5, 12 and 19 at all services

With the aim of creating a new photo directory for our members, we are planning to have three “Directory Sundays” during the month of October. Members armed with digital cameras will be stationed outside of all three sanctuary entrances ready to snap “headshots” of families to be included in an up-to-date photo directory. Please plan to spend an extra couple of minutes either before or after your usual worship service to stop for a quick photo shoot!

EXPLORING GOD’S DREAM THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer Workshop, Sat, Nov 1, 9 AM - 1 PM

There will be a variety of ways to experience the joy of prayer:

- Author Walt Wangerin in small group discussion about the Four Acts of Prayer
- A Stretch & Pray demonstration of prayer positions
- Famous prayers
- Praying through music and art
- Personally experiencing the Labyrinth (see article on page 8)
- A devotional booklet to take with you
- Books on prayer and meditation will be available for purchase

Register in advance if possible by contacting Connie Wolf via email. Put “Prayer Workshop” in the subject line of the email.

*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.*



“WHY THIS PASTOR PAINTS”

Pastor Wayne Zschech

Some guys like to work on cars and others like to drive them... fast. Some guys like to follow sports, while others like to play them too. Some guys like to listen to music, while others can play it as well. Me, I like to paint. I know...boring. But I like the challenge of painting crisp lines of wall against trim so that windows, doors, and floors seem to “pop”! And there’s something about a fresh coat of paint that renews not only the look of the room you’re in, but makes you feel renewed standing in it. I like how certain colors create different moods and others can give a small room the illusion of grandeur while large rooms can feel cozy.

If for only a short while, I gain a greater sense of what it must have been like for God when the world was created. What amazing “brushstrokes” the Father made when creating trees of all shades of green and then, just to show us what color really looks like, gave them the ability to change to red, orange and yellow each autumn. Or when God painted the sky so blue, like the one on Rally Sunday, to gaze up at it creates the deepest sense of peace inside. No wonder North Carolina chose it for its school color!

I offer this explanation because I know there are some of you who were wondering why your Senior Pastor has been painting the church office. I know you don’t pay me to do it, and quite frankly if you expected me to, I would refuse. I enjoy painting. It is God’s gift to me. So as a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior I choose to share the talents and passions I have both as a pastor and as member of the congregation. When I paint, it’s my volunteer time toward creating a working environment for the office staff that will promote both creativity and effectiveness. I do it so those who visit, volunteer, or work in it will feel welcome and at ease to work in a clean and “fresh” space.

That’s why this pastor paints, both at the church and in the parsonage (although my wife, Kate, adds another whole dimension to why I paint there). What are your “hidden” gifts and talents that bring a smile to your face when you use them? Some people like to scrapbook. How could that gift of creating memories of events and eras be translated to bulletin boards or historical display cases at the church? Some people have a passion for writing. Ever consider sharing your thoughts in the Messenger or maybe even an Advent or Lenten devotion booklet? Sunday School teachers don’t need to be biblical scholars. They mostly need to enjoy being with children and have the ability to share what they know in a way that children can understand and apply to their lives. Ushers are people who enjoy greeting new and familiar faces with a smile and like to help people feel comfortable. Somehow the parent or grandparent that enjoys reading to their children and grandchildren has the wonderful ability to make the stories of the Bible come to life when they read the lessons in worship.

So what are your gifts and talents you seem to enjoy the most? How might God use them in the ministry at Our Savior? Not quite sure? Give me a call. We can talk it over while I cut in and roll the walls near the copier next weekend.

HIPA HAMPERS PASTORAL “PRECOGNITION”

By Pastor Wayne

Despite the fact I turn 45 this month I feel I am too young to start using the phrase, “I remember when...” Yet, when it comes to visiting folks in the hospital I feel justified in saying, “I remember when a pastor was allowed access to the hospital census to see if anyone from the congregation was in the hospital who had yet to contact the church.” Thanks to HIPA, and I do mean “Thanks” as a person’s privacy is of vital importance in these times, the days of religious or general hospital census sheets are now over. If a pastor doesn’t know you’re in the hospital, the hospital will never take a peek at the patient list.

That means if you go to the hospital it is up to you, the patient, to either have family contact us, or even ask the hospital to do so. Believe it or not both Pr. Englehardt and I feel horrible when we find out a parishioner was in the hospital for a few days, but we don’t find out until they are discharged and have missed the opportunity to offer prayers and God’s word of hope for the hospitalized.

So the next time you go to the hospital, and you know you would like us to visit, please be sure to have your family contact the church. We’re in the telephone book if they don’t have a Messenger or Sunday Bulletin handy. If you’d rather we didn’t visit, we won’t be offended. That’s your right too. May God bless you all with great health this fall.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Focuses on Lutheran Heritage

On October 17 and 18 the seventh and eighth graders in the Confirmation Ministry at Our Savior will participate in the annual Fall Retreat. While the location has not yet been confirmed the group will stay at either Christ Church in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore, MD or a church in Allentown, PA. The focus of the retreat will be our Lutheran heritage with the most recent movie release of Martin Luther’s Reformation, *Luther*, providing the backdrop for discussion and conversation. Those attending will also have an opportunity to enjoy the local sights and sounds of the area and explore the Lutheran heritage and impact of those towns be it the Lutheran Center that houses Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services or the Lutheran college of Muhlenberg. Please pray for our confirmation youth, and especially Pastor Wayne and the parents, attending this retreat as they deepen their appreciation for our Lutheran roots and influence in the world as we know it today.

FINANCIAL & SENIOR ISSUES

1. Economic stimulus rebate Free assistance is available for the Economic Stimulus Rebate Filling! The deadline for filing for the Economic Stimulus Rebate **has been extended until October 15, 2008.**

The Division of Senior & Disabled Citizens Services is available for free filing assistance Monday through Friday in Collingswood, please call 1-877-222-3737 for an appointment.

2. Annual senior citizen health awareness fair The Camden County Board of Freeholders will sponsor the **Annual Senior Citizen Health Awareness Fair** on Wed., Oct. 15th from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Jack Curtis Stadium in Cooper River Park. The fair is the official kick-off of the Flu Shot Program. Living Will workshops, blood pressure, vision and even chair massages will be included. You can enjoy a day of free entertainment, bingo and door prizes. Vaccines and parking are plentiful!

A delicious boxed lunch will be provided. **You must have a ticket for the free lunch.** Please send your name, address and birth date (must be 60 years of age or older) for each individual requesting a lunch ticket to: Camden County Division of Senior & Disabled Citizens Services, Attn: LUNCH TICKETS, 700 Browning Road, Suite 11, W. Collingswood, NJ 08107. The deadline for mail-in registration is Wednesday, October 8th. If you have any questions, please contact the Senior & Disabled Services @ 1-800-955-2446.

FAMILY CAREGIVING CLASSES

Provided by Heart & Home Senior Care (based in Marlton) and in conjunction with the American Red Cross. There are 8 possibilities (including such topics as “ Home Safety; General Caregiving Skills; Assisting with Personal Care; Healthy Eating; Legal and Financial Issues; Caring for a Loved One with Dementia”);each class is an hour long, and consists of a video segment and informal discussion. Interested in them being offered here at Our Savior? Contact Kathy Simpkins or Pastor Englehardt

ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

NEXT DATE IS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, AT NOON

BINGO PINOCHLE BRIDGE ~

COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

BEST OF ALL . . . It's FREE!

RSVP: BETTY KEENE ,
OR ELEANOR GAINES

Lutheran Home Auxiliary

Country Western Barbecue

Saturday, October 11, 2008

"Join Us in Great Eating"

Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, String Beans

Cole Slaw, Rolls, & Homemade Cake

Music by One Way Express

Tickets \$12, Residents & Children \$5

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

For Tickets please call

Joan Candia

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Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Betsy Kuehn, Jane Evans
Counters: Julie Schroder, Betty Woltz, Kathy Simpkins

October 5

Coffee Hour: Adult Choir
Readers: 8-Arlene Stolarick **10:30-**Mike Fallon
Communion Assistants: **10:30-**Bill Cowan, Dale Kredatus
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **10:30-**Glen Martin, Bobbi Newsham
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Brie Zschech, Samantha Prespsel
1030-Emily Donovan, Alison & Brian Gensel, Bobby Jelonek, Sarah Swan

October 12

Coffee Hour: Youth Mission Trip
Readers: 8-J. Wentzel **10:30-** P. Larro
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **10:30-**Glen Martin, Bobbi Newsham
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Alez Fabian, Joseph Kiernan
10-Mike & Dan Wolf, Carri Killian, Shelby Cain, Robby Reiter

October 19

Coffee Hour: Memorial Gifts
Readers: 8-Alan Super **10:30-**Colleen Gross
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **10:30-**Glen Martin, Bobbi Newsham
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Daniel & Michael Wolf
10-Jon Mancini, Nicole Fallon, Luisa Mascalans, Kyle Carpenter

October 26

Coffee Hour: Evangelism Committee
Readers: 8-J. Oakes **10:30-**G. Martin
Ushers: 8-John & Laura Oakes **10:30-**Glen Martin, Bobbi Newsham
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Daniel & Michael Wolf
10-Sarah Barrett, Karen Graber, Andrew Vitale, Sam Lyons



MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

Lots of things are going on in the Music department of LCOS! All our choirs are fired up and ready to go. That means 3 Bell Choirs for 3 different age groups....Children, Youth and Adults, and 3 Singing Choirs for those same age groups. Anyone with little beginners can still join Miss Linda’s Cherub Choir. Now is a great time to start praising the Lord with a joyful sound!
Also, the Adult Choir will be presenting Joseph Haydn’s very beautiful Paukenmesse which, translated, means Mass in time of War.



OCTOBER

Wed 1 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Chior: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs 2 Working Arm, 9:30 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sun 5 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections, 9:15 AM**
New Member Class, 9:15 PM
Confirmation Class, 6 PM
Mon 6 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues 7 Social Ministry, 7 PM
Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
Wed 8 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs 9 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Wedding Rehearsal, 6 PM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Fri 10 Frank Wedding, 5:30 PM
Sun 12 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections, 9:15 AM**
New Member Class, 9:15 AM
Confirmation Class, 6 PM
Mon 13 Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues 14 Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed 15 Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM, Cherub 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs 16 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Fri 17 Confirmation Retreat
Sun 19 **Worship 8 & 10:30, Reflections 9:15 AM**
New Member Class, 9:15 PM
1st Bibles Class, 6 PM
Mon 20 Faith Circle, 12 PM
Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Wed 22 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM
Children's Church, 7 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs 23 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
Sat 25 LCOS Youth & Hfld Fire Co Fair, 9 AM-3 PM
Sun 26 **Worship 8 & 10:30, Reflections 9:15 AM**
New Members Received
Bibles presented (10:30 AM)
Mon 27 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues 28 Senior Game Day, 12 PM
Wed 29 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
Thurs 30 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM

NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP/EDUCATION FORMAT IN THE WORKS

It all started with an attempt to address the question, “What are we going to do about the 9:15 service?” Granted, attendance has dropped significantly over the years to the point where if the Youth or Children’s Choir is not singing there are only about 10-14 people in the pews. Is this a good use of church resources? At the same time there were other issues. With Sunday Church School at 10:30 and concurrent with worship the children of Our Savior lacked an opportunity to learn how we worship until they were in confirmation except for summer months, teachers were difficult to recruit as many did not want to sacrifice worship for teaching, and many parents were challenged to have their children attend SCS and make it to Sunday morning sporting events on time. Add to this there was no time on Sunday morning to provide parents with worthwhile opportunities to discuss how to deal with the issues of parenting and life from the perspective of faith and one can easily see a more viable option was needed.
Over the summer the pastors and leadership staff drafted a proposal for discussion among members of the Christian Education and Worship & Music Committees as well as faithful attendees of the 9:15 worship. The main thrust of the proposal was to move Sunday Church School to 9:15 and ending by 10:00 to address the teacher shortage and time constraint issues raised by Christian Education and parents, as well as provide an realistic opportunity for parents and other adults to engage in discussions of faith and life relevant to their experience. The 9:15 worship would be changed to the Reflections Worship held in the chancel (as it currently is), and could be an option for parents who did not wish to either participate in the discussions or coffee fellowship time in the Parish Hall. The 10:30 worship would now be the time when all choirs would be scheduled to sing, although only the Adult Choir would sing every week. So that parents may be able to focus on the Word portion of worship where lessons are read, sermon preached, Creed confessed, Hymn of the Day sung and Prayers offered without distraction from children too young for such focused attention a “Children’s Worship” would be offered in the Parish Hall. Similar to the current practice, children in the third grade and younger would be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day to the Parish Hall where the pastor who is not preaching that day would lead the children in a reading of the lesson and message that might also include singing and an activity. The children would return to their parents at the presentation of the offering for either the Prayers and dismissal on non-Holy Communion Sundays or a blessing at the rail when Holy Communion is offered.
Please be aware this change has not yet been set in stone. While the initial response of parents who have been made aware of the possible change has been in favor of the new format it is important the leadership of the congregation know what other concerns parents and members may have. Ironically, this format is not much different from the one in place at Our Savior back in 1993 that slowly evolved into the current format. This proposal attempts to address the ministry concerns and objectives of Our Savior as effectively as possible while simultaneously taking into consideration the Sunday morning challenges and worship practices of the people who make up this faith community of Our Savior. Please be sure to share any thoughts you may have with either Pastors Wayne Zschech or Glenn Englehardt, Christian Education chair Deb MacBride or SCS Superintendent Bonnie Richards, or Worship and Music Committee member Rich Amme, whose contact information is in this Messenger.

NEW WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP GROUP STARTS UP OCT 24
By Kate Zschech

Another meeting? No, not exactly. But if you are looking for way to get to know other women more personally from Our Savior this may be the outing for you! It’s a model for a women’s fellowship group that I participated in at a previous church that provided an opportunity for fun and fellowship among women of various ages in their homes that was just my speed. Maybe it will be yours too. The rules are simple.
1. We have no agenda, responsibility, or specific direction other than to get together with other women of the congregation and guests for fellowship and mutual support.
2. Since having fun is not always a woman’s top priority in life we also might periodically sponsor fellowship events for the congregation wherein the proceeds can go toward ministry outreach projects already in place, but there will be no long term project to add to our busy list of responsibilities.
3. In order to reduce the stress most women inevitably have when hosting or attending a gathering here are some “rules of engagement”. Since Martha Stewart will likely not be attending these fellowship gatherings women are free to come as you are; be it in sweats, jeans or business suits if that makes you feel comfortable. Hosts are not to fret over about special cleaning or food preparation as if we were hosting a Christmas party. We commit simply to gathering casually, with the host providing beverages and women wishing to eat to bring enough for others as we share the wonders of our days.
I remember this group having both great discussions and finding support during very difficult times for many of us. This group was how I came to know the women and their families in the congregation and hope it will provide the same opportunity here. When I shared the idea with Connie Wolf she expressed her feeling of “What now” in the church. With her children no longer in Sunday school and one almost confirmed the normal opportunities to meet other women in the church were fading. Combine this with a schedule that can’t take another responsibility in her life she wondered, “How do I connect with others in the church community?” After sharing my experience with her she said, “Let’s do it!”
So this is an invitation to women in the Our Savior community to come share with us on Friday October 24th from 8:00-9:30 at the home of Connie Wolf, 310 Portsmouth Rd in Cherry Hill. We’ll meet to explore what shape this kind of fellowship may look like over time. The gathering time is later so those who want to get home and have a chance to be with their families at the end of the week can do so, but we will end relatively early for a Friday night because many have to get up early with their responsibilities on Saturday. If you are either interested in attending on October 24th, or cannot attend but are interested in this type of fellowship please contact us directly. We’ll be sure to provide you an update on the next opportunity to get together for Our Savior’s Women Friday Fellowship Gatherings.

COLLEGE NOTES

Where did the summer go?

It’s already that time of year when we send our children back to school. Some in our church family have sent their children off to college or to serve in the armed forces. The Social Ministry Committee will be sending care packages to your college student or those serving in the armed forces. For 3 weeks in October boxes will be in the narthex for families to fill with goodies and return to the church. The Social Ministry Committee will then mail them to our college students and those in the armed forces. We want our students to know that we are thinking about them and that when they come home we hope to see them in church for a visit. Anyone with a student in college or the armed forces is urged to send that address to Eva Shaw. Thank you in advance for all your help.

CROP WALK

Sun., Oct. 26 at 2 PM

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

“Because they walk, we walk.” That’s the theme of the C.R.O.P. Walk sponsored Church World Services and hosted each year by the Haddonfield Council of Churches. It is also a tradition of our congregation to have the confirmation class and any others who wish to walk participate in this awareness and service event. Of the proceeds collected, 25% will go toward a local hunger outreach program designated by the HCC. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to collect donation sponsors prior to the event or simply bring \$20 to the event that day. All walkers will gather at the “new (?)” gazebo at King’s Court in downtown Haddonfield by 2:00. The 10K walk usually takes 2 to 2.5 hours depending on your speed. Our Savior will once again be the first rest stop and will need volunteers to host the food and beverage tables. Please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLED

Sunday Church School began on Rally Sunday with the following dedicated staff: 3 year olds - Bonnie Richards, 4 year olds – Stacy Shaw, Kindergarten – Jeanette Jelonek, 1st grade – Valerie Brown, 2nd grade – Eileen Howley, 3/4 grades – Kimberly Anderson, 5/6 grades – Kathy Wright. And subs and helpers: Eva Shaw, Lisa Quanci, and Julia Gross. Thanks to each of them for their commitment to this valuable learning process.

Please note that our Sunday School Superintendent is teaching and that Grades 3 and 4 are combined (making for a large class). Neither of these is an ideal situation! If you are able to sub or help out, even on an every-so-often basis, contact Sunday School Superintendent Bonnie Richards.

ON THE YOUTH GROUP 2008-09 CALENDAR:

The meetings on October 12th & 26th are from 7:00- 8:30 PM. The discuss topics will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

The youth committee will be meeting on Oct.12th directly following the 10:30 AM service in the youth room. Anyone interested in joining, please come out and see what is happening with our youth and where you could be a valuable asset.

The youth group will be selling food at the The Haddonfield Ladies Auxilliary Vendors Day on Oct 25th at Our Savior. Please come out and support both groups. The proceeds go to a great cause!!

YOUTH GROUP FLOWER SALE

The Youth Group is fundraising for their youth events this year starting with a Brecks-Fundraising with Flower Sale. They will be taking orders after church each Sunday until Oct 12. Please stop by and place an order for bulbs that will insure your garden will be the envy of the block when spring comes into bloom.

Brecks of Holland guarantees 100% satisfaction with their product. They will provide a mdse. credit or replace any item if you're not happy with it. Please keep all paperwork. The bulbs and plants will be delivered right to your door at the right time for planting for \$3 per order. The size, beauty, and health of the high quality bulbs, that are perfectly packaged, come complete with easy-to-understand planting instructions.

VENDOR CRAFT SHOW

October 25, 11 AM - 3 PM

Youth & the Ladies Auxiliary of Haddonfield Fire Co. #1 will be hosting a vendors and craft show,October 25th from 11 AM to 3 PM. This is a perfect time to start your Christmas shopping. Vendors will include, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Longaberger Baskets, Tastefully Simple, Avon, Southern Living, pocketbooks by Liza Quanzi, crafts by Stacey Shaw, homemade jewelry, dried flowers, woodcraft toys, homemade Dove chocolates just to name a few. Lunch and a bake sale will be sold by the youth group. Anyone interested in participating in the show can just call Eva Shaw.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

Pack-A-Sack- Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the Pack-A-Sack collection. 23 backpacks were filled with school supplies. The supplies were distributed to homeless children in grades pre-k thru 5th grade in South Jersey through the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC). Collection boxes will be available in Sunday School classrooms throughout this coming Sunday School year to begin collecting for next year. A different item will be collected each month. We plan to fill backpacks again next August.

My Father’s House - Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls at My Father’s House. Meals have been scheduled thru the end of the year. Contact Jan Amme or Maureen Bell if interested in preparing a meal.

Pantry Needs - Help is needed to pack and deliver food for our Pantry families. We currently serve 11 families. Sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Contact Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman.

Upcoming activities:

LCOS Care Packages (Eva Shaw) – Attention parents of college students!! We plan to send out care packages to LCOS college students & military personnel in early November, also in late winter. Please send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw.

Holiday Food Drive – Donation envelopes and bags will 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 will be in the Narthex beginning 11/23, also 11/30, 12/7. The deadline to return gifts is 12/14, as committee members will be organizing gifts in Parish Hall.

Meeting dates: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Fall meeting dates are 10/7, 11/4, and 12/2. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact me.

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 \$800. Please make checks payable to LCOS, indicate it is for Holiday Food Drive.

Bags will be available beginning Sun., Nov. 2. Please return bags by Nov. 23. They will be delivered Mon., Nov. 24.

Also, a coupon box will be available on the table under the announcement board inside the Wayne Avenue entrance outside the kitchen 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.

Thanks to the following people for helping with the panty in September:**Charlie Coleman, Danielle Deery, Pat Reiter & family, and Seniors and other congregation members** for donating canned goods.

A special thanks to **Molly Smith** who will be retiring as our Pantry Deliverer.

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

Messenger helpers: **Arlene Berger, 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
SFC Donald Brandinelli, serving in Iraq,
Colonel Richard Howley, serving in Iraq,
PFC Jonathan Keck, serving in Iraq,
Michael Miano, stationed in Nepal.

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



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

You Can Make A Difference At LCOS

Now that the Summer of ’08 is history and most of us return to more normal daily routines, many of the ministries and groups at Our Savior also return.

With the return of those opportunities for us and our children return our responsibilities to make them bigger, better and more fulfilling. What responsibility would you like to accept this year? Consider:

Ushers: You meet and greet parishioners before worship, and distribute bulletins. You choose what service and how often. After the service, you pick up bulletins left behind, and assist the Pastors whenever needed. *Contact Eric Woltz or call the church office.*

Counters: After the last worship service, counters calculate offerings in envelopes and free-will offerings. The more counters available, the faster the job gets done. *Contact Dale Kredatus or call the church office.*

Acolytes: Youth assistants for worship, acolytes can be scheduled for any service for which they are available. You light the candles, assist with communion, take the offering and extinguish the candles. Also needed is an adult acolyte supervisor to schedule acolytes each week. *Call the church office.*

Post-communion assistants: After Communion (first Sunday of each month), help wash Communion glasses. *Contact Betsy Kuehn or call the church office.*

Food pantry: You help solicit foods for the needy, or shop for needs with donation funds. Also, you help pack and deliver food packages. *Contact Nancy Gulick or call the church office.*

My Father’s House: You help solicit complete prepared meals for 14 girls each week who attend mandatory substance abuse counseling at the Gloucester City facility. *Contact Jan Amme or Maureen Bell or call the church office.*

Social Ministry: You can be involved in one or all of the many activities, including College Care Packages, Holiday Food Drive, Advent Giving Tree and any new ideas YOU might suggest. *Contact Betsy Kuehn or call the church office.*

Communications Committee: Helping prepare the Messenger, produce the weekly Bulletin, organize bulletin boards, distribute church news to the outside media and maintaining the web site. *Contact Dave Wycbe or call the church office.*

Sunday Church School: You can serve as a teacher, a teacher’s assistant or a substitute teacher for 3-year-olds through sixth grade. *Contact Bonnie Richards or Deb MacBride or call the church office.*

Church Property: There are always odd jobs and repairs to be done around the church. This is an opportunity to share your time and your skills for the good of LCOS. *Contact Brian Bell or call the church office.*

Choirs: There are singing choirs for Adult, Youth, Children and Cherub, and handbell choirs for Adult, Youth and Children. Any and all participation in raising music in the glory of God’s name are welcome. Practice is normally one time a week. No experience or certain skill level necessary. *Contact Pat Green or call the church office.*

We are truly blessed with a generous, committed and talented congregation. Please consider being active in the ministries at Our Savior, volunteering as much or as little of your time as you are willing to sacrifice in serving the Lord.

While all of us feel “stretched” for time in our daily lives, we are confident that if you at least try being involved in your church. We promise you will feel your efforts are worth it.

The Labyrinth: A Personal Journey

October 27 – November 4

The labyrinth, an ancient symbol of transformation and renewal, is a meditative, multimedia walk with activities along the way that help you to focus on your own personal spiritual journey.

The CD-guided walk takes about one hour. Meditations, background music and instructions are on a CD, which you listen to on headphones while carrying a personal CD player provided by the Labyrinth Team.

The modern labyrinth in **The Labyrinth: A Personal Journey** has roots that stretch back thousands of years. Labyrinth designs are found all around the world in many cultures and civilizations. They are found carved into rock, mosaics, manuscripts, hedges and cathedral pavements.

The Romans adapted the ancient labyrinth symbol as a decorative floor pattern, and Christian artists of early medieval times developed the Roman pattern into a new and beautiful form, which was used as a feature in many medieval cathedrals, the most famous of these is the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in northern France.

Medieval pilgrims walked labyrinths on the eve of their baptism or confirmation, *as an aid to contemplative prayer during Holy Week*, and as an illustration of the life of Christ.

In recent years, labyrinths have reemerged as a Christian spiritual tool, thanks in large part to the popularity of the labyrinths at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Labyrinths can be found in many churches, hospitals and wellness centers, where they are appreciated for their meditative, healing power.

Tai Chi Continues On Wednesdays from 4–5 PM

This ancient art, led by Martial Arts Instructor Jack Poupard, meets in the Parish Hall. Come and observe, then learn the simple to master yet effective movements of this valuable exercise program. We are also considering again the possibility of a class at night (Friday or Thursday at 7 PM); talk to Pastor Englehardt if interested.

First Annual “All Saints Memorial Concert”

Features Haydn on November 2

All Saints Sunday is the day the Church remembers all the baptized saints who have died and gone before us in the faith. This year, the Adult Chancel Choir of the Lutheran Church of our Savior will provide an “All Saints Memorial Concert” featuring Haydn’s Paukenmesse beginning at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. What will make this concert unique, and hopefully an annual event, is the funds needed to provide additional musicians for the performance will be made possible by gifts given in memory of loved ones from of Our Savior that are currently in the Unrestricted Memorial Gift Fund. A listing of the “saints” from Our Savior will be on the program and publicity but has not been finalized at this time. This will especially provide an opportunity for all those for whom gifts have been given in memory of to be put toward a worthwhile ministry that gives glory to God.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful night of memory and music.

Faces of LCOS - Bonnie Richards

Architect of Sunday Church School

Bonnie Richards’ vocation is construction. Her passion is children. For the Township of Haddon, Bonnie is a technical assistant in the Construction Office as well as an administrative assistant for Planning and Zoning in the township. For the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, she is Superintendent of Sunday Church School.

“Bonnie is very dedicated to providing a vibrant educational experience for our Sunday Church School,” Pastor Wayne Zschech said. “That passion is clearly conveyed to her children. Two of them serve as Sunday Church School teachers.”

Kim Anderson, who also serves on Our Savior’s Church Council, and sister Valerie Brown both teach Sunday Church School, which began a new year on September 7th. Sunday Church School is for 3-year-olds through sixth grade.

“I was born and raised in Haddonfield,” Bonnie said. “My parents belonged to the Presbyterian Church. My husband Donald is a Lutheran, and he attended Martin Luther Chapel in Pennsauken. We were married there. “I was involved at Martin Luther – I taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.”

The Richards now live in the nearby Westmont section of Haddon Township, but 10 years ago they joined Our Savior in Bonnie’s hometown. “I used to work for a preschool and taught for years,” she said. “I took early childhood courses at Camden County College. Pastor Dunkle called me one day and asked me to be Superintendent of Sunday Church School, and I said yes right away.” As Superintendent, her responsibilities include making sure there are adequate supplies, keeping the classrooms updated with hands-on learning materials, organizing the programs, making sure the daily attendance is turned in, and supporting the teachers. In the summer, she evaluates the curriculum books and then gets together with the teachers and pastors to order them. “We have used the Hands On Bible curriculum the last two years – everything is right there in black and white, a nice, easy, hands-on curriculum,” Bonnie said. Not everything is easy for Bonnie. “The hardest thing is getting the volunteer teachers,” she said. “That remains the biggest challenge. “We set goals, and the biggest goal is keeping rolls up and getting more children involved. The biggest challenge in that is sporting events that occur on Sundays. We currently are considering trying to form a committee with all the churches in the area to write to the town recreation councils and asking them not to start games in the morning so the kids can attend church.” Bonnie said attendance has peaks and valleys throughout the year but the number of children in each grade remains pretty balanced. Being Superintendent of Sunday Church School is a demanding responsibility for someone with a full-time job, but Bonnie still manages to find time to serve on the LCOS Youth Committee, belong to the Westmont Lions, work part-time as a receptionist for a doctor, and do some painting and scrapbooking. Regardless of the challenges associated with Sunday Church School, there is no hesitation in Bonnie’s voice when asked about the rewards. “The last couple years, I have helped in writing the Christmas programs,” she said. “It is great when the kids come up and want to give me a big goodbye hug and they say, ‘See you next week.’ “And when they repeat Bible stories. . . kids say the darndest things. It is always neat when they want to come back each year. That is the biggest reward – when they come back. And I just love kids.”

And the kids at Our Savior have learned to love Bonnie Richards back.



INSIDE ISLAM

A focused fellowship class on Sundays in November from 9:15 – 10:00 AM, meeting in Room 112. A visual look (via DVD) at this major world religion, with discussion led by Pastor Englehardt, whose oldest daughter Krista and her husband Malik are both Muslim. The name Islam comes from the word for peace, yet to many Westerners it is synonymous with terror. Help to lift the veil of mystery surrounding this misunderstood faith. Trace its roots back to the Old Testament and discover how the Five Pillars, the religion’s central tenets, helped spread Islam around the world. Find out what the Qu’Ran says about war, violence, and suicide, and how these words have been co-opted by extremists. Hear from experts who debate the challenges facing Islam today, including a crisis of authority and deep division among many sects.

~Pastor Englehardt

REFLECTIONS WORSHIP GOES PAPERLESS!

In an effort to see how a “paperless” or “hands free” worship might be received by the congregation the Reflections Worship at 9:15 has been led exclusively by Power Point slides rather than a bulletin or songbook. There are songbooks with the various songs that are to be sung provided for those who value have the notes to the music available, but many find the slides with each verse an easy transition for group singing. Having the slides provides the questions for the congregation to reflect and share with those around them has also been helpful to those attending.

Looking for a different kind of worship that combines all the elements of worship with an opportunity to share your faith with your brothers and sisters in the Christian faith? Why not try attending the Reflections Worship at 9:15 on Sundays in the choir area of the church chancel? If the group gets too large, we can always gather in the nave where there is plenty of seating. Just don’t sit in your favorite back pew please. You won’t be able to see the screen.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Monica Ebbenga 9 AM - 2 PM

Cindy Randall 12 - 5 PM

One calling the church office between these hours can generally expect to reach a church staff person to talk to.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Romans

Bible Study on Romans continues in October

Even if you missed the first week or two (Sept. 22 and 29), join us on Monday nights at 7:30 PM or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM for about an hour and a half each week in Room 112; each week’s text from Romans stands on its on and raises challenging questions for discussion, such as “ When had your own faith seemed foolish to you or to others? Why did you persist in trusting God? Who helped you in that process? What areas in your life have revealed God’s power to bring life from death?” Join us any week in October (except the week of October 13 when Pastor Englehardt will be visiting his now retired brother in Vermont).

COUNTERING PHARAOH’S PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION SOCIETY TODAY

Focused Fellowship Oct 12 – Nov 9

Countering Pharaoh shows how all of God’s people – from Israelites fleeing Pharaoh’s Egypt and slavery to today’s Christians battling consumerism – struggle with the temptation to hang onto the status quo and the things that enslave us rather than step out of our comfort zone and claim God’s promise of freedom from sin and bondage.

Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parlor: October 12, 19, 26, November 2, and 9.

For more information, contact Monica Ebbenga, 429-5122.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Join us this Fall!

If you have not yet experienced this fun and meaningful worship experience for young children (through age 6 or 7), now is the time! So grab your pencil and your calendar and reserve these dates:

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00-7:30PM

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00-7:30PM

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00-7:30PM

We hope to see you soon!

STAMBAUGH MEMORIAL GIFTS

PROVIDE GOD’S WORD IN THE PEWS

Dr. John E. Stambaugh Jr., MD, PhD was a Christian who knew of the importance of God’s word in the life of a disciple. It was the rock one stood on. It was the rod and staff one’s faith clings to when walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Before his untimely death, John wanted to make sure that anyone attending worship at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior had access to God’s word, even if just in worship. It was his wish and desire that donations given in memory of him after his death be used to purchase pew edition bibles for each of the pews in the church and beyond.

It is only appropriate, then, that on Reformation Sunday the congregation of Our Savior dedicate the pew edition bibles purchased in memory of Dr. John Stambaugh so that all may have access to God’s holy Word. How timely given the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s introduction of the Book of Faith Initiative begins this fall and will continue for the next five years in an effort to get more Lutherans reading their bibles and studying God’s word. Thank you John and Stambaugh family for your generous and meaningful gift in the life those who worship at Our Savior.

MEMORIAL GIFTS FUND

Affords Three to Attend National Youth Workers Convention

Due to the effective and fruitful management of the funds over the years by the Memorial Gifts Fund Board, as well as the ongoing generosity of members at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, the Board was able to approve in its 2008 budget the use of \$1,535 for at least two youth advisors to attend the National Youth Workers Convention this year. The east coast location for the NYWC is in Pittsburgh, held from October 31 to November 3, and Pr. Wayne Zschech, Kim Anderson, and Hans Underwood will be attending a large portion of the event due this funding.

The Convention provides youth workers and pastors the opportunity to develop their youth ministry skills along with deepening their own faith in Christ so they may be recharged to share it with the youth with whom they minister. Pastor Wayne has attended three NYWC events in the past and has said, “If there was one event I would send a youth advisor to gain a deeper and better understanding of what is involved in effective youth ministry this would be it!” Pastor Wayne also hopes the speakers, musicians, and seminars offered will inspire and motivate them to further the work already begun this year in enhancing and focusing the youth ministry at Our Savior to focus on faith formation, nurturing personal and spiritual relationships through fellowship, and serving the needs of other through outreach and service events. Special thanks is offered for the bequests and gifts given in memory of those who have gone before us in the faith at Our Savior that are making this advance in youth ministry possible.

TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

by Jack Berrigan

In the context of a sluggish economy, we continue to be blessed by the generosity of our Congregation. In August income was \$30,050. Income for the year to date is \$303,389 which is keeps us on track to meet our budget of \$490,069.

There is also good news on the expense side of our budget. Even though we have made early contributions of \$25,000 (about 50% of our annual commitment) to the Synod to help Mission Support cope with catastrophic events around the world, expenses are almost \$5,000 under budget at the end of August.

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

MESF AWARDEES

Megan Fryling and Gary Woodruff

The Memorial Gift Board is pleased to announce the award of two \$750 scholarships to two first year students at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia this fall semester from the Clark-Hartmann Ministerial Education Scholarship Fund (MESF). The corpus of the fund was established by the donation of Henry and Nancy Clark to provide scholarships for those in the congregation attending seminary to become ministers of the Church. The fund was enhanced by funds given in memory of Joseph Hartmann who also had suggested the creation of such a fund. Due to additional giving over the years and fruitful management the MESF is now at a point where two \$750 scholarships can be awarded each year and insure growth to the Fund.

While the MSEF was originally intended for members of Our Savior to use for seminary education, the Memorial Gifts Board agreed last year that the funds need to be made available yearly to those who are in seminary, especially since seminarian debt is one of the biggest concerns for students graduating from seminary. Rather than have the Board determine to whom the scholarship should be awarded, they agreed in their May 2008 meeting to leave that determination to the seminary who will know better who has the greatest financial need.

The Board looks forward to having seminarians Megan Fryling and Gary Woodruff join the congregation for worship some time this fall so they may have a face with the name as well as inspire others to consider a call to ordained ministry.