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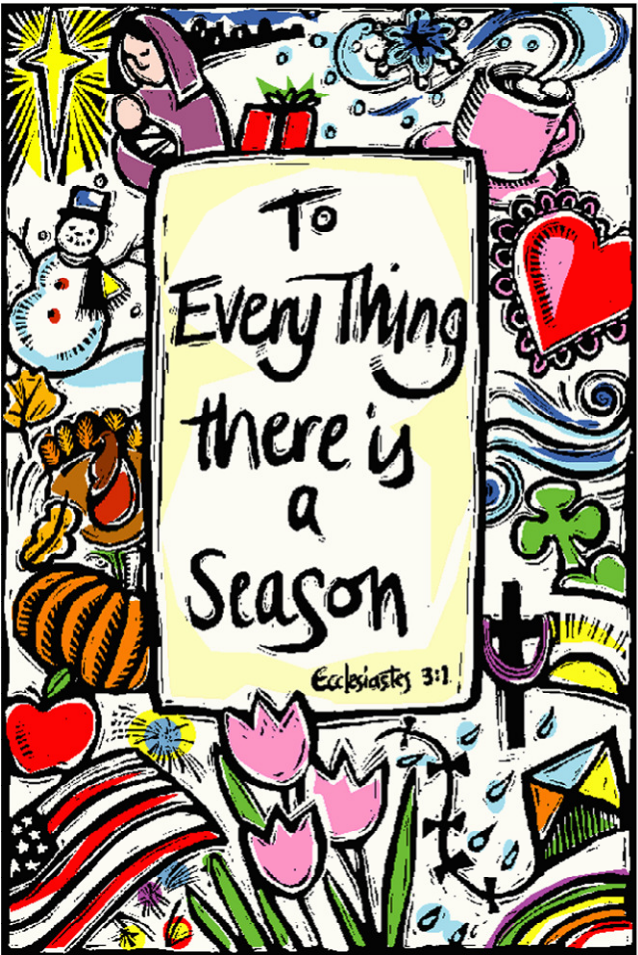
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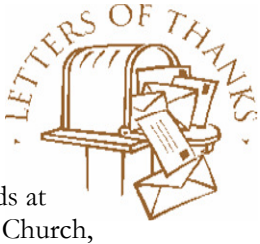
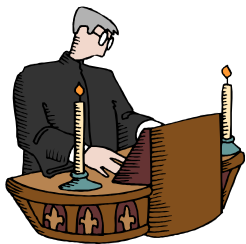
**Ten Youth to Receive
First Holy Communion at
Maundy Thursday Worship**

On Thursday, April 1, thirteen sixth grade youth will receive their first Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship as the congregation remembers and celebrates Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper. The youth and one or both of their parents participated in a five week instruction period on the sacrament of "The Meal" on Wednesday nights in Lent, except for the make-up class held on a Saturday night for the classes Pastor Wayne had to cancel due to a family emergency that took him out of town. During that time they learned the Eucharist is a meal of thanksgiving, remembrance, receiving God's love and forgiveness with a physical element attached to make it more meaningful, and an expression of the community God's people have through their baptism.

The youth who will receive their first Holy Communion this year are Jonathan Baxter, Anthony Buonpastore, Haley Dietrich, Christian Gross, Zachary Hugo, Gabriella Pietrangelo, Tanner Roncace, Gavin and Kyla Schmeck, Jonathan Standke (on Easter), Tyler Stauss, Cara Stine, and Madison Trout. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their period of instruction and reflect on the gift of grace that Holy Communion is to all who are baptized and believe in Christ.



*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.*



Dear Friends at
Our Savior Church,

I received a gift box from the church recently that my room-mates and I enjoyed. Than you for thinking of me at Loyola.

Nick Miano

**Thanks for Your Prayers on
Rudy Zschech's Behalf**

Many thanks to all of you who offered your thoughts and prayers on my father, Rudy Zschech's, behalf after his stroke while vacationing in Florida. They were certainly felt as he worked in the rehab center recovering from the effects of the incident, and as he now continues here in NJ. I also wish to extend my thanks to the Congregation Council for their support and leadership during my absence, to Pastor Englehardt for holding down the "fort" at Our Savior during a busy time for him as Vice Pastor at Holy Trinity in Maple Shade, and finally to the staff for their diligence and patience with my calling and emailing every day to make sure things ran as smoothly as possible.

I especially want to thank Bill Cowan, Property Chair, and Linda Harrington for their support to my wife, Kate, and daughter, Brie, on the night when the parsonage furnace malfunctioned causing the house to fill with sooty smoke from the basement. Your presence, assistance and support in taking care of their needs at 2 AM was and is most appreciated. Thanks to you both for being the kind of people I can rely on to care for my family when I am unavailable.

Pastor Wayne

"Ambassadors of Christ"

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Last month I received a phone call no son or daughter wants to hear. My dad had suffered a major stroke while on vacation in Orlando. Within a few days my sister and I traveled down to assist our stepmother in caring for our father and insuring we all returned home safely after Dad went through two weeks of rehab. During my time there I was struck by two images of Christians the world perceives.

The first was the image of Christians described by various people Dan Kimball interviewed for his book, *They Like Jesus But Not the Church*. A coffee house worker in Dallas said he hated to work on Sundays because, "that's when the Christians come in." Apparently there is a church nearby and the Christians all flood in on Sundays. "The employees hate working that day because the Christians complain more than other people do, have poor attitudes, make more of a fuss and are particular about things, and don't tip." (97) This is how some Christians are known in our culture today.

But "Fast Eddie" Soistman provides a completely different image of what a Christian is like as an ambassador of Christ and his church. Eddie is 90 years old. He's an Associate in Ministry at St. John Lutheran Church in Orlando. And since he retired from Lockheed Martin in 1975, Fast Eddie can be found at Disneyworld everyday. When Disneyworld first opened it was Eddie who provided the hotel ministry to their patrons, first off-site and then in the Polynesian Hotel. He's led over 220 worship services so far and still does on Christmas and Easter.

I knew Eddie from a friend who used to live and work at St. John, so when my dad went into the hospital I called and asked Eddie to visit. He was there the Sunday after Dad's stroke, despite having a bit of a cold himself. He prayed with us in the most genuine and non-stuffy way. He gave my dad a cross to wear as a gift from the church. And before leaving he encouraged my sister and I to be his guests at Disneyworld one day while we were in town if time allowed. It did, and we met Eddie at Epcot.

Eddie shared how much he enjoys coming to the parks and seeing all the happy people. He volunteers to take family photos for people as he walks by them. And if you talk with him long enough, he's likely to pass you a booklet he's made up with a picture of him wearing a shirt that expresses his very way of life, TO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED, with a \$2 bill, the Small Catechism, his favorite memorized Bible verses, and the words to Jesus Loves Me and What A Friend We Have in Jesus all inside.

To meet and talk with Eddie is to experience someone who lives his life joyfully and abundantly. His enthusiasm is infectious. You want to have whatever it is that gives this 90 year old man such energy and positive energy. If you ask him, his answer is always the same. "It is my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit who lives within me."

I don't think if "Fast" Eddie walked into that coffeehouse in Dallas the employees would have the same opinion of the church for very long. As I think about the way I live my life, I pray my words and actions bear witness to the joy and abundant life Christ has blessed me with in the waters of Baptism, his Word, and the meal at our Lord's Table. Are you "To Blessed to Be Stressed?" Are you "To Equipped to Be Whipped?" If so, then, may we be as faithful ambassadors of Christ and his Church as "Fast" Eddie and all the saints who have gone before us in the faith. Blessings in Easter.

Grief Support:

HOPE (Helping Other People Evolve)

A 10 week structured, non-sectarian, education and support program for recently widowed men and women of all ages, is now accepting registrations for the spring session beginning the 1st week of April.

There are local meeting places; please contact the HOPE office 856-234-2200 or toll free 1-888-920-2201 or online www.hopesnj.org.

HOPE has been helping widows and widowers since 1979 thru this well respected program.

Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

NEXT DATE IS:

Tuesday, April 27th

at noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge ~

Come out and Have Fun!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

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

RSVP: Betty Keene

or Eleanor Gaines



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MemberConnection: A monthly article highlighting the many features and benefits of our online community website
This month: Add your family picture and join our online Easter egg hunt!
by Monica Ebbenga

Last month, I talked about how to log in to MemberConnect and gave a quick overview of some of the things you can see on the main page. This month, I want to highlight the “Members” and “Families” sections of the website. I think one of the best features of MemberConnect is the ability for YOU to enter your most up-to-date contact information and even add a family picture to your entry! This is the best way for all of our members to stay in contact with one another. Rather than having to dig out the most recent pictorial directory and look up an address or phone number (that may be outdated by now), simply log in and find the most current information right online.

To look up someone on MemberConnect, click on either “Members” or “Families” under the main menu on the home page. You’ll see a list of all LCOS members along with addresses and phone numbers. To get more detailed information on a member, simply click on their name on the list. This becomes a really great resource when members who have a change in address or phone number or other information log in and update their information themselves. The church office will automatically receive notification of your updated information so that we can update our records, too! It’s a very convenient way to stay updated.

You can even add your own individual or family photo to your page! I would love to have all of our families upload their photos on MemberConnect. It’s a great way strengthen a connection with that acquaintance you just met last Sunday or perhaps find out which kid goes with which family in the cherub choir. To update your personal information, select “Members” from the main page, then click on your name within the list, and when your details come up on the page, you’ll see a button called “edit” in the upper left portion just above your name. Click “edit”, then make your changes as needed and save before leaving that page. Your photo can be added at the bottom of the edit page. Under “photo” select “browse”, then choose your photo file from your computer and it will upload to MemberConnect. Easy!

As always, if you need any assistance logging in to MemberConnect, I am very happy to help. Just give a call to the church office or send an email to me at highlysung@verizon.net.

MemberConnect Easter Egg Hunt! Join the fun! I am going to hide a number of Easter eggs all around our MemberConnect site on Easter Monday, April 5th. The first person or family to upload their family photo AND find all the hidden Easter eggs will win a movie theater gift card from me! Once you have uploaded your photo, email me at highlysung@verizon.net to tell me how many eggs you found and where you found them.



Fellowship Together

Wine Tasting-“Kurt” is Coming!

Our Annual Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 7:00 PM. Lisa Quanci will host at 305 Mt. Vernon Ave. in Haddonfield. Cost is \$15 per person. Kurt, our wine expert, is fun and informative. If you couldn't make the first date, join us now! A great evening of fellowship and fabulous wines!!! Bring a snack or dessert to share.



Mother/Daughter Luncheon “Shoes, Shoes, Dancing Shoes”

Wear, or bring your Favorite Shoes to our Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon. It promises to be a great time as we have a Zumba Dancer coming!!! It will be held on Saturday, April 17th (yes, same day as Wine Tasting) at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, March 28th-see Caryl Wallace or the Church Office

Cost is \$8/adults, and \$5/girls 10 and under. This is always a wonderful afternoon-don't have a daughter?-don't worry-all women welcome-come with family, friends, or by yourself. You will enjoy! Guaranteed highlight of your weekend!!!

Spring Fellowship Evening

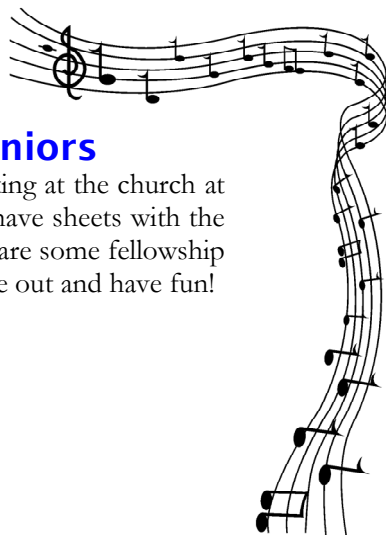
Our annual adult fellowship evening will held at the home of Spike and Peg Riley, 316 Randle Court, Cherry Hill (Barclay) on Saturday, April 24th from 7-10 PM. Everyone is asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert. A great evening of fellowship, interesting conversation, and fun! Call Peg and Spike or Bobbi to RSVP by April 11th.



Come Sing “Show Tunes” With Coles Landing Seniors

We are singing show tunes on Sunday, May 2nd with the residents. The group will be meeting at the church at 1:45 PM, or you can go directly to Coles Landing on Coles Mill Road for 2 PM. We will have sheets with the music/words and also serve refreshments. Plan on coming as this is a wonderful way to share some fellowship with the community, and have a great time! Everyone in the congregation is invited to come out and have fun!

For additional info, call Bobbi Newsham.



March Social Ministry News

By Betsy Kuehn

DEODORANT & SOCKS COLLECTION FOR CARING HEARTS

LCOS Social Ministry Committee sponsored a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. Thanks to all who donated deodorant and socks. On Friday April 9, 2010, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Spring Give-A-Way, which includes a healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families. For more information, contact Jane Evans or Betsy Kuehn.

BOSNIA FUNDRAISER

Ed Nace will be traveling to Bosnia from June 19 to July 2, 2010 as part of the International Service Team of the New Jersey Synod. Social Ministry is sponsoring a fundraiser with the goal of raising \$3000 to sponsor a friendship camp. Envelopes will be provided for donations from March 28th until April 25th, and may be found in the narthex and the front and back of the church. We hope the congregation will respond generously.

PANTRY

Help is needed to pack and deliver to our 9 Pantry families, check sign up sheets. Current Pantry needs include meals in a can (ex: Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti), personal items (soap, toothpaste), pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, beans, paper towels, toilet paper, pasta & sauce, canned potatoes, instant mashed potatoes. Also needed are diapers (size 2 & greater) for a 10 lb baby girl, baby wipes, stage 1 baby food and cereal. Dan & Cheryl Cook, and Pat Haines have agreed to assist with coordinating the Pantry. Thank you to all who help with stocking the shelves, packing, and delivering to our Pantry families. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase supplies.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Remember to save your receipts which are needed to receive a supplement from Thrivent under its Care Abounds in Communities program. Ruth Friant is busy scheduling meals for 2010. Please contact Ruth if interested in preparing a meal.

LCOS CARES

Social Ministry is coordinating the LCOS Care Package ministry. Packages are sent two times per year (late winter & fall). Send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw. We plan to send care packages again in the Fall.

Meeting dates:

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, August, January) at 7 pm in Room 112.

Upcoming meeting dates are 4/6/10, 5/4/10, and 6/1/10. If you are interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy.



to the following people for helping with the pantry in February ; **Peg Reily & the Beahms** & seniors for donations.

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

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

March Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Janie Braccio, Jane Evans, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene, Louise Mowrer, and Dottie Powell.**

Attention Students & Scouts! Need community service hours?

If you need some community service hours, the pantry is a great way to serve those in need! Email Dan & Cheryl Cook to volunteer your time.



In Harm's Way

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

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

THRIVENT CORNER

A penny saved is a penny earned...and other financial lessons from the past

If the recent financial turmoil has taught us anything, it’s that maybe we should pay attention to the age-old clichés that our parents and grandparents passed on to us. Take it one day at a time...the new reality for most Americans when it comes to financial recovery. Don’t put all your eggs in one basket...a poster child for diversification. You get the idea. So keeping the “what’s old is new again” mantra in mind, here are some famous clichés from generations before that could serve us well in 2010.

- 1) Don’t cry over spilled milk. The recession is over and it is time to start putting the pieces back together. It might take a while (patience is a virtue after all), but you need to start somewhere.
- 2) Save for a rainy day. Call it an emergency savings fund, rainy day fund, or what you will. The idea is simple, but changing our behavior is not. Money is easy to spend and there's no question that there is still plenty of “gotta have it now” in us all. It's time to slow down on spending and start saving. Easier said than done? “The key really is to get started saving anything,” said Jill Aleshire, senior vice president and director of Consumer Banking for [Thrivent Financial Bank](#). “Whether it is \$20 a month, \$20 a paycheck, whatever it is you can set aside, just get in the habit of saving. An emergency reserve goal should be the amount equal to at least three months' income and preferably six months' income.”
- Next, resist the temptation to raid your savings! While most Americans have plenty of credit card debt (and the issue needs to be addressed as part of your financial picture), resist the temptation to raid the savings to pay it all off immediately. Also, resist the desire to raid the savings for cash purchases. If you succumb, whenever the fund is used, the amount withdrawn should be replenished as soon as possible.
- 3) A penny saved is a penny earned. For an emergency savings fund, a standard savings account or money market account should meet your needs. However, thinking even longer-term, consider certificates of deposit (CDs). CDs help force you to commit your money for a period of time, so they can help you start to make your savings a more permanent habit. The money is not accessible for the term, but you will earn a higher rate of interest than a standard savings or money market account.
- 4) You’re walking on thin ice. The economy got bad enough that some of us had to sacrifice the standard financial protection that we always took for granted. If you terminated your [life insurance](#) policy, now is the time to begin shopping around for a new one. It’s hard to think about, but if something happened to you would your family be able to maintain their current life-style? Could they stay in the house so the kids would not have to move and switch schools? The time to protect your family is now. And, you know what they say, never put off until tomorrow, what you can do today.
- 5) Home is where the heart is. It’s also where most of your equity probably is too. Look into home equity loans to help you consolidate debt and get back on your feet. Lending standards are now tighter, but banks want your business and will work with you to meet your needs.
- Also, first-time homebuyers still have a once in a lifetime opportunity due to the number of houses on the market, low interest rates, and the possibility of a nice first-time buyer tax credit. In addition, repeat homebuyers can get in on the tax credit action as well, whether they are downsizing or looking for more space. For more information on tax credits, go [www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com](#).
- 6) Another day, another dollar. Unless you are sick as a dog. If you are fortunate enough to still be employed, you do not need to look far to see the financial impact of not having a regular income. While your savings should help protect you if you lose your job, what happens if you get sick or injured and cannot work for a period of time? Consider [disability income insurance](#) to help cover living expenses and protect your savings should that happen.
- “Disability income insurance is designed to provide a monthly benefit to help cover your living expenses in case you become ill or injured and cannot work,” said Bruce Fear, vice president of Protection Products and Solutions for [Thrivent Financial for Lutherans](#). “By setting aside a small portion of your salary – typically just 2 percent to 4 percent (of adjusted gross income) – you’ll continue to receive a monthly income even if you do become disabled.”
- 7) Lend a helping hand. Reach out to others in need through charitable giving and by volunteering your time and talents. There is plenty of need out there right now and every little bit helps.
- 8) Stop and smell the roses. We have all been through a lot the past couple of years, virtually none of us untouched by the financial turmoil. Perhaps your most important investment is time spent with family and friends.
- For more information and less clichés, go to [www.thrivent.com/marketing/savings.html](#) or [www.thrivent.com](#).

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Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Eva Shaw, Jane Evans, Shirley Webb
Counters: Arranged by Dale Kredatus

April 4 NO Coffee Hour
Ushers: 8: Judy Caravelli & Eric Woltz
9:30 - Dale Kredatus & Dave Wyche
11: John & Kayann Laughlin
Communion Assistant: TBD
Acolytes: 8 - TBD, **9:30 -** TBD, **11 -** TBD

April 11 Coffee Hour: Congregational Resources
Ushers: 8: Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10:30 - John & Kayann Laughlin
Readers: 8 - R. Genieser **10:30 -** W. Haswell
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Shelby Cain, Sarah Swan
10:30 - Karen & Kyler Graeber, Andrew Vitale, Brie Zschech

April 18 Coffee Hour: Youth Summer Mission Trip
Ushers: 8: Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10:30 - John & Kayann Laughlin
Readers: 8- T. Weber **10:30 -** K. Meyer
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Sam Lyons, Alex Fabian
10:30 - Alison & Brian Gensel, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry, Michael McLaughlin

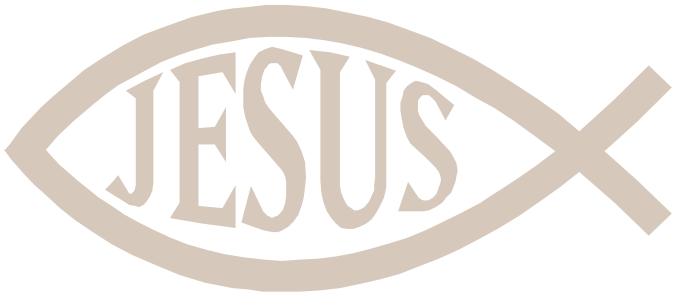
April 25 Coffee Hour: Outreach Committee
Ushers: 8: Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney
10:30 - John & Kayann Laughlin
Readers: 8 - TBD **10:30 -** TBD
Acolytes: 8 - Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey & Abby Proko
10:30 - Ethan Quanci, Jackie Stillwell, John & Lizzy Finnerty, Bobby Jelonek



“Spring Bible Study”

Beginning the week of April 12-14 and ending the week of May 3-5, this study on “being stewards of creation” will include an Earth Day celebration the weekend of April 24, probably at a site along the Cooper River (details forthcoming). Join us on Mondays at 7:30 PM or Wednesdays at 9:30 AM for the study; I continue to enjoy being the discussion leader.

~Pastor Englehardt



Monday Night Prayer Group

At 7:30 PM each week in the Church library. Alphabetically, we pray for all members within a year; we send postcards to you.

Requests may be sent to: Connie or Pastor E at or place a request in the box in the Narthex. Anything you share will be kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise. You are always welcome to join us on Monday nights, even to sit quietly and listen



**"I can do all things
through him who
strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13)**

Paul discovered a secret for contentment in all situations: his deeply personal sense of living in Christ. In this he found strength to handle anything.

This reality hit home for me in the past two weeks; it truly tested my endurance and even my faith. Returning from a weekend vacation with my girls and son-in-law in Herndon, VA., I discovered that Pastor Wayne was with his Father Rudy in Fla. and would not be returning for almost 2 weeks. It's Lent, an always busy season, with plenty to do. Now I knew I had to prepare for our 4 weekend services. Ordinarily not a major issue, but, as they say, timing is everything. Our Church was hosting the annual World Day of Prayer the Friday before, and I was more involved in that event than I wanted to be. I knew I would also be preparing a sermon for the Lenten series at Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield for the following Tuesday. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Maple Shade (where I continue to help out as Vice-Pastor) added to the busyness with a Monday funeral in-between. Bottom line: 3 sermons (including the funeral meditation) in 4 days. Several well-intentioned people suggested "just pull out an old one." – a suggestion many probably would have affirmed. Unfortunately and hopefully every sermon is uniquely prepared; but especially in this case, where audiences and emphases were specific (the message of Good News is repeated, but the words used and illustrations shared can be quite different!) I don't like to prepare sermons last minute; I fear that quality will suffer and I will be distracted in my delivery, and prone to ramble. So anxiety to some extent, settled in. Ironically, I got more compliments on those sermons than I normally might. A woman who heard me at Grace Church even called seeking a copy; that has never happened to me following that Lenten series!

Anyone who is foolish enough to think that results had much to do with me had better double check their faith-meter, their own relationship to God. It was God who was responsible for the results; it was the presence of the Holy Spirit that enabled me to persevere; I am, after all, just the tool.

A valuable lesson for all of us about how much the ministry, those activities we do in the name of God, which for we Christians should be everything we do, is dependent on God's power and guidance, and how foolish we are when we try to do things on our own.

Gotta run. I am preparing for another funeral at Holy Trinity tomorrow. Am I anxious? Not really – God is right here with me, as always.

~Pastor Englehardt



Musical Notes...

From the Music Director

By Pat Shaw-Green

Father Knows Best

May 9th - Mother's Day Musical

In just a couple of months, our Children's Choir will be presenting the musical Father Knows Best. Some of you may actually remember the 50's TV show of the same name. It was all about family values. Being nice to each other, respecting your parents, playing fair, and basically just loving each other.

This musical takes place in the park! We'll be presenting it on Mother's Day, May 9th. They will be talking, and singing about dealing with some of those same value issues. Kindness, anger, playing fair and forgiveness, to name a few. It's filled with lots of great songs and a very good, and timely, message!

The kids are working very hard, so be sure not to miss Father Knows Best. We'll See you at the Park!!

Mark your calendar for Mia

Mia Strobel is a beautiful 7 year old girl who was diagnosed with leukemia 4 years ago on Christmas Day. Since then she has been fighting cancer every single day of her life. Recently she underwent a sibling-donated bone marrow transplant. Mia's family, classmates and friends pray that the transplant will prove successful.

Saturday, April 24, 7 pm. "Play it for Mia" benefit concert being presented by Play it for Good, a NJ nonprofit Corporation that works with young performers who want to help deserving causes. Featuring Yonitte Ryger, violinist, Julliard School. Also performing Julia Chin, a talented schoolmate of Mia's.

Tickets available online www.playitforgood.com \$15 adult, 8 student, \$35 family or at the door.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield.

Musical Reflections on Easter

By Pat Shaw-Green

Each year at this time, I find myself going through many different emotions. In my life, Lent has always been a time for contemplation, introspection, and self-evaluation. It is when my attention is most drawn to who we are now as Christians, and perhaps, even who we still strive to be. For me, this is the most sacred and most fulfilling time for church music. At Christmas we are overjoyed with the birth of Jesus. At Easter we are overwhelmed with the death and resurrection of Our Savior! Music can be such an integral part of the whole Easter experience. Musically, we get so involved with what's being done....."Ah, Holy Jesus, how have you offended, that mortal judgement has on you descended? Alas, MY treason, Jesus, has undone you. Twas I, Lord Jesus, It was I who denied you! I crucified you!"to Halleluia! and He shall reign forever and ever!!! It Every year we celebrate, mourn and celebrate again, I feel so overwhelmed and honored that we are able to give this music to all of you. Music that takes us from the cradle to the cross every Sunday, with everything else in between! But it's not just the choirs. LCOS is blessed and filled to the brim with a sinigng congregation! Music is a language that everyone can understand and appreciate at some level. So, this Easter season, think on what the words are saying as you sing. Sing with joy!

Faces of LCOS

The Meyers Keep An Ear Out For Congregation Participation

Sing it loud and sing it proud. You never know who might be listening.

The Meyers – Paula and Kenton – have been singing in the choir at Our Savior for more than 20 years. What they appreciate most is the participation of the congregation.

"When we look out, the people are signing just as much as we are (in the choir)," Kenton said. "I think that is the part that makes the Lutheran worship so vibrant. It is not an audience. It is active participation. It is a very important part of the worship experience. The choir is not for the people, it is OF the people."

Worship and music are two things all too familiar to Paula and Kenton Meyer. Kenton grew up in Milwaukee and Paula in Long Island. They both majored in music in college, and they met while in graduate school at the University of Iowa. Kenton's concentration was flute and Paula's was keyboard and voice. Once Kenton earned his doctorate, he was hired as assistant librarian at the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. The Meyer family – Kenton, Paula, Erik, and Matthew – moved to Collingswood and attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oaklyn for a short while.

Paula was teaching at the Bancroft School in Haddonfield and met Bert Carlson, then music director at Our Savior. He convinced her to be the accompanist for the boys' choir, and later directed the children's and youth choirs. When Paula was hired as choir director at Haddonfield Memorial High School, she had to relinquish her responsibilities at Our Savior. Currently she is involved with the school's production of *Pippin* and with *Haddonfield Sings*, an annual event she initiated to showcase her choirs as well as local musical talent.

Kenton "works with people who will be among the top performers of classical music in the world," he said. "The people at Curtis are at such a consistently high level it is really difficult to see how great they are." Among those who Kenton remembers as students at Curtis include world-acclaimed Chinese pianist Lang Lang, two-time Grammy-winning violinist Hilary Hahn, and Jennifer Higdon, who won a 2010 Grammy for Best Contemporary Classical Composition.

Incidentally, Erik Meyer is an accomplished organist who teaches at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., and will be performing an organ concert at Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield on March 21.

"The thing that stands out about the music program at Our Savior is that it has a very consistent and loyal choir," Kenton said. "They enjoy singing together and have continued to grow in their music. When we joined here, we wondered where the outreach was. It is there, but sometimes you just don't see it. It is ingrained in a different way, by way of the food pantry and other ministries. This congregation is living the Gospel without trumpeting it."

So, next Sunday, sing loud and sing proud. A few professionals might be listening!

