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

WORKING ARM QUILTS BLESSED AT WORSHIP ON NOV. 11

Every month there are four or five women who gather in Room 112 for one purpose. They sew quilts; lots of quilts. Those quilts are then shipped to the distribution depot for the ELCA domestic and international relief program located in New Windsor, MD. They eventually find their way to people in Third World countries or whatever country wherein people are cold at night due to poverty or lack of resources. And the dozens of quilts these dedicated women make go a long way to meeting that ongoing need.

On Sunday, November 11, at each service, the many quilts that are currently overflowing a closet near the youth room will be draped over the pews during worship so parishioners may have a chance to offer a blessing to them prior to being shipped to New Windsor. For years this has been an “unsung” ministry of Our Savior, but on November 11 the congregation will show their recognition and support in this quilt blessing service.

Want to know more about the Working Arm ministry at Our Savior? They meet on the first Thursday of every month in Room 112 from 9:00 to noon for quilting. Can’t make it during the day? A number of participants who can no longer drive or attend provide their support by cutting fabric at home or sewing pieces together in preparation for the quilting process. For more details and contact information please contact the church office.

SAINTS REMEMBERED ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

While November 1 is the day the Church celebrates as All Saints Day it is the first Sunday in November that congregations celebrate as All Saints Sunday. It is the Sunday The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will remember all those who have died and gone before us in the faith over the past year. In an effort to help the congregation recall not only the names, but also the faces, of our departed saints their families are being asked to provide a photo that can be used for a display on All Saints Sunday. This is in addition to the bookmarks that are typically handed out to the congregation at worship with the names of those who have entered life eternal in the past year. Photos can be dropped off at the church office by Friday, November 2, and will be returned after worship that Sunday or anytime thereafter.

“LEGACY” STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE APPEAL CULMINATES NOV. 18

Along with the legacy of education, work ethic, and a passion for cooking or sports families leave their children and grandchildren a legacy of faith. The same applies to family of faith that gathers each week to worship and praise our God who has forgiven and saved us from sin and death. That legacy of faith is strengthened and nurtured through the various forms of ministry provided at Our Savior, such as Sunday Church School, confirmation, youth ministry, worship, the pantry and other social outreach projects.

On Commitment Sunday, November 18, at all three worship services the men, women, and families of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will step forward with their commitments of financial support toward the legacy of faith our ministry provides. Families are encouraged to read through the packet of materials they picked up either on October 21 or received in the mail and prayerfully consider how they will contribute toward the financial plan for ministry at LCOS in 2008. Consider first the legacy of faith you received from those who have come before you. Consider what percent of your income resources your faith is challenging you to offer toward God’s work in the world through this congregation. Then, fill out your commitment card and attend worship on November 11 and make your commitment with the rest of the congregation toward the legacy of faith our ministry in 2008 will nurture and support.

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.



“Is Christ Your King?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

We don’t have kings in this country. Never have. In fact, we fought a bloody war to rid ourselves of being under one’s rule, and created a system of government that has benefited and blessed this nation ever since. Two hundred and twenty years later we still balk at the thought of anyone being ruled over by a single person, a monarch, whose only qualification for the position of authority is simply his or her bloodlines. We don’t have kings in this country, nor would we want one.

Christians have a king, however, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. And on Sunday, November 25, we will celebrate the festival of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the liturgical year of the church. But how do we Christians, who live in a country that pretty much would have nothing to do with earthly kings, celebrate Christ being the king of our lives?

In the movie “The Man In the Iron Mask” the retired musketeer Aramis explains what he, as well as his other two companions, have lived their lives for truly. It was to live and die for a king was worthy of giving their lives for in the hope of securing a better life and future for the people of France. Ironically, it is the identical twin of a corrupt King Louis, who was imprisoned in an iron mask for years by his brother, who is willing to die by their side and to whom they are willing to serve until their life’s end.

Isn’t this the same for us? Our king Jesus was not only willing to die for our sake, but did so on the cross. Not by his bloodline (although he was descended from King David), but by his very blood has Jesus become our king. It is Christ the King we now serve as his subjects and servants. It’s awkward to do so in a culture that is not used to being a subject or servant to anyone. Yet, it is what we have been called and claimed to be in the waters of baptism. And because we have been joined to Christ’s death and resurrection in the waters of baptism, we have been made permanent citizens in the kingdom of God, children and servants of Christ our king.

As American citizens we are not ruled by one who by virtue of the blood that flows through his or her veins has authority over us. As Christians we are ruled by The One whose blood that flowed from the cross saves us from death, and by his resurrection offers the promise of life eternal. Will we serve our Lord as the king of our lives, subject to his life-giving will, or will we serve ourselves or some other finite “king” of this world? On Christ the King Sunday we will celebrate Jesus as not only the King of the Jews, but the king of this world and all creation for whom he died and rose again so we might have life in him. May Christ be the one for whom we might shout with the Musketeers of old, “All for One, and One for all.”

GOD CALLS US TO WELCOME THE STRANGER

So when was the last time you took the time to say, “Hello” to someone you didn’t know when you worshipped on Sunday morning? Believe it or not, by doing so you may be the difference between a person or family feeling welcomed into the community of faith at Our Savior and “checking out” another congrega-tion in which to belong. Granted, Lutherans aren’t known for being very gregarious. We often blame it on our historical heritage of ancestors coming from such emotionless and private cultures like Norwegians, Swedes, Finns, and Germans. Yet, such cultural excuses are not really consistent with a faith that calls us to “continue the work of an evangelist.”

So, in an effort to help the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior here are a few tips for the next time you are at church for a function or in worship.

- 1. Introduce yourself to a person you don’t know or recognize. They may be a visitor or a member, but if you simply say, “Hello, I’m So-And-So. I don’t think we’ve met before” the conversation will move on from there.
- 2. Make a point to use their name in the course of conversation after being introduced. It helps remembering their names.
- 3. Invite them to enjoy a cup of coffee if Fellowship Hour is still going on before the 10:30 worship or sit next to you the next time you are in worship together.
- 4. If you’re planning to attend a Fellow-ship Development even in the future, ask if they would be interested in attending as well. Some-times all people need is to know others would like them to attend to help them decide one way or the other.
- 5. Introduce them to one or more people you know in the congregation if the opportu-nity provides itself.
- 6. If you haven’t seen them for a while, contact them and share your concern at not having seen them for a while at Our Savior, and wish them well.

Try one or more or all of these and it won’t be long until the congregation of Our Savior will be abuzz with hospitable conversation and relationships.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

All visitors are warmly invited to attend a Newcomer Orientation on the last Sunday of each month from 1-4 PM in the Church parlor (on the same level as the sanctuary where we worship, across from the Nursery).



Pantry Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers to help with packing and delivering food to our 11 families. Anyone interested should call Nancy or Charlie. Instruction will be provided.

Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman
Audit Committee Report Posted

The audit committee has completed its review of the books and records for the year ended December 31, 2006. A copy of the report is hanging on the bulletin board for your interest.

Want it? Take it!

Anyone seeking a large, turning “brochure case” please check out the one in the parish room which will be put out with the trash if no one takes it. It is free for the taking. A handtruck and truck will be needed to transport.

Thanks, Don Wallace

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found area in the rear of the Parish Hall for any items you may have left behind. Items remaining at the end of November will be donated to Good Will.

SIMPLY GIVING

A Simple Choice - A Generous Response

Simply Giving is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It's designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry.

By participating in Simply Giving, you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly or monthly offering to our congregation.

To learn how you can participate in Simply Giving, contact Monica Ebbenga in the church office.

Let Simply Giving help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM

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

ATTENTION SENIORS!

SENIOR GAME DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT NOON
BINGO PINOCHLE BRIDGE ~ COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!

FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED

BEST OF ALL . . . IT'S FREE!

RSVP: RUTH IACONA, BETTY KEENE,
OR ELEANOR GAINES

THE EVANGELICAL

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Nursery Provided 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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Eleanor Gaines, Acolytes
Beth Hill, Altar Guild
Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild:

Ingrid Hager, Julie Frederick

Counters:

Bob & Stefan Schwalenberg, Kathy Simpkins

November 4

Coffee Hour: Senior Game Day Committee

Readers: 8-Bill Neveling 10:30-Bob Mirabello (reader)

Communion assistant: 10:30-Brian Bell

Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-TBA

10:30-Russ Barrett & Eric Woltz

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Brian Gensel, Brie Zschech

9:15-Allison Gensel, Karen Graeber

10:30-Madaline & Jesse Gralish, Julia Gross, Kelly Haswell, Christopher Heinze

November 11

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music Committee

Readers: 8-Alan Super 10:30-Walt Haswell

Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-TBA

10:30-Russ Barrett & Eric Woltz

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Joseph Kiernan

9:15-Kelly & Holly Harrington

10:30-Jon Maniaci, Luisa Masclans, Briana Bobo,

Patrick Brennan, Justin DeBerardinis

November 18

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Readers: 8-Renate Genieser 10:30-Becky Bogina

Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-TBA

10:30-Russ Barrett & Eric Woltz

Acolytes: 8-Robert LaBarge, Caite Ebbenga, Jeffrey Proko, Ricky Tredinnick

9:15-Gianna Buonpastore, Morgan Sehdev

10:30-Nathaniel DeMarino, Steven Peterson, Samantha Prepsel,

Noelle & Ethan Quanci

November 25

Coffee Hour: Parents of Children/Youth Choir Members

Readers: 8-Tom Cheney 10:30-Glenn Martin

Ushers: 8-Jim & Jane Evans 9:15-TBA

10:30-Russ Barrett & Eric Woltz

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed, Please Sign up in the Acolyte Room



Thurs	1	Working Arm, 9:30 AM Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Fri	2	Confirmation Retreat, 5 PM Depart
Sat	3	Diakonia, 9 AM Confirmands Return, 7:30 PM
Sun	4	Daylight Savings Time Ends Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Anniversary/All Saints Sunday Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM Youth Group, 7 PM
Mon	5	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Executive Committee, 7:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	6	Social Ministry, 7 PM
Wed	7	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choir, 3:45 PM Children's Bells, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM
Thurs	8	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Sat	10	Diakonia, 9 AM Fellowship Beer Tasting, 7:30 PM
Sun	11	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Blessing of Working Arm Quilts Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM
Mon	12	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Tues	13	Church Council, 7:30 PM
Wed	14	Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM Children's Choir, 3:45 PM Children's Bells, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM
Thurs	15	Children's Church, 7 PM Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM
Sat	17	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM
Sun	18	Diakonia, 9 AM Mabel Kay T-Giving Dinner, PH, 3 PM Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Committment Sunday Confirmation Play/Serve
Mon	19	Mother's Group, 10 AM Faith Circle, noon Prayer Group, 7 PM
Wed	21	Thanksgiving Eve Svc., 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian
Thurs	22	Thanksgiving, church office closed
Fri	23	Church office closed
Sun	25	Worship, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Newcomer Orientation, 1-4 PM Confirmation Learn Event, 6 PM
Mon	26	Mother's Group, 10 AM Prayer Group, 7 PM
Tues	27	Senior Game Day, noon
Wed	28	Children's Choir, 3:45 PM Children's Bells, 4:15 PM Cherub Choir, 4:30 PM Youth Choirs, 7/8 PM
Thurs	29	Mother's Group, 10 AM Adult Choirs, 7/8 PM

COUNCIL APPROVES SUPPORT FOR NEW MISSIONARY FAMILY

At the October congregation council meeting the group approved supporting the missionary work of Pastors David Wunsch and Kathym Lawler and their two daughters in Argentina and Uruguay with a \$1,000 sponsorship covenant for 2007. Pastor Dave Grafton and his family, the missionary family Our Savior supported up until this summer, completed their missionary work in Cairo Egypt this year, and he has taken a position at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia this fall. The weekly offering from Our Savior’s Sunday Church School has traditionally been the source of funding this mission-oriented ministry of our congregation, and last year the third grade class spent time writing letters to the Grafton’s to keep up to date with their work and progress. Since this financial support has traditionally been paid at the end of the year the council saw no reason to decrease the amount for this year, but hope to create a mechanism for greater support in the years to come through increased awareness and interest. The Wunsch/ Lawler family will be in the United States in January and a visit from them may be a possibility.

In other council business a draft of a revised building use agreement was presented from the Property Committee, which prompted much discussion. The council will continue discussion on the financial details of the agreement at the November meeting.

The council also heard a presentation from JoAnn Cubberley, a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Marlton and the Mission On the Move (MOM) Synod Capital Appeal team, of which Pastor Wayne is also a member. She shared the three goals of the \$2.7 million campaign that is slated to culminate at the 2008 Synod Assembly. About \$1.5 million will go toward planting two new mission congregations sometime in the next five years that are not currently in the works. With the rising cost of land it is increasingly financially difficult for new congregations to be planted. This capital would go a long way to facilitating the birth and strength of future congregations. Another \$700 thousand would be added to the current Mission Support Fund that provides financial assistance to congregations too small to fully fund needed projects or those experiencing such transition and rapid growth their ministry needs are greater than their income resources. The last \$300 thousand plus will actually be redistributed back to congregations at a rate of 10% of their appeal offering over the three years for the purpose of a mission focused project or ministry. Many congregations are too centered in maintenance to the exclusion of mission and the work of the gospel. This appeal is intended to spark mission ministry in every congregation, both great and small, within the synod, and this “mission support”

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is off to a great start! We have 60 students enrolled taught by 7 teachers and 3 helpers. We are still looking for a 5/6 grade teacher to team teach with Mrs. Quanci. Team teachers alternate weeks- that means you would not have to teach each week. If interested, please call Bonnie. Thank you. Now on to what the classes are doing.

The classes have just finished learning about Creation, so please ask your children about the Creation and Adam and Eve.

All classes this past week (Oct 14th) started the lesson on Noah and the Ark. So for the next 4 weeks ask you child(ren) about Noah. Why was the ark built? How long did the flood last? How many animals were on the ark? What appeared at the end of the flood? Those are a few question you can ask.

This past Sunday (Oct 14th) we had our first fire drill. Except for the alarm not working the children left the building in a timely and careful manner. We left the building and walked down the street on Wayne Ave. past the first house. Everything went well.

As you pick your child(ren) up please check out the tree of hands and our bulletin board with all the students pictures. Also in the hallway near the 4year old class is another bulletin board, which different Sunday School classes take turns decorating. This month it was the job of the 3rd grade class - please stop by and check out their work.

The Sunday School has taken on a year-long project. We will be helping to keep the food pantry well-stocked. If each child could bring in one food item at least once a month, it would help the pantry a lot and teach your child about helping others. We have and will continue to talk about the food pantry with the classes and how important the pantry is to so many people. In November we will also be doing a Thanksgiving food drive. Flyers with more information will be sent home soon.

So as you can see Sunday School is very busy. We are all having a great time teaching and learning about God. Remember to ask your child(ren) about Noah.

God's Blessings,
Bonnie Richards, Superintendent of Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Sunday School is up and running. We still have a few positions to fill: **Co-Teacher for 5 & 6 grade:** to work with Lisa Quanci. **Monthly Newsletter coordinator:** Once a month to layout the monthly newsletter to distribute to the children and their parents to highlight the activities of the month. **Messenger Coordinator:** Once a month to write an article about Sunday School for the Messenger.

If any of these positions are of interest, please call Bonnie Richards, Superintendent of Sunday School.

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MISSION STATEMENT MONTHLY FOCUS: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith com- munity that WORSHIPS JESUS AS LORD...

If someone were to ask you, “Why do we exist?” you might get a variety of responses according to who you ask. Regardless of what others may say, Christians and Jews understand their main purpose in life is to give glory and praise to God. It’s that simple. Worship of God is our primary reason for being, and as St. Paul says, our lives are to be a “living sacrifice” to the Lord. In all that we say and do, our words and actions are to be a reflection or action of our worship of the God who has created, redeemed, and sustains us and the world.

It’s the subtle difference between “going to church” and “going to worship.” Many might think there isn’t any difference at all. And, if in fact, you are a person for whom the church means “the assembly of baptized believers around word and sacrament” (Article VI of the Augsburg Confession) then you might be one of those people. However, others may associate the word “church” with the physical building in which the congregation assembles for worship. People who have this understanding are sometimes heard to say, “I don’t have to go to church to worship God. I can worship God at home or in the beauty of the forest or at the beach.” (Sadly, trees and lapping waves haven’t been known to proclaim forgiveness of sins or offer the bread and wine of new life received in Holy Communion very effectively.) “Going to church” in such cases is considered more like obeying the rules of a religious institution rather than an expression of one’s faith.

But the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as Lord. We aren’t a religious club that attends church meetings every week. We are a faith community that worships Jesus as Lord, and that means in the midst of all the other “gods” vying for our attention and worship we put Jesus first. In the midst of a world that constantly bombards us with the fear of death we need to hear constantly hear the word of truth God has revealed to us in the gospel of his Jesus’ death and resurrection. We need to hear and that the God of new life has triumphed over sin and death. We need to hear and experience the hope that only our risen Lord can offer, and does when we gather for worship. We were born to worship God. And because of what God has done for us in Jesus the Christ, we need to worship.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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

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

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

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

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will again host its annual Thanksgiving Eve ecumenical worship service on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 in the evening at the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield on Kings Highway downtown. Representatives from many of the participating congregations will lead a community wide worship service offering thanks for the blessings we’ve received over the past years. Limited parking is available in the lot behind the church off of Chestnut St. and on Kings Highway without charge. Please do not park in the Masonic parking lot south of the church.

TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

By Jack Berrigan

The Congregation continues to show its enthusiastic financial support for the ministry at Our Savior! Contributions in September 2007 were \$38,275, a total that is 16% better than a year ago. For the year, envelope contributions are running almost 8% ahead of last year. With three months left in the year, we are only about \$8,000 behind the income we should have by now to meet budget. If the Congregation maintains its current levels of monthly contributions we should end the year on budget. What a difference from the struggles of last year!

The expense side of our balance sheet looks as promising as the income side. At this time, we are about \$7,000 under budget for the year. Most of our savings are due to the mild weather we have experienced through the late summer and early fall. We will continue to closely monitor expenses through the last three months to ensure that we stay on budget while meeting our Mission Support obligation.

Legacy Gifts to Our Savior

As we approach the end of the tax year you may want to consider a gift to Our Savior. There are several ways you can support Our Savior with the added benefit of avoiding tax payments.

1. Stock Donations

Stock that has appreciated in value can be directly transferred to Our Savior before the end of the year thereby avoiding Federal capital gains taxes which you would have to pay if you were to sell the asset yourself. Moreover, you will get the additional benefit of a charitable contribution deduction of your return.

2. IRA Distributions

If you have a traditional IRA and you are 70 and a half or older, you are required to take a mandatory distribution. If you transfer all or a portion of the distribution to Our Savior you will not have to pay tax the amount you donated to Our Savior. This tax benefit will expire at the end of this year.

3. Cash or Check Contributions

Contributions to Our Savior can be deducted on your Federal income taxes. Depending on your bracket, Our Savior gets the full benefit of every dollar you give and the true cost to you is somewhere between 60 and 70 cents.

Our Savior has several projects which need your support including painting of the Sanctuary and Narthex and the acquisition of additional programmable thermostats to help us save money. Stock transfers, IRA distributions and cash contributions can help us and reduce your tax payments in April. If you would like to help us you can contact me or call Pastor Zschech.

DELAYING TODAY’S GRATIFICATION FOR TOMORROW’S REWARDS

Americans don’t follow the sage advice of Benjamin Franklin: “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Savings rates in our country have hit an all-time low – for the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 2005, Americans’ personal saving as a percentage of disposable personal income was negative 0.5 percent (*Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Commerce Dept., February 2006*). Getting started is relatively painless when balanced against the rewards it holds for future goals. Start by setting long-term goals like saving for a family vacation, for a down payment on a home, car or boat or a home improvement project. Making the commitment to forgo morning coffee from the neighborhood coffee shop or lunches out with co-workers all can contribute to your monthly savings goal. Think about how those outings add up over a month. Spending \$5 each morning at the coffee shop adds up to \$25 a week and \$100 a month. Ten dollar lunches twice a week add up to \$80 a month. Over one year by forgoing both you can easily save more than \$2,100! Now that’s a great start towards a wonderful reward.

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IN HARM’S WAY

Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
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our freedoms in your prayers!



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or just find out
a little bit more
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PIPELINE

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

Autumn is in the air and many people are looking ahead toward this often joyous and hectic holiday season. Gift-giving is one of the great joys of the holidays – presenting a loved one with a gift - an expression of caring - is a happy event for the giver as well as the receiver. Sometimes, though, we are stumped as to what to give the older people in our lives who profess to have everything they need or not enough room for any more gadgets.

Here are a few ideas:

· **The Gift of Time.** This is a tough one. It means setting aside an afternoon, evening or weekend to spend precious hours with the older person in your life. It is one of the greatest of gifts we can give one another, and when done with a positive outlook, it can create a lovely and lasting memory for all involved.

If you need suggestions, here are a few: 1) out to lunch, 2) lunch and a movie, 3) out to ‘tea’ (there is a tea shop in Haddonfield that has a tea room in the back –a perfect ‘girls day’ for the women in the family or tea at a place like the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia for a big day out). 4) there is going out to dinner (pick a quiet place that doesn’t make hearing too difficult), 5) bring dinner, or lunch or a picnic basket to the home of the older person, 6) Sunday brunch (& church prior), 7) shopping and an early bird special 8) sit and have tea together in the living room and talk (& listen), 9) have a luncheon and invite a few friends of the older person, 10) have a dinner party with family and celebrate your older person with a cake, a poem or stories just for and about them; eg, “Celebrating Our Grandma” Day, 11) Plan a *day trip* where you visit a place your older person and you like – depending on physical abilities – the Art Museum, the Zoo, Longwood Gardens, a show in town or local theatre, a high school play or concert. There are many day trips planned especially for older people through Senior Citizens United Community Services – call for a brochure (\$5.00 for book but used against the cost of a trip if you take one) at (856) 456-1121), 12) Plan a *weekend away* in Cape May (like one of our own church families did for their Mother’s 80th birthday), or any other excursion- maybe overnight at your home (my colleague invites an elderly Aunt – she feeds her, makes the bedroom up beautifully and makes her feel very special).

· **The Gift of Caring from afar.** I always recommend sending cards and flowers or fruit baskets because they are so much fun and make one feel very special. But... there are other gifts you might consider that are practical- for the older or disabled person who lives alone there are emergency response systems around – the most common is LIFELINE (1-800- 451-0525) There is an installation fee and monthly charge – that may run to several hundred dollars per year, but is a good investment that can be shared by family or paid by older person themselves. The older person wears a ‘necklace’ or ‘watch’ that has a call button in an emergency.

· **Reassurance Contact** : is a community resource that makes daily calls to older people who live alone. It is an opportunity to connect to someone and gives a great sense of ‘someone cares’. There is no cost. If you cannot call your person frequently, consider this “gift” & call (856) 795-4980 to inquire. Happy Holidays!

READ THE BIBLE?

What a novel idea!!

Have you read the Bible cover to cover? No? You’re not alone! Sometimes it is not an easy read. Many don’t get beyond the rules and regulations of Leviticus! Where are those great stories we hear of? Where is Daniel hiding? How do we get to David and Goliath?

Walter Wangerin Jr., writer and Lutheran pastor, has written the story of the Bible, from beginning to end, in the form of a classic novel. The Gold Medallion best seller, *The Book of God*, follows Abraham wandering in the desert to Jesus teaching the multitudes on the Judean hillside. This dramatization includes kings and queens, priests and prophets, beggars and harlots, the powerful humbled and the humble exalted.

A great read! Filled with love, scandal, heroics, battles, moments of devastation, great joy and hope-always hope! Don’t rush to your book store, though. Just check it out in the Church Library!

Recommended Reading: Walter Wangerin Jr., *The Book of God*

ATTENTION FANS OF PEANUTS, DR. SEUSS, OR THE SIMPSONS

The LCOS library now has *The Gospel According to Peanuts*, *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*, and *The Gospel According to The Simpsons*. Come find out what Homer can teach us about prayer, how Snoopy is a “little Christ,” and what Yertle the Turtle tells us about building our lives on a solid foundation. These books are located on the teen shelf, but they have great messages for all of us! Come check them out!

SCS CLASS COOKS FOR MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Lisa Quanci’s 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class cooked for the girls at My Father’s House this week. The menu included cheese quesadillas, Spanish rice and black beans, mashed potatoes, carrots and fresh fruit, brownies and rice krispie crunch. The chefs included Olivia and Laura Howley, Bobby Jelonek, Kyler Graeber, Billy Tessing, Caroline Watson and Sean Thornton. A special thank you to Ted Howley and Dave Graeber for doing a great job of helping and clean up!



Thanks to the following folks for helping with the pantry recently: **Carol Beahm, The Harringtons, Pat Reiter, Juhan Runne, Eva and Harvey Shaw, Molly Smith,** Donations from the **Seniors** and the **Sunday School kids** and **parishioners!**

Thank you to **Lisa Quanci** and the **5th & 6th grade Sunday School students** for planting the colorful mums in the pots and front gardens. They were **Spencer Fallon, Kyler Graeber, Bobby Jelonek, Sam Lyons, Sean Thornton, Olivia Howley and Samantha McGarry.**

Thank you to the **Altar Guild** for brightening the Sanctuary with potted mums and the doors and planters with Fall wreaths and flags.

Thank you to the creators and presenters of Children's Church this month: **Heather and Matt Vaughn, Pastor Englehardt, Brie Zschech, Tanner Roncace, and Ben Swan.**

Thanks to all of our **acolytes**, and especially to those who go beyond the call of duty and regularly check in and fill in as needed at the last minute when there are absences!

Thanks to all of our **Church Council Members** for all they do as we approach the busiest season of preparing the church budget and annual reports.

Special thanks to **Linda Harrington**, our council member and head of Property. Linda shows up at all hours many days each week to take care of all of our property issues, including such unpleasant tasks as responding to leaks, unclogging toilets, and tracking down dead squirrels! Linda, we sure do appreciate all you do!

Thanks so much to our wonderful office volunteers:

* **Jaime Fallon**, who completed the large task of assembling, from start to finish, the Stewardship Packets which were mailed out this week (with assembly help from **Nicole and Spencer Fallon.**) Jaime does so many things in the office, it is impossible to name them all! She is frequently assisting in the office at least two days each week.

* **Jane Evans**, who enters the offering data into the computer each week and mails out checks. It takes a detail-oriented person to do that job!

* **Ward Laubach**, who enters the weekly attendance into the computer every Monday. That's another big job!

* **Arlene Stolarick**, who comes in each Tuesday to help with filing invoices and works on the Parish Register. Arlene is always finding some way to help organize the office clutter, and she was a great impetus to get us to recycle paper on a more consistent basis.

* **Susan Underwood**, who comes in every Friday to help print and fold the Sunday bulletin and is working to help us provide large-print bulletins and hymns.

* **Betty Keene**, who arranges for a group of devoted volunteers to assemble and prepare the *Messenger* mailing each month.

* Our many devoted *Messenger* Helpers: **Betty Keene, Dottie Powell, Lynne Boyle, Florence Danley, Edith Sweet, Jane Evans, Jean Schroeder, Eleanor Gaines, Sue Windle, Nancy Olson.**

CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY—
MANY THANKS!

We received 11 filled boxes to be sent to our college students away at college—thanks to those of you who took a box, filled it, and re-turned it to us to label and mail. Thanks, too, for those who donated to the LCOS Cares fundraiser—funds raised were match by Thrivent. We received 16 student names and addresses, so there were only five more boxes to be filled—thanks to Betsy Kuehn, Eva and Stacey Shaw for filling those boxes and preparing all 16 boxes for mailing. Students who receive these packages are always so appreciative and surprised—please let us include your college student in the next mailing! Care Packages will be sent again in late winter/early Spring, so please be sure to send your college students’ names and addresses if you haven’t already done so, OR new address if it changes at semester break. E-mail addresses to Heather Vaughn. Thanks, again!



The youth group will have two meetings in November on the 11th & 25th from 7 PM - 8 PM. Topic discussions will be posted at a later date on the bulletin board. The Christmas babysitting will be 12/07/07 from 6 PM - 9 PM for all kids ages 2 yrs to 12 yrs of age. The Youth group lock-in will be the same night until 8 AM. The cost will be \$5 per person for the lock-in to cover pizza costs. Also just a reminder for all your holiday shopping please use www.visitourmall.com/lcosyouthgroup and a percentage of your order goes to our group. Any questions please contact Kim Anderson. Thank you, Kim Anderson

ADVENT GIVING TREE
Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 25, the Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the second floor parlor 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,

- 1) take a tag from the tree,
- 2) sign the sheet next to the tree,
- 3) purchase item on the tag (limit about \$25 each)
- 4) return the gift wrapped with the tag attached.

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

The Advent Tree tags will be available for three consecutive Sundays, November 25, December 2, and December 9. Gifts must be returned no than Sunday, December 16.

If you have any questions or know someone who would benefit from the Giving Tree, please call Larry Friant. Thanks for your help!

DEAR 2007 VBS VOLUNTEERS

A long overdue thank you to all of you who donated your valuable time and talents this summer to Vacation Bible School. We had a 90 children attending this year and 34 WONDERFUL volunteers to teach them, play with them, feed them, and sing to them.

Thank you again, Katie Erdy 4 year old teacher, Erin Schaffner kindergarten teacher, Katherine Berger 1st grade teacher, Eve Shaw 2nd grade teacher, Julie Christman 3rd and 4th grade teacher; class helpers, Emily Fell, Helene Schlitt, Lily Gigorio, Kelly Harrington, Ethan Quanci, Julia Gross; craft coordinator, MaryPat Reiter, helpers Lisa Quanci, Cheryl Schaffner, Carol Schmidt; snack coordinator, Jaime Fallon, helpers Collen Gross, Linda Doherty, Bobbie Newsham; recreation, Greg Gitzes, Spencer Cowan, helpers Hayden Remphrey, Spencer Fallon, Nate DeMarino, John VanBuren, Robby Reiter, Stephen Chmielmski; nursery, Holly Harrington; music director, Heather Vaughn, helpers Noelle Quanci, Maureen Agnew; musical cds, Jaime Fallon; registration, Jaime Fallon, Connie Wolf, Bobbie Newsham; pictures and slide show, Marge VanBuren; and Linda Harrington for taking care of the air - conditioning during the week.

I would also like to thank Deborah MacBride for all her help months prior to Vacation Bible School, and her continued effort to reach out for new volunteers.

Lastly, I would also like to thank Pastor Engelhardt and Pastor Wayne for their Christian leadership.

Thank you again, Susan Remphrey

MEMORIAL GIFT FUND
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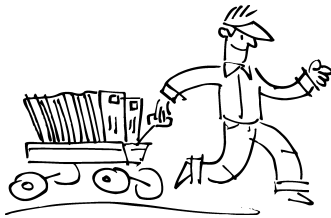
By Paul Knauer,
MGB Financial Secretary

At the direction of the Audit Committee, the Memorial Gift Board developed, approved, and implemented an investment strategy to meet the goals of the Memorial Gift Fund. The investment strategy focused on a balance between safety of principal and long term growth with adequate diversification to achieve steady and sustained growth without the wide fluctuations that high-risk investments can bring. The selected asset allocations included a proper balance between U.S. Equities, International Equities, Fixed Income and Cash/Cash Equivalents to maximize returns within the appropriate risk tolerance level.

The re-balancing of the investments to meet the investment strategy was completed over a three month period, ending in September, to minimize short term market fluctuations. Periodically, the investments will be analyzed and re-balanced where appropriate. The new investment strategy provides the framework for steady and sustained long term growth to meet the future goals of the Memorial Gift Fund. The greater challenge will be in dreaming of vibrant ministry programs and events that can be funded through this resource.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH A
GREAT SUCCESS!

If you haven’t already done so, bring your children, grandchildren, their friends and neighbors to the next two Children’s Church worship times on Wednesday, November 14 and Wednesday, December 19 from 7-7:30PM (mark your calendars!). There were 18 children at June and September’s services where we sang songs, played games, listened to a Bible Verse and watched a mini play—all in under 30 minutes! It was fun and meaningful—please plan to join us soon!



LETTERS FROM
MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Dear LCOS,

Thank you for the college care package – it is packed with some great snacks. I appreciate the package and knowing our members have me in their thoughts. It was a nice surprise to find in the mail and will keep me going for a couple of weeks. I am doing well and keeping very busy with school, work and soccer. Thank you again and I look forward to seeing everyone over Thanksgiving break.

Thank you,
Geoffrey Dreher

LCOS Van Drivers

Many thanks to the gentlemen who have so kindly made it possible for us to attend church on Sundays. We greatly appreciate the transportation.

Martha, Ingrid & George

Dear Friends at LCOS,

My father and I would like to express our thanks to those who have helped us during this difficult time- and continue to do so.

The Church has been and is a most precious place to my parents and to me. I still smile when I remember walking down that long aisle dragging a wedding dress!

We certainly appreciate all that you have done to make this process a little less painful.

My dad certainly received great comfort from being there.

Sincerely,
Peggy Jane Ryan

Dear Pastors and Altar Guild,

Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers that Joan Candia brought me yesterday. It was very thoughtful and very much appreciated.

Also, thank you for the many prayers sent my way. I am doing fine and feel well. Thanks for your concern and well-wishes.

With sincere thanks,
Holly Dreher

Dear Eleanor [Gaines]:

Just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your years of guidance with the acolytes. I know that sometimes the scheduling can be difficult, but you were always there to conquer any challenge!

God's blessings on your wonderful ministry!
Sam & Dianne Reinhardt