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Messenger

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SATISFY MORE THAN ONE'S SWEET TOOTH

Holy Week is the most meaningful time in the Christian year despite the hype Christmas gets from the stores, radio, and television. From the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and crucifixion on Good Friday to our celebration of the Resurrection on Easter we hear the core stories of our Christian faith. If your faith needs to be strengthened or nurtured there is no better time in the Church year to receive it than during Holy Week. Here are the list of worship opportunities and each one's focus.

APRIL 5 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM): Palms are distributed to all attending and a palm processional begins the worship. The reading of the Passion (Christ's crucifixion) according to Mark is read by various people in the congregation as well as worship leaders. Due to the larger attendance worship times are slightly different than usual and the style of all three worship opportunities is identical. A sign-up for readers will be posted two weeks prior.

APRIL 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY (7:30 PM): This is the first of what the ancient Church considered a three part worship that moves from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to the Vigil of Easter or Easter celebration. There are three foci for this evening worship, Confession and Forgiveness, Jesus' new commandment (mandate or Maundatum) to love one another, and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Worshippers are invited to receive the laying on of hands for the forgiveness of sins at the beginning of the worship and those sixth graders who have participated in the instruction classes during Lent will receive their First Holy Communion during this worship. The stripping of the altar concludes the service as a reminder of the stripping and whipping Jesus received on our behalf on the night he was betrayed and arrested.

APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY (NOON ECUMENICAL AT HADDONFIELD UNITED METHODIST): This three hour community wide worship focuses on the seven last words of Christ found in the various four gospels. Pastors from within Haddonfield share in the preaching the seven sermons and a choir with opera quality singers offer a musical interpretation of the same words from the cross. It is inspiring whether you attend for all or part of the worship.

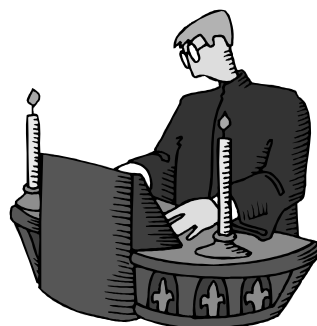
APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY (7:30 PM TENEBRAE AT OUR SAVIOR): This "service of shadows" places extreme emphasis on the cross of Christ and is marked by a somber tone. Lights are dimmed as the candles representing Christ's last words are extinguished and the congregation again leaves the worship in silent and meditative reflection.

APRIL 12 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM): All three worship offerings will be identical with Holy Communion offered at all three. The alleluia of song returns to the liturgy and hymnody after a long absence during Lent. Those attending the 8:00 worship also participate in a brief component of the Vigil of Easter worship where the light of Christ symbolized as the Christ Candle enters our lives at the beginning of this worship. The baptismal font also returns to front and center in the chancel as the life giving waters of the Resurrection now begin to flow again. Every Christian owes it to him or herself to participate in the various worship opportunities of Holy Week. Your faith will never be the same if you do.

*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.*

“The Shack” Nails the Love of Our Triune God!

By Pastor Wayne Zschech



Have you read William Paul Young’s book *The Shack* yet? Amidst everything else that is going on in my life (completing the revisions to my Doctor of Ministry project so I can graduate in May, building a master bathroom in the parsonage, taxes, and of course the added worship and education preparations that come with Lent and Holy Week) I picked up this book that many have asked if I’d yet read. So while at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia I picked up a copy and began to read it when I had a five to ten minute break in the day.

Without giving too much away it is a book that shares in a fictional story the truth of our relationship with God. While the byline reads, “Where tragedy confronts eternity” the book is really about the love of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and our need to be in relationship with the Trinity. While I’ve yet to finish the book, William Young does a fine job of taking church doctrines and explanations about our Triune God and sharing how that is lived out in our relationship with Abba, Jesus, and his Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

The book has caused me to reflect on my relationship with God. I know a lot about God that I’ve learned from books and theologians over the years. But to know God is more than just knowing about God or deciding what I want to know about God. It means being in a relationship of trust with God. That can only come by God the Holy Spirit (who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the church). But it does mean being receptive to the relationship in the first place. How do I place myself in the presence of God and then how do I surrender my life and will to his love and mercy?

I invite you to do two things. First, place yourself within God’s community of love, grace, and mercy this Easter by participating in the worship opportunities of Holy Week and Easter. In those worship services we hear the core of God’s love for humanity in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Second, pick up a copy of *The Shack* and read it when you have a few minutes. Reflect on how your life may sound like the character Mack from time to time. In April I’ll host two coffee hour opportunities to talk about the book in the Parish Hall between 9:15-10:15 after Easter. I’ll also start a blog on Member Connect so we can share our thoughts if Sunday morning isn’t possible. The goal will be to grow deeper in our relationship with the Triune God we hopefully will come to know as “Daddy”, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Blessings until then.

CRAZY TALK CORNER:

RESURRECTION \REH-ZUH-REHK-SHUHN\ N.

The act of God by which new life is given to the dead; has occurred in previous historical events and also is anticipated with vague dread as a promised future event.

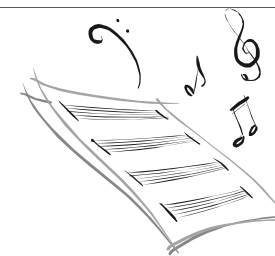
The first thing that comes to our heads when we think of coming back from the dead is zombies. So take a moment to clear that out, because that’s not what we’re getting at here. Regarding the resurrection, we have three things to say. (1) God does it. (2) There is no such thing as a stupid question – only stupid people who ask questions. (3) It happens every day. We will elaborate:

1. Resurrection itself is an action that can only ultimately be done by God. *God does it for us; we don’t do it for ourselves.* Christians don’t believe so much in eternal life – that some part of us lives on after death – as in *resurrected eternal life* – God is the one who gives life and takes it away. God is the one who brings the second, eternal life. And when we think about resurrection, we usually think about Jesus, who was killed and was resurrected from the dead three days later. And while that event plays a huge part in the subject of resurrection, since it is the basis of our hope for eternal life, it isn’t all we’re talking about here.

2. Jesus’ resurrection prefigures our own. That’s a fancy way of saying that God has promised to do for us what God already did for Jesus. Now some might wonder if we mean that in an actual physical way (if we’ll come out with holes in us like Jesus) or in a spiritual way (our souls will be raised). And the answer is, “Yeah, sure.” To be honest, we don’t exactly know. When Paul was asked this question back in Bible times, he wrote this: “But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool!” (1 Corinthians 15:35-36). In other words, “There is no such thing as a stupid question – only stupid people who ask questions.” We just trust this promise: God raised Jesus, God will raise us too.

3. Finally, every single day, we are being resurrected. (No, you still don’t need to worry about zombies!) In every real way, we die in our sins every single day. Our lives are dead and worthless through our constant sin and rebellion. However, in the act of continual forgiveness granted us through God’s grace, we are reborn new, forgiven, resurrected humans. This is an act of resurrection. Our sins kill us but God’s forgiveness makes us alive again. *The above article is taken directly from the book Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms edited by Rolf A. Jacobson and printed by Augsburg Books in Minneapolis, © 2008, pp. 145-147.*

SAVE THESE DATES FOR MUSICAL EVENTS



The LCOS Choirs are busy rehearsing for some very special upcoming musical events! April 12 is of course, Easter Sunday. We will once again be hosting our good friends and musicians the Seacoast Brass for all three of our services on Easter Sunday, April 12. We are continuously blessed by their talents and commitment to LCOS on so many of our special occasions.

May 10 is Mother's Day and our Children's Choir is happily and busily preparing for our Mother's Day musical, Noah and the One and Only Zoo Cruise For Twos! Everyone is already busy working hard on their parts and it promises to be a rollicking and rolling good time for all! So climb on board and enjoy the cruise!

On May 31 our Adult Choir with invited guests will be performing a concert of sacred works by G.F Handel and Gabriel Faure. We're still adding interested people to our choir numbers. If you love to sing but can't do a yearly commitment to the choir, you're certainly welcome to join us for our special concerts, please contact the music office for more info on rehearsal times and dates. You can also contact Pat Green on-line at Pmar53@aol.com. Keep this, and all of our upcoming dates open, as we're sure you won't want to miss a thing!

Attention Seniors!
Senior Game Day
NEXT DATE IS:
Tuesday, April 28th,
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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Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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

April Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Eva Shaw, Jane Evans, Shirley Webb

Counters:

April 5

Coffee Hour: N/A

Readers: 8 - TBA

9:30- TBA

11: TBA

Communion Assistants: 8: TBA

9:30: TBA

11: TBA

Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz

9:30- Dan & Linda Harrington

11- John & Kayann Laughlin

Acolytes: 8-TBA

9:30 - TBA

11- TBA

April 12

Coffee Hour: N/A

Readers: 8 - TBA

9:30- TBA

11: TBA

Ushers: 8-Betty & Eric Woltz

9:30- Dan & Linda Harrington

11- John & Kayann Laughlin

Acolytes: 8-TBA

9:30 - TBA

11- TBA

April 19

Coffee Hour: Youth - Summer Mission Trip

Readers: 8- R. Genieser 10:30- W. Haswell

Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz 10:30- John & Kayann Laughlin

Acolytes: 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Carri Killian

10:30- Noelle & Ethan Quanci, John Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell,
Michael McLaughlin

April 26

Coffee Hour: Social Ministry

Readers: 8- Alan Super 10:30- K. Meyer

Ushers: 8- Betty & Eric Woltz 10:30- John & Kayann Laughlin

Acolytes: 8- RobLaBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Stephen Woltz

10:30- Karen Graeber, Rebecca Windle, Robby Reiter,
Andrew Shaw, Nicole Fallon



APRIL

- Wed 1 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 AM,
Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM, Tai Chi, 4 PM;
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherub 4:30 PM; Youth Choir, 7 PM
- Thurs 2 Working Arm, 9:30 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sat 4 Youth Group Goalball Tournament, 7:30AM - 6 PM
- Sun 5 **Palm Sunday Worship 8, 9:30 & 11AM,**
Confirmation Play/Serve 6PM; Youth Group 7PM
- Mon 6 Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Tues 7 Grief Support, Social Ministry, 7 PM;
Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
- Wed 8 Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherub 4:30 PM; Youth, 7 PM
- Thurs 9 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM
- Fri 6 Good Friday Community Service 12-3PM;
Tenebrae Service 7:30 PM
- Sun 12 **Resurrection Day Worship 8, 9:30 & 11 AM**
- Mon 13 Church Office Closed, Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Tues 14 Grief Support 7PM; Church Council, 7:30 PM
- Wed 15 Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM
Children's Church, 7 PM
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherub 4:30 PM; Youth, 7 PM
- Thurs 16 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun 19 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**
Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM
Confirmation Learn 6 PM, Youth Group 7 PM
- Mon 20 Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Wed 21 Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM; Youth, 7 PM
- Thurs 23 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Fri 24 Mother / Daughter Luncheon, 12 PM noon
- Sun 26 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM , Reflections Worship 9:15 AM,**
Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM, New Member Class 9:15 AM
Confirmation Huddle 6 PM
- Mon 27 Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Tues 28 Senior Game Day, 12 Noon; Grief support Group, 7 PM
- Wed 29 Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM; Youth, 7 PM;
- Thurs 30 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM

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SUMMER MISSION TRIP

INTEREST MEETING APRIL 5

7:00PM

On Sunday night, Pastor Wayne Zschech will host an interest meeting for both youth and parents on this year's Summer Mission Trip (SMT) to North Carolina. Any youth who will be entering into or graduating from high school in 2009, along with their parents, is encouraged to attend this highly informational meeting about an event that has literally changed the lives of youth and adults participating. The dates for the SMT are tentatively scheduled for July 18-25 and the group hopes to work again with the Goldsboro-Wayne Habitat for Humanity in Goldsboro North Carolina. At the time of the meeting we hope an idea of possible work might be available.

Last year nineteen youth, five adults, and Pastor Wayne traveled in July, stayed overnight at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna, VA on the way down and driving back in one day the following Saturday. The group slept and ate at a church in town and got their showers at the end of the workday at the local YMCA where they could even workout (who had the energy?) or go for a swim in the Olympic size pool. Those under the age of 16 spent time in Mount Olive (Yes, where Mt. Olive pickles are packed) painting interior house trim. The others were able to frame a house from the foundation up back in Goldsboro. By the end of the week the house was ready for the roof trusses (which would have been installed too if they were available).

Parents ought to consider also participating in the Summer Mission Trip as we do not have a sufficient number of adults currently working with the youth who are able to attend. Being knowledgeable about home building or maintenance is not a requirement. Pastor Wayne has had some women advisors volunteer to shop and cook rather than hammer or paint in past years at other congregations. What is most important is parents who do participate understand their role is to be involved with the youth and their journey of faith in this setting, sharing their own faith and life experiences, rather than simply making sure they don't get hurt like chaperones do on a school field trip. As mentioned above, it is a life changing event for any and all who participate. Come out on Sunday night, April 5 at 7:00pm and find out how.

TEN TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

AT MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

On Thursday, April 9, ten 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. 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 ten youth who will receive their first Holy Communion this year are Spencer Fallon, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Finnerty, Kyle Graeber, Olivia Howley, Samantha McGarry, Abigail Proko, Keaton Schneider, Billy Tessing, Sean Thornton, and Laura Vitale. 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 youth had some interesting questions of their own. Here are some popular ones.

Why do we have to wait until the 6th Grade to receive Communion? Answer: Tradition mostly, but there is no reason to prevent youth from receiving Holy Communion at an earlier age as in 1997 the ELCA determined anyone, regardless of age, may receive Holy Communion as long as they are baptized. A period of instruction prior to receiving was strongly encouraged, but not required. At Our Savior, however, unless a family worships prior to 10:30 there are few opportunities for children to receive the sacrament since they will likely be in Sunday school.

Why are there two ways of receiving Holy Communion? Answer: The tradition at Our Savior has been to receive the bread and wine while kneeling at the communion rail with wine poured into an individual glass. Last year, after Maundy Thursday, the Worship and Music committee agreed to begin providing real bread when this method is used, typically on the first Sunday of the month, to enhance the communion experience. The other method of reception is dipping the communion wafer into the chalice of wine, known as intinction. We use this method every week at the 9:15 Reflections Worship and on the third Sunday of the month for the other services all year round. It is a more expeditious way to commune the congregation and is especially helpful in keeping services from running longer than typically scheduled.

Why don't we receive Holy Communion every week like Catholics? Answer: Technically we do offer weekly communion at the 9:15 Reflections Worship when it is available. However, it is only within the last 5 years or so that communion has been offered twice a month at the other worship times and before that it was only offered once a month. The ELCA encourages all congregations to move toward weekly communion at all worship times as it is a central part of the weekly gathering of the baptized. It also demonstrates hospitality toward those unable to attend worship on the designated Sundays for Holy Communion.



MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Our congregation recently received a very nice letter from the Executive Director of My Father's House thanking us for providing meals for the clients whom they serve. Also received were several thank you cards from the staff and clients of My Father's House. All of these are currently posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board located in the basement corridor of the church. We hope that you will stop by to view them.

The members and working groups of our congregation who participate in this most worthwhile ministry include:

Meal Preparers/Providers

Jan Amme, Mark Bare, Jack Berrigan, Maureen Bell, Charles Coleman, Pam Cowan, Holly Dreher, Tracy Di-Crescenzo, Monica Ebbenga, Jane Evans, Debbie Ely, Jamie Fallon, Nancy Frazier, Larry Friant, Colleen Gross, Connie Haswell, Bertha Healy, Betty Keene, Carolyn Lichter, Debbie MacBride, Ed Nace, Bobbi Newsham, Linda Powell, Lisa Quanzi, Pat Reiter, Peg Riley, Bonnie Richards, Eva & Stacey Shaw, Sue Underwood, Pat Van Cleve, Heather Vaughn, Connie Wolf, Kate Zschech

Groups

Confirmands, Sunday School Class, LCOS Youth Group, David Graeber and Boy Scout Troop 179

Meals Delivery Driver

David Hartzell

NEWCOMER CLASSES

BEGIN APRIL 26 AT 9:15

If you've been worshipping with the congregation for some time and are interested in learning more about the history and ministry at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior a series of three to four Newcomer Orientation classes will be held on Sundays from 9:15-10:00 starting on April 26. Classes will cover a brief history of the congregation, its various forms of ministry, a tour of the building, as well as an overview of the Lutheran church's teachings. Visitors will be receiving a letter in early April and are encouraged to contact the church office or one of the pastors to let them know how many will be attending to insure sufficient space and materials are prepared. If childcare is needed for children older than age 4 please let the office know as well.

Those who are interested in formally joining the congregation will be given the proper forms so they might be received as members on Sunday, May 31, at whichever worship they normally attend.

Praying for You

Every Monday from
7:00-7:30 PM in the
Church library

Alphabetically, we pray for all members within a year; we send a postcard. Requests may be sent to Connie, or place a request in the box in the Narthex. Each week we pray for our congregation and part of its Mission Statement. We also pray for our community and the world. You are always welcome to join us on Monday nights, even to sit quietly and listen.



APRIL SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

THRIVENT NEWS

For 2009, due to the economy, LCOS has been approved for \$1250 under Care in Congregations, down from the \$1600 in previous years. We plan to do two fundraisers in 2009. The first will be the Bosnia fundraiser to support Ed Nace who will be traveling to Bosnia again this summer. Donation envelopes will be available on the Sundays in May. Monetary donations will be matched by Thrivent dollar for dollar up to \$625.00. The second fundraiser will be the Holiday Food Drive. Again monetary donations will be matched by Thrivent up to \$625.00.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

LCOS has been approved for \$1000 in supplemental funding for 2009 from Camden County Chapter of Thrivent Financial through its Care Abounds in Communities Program to be used for My Father's House. Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls. Meals have been scheduled well into the Fall, only 7 openings left for the remainder of the year. Remember to save your receipts, we must have \$3000 in receipts for this year to receive the supplement. Contact Jan Amme if you are interested in preparing a meal.

LCOS CARE PACKAGES

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 Thank you to Jan & Rich Amme, Larry Friant, Eva Shaw, Tracey DiCrescenzo, & Stacey Shaw who met after the 10:30 service on Sunday 2/22/09 to prepare 32 care packages for mailing.

CARING HEARTS

LCOS Social Ministry is sponsoring a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. We have been asked to collect deodorant for 24 men and 24 women, also new pairs of socks for children, men, and women, all sizes and colors. Caring Hearts will host their Easter/Spring Party on Friday April 3rd. A collection box is available until Sunday March 29th for your donations. Contact Jane Evans if any questions.

PANTRY

Help is needed to deliver food to our 12 Pantry families. A sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Contact Nancy Gulick & Charlie Coleman if any questions. Also please remember the Pantry when shopping and pick up a few extra items. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase needed items for the Pantry.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR IHOC to AUG.

We were able to fill 23 backpacks in 2008 with school supplies for IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council). We would like to top that in 2009. The Social Ministry Committee in conjunction with the Sunday School will be collecting supplies through August. Needed supplies include backpacks, pencils, pens, glue, protractors, rulers, crayons, markers, filler paper, compasses, folders, spiral notebooks, calculators, etc. Please send supplies to Sunday School with your children or place them in the designated box at the Wayne Avenue entrance to the church. Thank you in advance for your support. Contact Stacey Shaw if any questions.



to the following people for helping with the pantry in February; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Charlie Coleman, Danielle Deery, Juhan Runne, Eva & Harvey Shaw, Pat Reiter.** Thanks to **Seniors and Mary Pat Reiter** for special donations.

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

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

Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Jane Evans, Eleanor Gaines, Betty Keene, Rose Marie Krauss, Louise Mowrer, Dottie Powell & Jean Schroder.**



In Harm's Way

SFC Donald Brandinelli, serving in Iraq,
Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
Sgt. Ben Green, serving in the Middle East,
Michael Miano, stationed in Nepal.

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



Dear LCOS,
I just wanted to say thank you for my care package. I've just received it and imagine my surprise when the packaging was from the Czech Republic! I had a good laugh and I really appreciate you trying to send me a package while I was out of the country. All the food is great (though I can't eat the popcorn till after Easter since I gave it up for Lent, haha). Thank you so much for the package!

Jacqui Gitzes

Dear Friends at LCOS:

Thank you so much for the lovely care package. It was so nice of all of you to think of us. Max is very excited about all the fun snacks in it. We are so grateful for all of you thoughts and prayers while we are at Seminary. We will keep your congregation in our prayers, especially during this Lenten season. Thank you again for your kindness.

Peace, *Breanne, Ken, Max & Alex Tomlinson*

LCOS,

Thank you to the tape committee for the DVD which is delivered to me and Florence Danley. We appreciate the time you give needed to do this.

Thank you Pastor Wayne for bringing Communion service to the Methodist Home.

Sincerely, *Martha Ostertag*

Dear LCOS,

...for being so very thoughtful! Your boxes of goodies keep me happy, and I can't thank the person in charge or the families enough! Food is scarce at college, haha it's always nice to get boxes full!! Thanks again!

Sincerely, *Spencer Cowan*

CONFIRMATION CLASS AIDS SUDANESE REFUGEES

The confirmation class is collecting money to purchase Solar Cookers for refugees in Chad. Without these cookers, women must leave the camps to collect firewood for cooking; often they are attacked outside the camps. Made of cardboard and tinfoil, Solar Cookers provide a safe alternative and cost only \$15 each. Each family receives two cookers: one for water and one for food. Additionally, women in the camps are paid to assemble the cookers and sew bags for them.

If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation "Solar Cookers-Confirmation" and place it in the offering plate. For more information see

http://www.jewishworldwatch.org/refugeerelief/pdfs/JWW_FactSheet_Mar09_lr.pdf

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.

"SACRED TEXTS – MODERN ISSUES: GETTING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER"

AN EVENT FOR CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, AND MUSLIM LEADERS, SEMINARIANS, STUDENTS, AND THOSE INTERESTED IN INTERFAITH LEARNING.

On Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 2 – 8 PM at The Brossman Center at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Presenters from each of the three great religions. Participants can expect to come away from the program with a broader understanding of each tradition's interpretive methodologies as well as food for thought for future interfaith conversations.

A light supper is included. Registration forms are available from me or go to www.Ltsp.edu/trialouge We will be carpooling if needed.

Pastor Englehardt



FACES OF LCOS

Ten years separate Joe Hartmann, Jon Batchelor and Bill Neveling. One church brings them together.

Now retired, all three are regular worship members and were unaware of how their paths had crossed – being long-time members of the same church and having taught at the same high school for one year. Combined, the three men have been members of Our Savior for more than 170 years and spent a combined 93 years as educators, and almost as many coaching high school athletes.

FAITH HAS MOLDED LIFE OF LONG-TIME EDUCATOR

After Bill Neveling graduated from the University of Maryland in 1964, he seemed to search for his niche in life. Having majored in Physical Education and minored in Biological Science, Bill took a job teaching in a junior high school before returning to South Jersey to teach Science and coach at newly opened Eastern High School in Voorhees.

What Bill did not have to search for was his faith or spirituality. He had grown up in Bellmawr and worshiped regularly at the Presbyterian Church.

"But when I went away to college, I moved away from the church," he said. In 1963, he and his wife Linda were married in her Lutheran church. They moved back to the area and purchased a house in Haddonfield in 1969. Our Savior became their house of worship.

"I taught Science and coached football and track at Eastern High School for four years, and then my last year, I was assistant principal," Bill said. "I really didn't know Joe (Hartmann) when I was there but I knew Jon (Batchelor) – he came during my last year. Joe and my son Lance were inducted into the Haddonfield (High School) Hall of Fame the same year." All are long-time members of LCOS.

Bill left Eastern in 1970 to accept a position with Upjohn Pharmaceutical. Having just purchased his house, Bill did not want to relocate and went back to teaching. He became an administrator in the Haddon Heights School System in 1971 and spent 31 years there before he retired in 2002. He had the opportunity to coach track and met former LCOS member Bob Keck, who was a track official.

There was nothing coincidental about Bill's faith. "We joined the church in the early '70s and have been members ever since," he said. "I was on Church Council, Memorial Gifts Board, and taught Sunday Church School for a year while Pastor Wisser and Pastor Dunkle were here. I am close to Pastor Wisser.

"I think it is extremely important to have a religious background in your life and a belief in God. It creates stability, and it is necessary to be able to have faith and trust in your Creator.

"I want to get back to Bible Study and strengthen my background in religion. Our Pastors are good at accommodating the congregation and they are interested in you personally.

"I like the congregation and I enjoy the texture of the services, it influences you and supports you and encourages you to be active. I find a sense of stability in the church and my belief in God."



BAPTISM CLASS APRIL 18 AT 9:30AM

A baptism seminar will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 9:30-11:00 for anyone who desires to be baptized or have his or her infant or child baptized. The class will be held in the parlor, which is just through the library located near the elevator on the second floor or across from the nursery. Parents are welcome to bring their child or children and if nursery care is needed the church office must be contacted in advance to coordinate a provider for the time.

Baptisms will resume again after Easter so if you are planning to have your child baptized in the spring this class will provide you an opportunity to better understand the sacrament and your role as a parent in bringing your child to the font. It will also provide parents an opportunity to meet and get to know other parents whose children will be growing up with yours in the church as well as deepen their own faith relationship with God.





"In every way, things are the same on college campuses as they have always been: young people are striving through a four-year-long identity crisis discerning value. They are asking about their career, how to spend money, how to choose when to go out and when to study, which classes to take, whether they should work or get loans, and how to 'enjoy the best days of their lives.' It sounds like college is as it has always been.

But there are profound differences between the new student on campus and one from even 20 years ago. The new student was born in 1990 and has never known a life without the Internet or computers. They have always lived in a world with cell phone technology. More than likely, they have only watched cable television with 140 available channels or more. They view war through the green glare of nightscope lenses, watching bombs fall through chimneys on CNN. They measure worth by gigabyte, distance by the number of hours in-flight, and power by Google ranking. Students have been raised with a global worldview; they are instantaneously affected by events from continents away. The world has never been smaller, information more available, and time more valuable. In such an environment, how can the church respond?

If we Lutheran Christians wish to claim a truth about ourselves as followers of Jesus, we must be able to do more than say so. Young adults desire to experience God, not just be told about God. How can we continue to proclaim Christ crucified and go on as if this makes no difference? Words are not enough. Our lives need to express Christ as our head and cornerstone; and while grace saves, we should not settle for a cheap grace that demands nothing of our lives.

This generation is not looking for a church – they are looking for Jesus. I am Lutheran because of the beauty of our theology and the deep respect for God's grace. This is our shared heritage. I pray that, as Lutherans, we may be called by this generation to live our theology as well as we talk about it. May we love Jesus as boldly as our message."

from an article by Jay Gamelin, who is an ELCA campus pastor serving at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and printed from the March/April 2009 issue of Lutheran Partners)

If you want to read the entire article, contact me.

~Pastor Englehardt

GRIEF SUPPORT

MINISTRY SEMINAR

series 7 PM Tuesday nights in the church parlor; pray for those attending as they share their own life's journey.

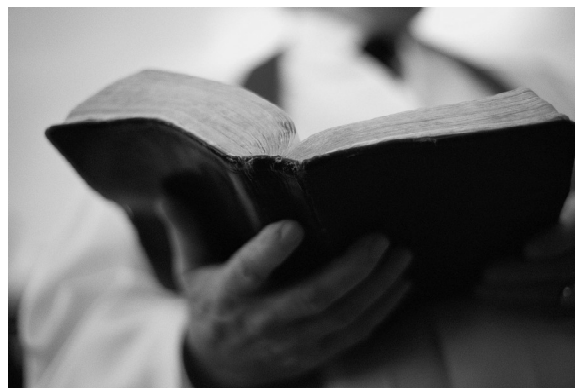


BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM AND
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30 AM
FROM APRIL 20/22 – MAY 18/20.

In his teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "don't worry." Easy for him!! He didn't have to worry about mortgage, taxes, credit rating, money for retirement, or the possibility of being unemployed. **Financial stress.** How can God help reassure me as I make the necessary adjustments while trying to maintain my sanity? Join me for a Biblical perspective on this very specific source of concern, dealing with our money!

~ Pastor Englehardt



CHARITABLE GIVING: EVERYONE WINS

While giving is a very personal decision, there may be significant tax benefits for people who include their congregation or other institutions of the church (such as colleges, Bible camps and Lutheran social ministry organizations) in their giving plans. In addition to outright gifts of cash, there are many ways to make a gift in support of the Lutheran faith. These options include: will or trust bequests, beneficiary designation gifts (life insurance, annuities, trusts, IRAs or other legal contracts), life insurance gifts, investment gifts, gift annuities, traditional IRAs, charitable remainder trusts and more.

People don't need to be wealthy to take advantage of these potentially tax-advantaged giving means. However, they should always consult with legal and tax experts for advice before putting a plan into action or making a charitable gift.

George C. Welker, a Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, in collaboration with your legal and tax advisors, can explain a variety of charitable giving techniques that are available. To ask for a free, no-obligation meeting, call 856-546-0500. Knowing the options that best fit one's financial circumstances can help ensure that both the donor and recipient organization are taking full advantage of the gift being given.

Remember, everybody wins in charitable giving.

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Treasurer's Outlook

by Tom Fosskett

February was a pretty good month. Contributions were \$29,395 while this is less than February a year ago, because January was so much better than 2008 for the year the Treasury has collected \$7,769 more in 2009. This also puts us ahead of the 2009 target by some \$8,000. Unfortunately the attendance has not kept pace with 2008. I optimistically point to the weather as an excuse, but let's all do what we can in March to turn that number around.

Expenditures in February were modest as compared to January.

In reviewing my predecessor's prior year report I found the following paragraphs, which are still just as relevant 12 months later.

"As we approach the end of the first quarter, it is a good time for each of us to check how our contributions are tracking with our pledges. Reviewing my contributions against my pledge always reminds me that although "envelope giving" is a tradition I grew up with, giving could be much less cumbersome and much more convenient if my contributions were automatically paid each week, each month. I would not even have to think about whether I was keeping up with my pledge. A couple of other envelope annoyances would disappear as well. For instance, I would not have the stress of scrambling to find the right envelope, then fill and complete it as I rush to church on time. And, I would not feel the occasional embarrassment of reaching into an empty pocket during offering because I left "the envelope" on the kitchen counter.

Simply Giving program is a more efficient, hassle free method that ensures your contributions match your intentions. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, *Simply Giving* enables secure, automatic electronic transfer of contributions from your checking or savings account at a frequency that works best for you, i.e., weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Unlike other forms of electronic payment, there is no fee because Thrivent Financial pays the transaction fees as a gift to the Lutheran community. Check it out at thrivent.com! You can complete the form on line and get started in a few minutes. If you feel more comfortable completing a hard copy form, stop by the church office and ask Monica for an Enrollment/Authorization form."