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## Discovery Canyon VBS Theme - July 27-31

There's nothing like an echo in a canyon to make spreading the good news easier! Register your child for Vacation Bible School by filling out a registration form found on the VBS bulletin board located beyond the office. The cost will be \$15 per child between the ages of 4 and those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and \$10 for each additional sibling.

This year's theme is "Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the Word". Each day is centered on a Bible memory verse and daily theme. Children will "hike" to 6 different sites to fill the day with fun and learning. VBS will be held July 27-31 from 9:00 to 12:00. We are still looking for volunteers for the week as well as volunteers to do the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float. We will also be posting a "wanted" list on the VBS bulletin board, so check back to see if there is anything that you can donate to help us make VBS "rock"!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Warren.



# The Parish Messenger

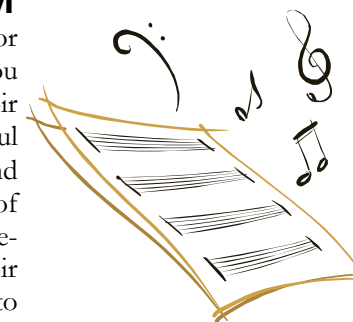


June 2009 NEWSLETTER  
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR  
HADDONFIELD, NJ

## LCOS Choir Concert Sunday, May 31st at 7 PM

Make sure your calendars are marked for 7:00 Sunday, May 31st, so that you can come and enjoy the LCOS Adult Choir and special friends, in a concert of beautiful music; beginning with the Baroque and ending with the Romantic. The first part of the program will be music by George Frederick Handel, including 2 pieces for Choir and instruments, plus an Organ Concerto played by our own Eric Ebbenga. The second half will be the beautiful Requiem by Gabriel Faure, sung by the choir, with soprano soloist, Monica Ebbenga, and baritone, Edward Nace. We will be joined by fine instrumentalists from the surrounding area. There will be no charge for the concert, however, a goodwill offering will be received. Invite a friend, or two.

We would love to see you there!



## Get the Red Out on Pentecost, May 31

Pentecost is the third high holy day of the Church after Christmas and Easter. The traditional color of the day is **red**. The congregation is invited to show their passion for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit by wearing **red** to worship that day. And for those who don't have anything **red**, consider wearing a **red** carnation or another **red** accessory. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the pouring out of Christ's Holy Spirit upon his disciples. Let's get the **red** out as we gather to celebrate this joyous festival of the Church.



## "Faith in Sticky Situations" Returns in June/July at 9:15

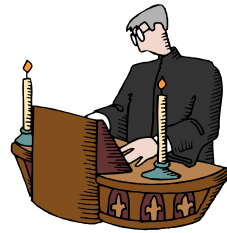
"Sticky Situations" was such a great success last year some continued to gather around sticky buns to discuss topics of faith and life in August. Many of the participants found it useful in applying the worship readings to everyday situations of life, as well as a great opportunity to get to know others in the congregation over delicious baked goods.

Therefore, "Faith in Sticky Situations" will return beginning on June 7 from 9:15-9:45. It will be held in the Parish Hall near the screen on the stage so everyone can see the Power Point slide presentation that is a part of the short program. Each week the situations of faith will be applicable to both youth and adults. Pastor Wayne will try to create a "sticky situation" for which one of the Sunday's readings might be helpful in discovering a faithful response with others who attend. Most importantly, he'll do his best to make sure sticky buns are available for the half-hour event each week in the months of June and July. See you downstairs!

## Acolyte Appreciation Picnic June 7 at 5:30 pm

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will once again honor the junior and senior high youth who serve as acolytes for worship. Each year the 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth who serve as attendants at the altar are invited to gather for a sumptuous dinner and fellowship before appreciation awards are given to the graduating seniors. This year there is a little twist. We are planning a picnic at a park or member's home where various lawn games can be played in addition to enjoying a cookout and celebrating those who have been acolytes during their senior high years. Detailed information will be sent by email as to the exact location by late May.

*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.*



**“Dad’s Lead the Way on Father’s Day”**

*By Pastor Wayne Zschech*

One of my first memories of being a father was holding my daughter in my arms and suddenly realizing, “God is counting on me to raise this little girl so that the father she knows on earth reflects the love, mercy, and forgiveness of her Father in heaven!” And then I prayed, “Oh, my God, give me what I need to be such a father. Don’t let my mistakes and inappropriate behavior jade her relationship with you. Help me be a loving father to her as you are to me.”

A few years later I discovered just how God answered that prayer. She was about five and it was the eve of Father’s Day. As I was kissing her goodnight I asked her, “So who’s the greatest father of them all?” She quickly replied with a grin, “Not you.” Shocked, I asked with a mock smile, “Who do you think is a greater father to you than me?” She then informed me, “My heavenly Father is the best father in the world, but you’re the greatest dad after Him.” How else could I respond but, “Well, I’ll play second fiddle to God the Father any day of the week and twice on Father’s Day!”

When fathers, and mothers, bring their children to the font for Holy Baptism we make certain promises. Some of them are pragmatic. We promise to bring them to worship, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Commandments, and Creed, and at the appropriate time, give them their own Bible so they may read God’s word in Scripture. We also promise to nurture them in faith and prayer. In other words, by the way we model a life of faith, love, and trust in Jesus our children come to love and trust God in Christ as well.

Whether she knows it or not, my daughter has benefited from this understanding. There have been many times when I was and am tempted to react in anger and frustration to her inappropriate behavior. However, when I take the time to reflect and pray about it first, I think about how in my relationship with God the Father and Jesus his Son I have behaved in similar ways. I too am disobedient. I too think of only myself. I too do the very things I know I ought not to do and don’t do the things I ought, and yet, God never strikes me with a bolt of lightning or afflicts me with pain. He does call me into accountability. He offers forgiveness and out of a relationship grounded in the love of Christ commands me to “go and sin no more.”

She may have only been five at the time, but I think my daughter was right when she proclaimed the best father in the world is our heavenly Father. The more we know about and are in relationship with our loving and merciful heavenly Father the better we are able to model that same love and forgiveness to the children who are in our care. On Father’s Day, dads can lead the way in when it comes to modeling faithful fatherhood by connecting with our heavenly Father first on that day. Moreover, may our children come to know of God the Father’s love for them through the love of their dads and other father figures, as we have come to know the Father’s love for us through Jesus his Son. **Amen**

**Memorial Gifts Board Approves Scholarship Proposal**

At their regular May meeting the Board continued their discussion of creating a perpetual scholarship for two seniors a year graduating from Urban Promise Academy in Camden. The Social Ministry Committee submitted the proposal at the February meeting and since then the family members of Jean Patterson and Bernadine Plotzke have been contacted about designating their respective bequests for this scholarship, and they both agreed it was a wonderful way to honor two women who valued the furthering of one’s education. The combination these two bequests will constitute the principal from which the interest will fund the \$1,000 scholarships, two each per graduation for up to four years per recipient. Additional funds are needed over the next three years to insure the maximum of \$8,000 needed for eight scholarships in 2012 is available if necessary. The Social Ministry Committee will oversee the scholarship’s administrative requirements with respect to verifying academic enrollment and transcript grades.

In other business, the Board approved the grant request from the Fellowship Together Committee for \$1,000 as much of that ministry’s financial plan was cut to maintain this year’s General Fund yearly budget to that of last year’s. The 2009 Financial Plan for Ministry will be much like 2008, but instead of funding adult youth advisors attendance at the National Youth Worker’s Convention the Board will consider funding Pastor Zschech attending the large congregation conference, Let the River Flow, in Burnsville Minnesota this June as there was no Continuing Education funds budgeted for either pastor this year.

**It is strange, isn’t it...**

**Isn’t it strange~** How a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

**Isn’t it strange~** How 2 hours seem so long when you’re at church, and how short they seem when you’re watching a good movie?

**Isn’t it strange~** That you can’t find a word to say when you’re praying but, you have no trouble thinking of what to talk about with a friend?

**Isn’t it strange~** How difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but, how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or book?

**Isn’t it strange~** How everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games but, they do whatever possible to sit in the last row in church?

**Isn’t it strange~** How we need to know about an even for church 2-3 weeks in advance so we can include it in our agenda but, we can adjust it for other events at the last minute?

**Isn’t it strange~** How difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others but, how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

**Isn’t it strange~** How we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but, we question the words in the Bible?

**Isn’t it strange~** How we send jokes in emails and they are forwarded right away but, when we are going to send messages about God, we think twice before with share it with others?

**Isn’t it strange~** How everyone wants a place in heaven but, we don’t know how to get there?

Read Romans 10: 9-13 it tells you how!

**Is it strange or is it sad?**

**Attention Seniors! Senior Game Day**

**NEXT DATES ARE:  
Tuesday, June 23rd, & July 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**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Kim Anderson       | Youth                    |
| Brian Bell         | Property                 |
| Bill Cowan         | Secretary                |
| Charles Coleman    | Christian Education      |
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| Dave Wyche         | Communication            |

**MEMORIAL GIFTS BOARD**

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

**STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS**

- Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
- Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor
- Monica Ebbenga, Office Administrator
- Cindy Randall, Office Assistant
- Eric Ebbenga, Organist
- Patricia Shaw-Green, 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.

# June Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild:** June Davis, Julie Frederick, Jackie Hicks  
**Counters:** Arranged by Dale Kredatus

## June 7

**Readers:** 8 - Bill Wilson 10: Bobbie Newsham  
**Communion Assistants:** 10: Hans Underwood & Tom Reiter  
**Ushers:** 8 - Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney  
10 - Bob Mirabello & TBA  
**Acolytes:** 8 - Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan, Alex Fabian  
10- Allison & Brian Gensel, Emily Donovan,  
Molly Tomlinson, Bobby Jelonek

## June 14

**Readers:** 8 - T. Weber 10 - P. Larro  
**Ushers:** 8 - Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney  
10- Bob Mirabello & Eric Woltz  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Morgan Sehdev, Brie Zschech  
10- Mike & Dan Wolf, Daniel Leverick, Shelby Cain, Sarah Swan

## June 21

**Readers:** 8- J. Oakes 10 - B. Bogina  
**Ushers:** 8- Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney  
10- Bob Mirabello & Eric Woltz  
**Acolytes:** 8 - Rob LaBarge, Morgan Sehdev, Stephen Woltz  
10 - Jackie Stillwell, John Finnerty, Kyle Carpenter,  
Steven Peterson, Hayden Remphrey

## June 28

**Readers:** 8 - J. Wenzel 10 - C. Bare  
**Ushers:** 8 - Judy Caravelli & Helen Mountney  
10- Bob Mirabello & TBA  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan, Alex Fabian  
10 - Kelly & Holly Harrington, Sam Lyons  
Andrew Vitale, Julia Gross



# JUNE 2009

- Mon 1 Softball Game @ St. Rose of Lima 6:30 PM, Prayer Group 7 PM
- Tues 2 Election Day ~ Social Ministry 7 PM; Executive Committee 7:30 PM
- Wed 3 Tai Chi 4 PM, Softball Game Home vs. St. Rose of Lima 6:30 PM
- Thurs 4 Working Arm 9:30 AM
- Sun 7 **Worship 8 & 10 AM, 9:15 AM Sticky Situations, Wiggle Worship 10:15 AM Acolyte Picnic 5:30 PM**
- Mon 8 Prayer Group 7 PM
- Tues 9 Softball Game @ Martin Luther Chapel #2 6:30 PM Church Council 7:30 PM
- Wed 10 Tai Chi 4 PM Messenger Deadline!
- Thurs 11 Softball Game Home vs. Haddon Hts. Pres 6:30 PM
- Sun 14 **Worship 8 & 10 AM, 9:15 AM Sticky Situations, Blessing of Grads 10AM, Wiggle Worship 10:15 AM**
- Mon 15 Prayer Group 7 PM
- Tues 16 Softball Game @ Martin Luther Chapel #1 6:30 PM
- Wed 17 Tai Chi 4 PM; **Children's Church 6 PM**
- Thurs 18 Messenger Mailing Softball Game @ Holy Communion 6:30 PM
- Sun 21 **Worship 8 & 10 AM, 9:15 AM Sticky Situations, Wiggle Worship 10:15 AM**
- Mon 22 Prayer Group 7 PM
- Tues 23 Senior Game Day 12 Noon
- Wed 24 Tai Chi 4 PM
- Sun 28 **Worship 8 & 10AM, 9:15 AM Sticky Situations, Wiggle Worship 10:15 AM**
- Mon 29 Prayer Group 7 PM, Lutheran Day @ Great Adventure

## Have a Need for a Nanny?



My name is Becky Lomas and I am looking for a part time or full time nanny position for the summer. I am 22 years old and will be graduating from Rutgers University in May with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Childhood Studies. In the fall, I will be returning to Rutgers University to pursue a Doctorate in School Psychology. I worked at a day-care center for three years and gained experience working with children between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years. I also have experience working at a summer camp for elementary school aged children and have several years of experience babysitting. If you are interested please contact the church office.

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## Synod Assembly Convenes June 5-6

Did you know the word “synod” comes from the combination of the words “synonymous” and “odyssey”, which means “journey”? What that means is the 180+ congregations of the New Jersey Synod are on a “synonymous journey” as we follow Christ for the sake of the world. And since we are on this mission driven journey together it’s good for us to get together once a year to see how our “travels” are going.

This is why those 180+ congregations will gather in East Brunswick from June 5-6 for their annual New Jersey Synod Assembly. Both pastors along with Nancy and Jaime Frazier will attend this year’s two-day event. Please keep the voting members of the assembly in your prayers during the week as they discern the moving of the Holy Spirit among the congregations of our synod.



## Great Adventure & Wild Safari, New Jersey

### Lutheran Day at Great Adventure June 29

Who said Lutherans don’t know how to have fun? On June 29<sup>th</sup> the New Jersey Synod will host a “Great Adventure Day” at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson NJ. Pastor Wayne will be leading a group from Our Savior to the park that day (he loves rollercoasters) and hopes youth and families will consider making a day of it. Registration forms can be found on the Youth bulletin board on the first floor hallway near the restrooms or on the New Jersey Synod website at [www.njsynod.org/content/view/171/25/](http://www.njsynod.org/content/view/171/25/).

The cost for Great Adventure Park and Safari and Hurricane Harbor ticket details are as follows:

Full Ticket (includes lunch & return ticket)	\$38 each (\$140 value)
Lunch Only (includes free return ticket for season pass holder)	\$15 each (\$75 value)
Water Park Any Day in 2009 Season	\$15 each (\$45 value)
Water Park – June 29, 2009 ONLY	\$10 each (\$45 value)
Parking	\$15 each

The park opens at 9:00 AM so Pastor Wayne will lead a caravan out at 8:00 AM from the church. The group will rendezvous for lunch at the assigned picnic area that will include music by the Ascension Lutheran Church of Haddon Heights praise band. **Registration Deadline is June 8** so please contact Pastor Wayne at the church office or by email for more info. We will likely leave the park by 9:00 PM if not sooner. For more information from the synod coordinator please contact Debbie Crawford at 609-586-6800 ext. 117 or [dcrawford@njsynod.org](mailto:dcrawford@njsynod.org).

## High School Graduate Blessing, June 14 10am Worship



Once again The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be blessing our graduating high school seniors and acknowledging their parents at the 10:00 worship on June 14. During this deeply meaningful and emotional service parents are thanked and acknowledged for keeping the promises they made at their child's baptism being raised in the Christian faith. Graduating seniors affirm the promises they made at their confirmation and together parents and child come forward for the blessing ceremony. The young men and women are presented with an afghan that has the Serenity Prayer on it as a gift from the congregation made possible through gifts to the Memorial Gift and Endowment Funds before receiving a blessing from their parents and then offering one in return. Please keep these graduating seniors and their parents in your prayers as they step out into the world as young adult Christians.

## Confirmation Orientation June 14 at 6:00

Even though the confirmation service was only a few weeks ago Pastor Wayne is already gearing up for next year. Parents, and only parents, of youth who will be participating in the confirmation ministry next year are invited to attend an orientation seminar and registration on Sunday, **June 14, from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Parents of incoming students are especially encouraged to attend and those who have children returning are also encouraged to attend as there will be important information and sign-ups provided.

The Faith Inkubators multi-media materials of the Head to the Heart curriculum have proven to be engaging and highly experiential for both the youth and the parents who volunteer to be small group Guides. Some parents are learning more now than they did when they were in confirmation. Others are establishing and nurturing stronger faith based relationships with both their children and other adults in the congregation. Still others feel such a strong connection to the youth they are staying on as a Guide even after their child is confirmed.

Be sure to attend this highly informational and engaging orientation in preparation for next year's confirmation ministry if your child will be in the seventh or eighth grades next year or if they have not yet begun and are little behind. It is not uncommon to have high school youth in the program as well.

## Summer Mission Trip July 18-25

Once again the senior high youth and adult sponsors will travel to Goldsboro NC to work with Habitat for Humanity in building houses for those who need a home and deepen their own faith journey in daily devotions and discussion. The group will leave Our Savior on Saturday, July 18 and travel to Emmanuel Lutheran in Vienna Virginia for an overnight stay and worship on Sunday morning. They will then travel to Goldsboro and stay in a local church while working for Habitat during the week, showering at the YMCA, and enjoying some recreational activities at night. This life-changing event is open for all youth age 14 to those graduating from high school this year. Currently there are about a dozen youth and five adults who are planning to attend, but there is still room for more. The group will have their major fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner, on Friday, May 29 with advance tickets on sale as well as the night of the event. Contact Lisa Quanci for a seating time.

If you would like to know more about the mission trip or would like to attend please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech as soon as possible to make the proper arrangements. The cost to the youth and adults attending who are able to work the spaghetti dinner is currently set at \$50 and those signing up after the event will pay a higher price.

Confess [your] trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ~James 5.16

## 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.

## June Social Ministry News By Betsy Kuehn

### BOSNIA FUNDRAISER

This year's first fund raiser under Care in Congregations began on Sunday, May 3 and continues through Sunday, May 31. Again this year Ed Nace will be traveling to Bosnia from June 20 to July 3, 2009 as part of the International Service Team of the New Jersey Synod. We are accepting donations each Sunday in May and matching funds will be requested from Thrivent Financial up to \$625. Envelopes will be provided for donations and may be found in the narthex and the front and back of the church. We hope the congregation will respond generously.

The second fundraiser will be the Holiday Food Drive in November, donations to be matched up to \$625.

### 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 2 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 at [eslohboy@verizon.net](mailto:eslohboy@verizon.net). In February, we sent 32 care packages. We plan to send care packages again in the fall, date to be announced.

### CARING HEARTS

LCOS Social Ministry sponsored a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries, an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. Caring Hearts hosted their Easter/Spring Party on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Caring Hearts also hosts a Fall Give-A-Way and Holiday Party, dates and items needed to be announced.

### PANTRY

Help is needed to deliver food to our 13 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. In addition to non-perishable foods, items needed include paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase needed items for the Pantry.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR IHOC THROUGH AUGUST

Social Ministry is again collecting school supplies for IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council). "Pac-A-Sacs for IHOC" will be available June 1<sup>st</sup>, to return to Parish Hall by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Pat Van Cleve has provided about 40 grocery bags, with a list of needed supplies on bags, similar to Holiday Food Drive bags. We plan to fill backpacks in August. Contact Stacey Shaw with questions.

### Meeting dates:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7pm. Upcoming meeting dates are June 2, then September 1, October 6, November 13, December 1. If you are interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy.

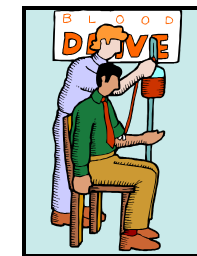


to the following people for helping with the pantry in April; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Charlie Coleman, Kathy Ellis, Reiter family, Juhan Runne.** Thanks to **Seniors** for special donations.

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

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

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



Thank you to all of you who came out to donate blood during the recent drive at LCOS.

We had 24 donors who helped to save 72 lives. The American Red Cross is very grateful.



### In Harm's Way

**SFC** serving in Iraq,  
**Lt.** aboard USS Vicksburg  
**Sgt.** serving in the Middle East,  
stationed in Afghanistan,  
stationed in Nepal.

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



## Saturday Night Worship Still in the Works...

At the writing of this article the Worship and Music Committee is still in the process of determining what the format will be for the Saturday night pilot worship to be implemented this summer. The projected start date of June 7 will need to be pushed back until the pastors and worship leaders can accurately assess what would be the best option to offer and at what time. It was the consensus of the group that simply offering a worship on Saturday evening that was rushed to production would not be in the best interest of ministry.

Focus groups of those expressing an interest in sharing what they would most like to see in a Saturday night worship will be held in May with the hope of discerning what type of worship would serve the congregation best. It will most likely not be the traditional worship offered on Sunday morning, as this would require musical accompaniment, which at this time is not a possibility. The possibility of a contemplative worship will be discussed, but no final plans have been made. If you are interested in offering input in this process, please contact Pastor Wayne, Pastor Englehardt, or Worship and Music chair, Tom Reiter with your comments.

## Congregation Conference in MN Pastor Wayne to Attend

The ELCA hosts its second annual large congregation conference, "Let the River Flow", in Burnsville Minnesota this year from June 15-18. Pastor Wayne Zschech will join fellow pastor, David Jost from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hainesport, for this continuing education event. In addition to the general session speakers, Pastor Wayne plans to attend the following workshops that he hopes will better enable him and Our Savior to bear the fruit of gospel ministry in our neighborhood setting.

- Young Adults: How do we minister to the age group most visibly absent from the church?
- Strategic Planning: How might the Vision Team create an effective ministry plan?
- Gift Oriented Ministry: How do we identify and invite people to use their gifts in ministry?
- Senior Pastors: What unique roles and responsibilities are senior pastors called to live out?

Pastor Wayne hopes to use this time away to not only recharge his spiritual "batteries" but also to hear of new ideas for ministry as well as honing the traditional ministry programs and events of the church. Please keep him and Pastor Jost in your prayers as they travel to "the Land of Lutherans" this month, and that the Holy Spirit inspire their passion for ministry while away.

Dear LCOS,  
Let me thank you for Ellis, Florence & myself for the lilies & DVD which were delivered to Collingswood Manor. We appreciate being remembered.  
Sincerely, *Martha Ostertag, Ellis & Florence Danley*

"LCOS"

Special thanks to the Alter Guild for the lovely Easter lily personally delivered to me. May life bring you a reflection of the kindness you've shown to others. "Thank You" for you thoughtfulness.  
Gratefully, *Yvonne Schaffer*

Dear Members of LCOS,  
Thank you for the Easter Lily. It is full of beautiful blooms. It was a big surprise to have Linda Powell, her daughter & 3 grandchildren deliver the flowers. It made my day! Yours Truly, *Gloria Butcosk*

Dear Pastor,  
Thanks so much for your visit & all the 'goodies' and may I extend my thanks for the beautiful Lily - It is so nice to be able to smell them and not wait for the you know what. May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
~*Jane Harris*

Dear Cherub Parents,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful gift - I can't wait to shop at the Vera Bradley store soon!! Your children were wonderful on Mother's Day - thank you for all your support.  
A big thank you to my daughter Kathy Wright for all her help with the cherubs!  
Have a great summer. I'll see you same time next year.  
*Love, Linda*

Dear Friends at LCOS,  
We certainly have been enjoying this grandparent role. Our friends at church have been so lovely at welcoming grandson #2, Gavin Francis McKeever, into the world. We are thankful for the good wishes, many cards, gifts and meals delivered to Gabrielle and her family (a ministry inspired by Kathy (Sayer) Wright). The flowers on the altar May 10 were beautiful. Thank you Pastors for your welcoming words and to all at LCOS.  
*Warmly, Lorraine & Don Miano*

## Faces of LCOS

### Kim Warren: VBS 'Discovers' New Director

Kim Warren and her husband Bruce discovered Our Savior over a year ago. Now she is just a few weeks away from another discovery – directing her first Vacation Bible School at LCOS from July 27-31. The theme is *Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the Word*.

Kim grew up in Clarinda, IA, where she has fond memories of being raised Lutheran. "I grew up Lutheran and attended Lutheran parochial school and was married in the Lutheran church," Kim said from her home in Cherry Hill.

Kim moved from Iowa to Ocean City, NJ in 1996. In 2001, Kim and Bruce joined St. Mark's when they moved to Oaklyn. Two years ago, they moved to Cherry Hill and discovered Our Savior was the kind of parish that appealed to them.

"We didn't know anybody; we just liked the church and the girls (Emma, 6, and Brooke, 4) were in Cherub Choir before we even joined. This is a parish with younger families that our kids could participate with, and I wanted the girls to grow up with a church family like I did."

Last year, Kim responded to a request to help teach Sunday Church School and has led the 3-year-old class. Now she is responding to a need to lead Vacation Bible School (VBS) after long-time director Susan Remphrey retired.

"I attended Vacation Bible School when I was young, and I taught during the summers when I was in high school," she said. "It is something I want my kids to be involved in. I have such good memories of Vacation Bible School when I was young."

"I am excited about this year," Kim continued. "I have loved teaching Sunday Church School. It is so neat to see the kids get excited about coming to Sunday School and being part of the church family. We have also enjoyed the Cherub Choir and attending Children's Church."

"I am a stay-at-home mom. Now that the kids are a little older, I have time to volunteer. This year, I have been involved as the craft coordinator for the mom's group MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers), and I am a Girl Scout Daisies leader. This (VBS) will all be new to me but I am very excited."

"I am looking forward to meeting a lot of new members. Vacation Bible School has been a good experience for me and I want to share that with others. I hope that the children will have a wonderful time discovering the Word of God and make memories that last a lifetime."

## 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.*



## Staff Summer Vacation Schedule

During the summer the pastors, office and worship staff will be "re-creating" while on vacation the same as they hope and pray the congregation has time to do as well. Here are the staff vacation dates as of this newsletter, which are subject to change.

Pastor Zschech:

June 22 – July 1, August 24-29

Pastor Englehardt:

July 2-8, September 3-10

Monica Ebbenga:

June 4-5, June 29-July 3, August 3-7

Pat Green: June 14-26

(or the two weeks immediately following birth of 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild)

## “Living Simply” may be worthy of your consideration.

During our recent Lent, 30 or so of us gathered for five Wednesday nights following the soup dinners for a 30-45 minute discussion about the above-stated theme. The resources for this process were as follows:

Starting Simple: Conversations about the way we Live

by Bob Sitze

Six Weeks to a Simpler Lifestyle

by Barbara DeGrote-Sorensen and David Allen Sorensen

'Tis a Gift to be Simple

by Barbara DeGrote Sorensen and David Allen Sorensen

Sustaining Simplicity: A Journal by Anne Basye

Voluntary Simplicity: Toward a Way of Life That is

Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich by Diane Elgin

Simply Living America: [www.simplelivingamerica.org](http://www.simplelivingamerica.org)

Though all of the resources prove to be valuable and helpful, the third listed above, 'Tis a Gift to be Simple, became our small group guide.

Perhaps the most reflective activity in that resource was each of us completing the Life-Style Survey, a quick, easy, yet engaging opportunity to look at the five most basic areas of our life (through just 50 questions), enabling us to ‘find our pace’ – are we somewhat dissatisfied and longing for change or are we generally pleased with how we are currently handling life and its complexities?

My personal result was a 42, which, according to the authors, meant I have an extremely well-balanced life-style. In and of itself that didn't surprise me (and it shouldn't unnecessarily impress anyone) because in the areas of time management, relating to family, finances, emotional stability, and general attitudes, I expected to score ‘high marks.’ It was the other 8 that demanded my attention, because in the areas of physical stability (exercise and fitness), and relating to friends (socializing, keeping contact), I need to make significant changes. And, according to many, these are two areas that dare not be neglected, in terms of overall health and the desire to live to a reasonable old age. There it was for me – in black and white! My “pacemaker” (that's the valid analogy they use) needs some obvious and immediate adjusting; and I'm happy to say I'm working on it. The practical advice at the end of the Life-Style Survey is equally helpful: Getting a Pacemaker, Sample Pacemakers, Daily Pacemakers, Longer Range Pacemakers.

Does this sound like something you could utilize? The resources are listed; I'm available to help answer questions; the rest is up to you!

~**Pastor Englehardt**



## Bible Study???

No, we are not having planned Bible studies during the months of June, July, or August. However, several items concerning them are worth sharing at this time.

1) I recently completed a Spring study entitled “Our Faith and Financial Stress.” There is an excellent two page article extracted from a recent Lutheran magazine which gives excellent insights, especially Scripturally, about this subject. That handout is available in the Church Office if seeking God's advice during these tough economic times is in your interest.

2) There is now available a new Lutheran Study Bible, which can be very helpful to you as you read God's Word. There is a soft-back version as well as a hardback one, which are priced respectively at \$25 and \$39, though we can get a group rate if enough respond. Let me know by June 7 if you are interested in such a purchase.

3) One of my major projects this Summer is to reread the Qu'ran in preparation for a Fall-early Winter Bible study that will look carefully at the commonality of major themes of both Christianity and Islam, with some reference to Judaism. I plan to devise ways to make this study more available to everyone, recognizing that attending scheduled classes is not a reasonable option for most.

~ **Pastor Englehardt**

## Time for a financial checkup!

For most people, checkups are a regular part of life. Dental visits, auto maintenance appointments and even glances in the bathroom mirror all help people monitor performance, catch potential problems and assure that all is – or will be – well.

What's true of teeth, engines and grooming is also true of finances: regular checkups are required. Why? Changes both great and small affect the strategies people have developed to achieve their financial goals. Unfortunately, too many people act as though once their financial program is in place their work is done. This isn't so.

As a general rule, people should review their financial program at least once each year. Certain life changes – the birth or adoption of a child, a change in marital status (married, divorced, widowed), the death of a family member or changes to one's health – should serve as reminders that a financial tune-up is in order.

Other changes in personal economics can also have a huge impact on people's financial programs. These may include shifts in employment status or salary (e.g. loss of job or a pay cut/freeze), home ownership changes, significant changes in total assets or debt, the receipt of an inheritance, and tax law changes can all make previous plans obsolete.

It is a rare person who hasn't been affected in the last 12 months by changes in the economic landscape, yet many people don't stop to consider how these changes affect their overall financial program.

How can a person perform a financial checkup? For those with a do-it-yourself mentality, a number of print and electronic resources exist to help them monitor their finances. However, most people can benefit from the knowledge, experience and insight that financial services professionals offer.

Qualified financial professionals can help people evaluate their present financial strategies and keep abreast of new laws, regulations, products and economic developments. Even more important, financial professionals can challenge unrealistic assumptions people may have and help them overcome money management's greatest threat: procrastination.

To live is to experience change. How and where change will appear is impossible to predict, but a financial checkup is one sure way to make certain a person's financial objectives – and his or her sense of financial confidence – keep pace with all that occurs.

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## Treasurer's Outlook

by Tom Foskett

Total income for April was \$36,424. For the first four months of 2009, income was \$144,280 which is 7.2% or about \$9,700 higher income for the same four month period last year. While the first two months of April were simply fantastic there was clearly some noticeable softening for the last two weeks in April. We will continue to look closely at the giving patterns as we move into May. I remain hopeful that contributions will continue to outpace the prior year.

Expenses for April were \$35,464. Our expenses for the year so far are \$160,653 which exceed income by \$16,374. However, I am not concerned. It appears that many of these expenses are seasonal and should level out by year end. There are a few minor line items that have exceeded their annual budget they include, Custodial Services, Office Supplies and Piano/Organ Maintenance, fortunately all of these line items are of a relatively minor nature.

As the year goes on I will continue to learn and monitor all treasury activity. It has been a very good learning experience for me to this point. The various ministries that LCOS supports is quite remarkable.

While we at LCOS appear to be doing OK, they synod is having its own financial struggles. At the last council meeting two special envoys were sent to speak to us. They indicated that due to lack of funding a \$300,000 cut was made to the New Jersey Synods 2009 budget. There are 183 churches in the synod and we were identified as one of the key 18 churches for funding. Currently LCOS donates over 10% of our revenue to the Synod. The council is considering a separate fund appeal to assist the Synod in making up this funding short fall. More details will follow.