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# The Parish Messenger

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

March Messenger

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



### “STONES AND FAITH”

#### Sunday Theme in Lent

Stones are referred to frequently throughout Scripture as they relate to God’s faithful people. From the Ten Commandments carved on stone tablets to Jesus as either a stumbling stone or rock of salvation and foundation stone of faith the use of stones in relation to faith is prevalent. Since Lent is a time of penance and drawing closer to God in faith as the church journeys with Jesus to the cross and resurrection of Holy Week and Easter the theme of “Stones and Faith” has been chosen to aid in this process.

Starting with Ash Wednesday and on every Sunday thereafter through March the theme of each sermon will reflect on different types of stones in scripture.

Each week those in worship will receive a stone to serve as a focal point during the sermon and time of silent reflection following prior to the Hymn of the Day. Then on Palm/Passion Sunday, the congregation will have the opportunity to place their stones in a barrel where the baptismal font usually stands. The barrel will be used to hold the cross used for Good Friday, representing Jesus taking on our sins when he hung on the cross, and how our sins are washed away in the waters of baptism when the font returns on Easter morning. The weekly themes are as follows. Please consider making weekly worship a part of your Lenten journey in drawing closer to God in faith and trust and so your celebration of Holy Week and Easter may be more meaningful.

**Ash Wednesday:** Stones of the covenant

**March 1:** God’s law engraved on stone and on human hearts

**March 8:** A millstone as metaphor for punishment of sin

**March 15:** Jesus is a stumbling stone for unbelievers and the rock of salvation for believers

**March 22:** Jesus the living stone upon which the church is founded

**March 29:** Jesus, the foundation stone for life

### ANNOUNCING MEMBERCONNECT! Our Online Community

MemberConnect is a great way for our church family to communicate among ministry groups. It is an online directory and so much more! Staff and Ministry Leaders can post announcements, calendar events, discussion forums, help wanted ads, photo albums, and so much more for the groups they lead.

Newest additions to the site include a lively discussion about a proposal to add a Saturday night service (sign on and add your opinion!), and a photo album of Fellowship Together’s Wine Tasting Event held last month. You can also browse the complete current *Messenger*, along with the 2009 Annual Report and Addendum, in the Documents Page.

Members can contact the church office if you are having a difficulty logging in.

*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.*

# FROM THE PASTOR

## “Creating Belief-Filled Disciples from Beloved Children”

*By Pastor Wayne Zschech*

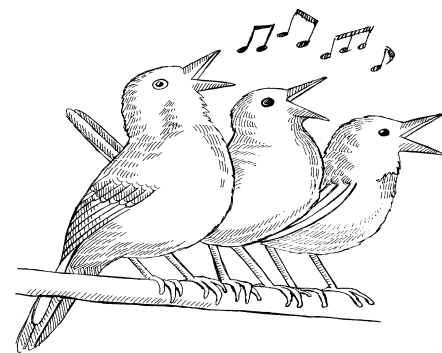
*“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.” 2 Timothy 5*

Last month I finally handed in my final Doctor of Ministry project to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. The project topic was a retreat for parents who desire to have their infant or child baptized that enables them to examine their own faith in Christ and draw closer in their relationship to God. Parents who model the Christian faith are more likely to create belief-filled disciples from their beloved children much like Lois and Eunice did for their son Timothy. Moreover, parents are not the only ones who can model the faith so that children may come to have faith in Christ either. The whole congregation and community of faith participate in this process as well.

Lent was always a time when our family spent a lot of time at church. We lived in Cinnaminson but attended St. John’s Lutheran in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia, a short fifteen minute drive. I remember the coin banks we filled with dimes (now quarters) that would go to feed the hungry. I remember attending Wednesday night Lenten services that focused on a theme to help us better understand our faith and draw us closer to God. Sunday was still the same. As a child, my sister and I attending Sunday School while my parents worshipped and as a teenager I worshipped with my father at the early service and attended a Bible study afterward while my mother worshipped and sister sang in the choir. And through it all, my parents would talk about what they heard in the sermon or how important it was to sacrifice for the sake of others, especially during Lent.

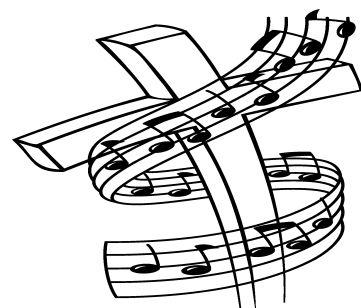
I know March is the beginning of a busy time for many people. Baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse seasons are starting up. School plays, dance recitals and concert rehearsals are also filling the calendar. College basketball isn’t the only form of March madness these days. Which is all the more reason to carve time out during March and the season of Lent to draw closer to Christ and deepen our faith in God. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are the oldest practices of the Christian faith than any other during the year, including Christmas (let’s face it, how do you commercialize Jesus’ suffering and sacrifice on the cross?).

I invite you this Lenten season to take advantage of the various opportunities at Our Savior draw closer to your faith in Christ that are available. Attend the Midweek Soup Suppers that will focus on Living Simply. Fill an ELCA World Hunger coin bank in the Lenten Self-Denial Emphasis. Attend Pastor Englehardt’s Bible study on Jeremiah on Monday or Wednesdays. Talk to your child or a child who will be receiving his or her first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday about what the Lords’ Supper means to you. Attend worship weekly and reflect on the “Stones and Faith” theme preached each week. Keep a Lenten journal that reflects your thoughts and questions about your faith. Pick up a home devotional and use it daily. Attend the Tuesday noon community worship services at Grace Episcopal to hear of God’s hope offered from the cross and empty tomb. Whatever you choose to do, I pray it creates a deeper sense of a living faith in you as it did for Lois, Eunice, Timothy, and all those who have gone before us in the faith.



## LENT & MUSIC

It’s amazing how rapidly we are approaching Lent, the time at which we choose hymns and anthems specifically appropriate to this season. Notably, the pace of the music slows a bit, and we are able to find both great meaning, and comfort in the words which we sing during this time. From both a religious and a musical standpoint, it is one of the most powerful times in our church year! When we really ponder the Lenten season, and allow ourselves to prayerfully read, and mentally digest those last few weeks in our Savior’s life, it’s almost too much to take in. It’s overwhelming. How wonderful is it, that, when we are unable to find the right words to express how we feel during this season, (or many others for that matter,) music somehow always comes to our rescue. From the time we sang lullabies to our children to calm them, to the singing of songs about eternal life at the funeral of a friend or loved one, music has always been there to help us say all the right things. So, as we start singing the beautiful music of the Lenten season, allow your hearts to break a bit, but also to be renewed by the fact that our sadness will be turned, very soon, into the immeasurable joy of Easter!



## THE 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

All members are invited to attend!

Saturday, March 28

This day-long event is great for everyone, not just adults, school-age kids are welcome, too! Dozens of workshops are offered encompassing Children, Youth and Family; Serve Now; Mission and Ministries; and Justice and Peace. The Rev. Timothy J. Wengert will be the keynote speaker as everyone gathers in the morning. The event will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Steinert High School in Hamilton Square, NJ. Anyone who would like to carpool should let the church office know.

Here is a tiny sampling of the many workshops offered this year:

- Book of Faith: Devotional Bible Study*
- Brain Science, Development, Teens and Faith*
- Will You Be My Friend?*
- Professional Boundaries, Facebook, and You*
- The Price Is Right Game Show:*
- Lutheran-Social-Ministries-of-New-Jersey-Style!*
- What is God Calling You to Do with Your Life?*
- I Can’t Take It Anymore! (Yoga workshop)*
- PRAY: Meditate Listen Chant*
- God’s Call to Earthkeeping*
- Just Neighbors: Low Income, Tough Choices & the Christian Response*

Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office.



**ATTENTION SENIORS!**  
**SENIOR GAME DAY**  
**NEXT DATE IS:**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH,**  
**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

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Kim Anderson      | Youth                    |
| Brian Bell        | Property                 |
| Bill Cowan        | Secretary                |
| Charles Coleman   | Christian Education      |
| Danielle Deery    | Congregational Resources |
| Tracey DiCresenzo | Social Ministry          |
| Tom Foskett       | Treasurer                |
| Larry Friant      | Vice President           |
| Particia Haines   | Worship & Music          |
| Dale Kredatus     | Financial Secretary      |
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| Deb MacBride      | Christian Education      |
| Bobbi Newsham     | Fellowship Development   |
| Tom Reiter        | Worship & Music          |
| Juhan Runne       | Personnel, Chair         |
| Kathy Simpkins    | Seniors                  |
| Hans Underwood    | Youth                    |
| Dave Wyche        | Communication            |

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS BOARD

- Cathe Bare
- Jack Berrigan
- Paul Clark
- 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.

# MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

**Altar Guild:** Sue Tharp, Janie Braccio, Joan Johnson  
**Counters:** Dale Kredatus, Jack Berrigan



## March 1

**Coffee Hour:** Christian Education Committee  
**Readers:** 8- A. Stolarick 10:30- Bill Cowan  
**Communion Assistants:** 10:30- Dale Kredatus, Deb MacBride  
**Ushers:** 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30- Craig Roncace & Harvey Shaw  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Brie Zschech, Samantha Prepsel  
 10:30-Noelle & Ethan Quanci, John Finnerty, Jackie Stillwell, Michael McLaughlin

Day Light Saving Time Begins

## March 8

**Coffee Hour:** Communications  
**Readers:** 8- Bill Wilson 10:30- R. Amme  
**Ushers:** 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30- Craig Roncace & Harvey Shaw  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Joseph Kiernan, Stephen Woltz  
 10:30- Rebecca Windle, Karen Graber, Robby Reiter, Andrew Shaw, Nicole Fallon

## March 15

**Coffee Hour:** Congregation Resources  
**Readers:** 8- L. Oakes 10:30- K. Carpenter  
**Ushers:** 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30- Craig Roncace & Harvey Shaw  
**Acolytes:** 8-Rob LaBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Alex Fabian  
 10:30- Michael & Daniel Wolf, Daniel Leverick, Shelby Cain, Sarah Swan

## March 22

**Coffee Hour:** Outreach  
**Readers:** 8- J. Oakes 10:30- C. Gross  
**Ushers:** 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30- Craig Roncace & Harvey Shaw  
**Acolytes:** 8- RobLaBarge, Carri Killian, Morgan Sehdev  
 10:30- Chris & Nick Heinze, Kyle Carpenter, Steven Peterson, Luisa Masclans

## March 29

**Coffee Hour:** Fellowship Together Committee  
**Readers:** 8- J. Wentzel 10:30- H. Harrington  
**Ushers:** 8-Eric & Betty Woltz 10:30- Craig Roncace & Harvey Shaw  
**Acolytes:** 8- RobLaBarge, Kelly & Holly Harrington  
 10:30- Kelly & Holly Harrington, Sam Lyons, Andrew Vitale, Hayden Remphrey

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- Sun 1 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6 PM**
- Mon 2 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM
- Tues 3 Lenten Service @ Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM  
 Back to Sunday School Night, 7 PM  
 Social Ministry, 7 PM  
 Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
- Wed 4 Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM  
 Tai Chi, 4 PM  
 Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM  
 Lenten Soup Dinner, 5:30 PM  
 1st Holy Communion, 6 PM  
 Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 5 Working Arm, 9:30 AM  
 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sat 7 Wedding, 4 PM  
**Day Light Saving Time Begins**
- Sun 8 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6 PM**
- Mon 9 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM
- Tues 10 Lenten Service @ Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM  
 Church Council, 7:30 PM
- Wed 11 Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM;  
 Tai Chi, 4 PM  
 Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM  
 Lenten Soup Dinner, 5:30 PM  
 1st Holy Communion, 6 PM  
 Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 12 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun 15 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM**  
**Reflections W, Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Play/Serve 6 PM**
- Mon 16 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM
- Tues 17 Lenten Service @ Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM
- Wed 18 Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM  
 Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM  
 Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 19 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Fri 20 Women's Fellowship, 8 PM
- Sun 22 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM, Reflections Worship,**  
**Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6 PM**  
**Youth Group 7 PM**
- Mon 23 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM
- Tues 24 Senior Game Day, 12 Noon  
 Lenten Service @ Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM
- Wed 25 Children's Bells, 3:45 PM; Tai Chi, 4 PM  
 Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM  
 Youth Bells, 7 PM;  
 Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 26 Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Fri 27 Steinert CCM Conference - Sat 28
- Sun 29 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM, Reflections Worship,**  
**Focused Fellowship 9:15 AM**  
**Confirmation Learn 6 PM**  
**Youth Group 7 PM**
- Mon 30 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM
- Tues 31 Lenten Service @ Grace Episcopal, 12:05 PM

# 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.*

## Jon Batchelor: Our Savior Helped Build Faith; Navy Shaped Principles

During a 33-year career of teaching high school mathematics and 20 years of coaching football, Jon Batchelor always relied on his faith in God and the disciplines and principles shaped by his nearly 40 years in the U.S. Navy.

Jon was born in Camden in 1937 but his parents moved to Haddonfield four years later. “I’ve been a member of Our Savior my whole life,” he said.

He and his wife Mae still live in the house on Mount Vernon Avenue in Haddonfield where he grew up. They have three children and seven grandchildren, including two sets of twins.

“My parents joined the Church, I was confirmed by Pastor Irvin and I served as an acolyte,” Jon remembered.”Back then, we used to leave school early on Wednesdays to go to church. There was more involvement in the church because there wasn’t as much to do for kids. . . I played football, basketball and baseball . . . but not many other activities.”

Shortly after his graduation from Haddonfield High School, Jon was off to Annapolis to attend the Naval Academy. His eight years of subsequent active duty included a year on an air craft carrier, five years on a submarine and three at the Academy.

In 1967, Jon returned to Haddonfield. He began teaching at Woodrow Wilson in Camden before leaving after two years to teach math and coach at Eastern High School. The return to the area also reunited him with the church he has always called his home.

“I always enjoyed going to church and seeing people, my friends,” he said. “We used to do things together at night, go to people’s homes, and meet different people.

“I knew Joe Hartmann from high school and also from church. I didn’t know Bill Neveling until I got to Eastern. All three of us were only there together for one year (1969-70). I didn’t know Bill was a member of Our Savior until I saw him here.”

Jon retired from the Naval Reserves in 1989 as Captain. He retired from teaching in 2000. But he still worships regularly at Our Savior and enjoys doing repairs at the church with the Thursday Morning Club.

“I have always liked the church and have no intention of going anywhere else,” Jon Batchelor said.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES March 4 after Lenten Soup Suppers

Sixth grade youth and their parents are invited to participate in a five-week preparation class for receiving their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, April 9. The classes are held each week on Wednesdays in Lent from 6:15 to 7:00 following the Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30, beginning February 13. Both sixth grade youth and their parent(s) will gather in Room 112 after the meal for classes that will cover the basic understanding of what Holy Communion is and its meaning in the life of a Christian disciple. Parents who intend to have their child participate need to contact the church office or email Pastor Wayne who will be leading the class.

If you have additional questions you may contact Pastor Wayne at your convenience either by phone or email (contact information is on the inside cover).

## LENTEN SELF-DENIAL Almsgiving Feeds the Hungry

The Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving or giving to the poor are meant to draw a person closer in their relationship with God and Christ. Each year the Lutheran Church of Our Savior provides worshippers and members the opportunity to participate in almsgiving to the hungry of our world through the Lenten Self-Denial coin banks.

During Lent, the congregation “fasts” or denies themselves from something they might consider a luxury, e.g. coffee at Starbucks, weekly video rental, or simply the change in the pocket at the end of the day. The money is placed in the coin bank provided by the ELCA Division for World Hunger and received on Palm/Passion Sunday. If every family were to donate \$10 or more in change a goal of \$500 would easily be reached. Please remember to pick up a coin bank on Sundays in Lent and to provide for the needs of the hungry in our world through the Lenten Self-Denial offering.

## GOODMAN BEQUEST Funds Sunday School Renovations

At its February meeting the Memorial Gift Board discussed how it might best utilize the bequest left to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior by Freda Goodman. Freda was a faithful member of the congregation who had no next-of-kin either to approach after her death with possible projects or to ask how they envisioned the funds to be used. Therefore, when the Board received a proposal from Kim Anderson, a teacher in the Sunday school and Congregation Council member, to refurbish the outdated rooms and spaces used for teaching children on Sundays an opportunity arose.

The proposal calls for new ceiling tiles, painting of walls, replacement of windows and carpeting, as well as new teaching supplies such as whiteboards, bulletin boards, and bookshelves. The Board moved to fund the proposal using part of the Goodman bequest, and include an opportunity for the congregation to participate in providing funds to create a greater sense of investment on the part of the congregation in the project. Additionally, the Board agreed that additional funds from the Goodman bequest be made available to replace all the inefficient single pane metal windows as well as projects the Property Committee might propose that would have a significant impact on the Outreach ministry of the congregation, such as refurbishing restrooms or painting the sanctuary and narthex areas. An assessment is to be provided by the May meeting.

In other business, the Board approved the use of up to \$8,000 from the Major Repair fund for the creation of a master bathroom in the parsonage pending a revised materials and subcontractor list from Pastor Wayne Zschech. Pastor Zschech and his wife Kate will be doing most of the work except for the electrical and plumbing, which the Borough requires a certified professional to do the work. The plumbing rough in was completed during the parsonage renovations back in 2006 and the whole Zschech family removed the plaster and lath back in the summer.

The Board also discussed the possibility of creating a scholarship for students graduating from the Urban Promise Academy. Various possibilities are being explored for how such a fund could be perpetually funded, and Pastor Wayne Zschech will be approaching certain family members of deceased members whose bequests have not yet been finalized on how they will be used for ministry through Our Savior.

## NOON COMMUNITY WORSHIP Focuses on "Hope" Every Tuesday in Lent

This year the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host the Lenten mid-week worship on the theme, "Images of Hope" starting March 3 at 12:00 and each Tuesday in Lent through April

## COUNCIL APPROVES Color Duplicator Lease & Creates Dedicated Account

At its regular February meeting the Congregation Council approved the signing of a new lease with Riso for a new color duplicator. The current duplicator is used for mass publications such as the bulletin and newsletter and prints in one color at a time. To print in multiple colors requires the changing of ink drums. The new duplicator has all the ink colors already in the machine to produce color copies on the first run. This will result in both timesavings and the possibility to produce photo quality color publications like brochures and flyers. The new machine will also resolve some technical difficulties experienced between what is created on the computer and what the machine translates from what is sent.

The Council also approved the opening of a Dedicated Fund checking account at Susquehanna Bank to insure all donations and gifts given for specific ministry projects, events, or services, will be held separate from the General Fund offerings. Some of these include Special Benevolences, which provides Our Savior's portion for the Community Case Worker hired by the Haddonfield Council of Churches to assess the needs of those seeking assistance in our community, as well the Pantry, Youth Mission Trip, and other ongoing ministries.



## PRAYING FOR YOU Every Monday from 7-7:30 PM in the Church library

Alphabetically, we pray for all members within a year; we send a postcard. Requests may be sent to Connie at [conniemattwolf@msn.com](mailto:conniemattwolf@msn.com) or call 795-2855, 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.

## MARCH SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS By Betsy Kuehn

### Deoderant & Socks Collection for Caring Hearts

LCOS Social Ministry Committee 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 if we could collect deodorant for 24 men and 24 women, also new pairs of socks for Children, Women, and Men, all sizes and colors. A box will be available beginning Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> for your donations. On Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Easter/Spring Party, which includes a healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families. For more information, contact Jane Evans at or Betsy Kuehn. Thank you in advance.

## CONGREGATION ELECTS Four New Council Members at Annual Meeting

On January 25 the Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior was held following a sumptuous lunch prepared by the Bare family of Mark, Cathe, Michael, and Adam. Four new council members were elected, Tom Foskett: Treasurer, Danielle Deery: Congregation Resources, and Tom Reiter and Pat Haines: Worship and Music. Dale Kredatus was re-elected and agreed to serve as Financial Secretary. Brian Bell was also re-elected and agreed to serve again as Property chair. The congregation also elected Jack Berrigan and Paul Knauer to serve a first term of four years on the Memorial Gift Board. At their February meeting, Cathe Bare was re-elected as chair, Paul Knauer as Financial Secretary, and Betty Woltz as Secretary.

The congregation also approved the addition to the Memorial Gift Board Charter under Addendum B: Administration to provide an explanation of how funding is provided from the Endowment Fund for ministry. The final amended motion reads as follows:

"5. When making annual distributions to support existing and new ministries of the congregation, the Board of Trustees will apply a formula to the total assets of the Endowment Fund. The purpose and intent of the total asset formula is to insure growth of the Endowment Fund principal as well as provide resources for ministry. Each year, the Financial Secretary of the Board will develop and recommend a formula as established by a policy subject to the approval of at least five voting members of the Board of Trustees."

This is the same formula used for the past two years and has insured sufficient funds for ministry while simultaneously not detracted from the regular offering from the congregation. A report of how the Endowment grant resources are used for ministry continues to be provided by the Council Treasurer to the Board at each of their quarterly meetings.

Thanks to the following people for helping with the party in January; **Carol and Ben Beahm, Joan Candia, Charlie Coleman, Danielle Deery, Juhan Runne.** Thanks to **Seniors and other parishioners** for donations.



Thanks 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: **Betty Keene, Rose Marie Krauss, Dottie Powell, Eleanor Gaines, Lynn Boyle, Jane Evans, Lousie Mowrer, Arlene Berger & Jean Schroeder**

## IN HARM'S WAY

**Lt. John L. Gaines**, aboard USS Vicksburg  
**SFC Donald Brandinelli**, serving in Iraq,  
**Colonel Richard Howley**, serving in Iraq,  
**Michael Miano**, stationed in Nepal.

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



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



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM**

Monica Ebbenga 9 AM - 2 PM

Cindy Randall 12 - 5 PM

*Church Hours/Office Hours Defined. Parishioners can expect the church doors to be unlocked from 9:00AM-9:00PM each day except on certain holidays (Christmas Day). One can expect to reach a staff member during the Office Hours of 9:00AM-5:00PM. If you need entry into the church earlier or later than the hours specified please contact the church office a day ahead to insure the doors will be opened.*

## AARP AND BEST SELLING AUTHOR Gail Sheehy Join Together to Launch the World's Largest Online Community and Resource Center for Caregivers

*by Lorraine Miano*

AARP, the leading organization for people 50+, announced the debut of exclusive new online resources and content to help the more than 44 million caregivers across the country in their unique daily challenges. AARP's Ambassador of Caregiving, Gail Sheehy, will serve as a major contributor to the online caregiving portal on [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

The renowned author of *Passages* will communicate with AARP's 40 million members and others through interactive Web casts featuring exclusive videos of caregiving families, personal blogs and online chats. Her mission is to guide members through the emotional and practical sides of the caregiver role and to build a community of ideas and practical solutions.

Sheehy traveled around the country to film the personal stories of families in different phases of the caregiving journey. She also interviewed experts who hold the key to the best resources. The Web casts will roll out throughout 2009. The first installments are available now on [www.aarp.org/gailsheehy](http://www.aarp.org/gailsheehy).

"None of us is prepared for the role of caregiving," said Sheehy. "Many of us find ourselves thrust into this universal passage with nowhere to turn and a sense of helplessness and fear that only add to the stress. Through the power of the AARP community, I can share my own personal passage as a caregiver and that of the thousands of people I have met along the way with the many millions who feel alone and without direction. To be able to do this in real time on the Web offers me a unique opportunity, and I am grateful to AARP for their vision and dedication to this issue touching so many Americans."

Dear LCOS Family,  
I wanted to thank you for your prayers during my recovery from surgery. I would especially like to thank Connie Wolf, the Monday evening prayer group, Pastor Wayne and Pastor Engelhardt for their prayers and thoughts. I would also like to thank everyone for their kind messages passed to me by my husband, Bill. Thank you to the altar guild too for the beautiful flowers they gave me on my first day back to church. It was so nice to see everyone. My family and I are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, Susan R.

Dear LCOS Staff,  
Just a note of thanks for the very nice Christmas Poinsetta that you sent to my Dad, Dr. Eugene Haag. We appreciate your kindness.

-Gene H.

On behalf of your volunteer firefighters, we wish to thank you for your recent contribution. Because of your generosity, we are able to continue our long-standing tradition of protecting our community.

Haddon Fire company No. 1

Haddonfield, NJ

Signed by the *Chief & President*

## BACK-TO-SUNDAY-SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday, March 3 at 7 PM

On Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 7 PM parents of Sunday School children will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor with the pastors, Superintendent Bonnie Richards, Sunday School teachers, and Christian Education Chair-person Deb MacBride for an overview of our Sunday School program. Parents will be reminded of the important role that Sunday School plays in the growth and education of their children as well as the critical role they have in the faith formation process; specific ways they can help will be offered, as well as an update as to how current classes are functioning, and a question and answer period for parents to verbalize their concerns.

## Simply Living Midweek Program

### "STARTING SIMPLE:

Conversations about the way we live"

Learn what the Bible has to say about living a faithful life in this day and age

- Find ways to repent of unsustainable lifestyle choices
- Gather courage to change the ways we think and live
- Speak and listen to the struggles of others, with honesty and respect

This is happening on Wednesday nights in Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1) with Lenten soup dinner at 5:30 PM and the Simply Living program from 6:15 – 7:00 PM. The dinners will be coordinated by team leaders. If you would be willing to help team leaders to provide this simple but hearty meal, contact Pastor Englehardt

## ECLIPSING EMPIRE

Focused Fellowship until April

*Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God.* Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

**Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parlor:  
Until – March 22**

For more information, contact Monica Ebbenga.



TIME...

## DOES ANYBODY REALLY KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS??

Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

## Sunday, March 8, 2009 begins Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks an hour forward in the spring.

Yet, the implementation of Daylight Saving Time has been fraught with controversy since Benjamin Franklin conceived of the idea. Even today, regions and countries routinely change their approaches to Daylight Saving Time.

## A Safety Reminder

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says a Fire Department spokesperson. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.



## From the Associate Pastor

### Reason for Hope

Columnist John Garvey on faith and certainty, writes: "Many nonbelievers equate faith with certainty, or with a desire for explanations: how the world came to be, why the good suffer, etc. And it must be said that many unreflective believers make superstitious use of religion. But few of the serious believers I know think of faith in this way. For most it is a kind of perception, a form of gratitude, and very far from anything like explanation or certainty."

There is plainly a version of faith, one with an ancient pedigree, that rules out doubt of any sort. It was probably not all that difficult to sustain in a period in which most of your contemporaries claimed to share your belief, at least paying it lip service – a time when belief was seen as a desirable thing, or when peer pressure made it seem so.

While I can say the Creed and mean it, I cannot say it the way I would (for example) recite multiplication tables. My belief that this is true is asserted not as a recitation of simple facts, but in the face of the possibility that it may not be, in the deep hope that it is, and in the belief that I have good reasons for that hope.

Chapter 11 of Hebrew weds faith and hope, which moves us beyond any sense of certainty. Real certainty does not require hope. I don't need to hope that 2 and 2 make 4, but I do need to hope that my belief – well-founded, I think – that my wife loves me is grounded in reality and is not an illusion...

But faith is the hope that God's love is different, that whatever our limited love may be, God's love is both its ground and radically other, in the sense that it does not have requirements, does not need reasons, simply is. This shows itself in the covenant with Israel, in the Incarnation, in Jesus' teaching and death for us, in the hope of the resurrection, in what we are asked to become. Again, our relationship with all of this has to do with hope, not with certainty."

**Pastor Englehardt**

## BIBLE STUDY God's Necessary Spokesperson

In 627 BCE God called a young man named Jeremiah to be a prophet. His faithful ministry provides a model for our Christian discipleship. Jeremiah's message to Israel still speaks to us of God's expectations and promises for people living in covenant with God and with each other.

Join me and others for a lively discussion on the Book of Jeremiah in our Lenten Bible study that begins the week of March 2 & 4 and continues through the week of April 6 & 8 (which is Holy Week), meeting Mondays at 7:30 PM and Wednesdays at 9:30 AM.

**Pastor Englehardt**

## GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Grieving is a journey that eventually affects all of us as we deal with the death of a family member or close friend. It is a process that has definable stages, but they are not always predictable. But though we all grieve somewhat differently (and there is no right or wrong to that individual process), it is helpful to realize that other people have experienced much the same adjustments, and have similar questions and concerns that need resolving. And all of us know how comforting support groups can be.

With that in mind, Cindy Wisser-Murphy and I are offering a 7-week seminar series here at LCOS on Tuesday nights in the church parlor from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, from March 17 – April 28. This grief support opportunity will include such topics as sharing and understanding grief, remembering, role changes, and how to cope. This may be an opportunity for you to gain strength and support from others.

If the timing isn't right, we will be repeating the series in the Fall. The optimum size for this support group is 12, so please let Cindy or myself know if you are able to join us in March and April. Thanks

**Pastor Englehardt**

## CHARITABLE GIVING: Where head and heart meet.

How can a person support organizations that help people in need? Some may choose to give their time and abilities through volunteer service, while still others provide financial support. Charitable giving provides an opportunity to engage both head and heart in making a difference. The following tips can help donors make the most of their charitable gifts.

**Choose a reputable organization.** Never give to an organization without first knowing its purpose and effectiveness. The Philanthropic Advisory Service of Better Business Bureaus and National Charities Information Bureaus can help.

**Budget for donations.** Systematic gifts spread throughout the year may help donors give more than if they give a one-time gift based on their financial leftovers.

**Keep good records.** To deduct donations for tax purposes, people must keep appropriate record of their contributions. The type and value of one's gift may require specific forms of acknowledgement from the recipient organization. For details, see Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 526.

**Take advantage of tax benefits.** For a charitable donation to be tax-deductible, the charity must be recognized by the IRS as a qualified organization.

**Give generously and wisely.** From wills, living trusts, charitable gift annuities, endowments and mini-foundations to gifts of appreciated stock, retirement funds or real estate, there are many vehicles through which individuals can make charitable gifts. Special care should be used to determine the option that meets one's financial circumstances. Gifting some assets to IRS-recognized charities may potentially reduce capital gains tax. Life insurance may also be an excellent option to magnify a gift.

**Consult with experts.** Always consult a financial, legal and/or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

When moved to make a difference, donors should remember there are many options for making a financial gift. Just be sure to explore the options and enlist appropriate support along the way. By fully planning a charitable gift, a person can ensure that both head and heart are satisfied.

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## TREASURER'S OUTLOOK by Tom Foskett

Let me first say that I would like to thank Jack Berrigan for leaving the state of the treasury in a very organized manner. I do feel like I am still going through a period of acclimation, but give me a couple of months and I think I will be up to speed. I am studying the giving trends and factoring in the economic down times that we appear to be in. That being said, January was a relatively good month.

Total contributions for the month were \$36,094. January contributions are generally lower than average. The \$36,094 is lower than an average much but it is much greater than January 2007 or January 2008. In short January was a relatively good month; I do not have a feel for forecasting at this juncture, but in future reports I will opine as needed.

Expenses in January of 2009 were \$42,388, which compares unfavorably to the \$38,996 that was spent in January of 2008. Approximately half of the overage was in the maintenance area which was weather related. Overall we are starting the year about \$3,500 in the red, while that is not desirable it is a better position than January of 2008. I remain hopeful and optimistic that there will be positive months in the future.