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Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
On Tuesday, July 17, the Rev. Rodger Prois visited the "sermon study group" I attend every week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Wayne Ave. Rev. Prois is an ELCA pastor serving a new call – he works with the ELCA World Hunger Appeal – and he was in town to thank us pastors and the congregations we serve for our participation in, and contributions to, the World Hunger Appeal. He reported to us that 2006 was an important year for outreach ministry, because it was the first time that our collective offerings in the ELCA given to assist others in the U.S. and throughout the world topped the \$20 million mark.

I've thought a great deal about that because helping others in the name of the risen Jesus Christ is at the heart of the Gospel. It is putting our faith into action, taking the blessings we have from God and sharing them with others so as to make a positive difference in their lives. And when I think of all that, I think of you, the people I am honored to serve, and I am very proud of the ways in which you are living out your faith by sharing with others: buying food, clothing, back-to-school supplies for the people in our Adopt-A-Family program; the food, clothing and hygiene pantry donations; participation in Jeremiah's

Letter and Project Blessing; 20 adults and youth helping with the Rebuilding Together-Dayton program in April; supporting our youth to attend the Global Mission Event in Columbus so they can learn how to live out their faith by sharing with others what they have; children and their parents volunteering each month downtown at First Lutheran Church to feed the homeless; raising money in June for the Blankets and Tools program; raising money in July for the Global Barnyard program; and the list could go on for pages.

The point I'm trying to make is that in the midst of our raising money for "bricks and mortar" (replacing our HVAC system at the church), you have not lost sight of what is really important in life – helping others in the name of Jesus! You "get it", and I am proud to serve as your pastor. I'm proud of the women who gather at the

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Prayer Labyrinth (weather permitting) or Sanctuary

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sanctuary

WORSHIP THEMES

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (August 5)

We do much more than support the work of our congregation as we make our contributions. We actually reorient ourselves toward what we possess and what we value most. God's word speaks to us about this fundamental realignment of our lives.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (August 12)

"Faith is the conviction of things not seen," the second reading announces. "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord," the hymn by Albert Goodson proclaims. This day we gather as a community of faith and seek renewed vision, so that we might make our way more boldly into the world as bearers of God's saving love.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (August 19)

The candles that grace our worship seem like gentle lights, but fire is a powerful and purging force. Fire is used to purify molten ore and burn away the dross. In this day's worship, God's word comes among us like raging fire, consuming what is false and leaving behind pure gold.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (August 26)

Early Christians referred to Sunday as the Lord's Day, the eighth day of the week, the day beyond time in which a new creation is

born. We gather this day for new beginnings, eager to be recreated by the Word who raises us to new life. Jesus insists that the older sabbath, too, is intended to be a blessing, not a strict rule.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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church each month to make quilts to send to Lutheran World Federation; I'm proud of those who "lug" in bags of groceries for our food pantry; I'm proud of the grandparents who bring their grandchildren to the church to help them deliver food and clothing to the local pantries; I'm proud of our youth who are exploding with ideas to help others, including making plans to travel to the Dominican Republic next summer; I'm proud of the parents who call me to ask for suggestions as to how their children can volunteer to help others.

So, it is with great honor that I join Pastor Prois in saying *Thank You!*

Your partner in helping others in the name of Christ,

Gary

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Rev. Gary Eichhorn, *Pastor*

Terri Balsom, *Office Manager*

Don Hartman, *Treasurer*

Donna Gorrell, *Financial Secretary*

Ginger Minneman, *Music Director*

Rachel Spry, *Family Ministries Coordinator,
Organist*

Celeste Hoerner, *Youth Ministry Coordinator,
Children's Choir*

Elizabeth Beal, *Sonshine Choir*

Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*

Steve Swedlund, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

Council Update

Writing the council update for the *Voice* is the hardest part of running a council meeting. The second is remembering parliamentary procedure. Due to publishing deadlines this article normally has to be written the same night of the council meeting.

Most of this month's council meeting was informative. We received a report from Donna Gorrell, our financial secretary, that undesignated offerings are up \$14,000 over last year. Donna also reported, with the addition of interest, our *Investing in the Future* campaign has reached the \$300,000 mark. Don Hartman, our treasurer, advised council that we are still running a budget deficit of \$16,113 YTD. For those members who aren't familiar with this process, LCOS normally runs a deficit during the year since about 20% of our annual contributions normally comes in the last month of the year. Don was pleased to report that this deficit is \$6,000 less than last years. Council would like to remind all members even though you may be out of town and on vacation; the expenses of running the church don't stop. We still need your contributions. One of the easiest ways to make this possible is using our *Simply Giving* Program. You can use this program to put your giving on automatic pilot. For more details on this program contact Donna Gorrell or the church office.

Other highlights:

Melissa Button, our nursery coordinator, will be leaving us and moving to Columbus. We are looking for a new coordinator, this is

a paid position. If you know of anyone that would be a good candidate, please have them contact the church office.

VBS is scheduled July 30 thru August 3.

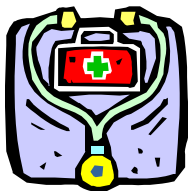
"Rally Day" for LCOS is scheduled for September 9 after the overnight prayer vigil that takes place on September 8.

Property committee is still waiting for the estimate on repair of more stain glass windows.

Our Youth group will be traveling to the campus of The Ohio State University to participate in the Global Mission Event.

The big item on this month's agenda was a presentation on the progress of the HVAC replacement, *Investing in the Future* campaign and whether we should proceed with the Phase 2, installing air conditioning in the parish house. Phase 1 installation should be completed by mid-August. With the current rate of giving and pledges, council felt we had sufficient donations to service the debt from Phase 1. Now it was up to council to decide to go ahead with Phase 2. After reviewing all the information presented, and weighing our options, a motion was made to proceed with Phase 2. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken and passed unanimously. Council has seen the value of adding air conditioning to the parish house and has faith in our congregation and God to provide the funds. If all goes well Phase 2 should be completed by the end of September. This has been a long and stressful process for all involved; I want to thank Property and Council for all their hard work and dedication. After second service on September 16, we will bring the congregation up-to-date on the program.

Doug Hammer, Vice Chairman



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

What Does Spirituality Have to Do with Stress?

Stress refers to physical, psychological and spiritual response to demands. Stress is the distance between what we value and what we do. When God, the people and activities that are important to us receive little of our time and energy ... we feel STRESSED! Our faith can help us to creatively live with our values rather than in opposition to them.

One approach to strike out unwanted stress with spirituality is FROG:

Fully rely on God: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Relax: Close your eyes and slow down your breathing, scan your body for signs of stress, tense all muscles (starting with clenching your teeth and go down to your toes) as you take a breath in and slowly relax with slow deep breaths using your belly rather than your chest. Repeat 4 – 5 times. Variations: Do this while praying or meditating and use diaphragmatic breathing.

Observe: It is very important to be able to scan your body, mind and spirit in terms of where and how stress is affecting you.

Keep a journal of your observations, evaluate and make appropriate behavioral changes.

God's Peace: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace (Colossians 3:15).

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure screenings are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place on September 9.

DRIVERS AVAILABLE

Do you need a ride to and from the doctor's office or pharmacy? We have volunteer drivers ready to help you. If you need a ride, call the church office at 293-1147. If you want to be a driver, please contact Rachel Spry.

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon / 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007



Thank you to everyone helping with **The Great Bible Reef**. As you read this newsletter, we are in full swing with activities

involving fellowship and bible study.

The entire congregation is invited to attend the Closing Program & Ice Cream Social on the evening of Friday, August 3.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Please take a moment to encourage these children of God in their faith by dropping them a note in the mail or sharing an encouraging word in person.

Were you baptized in August but don't see your name listed? Please email Rachel Spry with the date of your Baptismal Birthday.

In August we celebrate baptismal birthdays with:

Chelsie Cooper	8-28
Alexander Erickson	8-2
Erin Lane	8-5
Hayley Roeckner	8-30
Jason Surd	8-19
Andrew Zimmerman	8-23
Emma Zimmerman	8-6

THANK YOU

Thank you **Che Brewer-Coon** for organizing our 2007 Summer Sunday School classes!

TEACHERS & MONITORS NEEDED

Our Fall Sunday School program starts again soon. YOU are needed to share the faith with other adults, youth, and children. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex, or contact Rachel Spry.



Mark Your Calendars

RALLY DAY WEEKEND – PEACE FOCUS MINISTRY KICK-OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

• 9:00 a.m. - 24-hour Prayer Vigil for Peace

• 7:30 p.m. - All Family Camp Out

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

• 9:15 a.m. - All Church Ages Sunday School – meet your teachers/classes – first graders get Bibles & Dayton Peace Museum Peace mobile

• 10:30 a.m. Worship - Steve Fryburg, Guest Speaker and Planting of the Peace Pole (*one service this weekend*)

• 11:00 a.m. - Cookout lunch sponsored by the Youth



**MONDAY
AUGUST 20**

AUGUST 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	2	3	4 9:00 a.m. Youth - Celtic Fest 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
			VBS 5:30 - 8:10 p.m.			
5 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	6 3:30 p.m. Staff	7 <u>NO</u> Prayer breakfast 4:30 p.m. Health Ministry	8 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	9	10	11 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
12 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property 11:30 a.m. Youth lunch	13 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	14 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed at New Source	15 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	16	17 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	18 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship Youth camping
19 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Council	21 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	22 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	23	24	25 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
26 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	27	28 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	29 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	30	31	

Youth Group News



By the time you all read this we will be back from the Global Mission Event. Since the *Voice* deadline is prior to that event, I can not tell you how it was, but we will tell you all about it during worship so watch for that. You can also see pictures and posts from the event on the youth group blog.

Other events taking place in July were a lock-in, participation in a prayer breakfast and shopping and delivery of back to school supplies for Adopt-A-Families.

Another exciting occurrence in July was a new worship service that was the brain child of one of our youth group members and Gary. This service is designed for young people who are late night folks. For more information on this service, check out the blog.

I am thrilled to report that several of our members whom we have not seen in a while have been active lately. If we haven't seen you in a while we would love to have you come back. We are planning some cool activities in the upcoming months. For example, the first weekend in August we are going to Dublin to the Celtic Fest. This event is a huge festival with a lot of great music, food, shopping and games.

We are also planning a camping trip the weekend of August 17 and 18. I am told the youth want to do primitive camping so we

will be pitching tents, cooking over camp fires and sleeping in sleeping bags. Heaven help me!

Our next planning meeting is August 12 at Wendy's following church. We will be looking at the schedule for the fall so bring your calendars and great ideas. We need you!

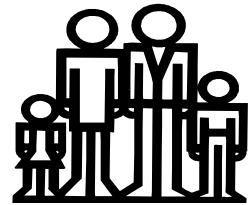
Celeste

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 4 - Celtic Festival
- August 12 - Youth Lunch and Planning Meeting at Wendy's
- August 17 and 18 - Camping
- September 9 - Youth Lunch and Planning Meeting at Pizza Hut/Taco Bell

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Who is ... ?



Do you ever read about other members in the *VOICE* or bulletin and wonder who they are because you attend different services of worship? Last month we began lifting up several individuals and families in prayer for an entire month. There are also pictures and biographies of these members posted on the large bulletin board in the office hallway. Be sure to take time each month to learn more about your brothers and sisters in Christ by checking out the bulletin board, and perhaps even saying hello either in person or via the phone.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

June 2007

Offerings (against budget):	\$23,435.72
Foundation (against budget):	28,833.83
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	594.00
Memorials:	0
HVAC Project:	18,442.00
Special Projects:	723.31
Expenses:	\$41,107.35
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$11,162.20

2007 Totals (as of 7/16/07)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$205,149.32
Foundation (against budget):	\$57,967.66
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	5,027.57
Memorials:	160.00
HVAC Project totals ('06&'07):	111,261.35
Special Projects:	2,412.13
YTD Expenses:	\$254,133.92
YTD Balance (Rcpts-Expenses):	\$8,983.06

Submitted by Don Hartman

CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR WEEKLY GIVING

Some of our congregation members have expressed interest in a credit card option for making their offerings to the church. Using a credit card to make a financial contribution is now an option at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. **The Simply Giving Program** has been expanded and allows you

to make your offering one of two ways: *a)* have offerings debited directly from your bank accounts as you do other monthly drafts or *b)* have offerings charged to your credit card. All you need to do is fill out a simple authorization form specifying the amount and frequency of offering. You can also direct offerings to different funds if desired. For more information, please contact Donna Gorrell at 258-1426.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

If you shop at Meijer you can earn money for our Social Ministry and Youth programs by joining and participating in the Meijer Community Rewards Program. *New* applications are available in the narthex or you can join on-line at Meijer.com/rewards. The organization number is 974867. We earn rewards each time you use your Meijer credit card, pin-debit cards or cash for your purchases. Reward checks are sent to the church. Refer questions to Ray Strohmingier 299-5031.

PROJECT BLESSING

WHAT: Lunch for less-fortunates
WHEN: Wednesday, July 11
WHERE: St Paul's Lutheran Church on Wayne Avenue

127 lunches were prepared and served by several members of the Social Ministry Committee. Participating in this worthwhile project were: Bettie Savage, Jack and Ruth Whitaker, Jane Ross, and Caryl and Onnolee Rader. Cookie bakers for the occasion included: Vicki Kugel, Andrea Kilian, Lilli Lingle, and Jan Wallace.

Remember in Prayer

When we pray for others, we lift them to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our trust.

MEMBERS

Judy Ault
Dorothy Belleman
Don Cox
Edith Ellis
Mary Ellen Granger

Bryan Griffin
Bob Haman
Shawn & Debbie McFarland
Loren Metzler
Martha Miller

Hema Rajaratnam
Jack Somers
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Bandy, Lynn Wirtanen's mother
Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper
Jeff Bundenthal, Judy Ault's son
Dennis Clemenson, Andriena Erickson's father
Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister
Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson
Brandon Emmons, grandson of a friend of Jim Uphoff
Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners
Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns' mother
Morgan Gross, Lee and Sandy Scamp's son-in-law
Kamal Hanna, Phil's father
Jo and Ralph Korner, friends of the Schaefers
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mother
Mildred McFarland, Shawn's grandmother
Fern Neeb, Pastor Bob Neeb's wife
Tammy O'Leary, Rita Boord's cousin
Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt
Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq
Patty Rowland, Kris and Chelsie Cooper's aunt
Jeremy Schmidt, Doris' grandson
Neva Sellman, Joan Gebhart's sister-in-law
Jim Swedlund, Steve's cousin
Michael Vance, Penny's husband



Families of the Month:

- Keith, Donna, Ethan & Adam Gorrell
- Carl & Judy Ault
- Virginia Foell
- Joe & Elizabeth Beal

Mission Statement

To foster a vibrant, visible community of disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

To continue to grow spiritually and physically as a community of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to make a difference in the larger community.

NEW "SPIRITUAL JOURNEY" GROUP

You are invited to journey with fellow disciples at 10:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the sanctuary, as we seek to deepen our faith and our relationship with God. Generated by youth who have been looking for ways to expand their spiritual journey, this late-night gathering will combine ancient Christian worship rituals with Biblical interpretation and discussions of how God is present in the world today. It is open to anyone of any age who is interested in growing in faith. This month, the group (seeking a "name") will gather on August 2 and 16. When school reconvenes, a new time will be chosen, so watch announcements in the bulletins and "ministry update" emails.

