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## Pastor's Message

"Do not be afraid". That was how the angels began their announcement to the shepherds that Jesus had been born. We heard those same words on Easter Sunday, as Jesus spoke those words to the women as they left the empty tomb. Our God continues to speak those words of comfort each day, for we are all too often an anxious people. In difficult times, it is so easy for us to give in to our fears, assigning them power over our lives. But, if we are willing to "be still" and listen with our faith, we can "hear" Jesus sharing those words with us: do not be afraid in uncertain economic times; do not be afraid when illness invades your life; do not be afraid when a relationship begins to erode; do not be afraid when bills start to pile up; do not be afraid when you can't control everything in your life; do not be afraid when war separates you from a loved one; do not be afraid when things are not going the way you want or expect them to go. Do not be afraid . . . .

Maybe that sounds too simplistic, too idealistic, to naive. After all, "do not be afraid" never put money in the bank, ended a war, cured an illness, or repaired a

marriage. But the one who spoke those words to the women on that first Easter morning is the one who indeed has power over fear, over evil, over death itself. And if we are willing to let go of our fears and hand them over to the Risen Lord, we will discover that there is abundant life to be lived even in the midst of those things we can't control. It's not just a matter of getting by in life. For when we entrust our fears to God, our Lord enables us to be the people we were created to be – focusing our energies on praising God and serving others instead of focusing on ourselves.

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# WORSHIP NOTES



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Sunday, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

## WORSHIP THEMES

### *Third Sunday of Easter (April 6)*

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 13)*

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter (April 20)*

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus'

promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter (April 27)*

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

## 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*

Doug Hammer, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

## Council Update

President Doug Hammer was out of town on a business trip for our March 17, 2008 council meeting. Vice President Jim Worley was asked to take his place during the meeting.

We opened our council meeting with a moment of silent reflection and prayer to prepare ourselves for our deliberations. Secretary Sue Longo read the minutes from the February meeting and council voted and approved them. Our Financial Secretary, Donna Gorrell, explained that even though January offerings had increased from the previous year, our February offerings had decreased and therefore has put us slightly behind for the year to date totals. Harriet Uphoff added that attendance was also down for the month of February.

The construction for our new HVAC unit is nearly complete and the property committee reports to us that there is only a few final adjustments to be made. Bob Snyder explained that the progress on the window repairs may be slow, but it is a very difficult and time consuming project.

Our church needs to appoint a new committee to perform a financial audit. Any member that has accounting experience and wishes to assist in this project please inform the church office. Your church needs you!

This year is Oakwood's 100th anniversary after becoming a city. Lutheran Church of Our Savior is hoping to host a special event. The Stewardship and Evangelism groups are generating great ideas for this social event. Yes, for now it's a surprise!

*Jim Worley, Council Vice Chair*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*(Continued from page 1)*

My sisters and brothers in Christ, we are the PEOPLE OF GOD! Our God has changed our Good Fridays into the new life of Easter. Who or what can take that away from us? Nothing! What is there to fear? Nothing and no one. So, **do not be afraid . . . and live!**

In Christ's peace,  
*Gary*

## LENTEN FAITH STORIES

During the season of Lent, we partnered with St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave.) for our evening mid-week services. Using the theme embodied in the old hymn, *I Love To Tell The Story*, member-disciples from both congregations were invited to share a portion of their "faith story" – how God had impacted / is impacting their lives. Our own **Sharon Griffy, Luis Martinez and John Buechele** shared their stories with us, and we were blessed and enriched by their doing so. Thank you!

## CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION FAITH

In the last month, three of our sisters and brothers in our community of faith died and are experiencing first-hand The Resurrection Faith with God. We will miss them, and praise God for sharing them with us while they were on this earth:

**Carlos Westerman**, d. February 26, 2008  
**Theodore "Ted" Pace**, d. February 27, 2008  
**Anne Buettner**, d. March 14, 2008



## CAMP SUNDAY

**Camp Sunday** with John Buechele, guest speaker, will be held on April 12 & 13.

John Buechele, who grew up in our congregation, will speak to us during worship about Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio. Camp experiences have played a major roll in John's faith formation. Brochures about summer 2008 camp opportunities will be given out so YOU may also benefit from the awesome impact camp has on your faith.

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Preschool – grade 6 is exploring Heroes of the Bible Together on March 30 & April 6 in the parish house meeting room.

## JR. HIGH SCS

Mark your calendars - Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, May 3, the Jr. High SCS Class will hold its monthly Saturday "alternative" class in the "dungeon" at 4:30 p.m. All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to attend.

## VBS 2008

### Rainforest Adventure - August 4-8

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Activities for ALL AGES

A successful VBS depends on you. Please take time to prayerfully consider being a volunteer. You can sign up at our website listed below, or by contacting Rachel at the church office (293-1147).

Register your child(ren) or volunteer today at <http://toolkit.thevbplace.org/>  
*OurSaviorDaytonOHVBS*

*Thank you  
Roger and Susan Bloomfield for  
the beautiful library furniture!*

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

This month we rejoice the day God called these persons to be children and servants of God!



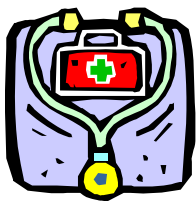
- Alex Carlton 4/11
- Zachary Hanna 4/30
- Megan Lewis 4/4
- Michelle Lewis 4/4
- Anneka McFarland 4/1
- Brook Savage 4/22
- Isabella (Belle) Savage 4/22

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.

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



## HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

### LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE

Each issue of Readers Digest contains a section called *Laughter, the Best Medicine*, containing jokes. Anyone who has ever had a good hard laugh from these jokes, or others, knows how much better they feel afterwards. Did you know that laughter actually lowers the levels of the stress hormones cortisol and epinephrine in the blood? Laughter has also been shown in clinical studies to lower blood pressure and heart rate, as well as boost the immune system. Here are a few jokes for a positive effect on your health.

*A Sunday School teacher was attempting to teach her young students the true meaning of Easter. "Why do we celebrate Easter?" she asked. When the children replied 'because of the Easter bunny, Easter eggs, candy, spring, etc.', she said, "No, those are Easter traditions and symbols, but what is the REASON why we celebrate Easter? What happened at the very first Easter?" A little girl raised her hand and said, "Easter celebrates Jesus coming out of the tomb." "Yes!" said the teacher, excited and relieved that finally the correct answer had surfaced. Encouraged, she prompted, "Jesus arose from the tomb, and what does He do for us?" The youngster replied, "He looks to see if he can see his shadow, and if He can, he goes back in for another six weeks."*

*A pastor was offering a series of children's sermons on the symbols of the church. On one Sunday the pastor was speaking about*

*vestments and asked the question, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One child answered, "Because it kills fleas and ticks for up to five months."*

More jokes may be found on the Health Ministry bulletin board in the main office hallway of the church.

### GET READY TO LAUGH!

Charles Marshall, Christian Comedian performs HERE October 4, 2008.

### FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure screenings are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place on April 12 and 13 after all the worship services.

### 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.

### 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. Present your card each time you make a purchase. Reward checks are sent to the church. Join on-line at [Meijer.com/rewards](http://Meijer.com/rewards) or pick up an application in the Narthex. The organization number is 974867. Refer questions to Ray Strohming, 299-5031.

# Youth Group News



We are hard at work raising funds for our mission trip. In March we were hired by several members of the congregation with proceeds going to our trip fund. A big shout out of thanks to Vicki Waltz and Doug Hammer for giving us those opportunities! We are still available if you have spring cleaning or yard work to do and need some help. Our youth work very hard and the money goes to a good cause. Should you want to hire a group of youth for a day or for a few hours, give me a call at 626-5351.

In March we also held a very successful St. Patrick's Day brunch. Thanks to all who helped or stopped by to eat. Because of you we brought in over \$600. If you missed it, don't worry, the next brunch will be the Sunday before Mother's Day, with a Fair Trade Fair in Conjunction. Come on out, have lunch and shop for Mom.

In March we began listing donated items on EBay as an additional way to generate mission trip funds. If you have any items that you would consider donating, we would love to have them. We will do all the work listing, packaging and shipping them. Items should be relatively small for the sake of shipping, and collectable type items. Other activities in the past month included

hosting Mary Jane Fulcher who came to share with the congregation her pictures and experiences in the Dominican Republic. We also held a lunch meeting at Tim Horton's, and we made and delivered Easter baskets, along with hams and gift cards to our Adopt-A-Families.

Youth group members keep watching your mail, email and church bulletins for information on upcoming events.

*Celeste*



## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Date TBA, a Friday in April  
Hosts: Stowe and Auditore Families

## **ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT**

It's the middle of spring term and time to give our congregation's students a boost. You can adopt-a-college student by taking one of the envelopes in the narthex, writing a note, and returning the note with \$20 to the church office. Each college student adopted gets a Subway gift card and the book, *Love Trumps Karma* by Karyn Henley.

# APRIL 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	<b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 10:00 p.m. Spiritual Journey	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. JOY Group at Epiphany 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>6</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 5:00 p.m. Confirmation - LCOS	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 1:00 p.m. Circle - Lecklider	<b>8</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	<b>9</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Strohminger	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 4:30 p.m. Jr. High SCS 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>13</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 11:30 a.m. Property 12:00 p.m. Youth Lunch 6:30 p.m. Bridge group	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Health Ministry 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	<b>15</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff	<b>16</b> 7:00 a.m. AA	<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion 10:00 p.m. Spiritual Journey	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Health Min.
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<b>27</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp	<b>28</b> 7:00 a.m. AA	<b>29</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	<b>30</b> 7:00 a.m. AA			

# Wel ca News

## Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

It may be cold and it may snow this month, but the word April just sounds like Spring to me.

The Dayton Conference Spring Gathering will be on Saturday, April 5 at St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Anna, Ohio. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. These gatherings are always filled with music, inspiration and information ... it's the place to be to broaden your knowledge of what other Lutheran women are accomplishing. The Dayton Conference consists of women from Lewisburg, Sydney, Greenville, Anna, Troy and Eaton.

At our February board meeting we decided to assemble layettes for Lutheran World Relief. The board will purchase the flannel for diapers and receiving blankets, and the congregation will be asked for donations of bars of Ivory Soap (bath size). You will be seeing more information about our latest mission project.

Whenever my husband and I visit South Carolina I'm always impressed with the awesome expanse of the ocean, the endless stretch of sandy beach and the magnificent height of the trees ... God's art work for us to enjoy year after year, there it is. But the man-made structures have changed, one being a toll road to get across the island quicker to accommodate the increasing number of visitors, all year 'round. And we have changed. Reality ... we have aged, we are now in the elderly classification. Walking or riding our bikes that mile to the beach doesn't get accomplished as often as

it used to. Many things to remind us to enjoy every day wherever we are and every day thank God! A good quote from Norman Vincent Peale ... *Remember to live your life and to forget your age.*

See you in church,  
*Shirley Coen*

## APRIL MEETINGS

- Monday, April 7 - 1:00 p.m. Mary Helen Lecklider, 704 Brubaker Dr.
- Wednesday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m. Joyce Strohming, 3615 Kingswood Dr.
- Wednesday, April 23 - contact Sue Harbaugh, 294-4726 for time and place.

## NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY FRUIT DRIVE

The weekend of April 12 and 13 will be the time to bring non-perishable fruit to help stock food pantry shelves. Any canned or dry fruit will add variety and nutrition to menus. Think large cans or single serve, 100% juice drinks or snack packs of dried fruit, any type or packaging that will keep on the shelf.

The New Hope Food Pantry is located in New Hope Lutheran Church on Catalpa Drive. It is run by congregational volunteers and serves clients referred by other agencies throughout the county. The Pantry at New Hope is one of the few that supply mothers with newborn infants formula and diapers for their babies.

# Joy Group

## PLANNING MEETING

The JOY Group will hold its *annual planning meeting* on **Monday, April 21**, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House kitchen.

## JUNE EVENT

On Sunday, June 1, the JOY Group will gather at Wright State University to see their production of the Gershwin musical "*Lady, Be Good*". Following the performance, we'll meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Cost for the 3:00 p.m. performance is \$16 per person with payment due by May 2. Dinner will be on your own. Contact Mike or Sue Longo, 293-5282 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Remember, all Joy Group events are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you work during the week, but are free to attend this Sunday afternoon performance, please sign up.

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL "SPRING GALA"

The Lutheran School of the Miami Valley will hold its annual *Spring Gala* on Friday, April 4, at the NCR Country Club. Following the theme of "A Joyful Noise", this major fund-raiser for the school will feature a silent auction, dinner and dance. Ticket price is \$65 per person, and can be ordered by calling 224-8879. The Lutheran School of the Miami Valley is a *mission partner* with Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and is an organization we support financially, with volunteer help, and with prayer.

## JEREMIAH'S LETTER BROCHURE

Included in this month's issue of *The Voice* is a brochure explaining the mission and work of *Jeremiah's Letter*, the joint outreach ministry program of Lutheran congregations in the Dayton area. Our own Terry Bruns is the director of this program, and his office is housed at St. Paul Lutheran Church, on Wayne Ave. Like the Lutheran School of the Miami Valley, Christ Lutheran Church, We Care Arts, and other ministries, Jeremiah's Letter is a *mission partner* with Lutheran Church of Our Savior, assisting local congregations to cooperatively assist those in need (spiritual, economic, physical/mental) in the urban areas of Dayton. Ray Strohming and our Social Ministry Committee work closely with Jeremiah's Letter, with our "Adopt-A-Family" program being one example.

## CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR WEEKLY GIVING

Some of our congregation members are using the credit card option for making their offerings to the church. **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.

# Stewardship

## TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

February 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$24,671.07
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
HVAC loan pay (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,017.44
Memorials:	0.00
HVAC Project:	1,935.60
Special Projects:	126.58
Expenses:	\$54,895.23
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$26,798.13

### 2008 Totals (as of March 14)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$63,554.74
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan pay (from savings):	6,852.06
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	1,900.44
Memorials:	60.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	5,351.60
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	996.62
YTD Expenses:	\$137,520.25
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$35,726.86

Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,  
APRIL 21**



### Please Help - Saturday, April 26

Our Church is again participating in **Rebuilding Together**. We will be refurbishing the home of Mrs. Avis Crutcher-Williams, a needy Dayton resident at 733 Maplehurst: exterior painting, wall repair, floor repair, interior painting, concrete work, lawn work, etc. This house is one block in front of the house we did 2 years ago on Cedar Hurst.

Volunteers are needed each half day (morning or afternoon), or all day (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) if you can. A free T-shirt and lunch will be provided, so we need a count of volunteers.

If you can help, please contact Lee Scamp, [lcscamp@peoplepc.com](mailto:lcscamp@peoplepc.com), the church office 293-1147, or you can sign up on line at <http://rtdayton.org/volunteer/volunteer.html>. Our volunteers who sign up on line will have to select one or the other of the Lutheran project houses: either 733 Maplehurst (LCOS) or 352 Edison.

Volunteers under age 18 **MUST** bring a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Volunteers 18 and older must also complete and sign a waiver. Waivers are available from Lee Scamp and the church office.

If you would like to learn more about the work that Rebuilding Together does in Dayton and nationwide, go to <http://rtdayton.org>.

Donations to "Rebuilding Together" are gratefully accepted.

# 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

Scott, Amy & Emily Bryant

Don Cox

Fred Culbertson

Al Davis

Edith Ellis

Family of Anne Buettner, upon her death

Ronnie Gallion, III

Bryan Griffin

Bob Haman

Harley Homan

Florence Houpt

Lucille Loudenslager

Anson & Finley McFarland

Loren Metzler

Karen Papanek

Hema Rajaratnam

Mardi Rike

Jack & Wilma Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz



## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father

Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law

Todd Barr, friend of Mary Kaye Rhoades

Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Debbie Darst, friend of Rita Boord

Helen Dooley, Vicki Willis' mother

Lendl Doty, friend of the congregation

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Family of Brandon Emmons, grandson of a friend of Jim Uphoff, upon his death

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

Morgan Gross, Lee and Sandy Scamp's son-in-law

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

George Marker, Sharon Griffy's father

Michael Martens, Sue Martinez's cousin

William Miller, Gwen Waltz's brother

Tammy O'Leary, Rita Boord's cousin

Nancy Oliver, friend of the Wallace family

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Laurie Paynes, friend of Lois Smith

Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt

Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle

Ken Smith, husband of co-worker of Keith Gorrell

Sherry Snow, friend of Ginger Minneman

Bill Thum, Mary Kaye Rhoades' brother

Cheryl Waltz, Gwen's niece

## Families of the Month:

- Todd, Laura and Rachael Stowe
- Rodney and Michelle Haun

## 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.

