



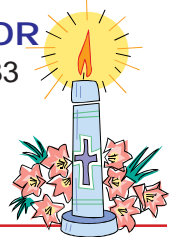
The VOICE of Our Savior

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APRIL 2009

Pastor's Message

The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." When the women ran from the tomb, they were confused and shaking all over. They were too afraid to tell anyone what had happened. (Mark 16:1-8, Contemporary English Version)

The above is what most biblical scholarship agrees is the original ending to the Gospel According to Mark. When you look at chapter 16 in your Bible, you will discover more verses, which were most likely added to the original manuscript. Understandably! We want to hear more than fear-induced silence. We want to know that the resurrection was not a secret the women took with them to their own graves. We want to know and hear that, surely, they swallowed hard, shook off their confusion, and told someone ... anyone. The "telling" is important.

To be sure, faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is to be more than verbal

affirmation. My favorite book of the New Testament, The Letter of James, boldly declares: "Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!" (2:26, CEV) And our ministry at Lutheran Church of Our Savior is certainly more than just about verbal affirmation. We "declare" our faith in how we serve others. By Wednesday, March 18, just a few days after distributing grocery bags with shopping lists for the latest New Hope Food Pantry food drive, the "collection" site in the church kitchen was beginning to overflow with food donations. In two weeks' time, all of the cards on the "adopt-

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Chapel

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

WORSHIP THEMES

April 5, Palm Sunday

We begin our observance of Holy Week with celebration, short-lived as it might be. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem ushered in a week that altered the course of the world – then and now – and we sing our “Hosannas” with those believers of every time and every place. Palms will be available for all worshipers at all three weekend worship services.



April 12, Resurrection of Our Lord

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels.

Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we “ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.



April 19, Second Sunday of Easter

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

April 26, Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.



- **Palm Sunday**, April 5 - Normal Worship times
- **Maundy Thursday**, April 9 - Worship 7:00 p.m. at LCOS (*no meal*)
- **Good Friday**, April 10 - Worship 7:00 p.m. at SP (*no meal*)
- **Holy Saturday**, April 11 - Prayer Service 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel
- **Easter Sunday**, April 12 - Worship 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Council Update

After calling the meeting to order, Pastor Eichhorn led the group in discussion from the book, The Corporate Person, chapter two. Pastor Eichhorn also read from 1 Corinthians.

Terry Bruns, a member of LCOS and Executive Director of JLI, which is Jeremiah's Letter, was at our meeting this month. He explained how JLI helps our community. There are eight partner congregations that support this program and 20 sponsoring congregations. He also thanked LCOS for all of the work and prayers we offer throughout the year.

We are slightly behind budget. And our investment income is suffering. Our Treasurer, Don Hartman, explained we fall behind budget in the beginning and it balances out later in the fiscal year. Our weekly offerings are still up. So keep up the great work!

Pastor Eichhorn reviewed his monthly staff report with everyone. He is very busy with our youth, he discussed the Holy Terrors lock-in, and how great it was. Also, our older youth wish to plant a garden to grow vegetables and donate the harvest to the needy. Council voted to move elections for new council members to September. This allows new members to come to meetings and make the adjustment smoother. It will also allow council to have our retreat in the fall instead of in the winter.

There was discussion of allowing alcohol consumption on LCOS premises. Allowing alcohol may increase the parish house and fellowship hall usage by other groups in our

community and bring revenue to the church. Anyone wishing to express their opinion, please contact a member on council.

Jim Worley, Council Chairman

EASTER ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Social Ministry will contact our 18 adopted families before Easter and provide delivery route information for the Youth to use in delivering Aldi gift certificates for food and Easter baskets to the families on Saturday of Easter Weekend, April 11. Estimated cost is \$1200. Your financial support is needed.

CHURCH PARKING

You will notice the new handicap parking sign in the cul-de-sac. Please respect it and keep it open for handicap drivers. Also, please do not park in front of the parish house door - it is a safety hazard to block the entrance doors. There are plenty of parking spaces in the parking lot.

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 Lammi, *Family Ministries
Coordinator, Organist*
Celeste Hoerner, *Youth Ministry Coordinator,
Children's Choir*
Elizabeth Beal, *Sonshine Choir*
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*
Jim Worley, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - PLEASE HELP

Our Church is again participating in Rebuilding Together. We will be refurbishing the home of a needy Dayton resident (1 of 30 homes to be refurbished this year).

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: leescamp@att.net.

Volunteers can also sign up on line at: <http://rtdayton.org/volunteer/volunteer.html> (enter "Lutherans" in project field).

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, the church office, or at: <http://rtdayton.org/contact/contactrtd.html>. Waivers will also be available on-site.

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

Donations to "Rebuilding Together" are gratefully accepted.

GOING "GREEN"

In wanting to help model a change in our society for less waste and more conservation of resources, we are looking to change the way the monthly newsletter is made available to everyone. Currently, The Voice is posted on the church website (www.oursaviordayton.org) each month, and there is also a link to access past newsletters. But we also publish and mail a 16-page paper version to every household in the congregation. Starting in June, we will cease that mailing, except to our home-bound members. We will email the newsletter to the congregation, and it will still be posted on the church website. For those who are not on-line, paper copies of the monthly newsletter will be available in the church narthex, which can be picked up when they come to worship. This announcement will be posted again in the mailed May newsletter, as well as in our worship bulletins. Many organizations, including the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA, have made this change, and it has worked well. If you have other ideas as to how we, as a congregation, can make more of these changes, please contact the church office.

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



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Preschool to grade 6 get a Veggie Experience on March 29 and April 5.

There will be regular Sunday School classes on Easter, March 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Calling all Volunteers!

• *Do you like to work with kids?* We need your help!

• *Do you enjoy drawing, painting, or creating things with your hands?* You can help!

• *Do you like to sing?* We need your voice! How do you share your time and gifts? Contact Sonia Davila (439-4673) or Rachel Lammi (293-1147 or ras@oursaviordayton.org).

Visit the VBS table in the narthex.

Save the Date! June 22-26

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

8:15 p.m. - Activities



Sponsors: Please remember to send your family their monthly newsletter.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Please take time to call or drop a kind note to our youth celebrating their baptisms this month.

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



THAT DAY IN MAY PARADE

Help spread the word about Lutheran Church of Our Savior and VBS.

Float Build Dates:

- Tuesday, March 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- Sunday, April 5 at 12:00 with lunch

All members are invited to help build, regardless of age.

Want to ride on the float or walk along side and share VBS flyers?

Mark your calendar for the *That Day in May Parade* on **May 16!**

CHURCH GARDEN

The Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Youth want to plant a vegetable garden on the church grounds, and donate the "harvest" to those in need. Children, youth and adults will be able to work in it on Sundays and through the week. If you have a garden tiller, and would like to help the youth prepare the soil, or are willing to loan it, contact Pastor Eichhorn.



Youth Group News



Spring is almost here and the youth group calendar is getting busy. In April we will be shopping for, assembling and delivering Easter baskets to our Adopt-A-Families. Along with the Easter baskets we will be delivering the Aldi gift cards in conjunction with the Social Ministry Committee.

Our **April youth lunch** will be held at CeCe's immediately following the second service on **April 19**. Come share your thoughts and ideas. We always have a good time and family members are welcome.

April 25 we will finish out our April activities by participating in **Rebuilding Together**. This fits in nicely with our efforts to do local service work throughout the year and keep track of our volunteer hours. The youth in our congregation are committed, caring young men and women who are quietly making a difference in the lives of others. Watch our hours accumulate throughout the year on the poster in the Narthex.

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for our annual **Mother's Day Brunch**. This year, as in previous years, we will be holding the brunch a week before Mother's Day, which means it will be early – **May 3**. We will be doing preparations on Saturday, May 2 from 12 noon - 2:00.

On **May 9** we will be participating in the **CARE Walk** in Oakwood to raise money for breast cancer research and awareness. Watch your mail for further details.

There will be no youth lunch in May due to the brunch and Mother's Day. We will resume with our monthly lunches in June at Fazoli's on Rt. 741.

We are excited by the increased participation in youth group. Our outings keep growing in numbers. Come join us and bring a friend. You will have fun! As always, if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, feel free to give me a call or email me.

- Celeste
626-5351 / CMZimmer38@aol.com



We had 11 children and their parents do service projects with enthusiasm during the March lock-in. Most of them stayed the night and enjoyed breakfast cooked by Pastor Gary.

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4 - 4:00 p.m.

Come for the egg hunt, stay for worship (at 5:30 p.m.) Don't forget to bring a basket!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 12:00 p.m. Float building with lunch	6 1:00 p.m. Circle - TBA	7 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	1 + 7:00 a.m. AA 12:00 p.m. Worship/lunch 4:30 p.m. Golf league 6:00 p.m. Meal & 6:30 p.m. Worship-LCOS 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	2 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. Worship at St. Paul (<i>no meal</i>)	4 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 4:00 p.m. Egg Hunt 5:30 p.m. Worship
12 EASTER SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship	13 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	14 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	8 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Rish 4:30 p.m. Golf league	9 + MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Worship at LCOS (<i>no meal</i>) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 + GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. Worship at St. Paul (<i>no meal</i>)	11 Adopt-A-Family delivery 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
19 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 11:45 a.m. Property 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch at CeCe's	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	21 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Lutheran course at St. Paul 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	22 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	23 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	24 REBUILDING TOGETHER 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Church bowling 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship	18 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
26 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Sacred Hairp	27 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	28 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	29 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	30 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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a-college-student" tree were chosen. Every two weeks, literally, we collect enough troop supplies to send one or more boxes to Iraq. Every month, volunteers from LCOS go down to Project Blessing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to feed the homeless and working poor, and twice each month, families from our congregation go down to First Lutheran Church to assist with Brother Johnny's feeding program to help those living on the street. Our Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School youth want to plant a garden at the church this spring so that the "harvest" can be given to those in need. And that just scratches the surface of all that you do to show that your faith in Jesus is alive.

But, we are also called to "use our words", as parents tell their young children. Our words are a vital part of our faith. Yes, our actions are important. Often times, they reveal more about us than our words. But our words are just as important. In my 30 years of parish ministry, I have yet to hear a man or woman tell me that they wish their spouse would stop saying "I love you" so often! We don't just want to see that – we want to hear it as well. It's that way with our faith. People don't just want to see our faith in action. We want to hear that God loves us. We want to hear that we are forgiven. We want to hear that we are welcome among those who claim to be God's people. And so do the millions of people who are not connected with any church! They don't just want to "see" our faith in action ... they want to be invited, they want to hear they are welcome, they want to hear they are not an outsider.

People of God, as we prepare for our

Easter celebration on April 12, don't just "be nice". Use your words! Most of us know at least one person/family who is not connected with a church family. Use your words and invite them to worship. And if all of your friends, neighbors and co-workers are active Christians, use your words and invite someone from outside that circle. Do not keep silent – use your words!

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

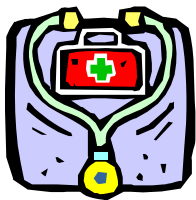
February 2009

Offerings (against budget):	\$27,958.34
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	31,061.94
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	709.04
Memorials:	115.00
HVAC Project:	2,141.00
Special Projects	839.00
Expenses:	\$70,113.06
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$ 7,666.75

2009 Totals (as of March 14)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$42,638.17
Loan Payment (from savings):	6,852.06
Foundation (against budget):	31,061.94
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	2,810.04
Memorials:	880.00
HVAC Project income:	6,382.00
Special Projects:	1,039.00
YTD Expenses:	\$127,903.21
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$26,240.13
Current HVAC Loan	\$442,643.81

- Submitted by Don Hartman



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

CAN YOU GO A WEEK WITHOUT TV?

April 20-26 is "Turn off the TV Week"

Why is there a week dedicated to turning off the TV?

From *The McKinsey Quarterly* interview of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation CEO of screentime.org

"Our foundation focuses on kids and how and why they do or don't exercise. Over the past 25 years, our kids' lifestyle has become a lot more sedentary. For most of them, much of that change can be attributed to the fact that they spend so much time in front of computer and TV screens, sometimes multiple screens. That has two effects: one, kids usually aren't moving when they're in front of a screen; two, they're getting bombarded with ads for unhealthy foods."

"Children and adolescents spend an average of nearly six-and-a-half hours a day watching TV, playing video games, and using other types of media. That's a big change from the way kids spent their time a generation ago. Changing the amount of screen time is essential. We're investing more than \$31 million over the next three years to gather evidence about what can help kids get more active."

Find more information about activities supporting "Turn off the TV Week" at www.screentime.org.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. Because Easter Sunday is the second weekend of April, the next checks will take place on April 18 and 19 after all the worship services.

GOLF LEAGUE

Golf season is upon us and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior golf league is gearing up. The official league starting date will be April 1, at 4:30 p.m. at Community Golf Course. The cost to play with the League is \$6.00 per person for the entire season, 3/30 through 9/11/2009. The golf course does charge for greens fees and a golf cart, if you wish to use one. The focus is more on fellowship and fun than on our scores, so don't hesitate to join us. If you have any questions contact John Wulber at 293-3467.

Joy Group

The JOY Group will attend the musical **Guys and Dolls** at Kettering Fairmont High School Auditorium on Saturday, **April 25** at 2:00 p.m. A block of tickets have been reserved at the Will Call Desk and can be **picked up and paid for up to 1:30 p.m. before the show.** Tickets are \$5 per person. Kettering High School Senior Passes will be honored. Sign up in the narthex or contact Strohmingers at (937) 299-5931 by Sunday, **April 19.**

Wel ca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Although A- P- R- I- L spells Spring, the temperature at this time reminds us that the cold winds are still with us. But the sun shines brightly and that makes it OK.

Another plus... I saw two robins yesterday!

Our Lenten journey is almost over. Be sure to check the times of the services offered during Holy Week.

Our Congregation Council serves our church faithfully all year long. Its' members will answer our questions, to the best of their ability, to help us understand the various procedures, decisions, etc that are made. An absolutely wonderful addition to the last page of our weekly bulletin is the list of our council members! Now we know who to go to with our church inquiries.

Reminders... Help is always needed to bake cookies (about once a year) for church events, call Jan Wallace 294-8984 ... help is needed for the Altar Guild (for one month a year with a partner) call the church office 293-1147 ... and also call the church office if you are willing to usher or be a greeter! Opportunities galore to serve our church.

Easter of course in the highlight of this month! To me the Sabbath is on a Sunday and Easter Sunday has a special feeling that seems to be in the very air that one breathes. Our choir music enhances it, our singing of hymns helps us to feel the joy of the day. From a magazine I read these words:

May you have...

The gladness of Easter, which is Hope -

The promise of Easter, which is Peace -

The spirit of Easter, which is Love.

See you in church,
- Shirley Coen

APRIL MEETINGS

- Monday, April 6 - To be announced
- Wednesday, April 8 - Mary Rish, 10:00 a.m. 2880 Corlington Dr.
- Wednesday Evening - contact Jan Swedlund

Foundation News

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Below is a listing of people who have made donations to Lutheran Church of Our Savior in memory of member-disciples who have recently died. Their donations go directly into our LCOS Foundation, and are loving, creative ways in which to remember friends and loved ones.

If, when you make a memorial donation, you prefer that we do not print your name in the newsletter, please indicate when you submit your donation.

In memory of Mardelle Hoover:
Nancy Freudenberger



**MONDAY,
APRIL 20**

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

Judith Ault
John Buechele
Don Cox
Al & Helen Davis
Nancy Freudenberger

Bryan Griffin (in Iraq)
Bob & Carolyn Haman
Harley Homan
Lucille Loundenslager
Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb
Hema Rajaratnam
Dave Schaefer
Rachael Stowe
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father
Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita
Elizabeth Bruns, Terry's mother
Jeff Bundenthal, Judith Ault's son
Capt. Mark Cipolla, Pat and Sharon Griffy's son-in-law, in Iraq
Stephanie Estes, friend of Phyl Mayne
Carl Gartner, friend of Tim and Laura Roberts
Jeanne Gossel, Jan Swedlund's sister-in-law
Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips
Ron Harper, Steve's dad
Mike Henry, Nancy's son
Mary Louise Husted, Suzanne Bruns' niece
Ava Jankowski, Greg and Jackie Dawson's great-granddaughter
Ted Johnson, friend of Pam Stephens
Amy Lowrie, friend of Lisa Gallion
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom
Dustin McGuinness, Vince Lewis' nephew
Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife
O'Leary family, Rita Boord's cousin
Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Scott Petersen, Stu's brother
Janet Phillips, Tim Roberts' aunt
Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle
Sandy Rose, friend of Lynn Wirtanen
Eunice Watson, friend of Vicky Schmidt



Family of the Month

• Steve, Laurie, Eric and Carol Harper

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.

