



The VOICE of Our Savior

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

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APRIL 2010

Pastor's Message

We met on Sunday to worship and celebrate the Master's Supper. Paul addressed the congregation. Our plan was to leave first thing in the morning, but Paul talked on, way past midnight. We were meeting in a well-lighted upper room. A young man named Eutychus was sitting in an open window. As Paul went on and on, Eutychus fell sound asleep and toppled out the third-story window. When they picked him up, he was dead.

- Acts 20:7-9

I was reading a clergy periodical this morning that lifted up this tiny account buried in the Acts of the Apostles. We don't ever read it as one of our worship lessons, but it certainly raises lots of questions for me. How many Eutychuses have we unintentionally let slip out of our windows? And more important, what are we doing so that no one else "falls asleep" on our watch? If the church and organized worship is becoming less relevant to a quickly growing segment of our society, how can we make ministry more relevant to those inside and outside our walls? How can we meaningfully touch more lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Don't get me wrong – the ministries that we carry out

here are important and reaching people. But we are surrounded by myriads of Eutychuses, plenty of people for whom the church is just not relevant anymore. And that means we have lots of ministry opportunities ahead of us. Later in April, the council will meet with committee chairs, committee members, and anyone else interested, to prayerfully refine the next 5-year strategic plan for Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Much of what is proposed deals directly with continually working to make God's message relevant for as many people as possible here at Lutheran Church of Our Savior – inside and outside our walls.

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

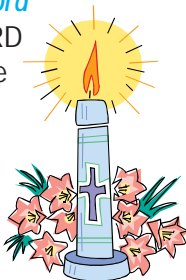
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Chapel

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

WORSHIP THEMES

April 4, Resurrection of Our Lord

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!



April 11, Second Sunday of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

April 18, Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and

breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

LUTHERAN COURSE

We will gather on **Tuesday, April 20** at **St. Paul** for this month's "Lutheran Course". A light dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and discussion will begin at 6:45 p.m. This month, our discussion is "*Who is our neighbor and what does that mean for Lutherans?*"

LCOS MISSION STATEMENT

- + Share God's Word
- + Serve Community
- + Grow in Faith

VISION STATEMENT

We are a growing, diverse congregation actively sharing God's blessings in the world community.

Council Update

Our meeting opened with Pastor Eichhorn reading a devotional to put us in the best frames of mind we all could be. If you all remember, the weather for February prevented a meeting of council So we reverted to the minutes of January and voted on their adoption. Don Hartman informed us that he has taken the proceeds of our maturing CD's (certificate of deposit) and has paid the debt off for the HVAC systems. The additional money will go to our operating account until a decision is made where to put it. Without this regular monthly obligation, Our Savior has a much welcomed "cushion" to operate from. The council would like to thank everyone who pledged to help pay down the debt. Keep in mind that we still owe the foundation, and we intend to continue to pay it back. Any extra help would be appreciated and deductible!

Offerings are still a little behind budget, however we did receive a tremendous gift of \$12,000.00. These dollars are "ear-marked" to use for the good of people and not our facility.

The Foundation Committee has elected to adjust our investment policy slightly to be in synch with current trends.

The Property Committee reported that they have contacted Houser Asphalt to repair and re-seal the church parking areas.

A noteworthy development was introduced to the council. Pastor Eichhorn elaborated on Rachel Lammi receiving a "call". Rachel has completed professional designations within the church along with her previous degree, and this was an

opportunity for her to be recognized with the ELCA. The council felt this was a just cause and are going to bring this to the congregation.

Other new business was the discussion regarding the pastor's salary and housing allowance for 2010. Since we have it budgeted for this calender year, all we need to know is how the aggregate number will be divided (Salary/Housing).

Tricia Murphy and Sonia Davila expressed their interest in joining the foundation board. They will be welcomed as others have dutifully served their time, and I hope they bring a fresh perspective to a very integral component of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

Pastor Eichhorn led us in the Lord's Prayer as we adjourned.

Respectfully,
Chris Becker

EUCHRE, ANYONE?

Join us on April 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the church Meeting Room. Top score wins a \$10 Subway gift card.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Rev. Gary Eichhorn, *Pastor*
Terri Balsom, *Office Manager*
Don Hartman, *Treasurer*
Don Anstaett, *Financial Secretary*
Ginger Minneman, *Music Director*
Rachel Spry Lammi, *Family Ministries
Coordinator, Organist*
Celeste Hoerner, *Joyful Noise Choir*
Joe Beal, *Sonshine Choir*
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*
Chris Becker, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



BIBLE BOWL 2010

Congratulations to the youth of the congregation who beat the adults during the tie breaker in the Bible Bowl. Kudos to everyone who spent time reading and wrestling with God's Word during this project! Keep your eyes and ears open for another exciting challenge with Bible Bowl 2011.

GILLIGAN'S ISLAND & THE 7 DEADLY SINS

The Adult Discussion Group led by Sharon Griffy is beginning a Video study about the 7 Deadly Sins as related to the beloved TV sitcom Gilligan's Island. April 11 at 9:00 am is the first adventure on the "3-hour tour."

THAT DAY IN MAY PARADE

The youth who participate in Hang Time after school are organizing a church float for the 2010 parade. They will be asking members to help walk with and ride the float on May 15. Watch the bulletin, e-updates, and *Voice* for more information.

GALATIC BLAST VBS

June 21-25, evenings

Register & Volunteer now: your ideas and creativity are wanted by the Christian Education Committee to make VBS 2010 the best ever. Watch for the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary/chapel, or contact Rachel Lammi (ras@oursaviordayton.org) if you are interested in helping.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

This month, our public discussion group will meet on Monday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Chappy's Tap Room and Grille, on Alex Bell Road.

HANG TIME CONTINUES

Grades 5 – 8 gather in the dungeon on Tuesdays after school until 5pm. Kim Buechele is the adult supervisor for this activity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is seeking one or two persons to coordinate Summer Sunday Church School from June through August. Curriculum materials provided. This job has Three Simple Tasks: Recruit teachers (with staff help), Remind teachers when they are scheduled, Distribute materials.

Interested? Please contact Che Brewer-Coon or Rachel Lammi.

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon / 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Group News



There was a good turnout for the youth dinner meeting on March 7. Pasta and salad were shared by eight youth and Pastor Gary. They enjoyed a good evening of fellowship.

We did the set-up and clean-up of a wedding on March 12 and 13. Four families were there for the set-up and for the clean-up. Thanks to Richard Wilson, Kyle Ashburn, Chris Buechele, Leah Beyer, Delanie Sims, and the parents who helped. On March 12, after the wedding set-up, youth went to the Kettering Rec Center for ice-skating.

The youth finished out March shopping and filling the Easter baskets for the Adopt-a-Families. The shopping was done on Saturday, March 20 after evening service; the baskets were filled during Sunday School on Sunday, March 21; and delivered that same Sunday evening. Youth met for dinner back at church after the deliveries.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. - Prep for the Easter morning breakfast and a lock-in at the church.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter breakfast

Sunday, April 18, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Dinner and planning meeting at the church, hosted by the Coon family.

Saturday, April 24, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Oakwood Rotary garage sale.



ADOPT A PARK - APRIL 17

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. service project work time
- 11:30 a.m. lunch
- Get a free T-Shirt!

Our group needs to register by Friday, April 2.

Please RSVP to Lora Stowe by April 1 so she can give an accurate number to the parks.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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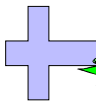
CONGREGATION BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday - April 4

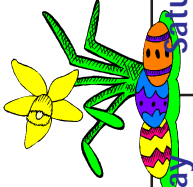
- Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. prepared by youth
- Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.


Other activities after egg hunt led by Christian Education Committee.

Everyone is invited!



APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15 a.m. EGG HUNT 10:30 a.m. Worship	5 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 p.m. Circle - Frick	6 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang Time 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed	7 7:00 a.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	1 + MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. Chorus 6:30 p.m. Worship - St. Paul 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 + GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 p.m. Worship - LCOS	3 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship 9:00 p.m. Youth lock-in
11 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 4:45 p.m. Confirmation	12	13 NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang Time 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	14 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Freudenberger	15 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon HT - Park service project 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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25 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Scared Harp	26 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	27 NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang Time	28 7:00 a.m. AA 6:30 p.m. Circle - Hanna	29 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	30 7:00 p.m. Dayton Chorus concert	



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

WHY WE DONATE BLOOD

The Gift of Life.

The Health Ministry Team wants to share with you facts from the 2010 Community Blood Center calendar. To begin with, blood is made up of several vital parts: Red & White cells, platelets & plasma. Red cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body. White cells are the body's primary defense against infection. Platelets help control bleeding. Plasma is the liquid protein of blood that carries the cells & platelets and supplies nutrients to the body. Since blood can not be manufactured or synthesized, the only way to obtain this life giving liquid is through volunteers. Here are some additional facts:

1. An average size adult has 5 quarts of blood.
2. A newborn infant has about 1 cup of blood.
3. A healthy adult (17 years of age or older & weighing more than 110 lbs) can donate 1 unit (pint) of blood every 56 days or 8 weeks. A healthy 16 year old can donate with parental permission.
4. Donating 1 unit of blood can save up to 3 lives.
5. An accident victim can use up to 100 units of blood.
6. One out of 7 people entering the hospital will need a blood donation.
7. If you began donating at age 17 and donated every 56 days until age 76, you would save over 1000 lives.
8. Of all blood types (A+/-; O+/-; B+/-;

AB+/-); 40% of the population have O+ followed by 34% with A+.

9. O- is considered the Universal donor—this blood type can be given to a person with any blood type.

10. AB- is the Universal recipient—this person with this blood type can receive blood from any other blood type.

11. Shortages of all blood types happen during the summer & winter holidays.

12. The blood center needs about 325 donors daily to maintain adequate blood supplies for the region.

13. It takes approximately 60 minutes from start of screening to completion of the donation of blood.

14. The best part of blood donation is the great assortment of cookies you get at the end of the process!

Thanks to all who are loyal givers of life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-388-GIVE(4483) or go to www.donortime.com.

WALK TO QATAR

Please submit any time spent in physical activity or miles ran/walked to the church office. The Goal is to “walk” the 8500 miles to Qatar by Easter Sunday.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN YOGA?

The Health Ministry Team is considering a way to have Yoga instruction held here at Our Savior. Cost would be \$40 for 4 weeks. Please let a Health Ministry Team member or Rachel Lammi know if you are interested, and what are good times.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Will be taken after all worship services on April 10 & 11.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

February 2010

Offerings (against budget):	\$21,052.51
Loan Payment (from savings):	1,422.38
Foundation (against budget):	24,832.68
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,768.01
Memorials:	0.00
HVAC Project:	2,918.00
Special Projects:	12,000.00
Haiti donations:	589.00
Expenses:	\$43,579.71
(Receipts - Expenses):	\$ 3,093.99

2010 Totals (as of March 15)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$ 69,228.28
Loan Payment (from savings):	4,849.41
Foundation (against budget):	24,832.68
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	3,603.01
Memorials:	10.00
HVAC Project income:	5,766.00
Special Projects:	13,647.00
Foundation-Scholarship/Benev:	788.51
Haiti donations:	3,923.00
YTD Expenses:	\$94,443.22
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	\$4,467.15

HVAC Loan paid off in February. House Sale
(to go to Foundation) = \$367,275.57

- Submitted by Don Hartman



Saturday, April 24

Our Church is again participating in **Rebuilding Together**. We will be working at the Wesley Community Center again this year.

Please help ... remember our Lord's request that we help those less blessed than ourselves.

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

If you can help, please sign up on line at: http://rebuildingtogether.civicore.com/VolunteerApp/index.cfm?Affiliate_ID=13 (enter "Lutherans" in project field), or contact Lee Scamp (leescamp@att.net) or the church office, 293-1147.

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> (toward the bottom of the page). 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.

Wel ca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

A great way to start off a month! Easter Sunday! April 4th!! The Sunday that miraculously draws the usually absent, but vaguely familiar persons to church. The joy of the Easter story is shared and the spirit of Easter is love.

A special event is coming up this month... The Dayton Conference of Women of the ELCA is having their Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 10, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. A presentation by the Dayton Peace Museum will be given, we will be told how to keep the thought of peace alive. The theme for the afternoon is "We Are Echoes of Christ's Voice". If you are interested, just give me a call, 298-6339. I hope you are familiar with our very own Peace Pole.

Want to help furnish cookies for our church events? Just call Jan Wallace 294-8984.

Want to help with our altar care? Just call Julie Anstaett, 299-3267.

Want to help feed the homeless? Call Ray or Joyce Strohming 299-5031.

Want to help complete a health kit? Donate hand towels, washcloths, bath soap or band-aids. The Lutheran World Reliefs' supply of health kits was nearly gone after the Haiti earthquake.

Want to help Jeremiah's Letter clothe the homeless? They need all sizes of men and women's clothing, used but in good condition.

We, who are able to help the less fortunate, are needed as we remember that we are called to be God's hands, feet, voice, whenever we can. Want to be inspired to

have faith, to not be afraid, to never, never give up? Just listen to Pastor Eichhorn's sermons!

And from our Lutheran magazine: Resurrection is for the Earth that shelters us, the heavens that inspire us, the cosmos that challenges us.

Have a Joyful Easter. See you in church.
Shirley Coen

APRIL MEETINGS

- Monday, April 5, 1:00 p.m., Mary Lou Frick, 4390 Overland Trail
- Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 a.m., Nancy Freudenberger, 6518 Sorrento Ct.
- Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m., Sue Hanna TBA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Now, I would be remiss if I did not finish the story – through Paul, God brought life back into Eutychus. That's the Easter message! God breathes new life into each of us every day through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. No matter how lifeless our days appear, no matter how broken our relationship with God becomes, God brings healing, new life, and relevance to our lives. And we have that amazing gift to share with others in our communities – before or after they fall out the window!

In Christ's new life,
Gary



**MONDAY,
APRIL 19**

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

Jim Brown

Don Cox

Al Davis

Hilda Mae Durig

Bryan Griffin

Harley Homan

Lucille Loudenslager

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Thelma Snyder

Ralph Thomas

Bella Waltz

Pat Weibel

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Robbie, Linda Welin's co-worker's nephew

Henry Aldridge, friend of the Harper family

Eleanor Clauser, Laura Roberts' mother

The family of Robert Cook, friends of the Deckards

Padraic Doran, friend of Lois Smith

Richard Fowler, friend of Moira Levant

Caleb Frederick, grandson of friends of the Dawsons

Julie Grusenmeyer, friend of Moira Levant

Caelan Guthrie, Cap and Nancy Phillip's grandson

Julie Haines, Jackie Dawson's cousin

Jim Happensack, friend of Moira Levant

Ron Harper, Steve's dad

Walt and Betty Hildebrandt, friends of Suzanne Bruns

Susie Mara, friend of the Borresons

Dan McMichael, Moira Levant's uncle

Helen Mohn, Ray Strohmingers' aunt

Ferne Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Jack Nelson, Jerry's father

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Carole Pauly, Anstaetts neighbor

Scott Petersen, Stu's brother

Don Reigelsperger, friend of the Strohmingers

Eric Stone, friend of the Nandrasys

Katie Taylor, Oakwood High School student

Do (Winkler) Wagner, friend of the congregation

Ken Weimer, friend of Chris Wallace

