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## Pastor's Message

Maybe you can trace your "Lutheran roots" back to your great-grandparents who immigrated to the United States from northern Germany. Or perhaps you are brand new to this Lutheran thing, having been a part of another church, or never went to church when you were a kid. Could it be that you are Lutheran because you were "dragged to church" every Sunday, and it just happened to be a Lutheran Church, and for some reason it still fits? Maybe you married into a staunch Lutheran family and didn't really have a choice.

Whatever the reason, you are here. But, do you know what "here" is? Do you know what it means to be Lutheran? Not sure? Can't remember what you learned in catechism? Now's your chance! August 4-8 is Vacation Bible School, held at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and hosted jointly with our sisters and brothers from St. Paul Lutheran Church, on Wayne Ave. Pastor Bob Miller and I will be helping to unlock the "here" for you as we lead what we hope will be an exciting "adult confirmation camp" experience in the Adult VBS Class. There won't be a climbing wall and zip line like we use at Lutheran

Memorial Camp, but you won't be sitting around listening to two old guys drone on. We will attempt to actively engage you in learning (or re-learning) what it means to be Lutheran. You will even participate in a giant "Lutheran Trivial Pursuit" game, in which you will be the game pieces.

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. and activities run from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. Plan to stop by and try it out. We don't think you'll be bored, and along the way you just might learn something about this "Lutheran thing"!

Your partner in Christ,  
*Gary*

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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

### *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (August 3)*

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

### *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 10)*

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

### *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 17)*

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that

God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

### *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 24)*

In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

### *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 31)*

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

## Council Update

Chairman Doug Hammer was away on business during our Council Meeting on July 21. Vice Chairman Jim Worley was asked to lead the meeting in his place.

We prepared ourselves for the meeting with a moment of silent reflection and prayer. Council voted and approved the minutes from the June meeting. Financial Secretary Donna Gorrell talked about the building usage increasing 50% over last year. Also, Donna pointed out that we have received over \$160,000 in HVAC pledges and weekly donations are up. Treasurer Don Hartman explained that even though donations are up and pledges are coming in, our expenses are also up. Overall report for our church financial condition is good. It was reported that the Youth Group had an educational experience and learned many things about the Dominican Republic Culture. We will hear more from them soon when the group gives a presentation during church service on August 17. Our time to receive - grow project is doing well. It seems we have a lot of interest and activities going on to raise money for this biblical lesson. On July 12 our church hosted a tour of the Patterson House and ice cream social and approximately 40 people came. We would like to do this fun event every year.

*- Jim Worley, Council Vice Chair*

### **"MUSICAL MISSIONARY" BRUNCH**

Our own **John Buechele** has received a call from Youth Encounter to serve as a guitarist on one of 5 "Captive Free" musical group missionary teams for the next year. Youth Encounter (previously

named Lutheran Youth Encounter) is a youth ministry organization which sends teams of youth throughout the country, hosting "weekend retreats" for youth in hotels; over the years we have sent many youth to these events in Cincinnati. Between "retreats", the Captive Free teams present concerts in congregations, and we have been blessed to host a number of these events. John will complete his work at Lutheran Memorial Camp as Assistant Program Director this month, and then will head to Minneapolis for training and commissioning. He will receive no pay for his work for the next year, and like most missionaries, he is responsible for raising funds to cover the majority of his expenses (\$10,000 out of a total of \$17,000). The congregations in our confirmation camp cluster are all participating in helping John raise the needed funds. Our congregation's first fund-raising event for John will be held on **Sunday, August 10, 11:15 a.m.**, with a brunch served in the fellowship hall. John will be on hand for this event, after which he will leave to begin his training. Please mark your calendars and plan to support John in his new calling. This event will be a "Thrivent Matching Funds" event as well.

### **MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION**

**D**uring 9:45 a.m. worship on **Sunday, August 17**, the youth who participated in the mission trip to the Dominican Republic will make a special multi-media presentation of their work. This is an opportunity to hear and see first-hand accounts of the "missionary work" carried out by our youth, and for us to thank them for representing their congregation.



## VBS 2008



### Rainforest Adventure - August 4-8

5:30 p.m. - Family dinner

6:00 - 8:15 p.m. - Children's activities

- Adult class with Pastors Gary Eichhorn

and Bob Miller

*(Nursery care available)*

- **Wednesday, August 6**

Join the VBS families as they plant something new on our property!

- **Friday, August 8**

Closing program and ice cream social

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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 ... SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS!

- Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. First graders receive Bibles, our teachers are introduced and we all enjoy a show by Ron Remy, Christian ventriloquist & entertainer.



**Pizza Party, Decorating for VBS,  
and Volunteer Pep Rally**  
**Sunday, August 3**  
**11:15 a.m.**

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate the day  
God gave new life to  
these youth:



Alex Beckett - 8/12

Alexander Erickson

- 8/21

Erin Lane - 8/5

Nolan McTall - 8/11

Hayley Roeckner - 8/30

Andrew Zimmerman - 8/23

Emma Zimmerman - 8/6

## 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*

Doug Hammer, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

# Youth Group News



As I write this month's article, I am one day back from our trip to the Dominican Republic. It is hard to know where to start to explain to you all that we saw and experienced in the Dominican Republic. **The youth group will be presenting our experiences on August 17 during the worship service**, with many pictures and stories from individual perspectives. In the meantime, I can tell you that our trip was incredible and well worth all the hard work that went into getting us there.

While in the Dominican Republic, we found out that the DR has the third highest poverty rate of any country in the Western hemisphere. In addition to working in the orphanage we had the opportunity to visit a batay, which is basically a shanty town where people are living in such abject poverty it is unimaginable unless you see it with your own eyes. On our way home from the work site everyday we drove through neighborhoods which were crowded and full of tiny homes that were smaller than many of our bedrooms. Even in this busy city there were signs of scarcity everywhere.

At the orphanage we found a loving happy environment where the children were eager to play and talk with us in spite of the language barrier. These children have seen

horrors we do not even want to think about, yet they laugh and smile, clearly happy to have a safe place to live, a bed to sleep in, food in their stomachs.

I don't want to steal the thunder of the youth who will want to tell you about our trip from their perspective, but I do want to tell you that providing the twelve of us with this opportunity, which I know was a huge leap of faith for this congregation, may be one of the most important things we ever do as a church. I don't say that because of the impact of the work that we did, (and we did do a lot of painting in some stifling heat), but I say it because of the perspective that it gave all of us on our own lives, and on the value of others' lives outside of our little world.

Those of us who participated in this trip were changed in a way that I hope we never forget. David, the orphanages' volunteer coordinator, and our contact person while we were there, encouraged us to try not to forget what we saw while there, though he reminded us it would be easy to do once we were home. He encouraged us to find ways, big or small, to continue being servants somewhere in some way once we left the Dominican Republic.

I was so proud of our youth from the beginning of this trip to the end. They represented LCOS beautifully, they worked hard without complaint, and they were patient every time we had to wait endlessly in the hot sun for our ride to show up, or for some sort of snafu to be worked out. They were friendly and polite and tried valiantly to communicate in Spanish. They played with the orphans, gave piggy back rides, shared whatever they had, and in general were beautiful examples of Christian love.

- Celeste



# CAMPING TRIP

## OCTOBER 10 - 12



- Where:** Dayton KOA campground (in Brookville)  
([www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com))
- For:** Holy Terrors families and friends,  
as well as others in the congregation
- Cost:** \$5 / person per night, plus food

Grab your tents and make the quick drive up to Brookville, and enjoy God's beautiful creation, surprisingly nestled between Rt. 40 and I-70 (with none of the hassle of the traffic)!

The campground has clean bathrooms with individual showers and toilet stalls; a full kitchen that serves breakfast on weekends for those who don't want to cook(!), miniature golf, fishing and paddle boats, game room, bike rentals, hiking trails, and plenty of great activities for all ages, including hayrides. So, we'll have our **annual hayride Saturday night**, and even if you don't want to camp, the KOA is close enough for you to join in the fun. *Pastor Eichhorn (event coordinator) will lead outdoor worship on Sunday morning at the campground*, while a supply pastor leads worship back at the church.



So, mark your calendars, call the church office (293-1147) or email Pastor Eichhorn ([gwe@oursaviordayton.org](mailto:gwe@oursaviordayton.org)) to reserve your spot in the group campsite.

*Thank you to the Anstaett Family for hosting our summer picnic July 20! The children had great fun riding bikes, riding the slip-n-slide, and launching water balloons, while the adults visited. The gang also enjoyed wonderful fruit, veggies, hot dogs, and other summer picnic foods!*

- The Holy Terrors participate in Vacation Bible School in August.
- **Coming in September:** Bowling hosted by the Zimmerman family

# AUGUST 2008

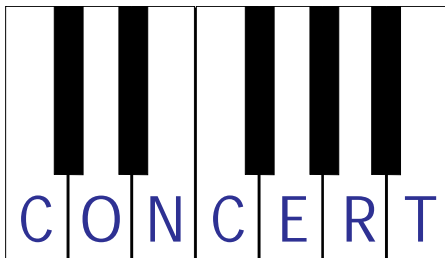
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 11:15 a.m. Pizza party & decorating for VBS						9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 5:30 to 8:15 p.m.</b>						
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<b>17</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship <i>Youth - Dominican Republic presentation</i> 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>18</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>19</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff @ Applebees	<b>20</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:00 Golf league	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir at Whitakers	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 3:00 p.m. Benefit concert Wilma & Rachel	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	<b>27</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:00 Golf league 7:00 p.m. JOY Group - Fraze	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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# Wel ca News

## Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

The Monday afternoon circle will meet for lunch on Monday, August 25. The exact time will be announced. To RSVP call Ginny Foell, 298-4987.

For many years, the women of LCOS have furnished the cookies, cupcakes, etc. for the various events and projects throughout the year. So, we have a "cookie caller" who has the names of our volunteer bakers on a rotating list. If you would like to be on that list, call Jan Wallace at 294-8984. Also, Jan has served as cookie caller for several years, if you would like to relieve Jan, just call her for the details.



Rachel Spry Lammi  
and Wilma Meckstroth  
*present a*  
**PIANO & ORGAN  
BENEFIT CONCERT**  
for *A Time to Grow*  
Sunday, August 24  
3:00 p.m. at LCOS  
\$10 suggested donation



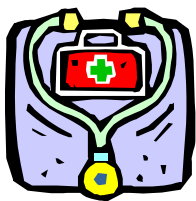
*"Inch by inch, row by row, gonna  
make this garden grow . . ."*

How are you doing with growing God's blessing of \$50? It has been exciting to hear the ideas being shared before and after worship.

Remember, the recipients of our September 7 "harvest" are: Christ Lutheran Church (Old North Dayton), Jeremiah's Letter, Noestros Pequenos Hermanos orphanage in the Dominican Republic (Youth mission trip destination), and Emmelyne Nizeimana in South Africa.



**MONDAY,  
AUGUST 18**



## HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

### FALL PREVENTION

Falls can result in hip fractures, head injuries or even death. In many cases, those who have experienced a serious fall have a difficult time recovering and their overall health deteriorates. More than 40% of individuals hospitalized from hip fractures do not return home and are not capable of living independently again. Each year 25% of those who have fallen pass away. A person is more likely to fall if they are age 80 or older and have previously fallen. Over time people may feel unsteady when walking due to changes in physical abilities such as vision, hearing, sensation, and balance. Also the environment may be designed or arranged in such a way that causes a person to feel unsafe. The good news is that with adequate knowledge, falls can be prevented. Physical activity can target reducing fall risk by increasing balance and mobility skills. Also changes to the home and community environment can reduce hazards and help support a person in completing daily activities. Studies show that balance, flexibility, and strength training not only improve mobility, but also reduce the risk of falling. Lack of exercise also makes it harder for an individual to recover after a fall. Talk to your doctor about getting a risk assessment for falling. Some health factors that can contribute to falls are osteoporosis, being over age 80, and taking multiple medications. Once you

have an idea of some of the risks and how you might be affected you can determine what factors can be modified to reduce your risk of having a fall. You can stop falls one step at a time. For more information visit [www.stopfalls.org](http://www.stopfalls.org).

### FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next checks will take place on August 9 and 10 after all the worship services.

### CHARLES MARSHALL

*Christian Comedian*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

6:15 - 6:50 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. • Show

Check him out at [www.charlesmarshallcomedy.com](http://www.charlesmarshallcomedy.com)

### ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

The Health Ministry Team is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for Charles Marshall's October 4 appearance. Please rinse out and drop off your cans in the large orange barrel in the upstairs kitchen of the parish house. Thank you!

### 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.

# 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.*

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## MEMBERS

Judith Ault

Dorothy Belleman

Marion Bieser

Scott, Amy & Emily Bryant

Don Cox

Al Davis

Edith Ellis

Bryan Griffin

Bob Haman

Nancy Henry

Harley Homan

Mardelle Hoover

Marti Jackson

Bob Meckstroth

Loren Metzler

Hema Rajaratnam

Mardi Rike

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father

John Arnett, Rachel Lammi's neighbor

Robert Ashburn, Pastor Bob's father

Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law

Verlan Bledsoe, neighbor of the Tyson family

Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

Jane Golder, Mary Kaye Rhoades' sister

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

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

Ron Harper, Steve's dad

Chrysti Jackson, Michelle Jackson Haun's cousin

Jim, relative of LCOS member's co-worker

Sally Knee & Todd Lashway, daughter of former member Eleanor Knee

Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom

Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife

Tammy O'Leary, Rita Boord's cousin

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Jackie Partee, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle

Eunice Watson, friend of Vicky Schmidt



## Families of the Month:

- Doug, Megan, Josh and C J Hammer
- Luis, Susan and Nicole Martinez

*Read about this month's families on the bulletin board in the main hallway of our church building.*

# Stewardship

## TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

### June 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$54,127.33
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	974.00
Memorials:	110.00
HVAC Project:	3,419.12
Rest of Foundation monies:	996.62
Youth fund - Mission trip	3,262.48
Expenses:	\$53,067.67
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$35,872.28

### 2008 Totals (as of July 22)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$221,664.59
Foundation (against budget):	62,773.18
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	20,556.18
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	6,385.72
Memorials:	380.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	29,427.37
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	1,993.24
Youth fund - Mission trip	10,281.44
YTD Expenses:	\$307,119.86
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$22,682.09
<i>- Submitted by Don Hartman</i>	

## PROJECT BLESSING

On Wednesday, July 23 many under-privileged and hungry people were served lunch at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. The picnic menu consisted of hot dogs and baked beans, potato salad, bread & butter,

watermelon and cupcakes.

Those preparing and serving the meal were: Ansel John, Ed & Jean McKibbin, Mary Kaye Rhoades, Greg & Jackie Dawson. Cupcakes were donated by Virginia Foell, Che Brewer-Coon, Julie Anstaett, Vicki Kugel, Jan Wallace, Lisa Maschino and Donna Gorrell.

## Joy Group

The JOY Group of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will attend the Kettering Civic Band Concert on **Wednesday, August 27** at 7:00 p.m. at the Frazee Pavillion. They will meet at the MCL Cafeteria for dinner at 5:30 p.m. where an area has been reserved. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in the narthex for those attending to eat at the restaurant, or call the Meckstroths. (937) 434-5033. If you need transportation, please advise, also. Thank You!

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

## 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.

