



# The VOICE of Our Savior

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I can only imagine that when Paul was called by God to share the Good News of Jesus with the gentile world, the non-Jewish world, the early church made up of Jewish Christians faced what they thought was a world of trouble. As the Holy Spirit, through the work of Paul and his cohorts, lit the fire of faith in the hearts and lives of gentiles, "those people" started showing up in church. Suddenly, Jewish Christians looked around on Sunday morning and discovered that they were a minority – and they were not happy with the changes that were happening in **their church**. In his letter to the Christian community of faith in Ephesus, Paul addressed this concern by lifting up the fact that the church did not belong to the Jews or to the gentiles. Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of the church – it was his church, and all who came through the doors of the church were called to celebrate their ONENESS in Christ, regardless of any differences among them.

Later this month, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet in assembly in Minneapolis to deal with, among other things, who we let through the doors to participate in ministry. For the better part of

the last two decades, the ELCA has been trying to discern how, if at all, to deal with issues of human sexuality: Do we ordain people who are not heterosexual? Do we permit homosexual human beings to share their gifts and talents in congregational ministry, either as pastors or congregational lay leaders? Unfortunately, this topic has become a polarizing entity in the ELCA and within many congregations, and we run the risk of overlooking the basic truth that Paul felt compelled to lift up to the Ephesians – it's not our Church. We have been called to be faithful to God and God's mission of sharing Jesus Christ with the world. As long as Christ is still the cornerstone of the

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# WORSHIP NOTES



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

**Sunday**, 9:45 a.m. - Sanctuary

## WORSHIP THEMES

### *August 2, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

### *August 9, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

### *August 16, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical

tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

### *August 23, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

### *August 30, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

## Council Update

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Eichhorn lead the devotions with a discussion on the book we are reading, *The Corporate Person*. The minutes from the June meeting were discussed, voted on and accepted. Harriet Uphoff, Chair of the Personnel Committee, was present to introduce Don Anstaett as the new Financial Secretary for the congregation. Don will have a stewardship mailing in October to let members know where we are with our giving. Don Hartman, Treasurer, notified us that we have a \$20,000 deficit year to date. This deficit is similar to that of the last five years at this time of year. We need to continue giving throughout the year to make sure we end up within our budget. We created a task force made up of Foundation, Council and Finance people to present council with options to pay off the HVAC loan early. Pastor Eichhorn mentioned that we are working with St. Paul and Faith Lutheran Churches in planning an October-fest Celebration and small fund raiser. This seems to be an excellent opportunity for great fellowship and a good time. We are looking for volunteers to help with this. Rachel Lammi presented the SPARK program, the new SCS curriculum, which is very Bible-based. This program will be for pre-schoolers through third graders. Each student will receive a new Bible that they can read or have read to them. The cost for each Bible is \$14.99 and our Christian Education committee would be thrilled to have 50 Bibles to start the new program with. Donations are being sought (\$750). The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jim Worley, Council Chairman

### LCOS MISSION STATEMENT

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

### VISION STATEMENT

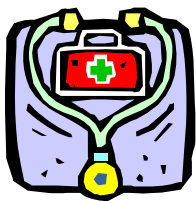
To continue to grow spiritually and physically as a community of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to make a difference in the larger community.

### PICK-UP CHOIR, AUGUST 9

Whether you have been singing in choirs all your life or have never sung in a choir at all, you are invited to sing in a pick-up choir on **Sunday, August 9**. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and prepare a very simple piece of music to sing during worship. If you've been curious what it would be like to sing in the choir, come and be a part of this endeavor. No commitment involved, just show up at 9:00 and sing!

### 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, *Youth Ministry Coordinator, Children's Choir*  
Elizabeth Beal, *Sonshine Choir*  
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*  
Jim Worley, *Council President*  
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



## HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Next meeting on Monday,  
August 10 at 5:00 p.m.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Will be taken after all worship services on  
August 8 & 9.

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Church, it remains God's Church, not mine or  
anyone else's.

I do not have a crystal ball in my office that  
is telling me what is going to happen in  
Minneapolis later this month. But, I do trust  
the work of the Holy Spirit. I trust that God  
will be at work with those who gather for the  
assembly. I also know from my 56 year-old  
faith journey that what is God's doing will last,  
and what is not will soon disappear. Am I  
worried? Absolutely not! This is God's Church;  
and 56 years ago, God, who is the only  
gatekeeper of the Church, let me in. In that  
time, the Church has undergone many  
changes, none of which God consulted me  
about. In fact, God's Church has endured  
centuries of change: we no longer support  
slavery, although St. Paul did; we no longer  
require that women be silent and have no  
leadership role in Church, but St. Paul did.

Bottom line? Join me in keeping the ELCA  
in prayer as the assembly approaches and  
meets in Minneapolis. But, I encourage you  
to pray for God's will to be accomplished. And  
then, celebrate the fact that God has opened  
the doors of the Church to you and me!

In Christ's peace,  
Gary

## Wel ca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

### The Southern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA 2009 Convention

will be held

**Sat. & Sun., September 26 - 27**

Conference Center at NorthPoint  
Columbus, OH (US 23 N)

*(Across from Highbanks Metropark)*

If interested, call Shirley Coen at  
298-6339. Deadline is August 20.

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

A surprise reception will be held for the  
Rev. Mary Lou Brook at her church on  
Sunday, August 16 after the 9:00 a.m.  
service, honoring the 25th anniversary of  
her ordination. Pastor Brook served as the  
Associate Pastor of LCOS from 1984-88. You  
are invited to send cards to: Christ  
Lutheran Church, 159 Frederick St.,  
Lexington, OH 44904.

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

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



## NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES COMING: HELP NEEDED

The Christian Education committee is looking to start 2-3 new small group Bible studies this fall. Leaders are needed to facilitate the studies. Training will be August 29. Anyone interested should contact Ché Brewer-Coon or Rachel Lammi.

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

- ❖ Teacher Training Tuesday, September 1 at 6pm
- ❖ You can still sign up to teach or monitor. See the sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact Rachel Lammi.
- ❖ Rally Day September 13

## SEE THE SCULPTURES BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!

### CityLife Walk

August 9

4pm = meet at church to carpool

Dinner at Uno's

Return to Church by 7pm

Check out the CityLife info at

[www.downtowndayton.org](http://www.downtowndayton.org)

Sign up in narthex or RSVP to Rachel Lammi by August 2.

## WORLD HUNGER AWARENESS

Currently, three ELCA pastors from West Virginia are riding a 3-person bicycle through all 65 ELCA synods (13,000 miles) to raise awareness and \$5,000,000 to combat hunger in the world. They plan to conclude their ride, called "TourdeRevs", in mid-August ([www.tourderevs.org](http://www.tourderevs.org)). To support their monumental task, we are asking for your help August 7-8 with our own Bike-A-Thon.

## BIKE-A-THON

On Friday, August 7, the youth will sponsor a 24-hour "bike-a-thon" at the church. From 7:00 p.m. Friday to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, one or more bikes (of any kind) will be ridden around the oval parking lot. We are seeking riders of any age, from preschoolers on tricycles, to children on bikes with training wheels, to youth and adults on single-seaters or tandems. The goal is to increase the awareness of the devastating depths of hunger in our community and around the world, as well as to help the "TourdeRevs" reach their \$5,000,000 goal. All riders are asked to sign up for a time slot on the posters in the narthex or by the chapel. Donations are sought for the event, not \$ per lap.



# Youth Group News



In July we kept busy with a number of activities. We were able to get quite a bit done in one of our congregation members back yard, before rain hit, forcing us to run for cover. The next Saturday, we were blessed with beautiful weather for our hike at John Bryan, which we followed with a trip to Youngs Jersey Dairy.

We will be continuing to keep active in August, by holding a bike-a-thon August 7 and 8, which is intended to raise money and awareness for world hunger. The idea was prompted by Pastor Gary, who told us about three Lutheran pastors who are biking across the country on a bamboo bicycle in order to make people aware of world hunger. We will be accepting donations which will go to benefit those who are affected by hunger. We need as many riders as possible to help us ride around the church all night long. Come join us for the whole event or just a short time. We will appreciate any support we get. During this time period, those youth who are not biking will be working in the dungeon to clean it and spruce it up.

Sunday, August 9, youth group members will be having lunch and playing laser tag at Laser Quest. We will be talking over pizza to come up with ideas for the fall. Join us for this fun, action packed event. As always,

you are welcome to bring friends.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. Enjoy the rest of your summer. We will be back to school before you know it.

- Celeste  
626-5351

*Thanks to the Youth Group for coming by and rescuing our vegetable garden from being over run by weeds. Celeste wields a masterful hoe! Special thanks to Kyle for demolishing the invading elderberry and wild grape vine, and to Bob Ashburn for distributing finished compost to parts of the garden where it could nourish plants. We could never have done it ourself just now!*  
*Michael and Sue Longo*



## PICNIC AND FUN DAY

Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, August 2** from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the back lawn. **Kids** - bring bikes, scooters, outdoor games; **Parents** - bring a side dish or dessert and lawn chairs. Main dish and drinks will be provided. RSVPs to Sonia Davila ([sonia\\_davila64@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia_davila64@hotmail.com) or 299-6269) are helpful but not required.

# AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 3:00 p.m. Holy Terrors picnic & fun at church	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed	<b>5</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</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>9</b> <b>CEREAL DONATIONS</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property 11:30 a.m. Youth lunch 4:00 p.m. City Life Walk	<b>10</b> 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	<b>11</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	<b>12</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</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>16</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>17</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>18</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff	<b>19</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 2:30 p.m. Bethany Communion 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</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>23</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	<b>26</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</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>30</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>31</b>					

## Stewardship

### TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

#### June 2009

Offerings (against budget):	\$25,515.67
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	673.00
Memorials:	45.00
HVAC Project:	2,281.00
Special Projects	117.00
Expenses:	\$35,549.12
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$ -6,607.42

#### 2009 Totals (as of July 20)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$197,091.99
Loan Payment (from savings):	20,556.18
Foundation (against budget):	62,123.82
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	7,874.01
Memorials:	1,305.00
HVAC Project income:	19,266.00
Special Projects:	3,226.00
Foundation donation:	10,601.00
YTD Expenses:	\$268,817.23
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$ 9,649.25
Current HVAC Loan	\$337,173.78

- Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,  
AUGUST 17**

## 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 Robert Haman:*

Bob & Wilma Meckstroth  
Mary Kaye Rhoades  
Bob & Gloria Willauer  
LCOS JOY Group  
Nancy Freudenberger  
Tamara Baird-Ganley  
Henry & Shirla Langknecht  
Mary Lou Frick



## Joy Group

### SEPTEMBER EVENT

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 2**, when we will be attending the Kettering Civic Band Concert at the Frazee Pavillion. We will meet for dinner prior to the concert at a place to be announced. Information will be in the bulletins and on a poster in the Narthex.

# Social Ministry

## SHOES, SOCKS and SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Letters have been sent to 14 adopted families with 37 children enabling them to obtain shoes, socks and school supplies for these children at K-Mart in Kettering in preparation for the new school year. Our estimated cost for Social Ministry is about \$1200. Your financial contribution is needed. Please use the special envelope in you packet or mark a pew envelope for this program. This completes our support of these families as new families will be obtained in early October. Thank you from your Social Ministry Committee.

## PROJECT BLESSING

On June 22, folks from LCOS prepared and served a lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, fruit with bananas & grapes, bread & butter, cupcakes and coffee, milk & punch to 146 hungry people. Cupcakes were baked by: Julie Anstaett, Shirley Coen, Sue Hanna, Donna Meyer, Jan Wallace and Vicky Schmidt. Preparing and serving were: Ed & Jean (Snider) McKibbin, Jack & Ruth Whitaker and Greg & Jackie Dawson.

## THANK YOU

*Ray and I want to thank all of you for the cards, food and prayers, following my recent surgery. Your caring and concerns are greatly appreciated.*

*Joyce Strohming*

## FOOD PANTRY NOTE

The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone for their most generous and gracious support of the New Hope Food Pantry. As recently reported in the *VOICE* it was suggested to the Pantry that, in addition to the regular food items, they also stock items needed by their clients who are diabetic. This suggestion was graciously received and implemented.

*In view of this the Pantry needs donations of sugar-free and/or reduced sugar foods. i.e.; canned fruits in their own juices or with no sugar added, reduced sugar peanut butter, no sugar added fruit spreads, sugar-free puddings and Jell-O. Sugar-free cookies are available as are reduced sugar cake mixes and frostings. Even sugar-free sweet and dill pickles are available, and sweeteners such as Splenda, Equal and Sweet & Low, etc. are always welcome and needed.*

So when purchasing items for the Food Pantry try to include a sugar-free or low sugar item or two. **Please put the diabetic items in a separate bag clearly labeled that it contains "sugar-free" items so that volunteers stocking the Food Pantry shelves can more easily keep those items separate from other food items.**

Your donations (sugar-free or not) are always thankfully accepted. In this difficult time in our nation, we here at LCOS are so blessed to be able to share with those less fortunate.

# 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

Don Cox

Al & Helen Davis

Nancy Freudenberger

Carolyn Haman and family, upon the death of Bob

Gwen, Vicki and Bella Waltz, upon the death of Dorothy Zinkiewicz

Mary Helen Lecklider

Michael & Sue Longo

Lucille Loudenslager

Wilma Meckstroth

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Hema Rajaratnam

Doris Schmidt

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Barbara Brandner, David and Carol Meckstroth's cousin

Elizabeth Bruns, Terry's mother

Capt. Mark Cipolla, Pat and Sharon Griffy's son-in-law, in Iraq

Aaron and Jennifer Gould and unborn child, Dawson's grandson

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

Chuck Jacobs, friend of Phyllis and Bob Mayne

Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son, in Iraq

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Diane Reke, Kim Buechele's sister-in-law

