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Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
 In his letter to the Philippian congregation, St. Paul wrote: *It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.*

I lift these words as a prayer for our community of faith as we cross over into a new year. As God graces us with yet another beginning, we recognize that the world is filled with plenty of blessings . . . and we can see that there is much that is broken in our world. As individuals, even collectively as one community of faith, we may not be able to stop the fighting in the Middle East, or erase hunger from the Sudan, or remove from the internet the peddlers of pornography. BUT . . . we are called to be the faithful disciples God called us to be in the waters and Word of Baptism. We are called to be responsible for our lives, for what comes out of our mouths, for how we live our faith – regardless of how the rest of the world is living, and perhaps because of the shape of the world. To that end, it is my prayer for us all that we will step up to the

challenge to be faithful in our daily journeys, as individuals and collectively as a community of faith. We impact the world most when we are faithful in our own discipleship, for we are kinder, more forgiving, more compassionate, more generous toward others, when we spend time each day with God in prayer and study of Scripture. Then, and only then, is Christ exalted in our words and in our lives.

Indeed, may we all, in joyful response to our extravagantly generous God, use this new year, this new beginning, as a way to praise the Lord Jesus Christ in all that we say and in how we live – always. For, THAT is how the world is changed!

In Christ,
 Gary

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

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

WORSHIP THEMES

Celebration of Epiphany (Saturday, January 6)

This is the Day of Epiphany, and we will celebrate this festival in our Saturday night worship with a special service of Light.

Baptism of Our Lord (January 7)

Baptism is the beginning of a new story. It was for Jesus; it is for us. God claims us as sons and daughters, fills us with the Holy Spirit, and calls us to be a part of his disciple workforce.

Second Sunday After Epiphany (January 14)

The everyday life experience of a wedding is the scenario in which Jesus performs his first miracle. It is in the everyday life experiences that God breaks into our lives, still sharing the miracles of new life, forgiveness and hope.

Third Sunday After Epiphany (January 21)

God's Word is all-powerful, convicting us of sin and raising us to new life, healing divisions in the Body of Christ and healing lives broken by disease. That Word became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, and comes to us each day.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany (January 28)

An epiphany is a surprise. Love, which seems so familiar, is really a radical invitation to care for others on their terms. How will love surprise us this day?

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

This month, the Dayton Confirmation Cluster will hold classes at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Classes will be held on Sundays, January 7 and 21, at 5:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On Saturday, January 6, congregation council members and committee chairpeople will meet at the church for a leadership retreat. The day will include getting to know each other so as to facilitate an effectively strong working relationship for the year, as well as looking at short- and long-term goals and projects.

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*

Steve Harper, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

Council Update

The December Council meeting focused on the 2007 budget and the need for replacement of the Church's HVAC system. Dave Dickerson presented the draft 2007 budget. Council will finalize the budget in January and present it to the congregation at the February 4, 2007 Annual Meeting.

Ron Iverson from the Property Committee and Jim Cox from Rieck Services presented options to replace our aging HVAC system. There were many questions from council regarding costs and the impact of the construction on the church. The plan that Rieck has proposed will have a minimal impact on our operations. Council is struggling with developing a replacement recommendation that is fiscally responsible and that will meet our future HVAC needs. Ron Iverson has the Rieck proposal if anyone in the congregation wishes to review it before the annual meeting.

Sue Longo reported that Social Ministry will be delivering the Adopt-a-Family gifts on Saturday, December 23. Karen Roberts notified council that the short pews have been installed to provide wheel chair accessibility. Pew racks will be installed on them soon.

Steve Harper

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.

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

Super Bowl Sunday becomes Souper Bowl Sunday when you support the New Hope food pantry with your donation of a can of hearty soup on February 4. If each of us coming to worship that weekend brings a can of soup, we can stock a shelf with a variety of good, filling food.

Donations of nonperishable food are always needed. You don't need to wait until February 4 to contribute, but on that Sunday, add your can to make a Super, Souper Bowl Sunday.

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 or pick up an application in the Narthex. The organization number is 974867. Refer questions to Ray Strohming, 299-5031.

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



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate baptismal birthdays with:

Garretson Lingle	1-26
Samantha Auditoire	1-5
Ashton Ehler	1-16

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.

Were you baptized in January but don't see your name listed? Please email Rachel Spry with the date of your Baptismal Birthday.

WE NEED YOU:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord and your neighbors? There are several volunteer leader positions open in Christian Education and Family Ministry for 2007. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Rachel Spry.

Nursery Coordinator:

This person assists our Nursery Attendant, Melissa Button, as necessary. The nursery coordinator also organizes one cleaning of the nursery and communicates needs to Rachel Spry. Time = 1 hour a month for one year.

Summer Sunday School Coordinator:

This person chooses curriculum and recruits teachers with the Christian Education committee, and gives materials to the teachers each week. Time = 1 hour per week from May to August.

Vacation Bible School Coordinators:

These people work with the Christian Education Committee and Rachel Spry in choosing and organizing the VBS program. Time = 20 – 40 total hours spread out from January to August.

Float Coordinators:

Each May, Our Savior enters a float in the "That Day in May" parade to advertise Vacation Bible School and the church. Time = 2 – 3 hours a week from March through May.

FUND DRIVE FOR NEW HYMNAL

The new hymnals (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) have arrived, and the Worship Planning Team invites you to donate one or more hymnals. There are envelopes in the office for you to place your hymnal(s) donation(s). Cost is \$17.50 per hymnal; please complete the front of the envelope so that Dedication Plaques can be printed in the office and placed in the front of the hymnals. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Spry: ras@oursaviordayton.org.

You may also order your own personal copy of Evangelical Lutheran Worship by going to www.augsburgfortress.org and following the prompts.

Youth Group News



Hope your holidays were wonderful! Thanks to your generosity and some creative and thoughtful youth, our Adopt-A-Family's Christmas was extra special! The youth group made appetizers and deserts for the Adventure Awaiting in order to raise money for our family to buy some furniture. The mother of our family is a single mom and nursing student who asked for nothing for herself, only for her children. She did not have a mattress for her bed or living room furniture. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give her a \$500 gift certificate to a furniture store so that she can make a purchase for herself. This experience, and all the other wonderful stories that come out of the Adopt-A-Family program, really help us remember what Christmas is all about. It also helps remind me what good, caring people your children are.

As we head into the bleaker part of winter, we are going to keep our spirits up with a host of fun activities. We would also like to help you keep your spirits up by inviting you to skate with us at Riverscape. The youth group will be renting the skating rink downtown for our church family and anyone you would like to bring, to have fun and fellowship on us. Watch your mail for further details.

Also in January, the TWEENS will be holding their own Lock-In the 12th of January. We will have fun activities and food just for the TWEENS, so mark your calendar now.

January's lunch on the 14th will be held at City Barbeque. We had such a small crowd in December due to holiday happenings that we decided to postpone this treat to January so more people could enjoy it. Let's try to have a big group so that we can plan this year's calendar of events.

I'm looking forward to a fabulous 2007 with you all!

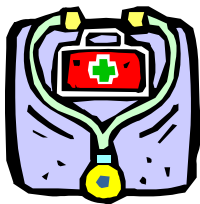
Celeste



Seeking 2007 Holy Terrors Coordinators

Each year we have two volunteers coordinate the activities for Holy Terrors, our fellowship group for families with children through grade 6. Various families sponsor each event. The Holy Terrors coordinators simply remind families of their event and assist with advertising. Time = 1 to 2 hours a month for one year.

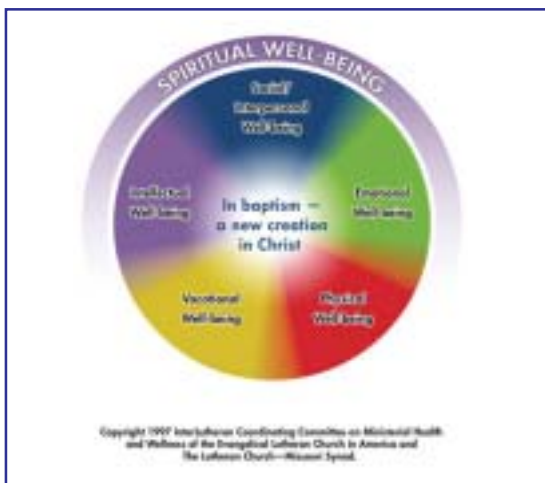
*January planning meeting and lunch -
Sunday, January 21, 12:00 p.m.*



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

How does Health Ministry fit into the Ministry of Lutheran Church of Our Savior and Spiritual Life?

The Health Ministry Team (HMT) of Lutheran Church of Our Savior exists "To recognize and enhance the physical, spiritual and mental health of people in our church and community." This is a holistic approach to caring for oneself and others, which is an act of stewardship.



At the center of the Wholeness Wheel is the faithful confidence that, in baptism, God graciously gives us a new life in Jesus Christ and welcomes us into the community of the Body of Christ. The Wholeness Wheel is the picture of a process centered in Baptism and comprising of five further components: physical, emotional, interpersonal,

vocational and intellectual. These components are integrated into a holistic circle, which "rolls" most smoothly when these five elements are well balanced in a person's life. All these elements are surrounded, contained and supported by our spiritual well being, for all of creation belongs to God. Every aspect of our lives is sustained and supported by Him.

"This life, therefore, is not godliness, but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way. The process is not yet finished, but it is actively going on. This is not the goal but it is the right road. At present, everything does not gleam and sparkle, but everything is being cleansed." - Martin Luther

Free Confidential Blood Pressure Screenings

- Saturday, January 13 after 5:30 p.m. worship in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, January 14 after 8:15 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary, after 10:30 a.m. worship in the Narthex Lounge.

Members of the Health Ministry Team offer these free and confidential screenings the second full weekend of every month.


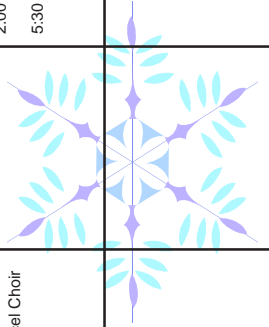
Mark Your Calendars!

- Women's Valentines Tea
February 10, 3:00 p.m.
Guest speaker discussing Heart Health
Door Prizes
All women are invited!
Sponsored by the Health Ministry team



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Begin the Year with  with	2 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed teachers	3 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 3:30 p.m. Staff	4 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6 Council Retreat 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
7 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 5:00 p.m. Confirmation at LCOS	8 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	9 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	10 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle Mary Rish	11 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 9:00 p.m. TWEENS lock-in	13 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
14 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Property 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	16 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	17 7:00 a.m. AA 3:30 p.m. Staff Project Blessing	18 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	19 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	20 8:00 a.m. church work day 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
21 Annual Reports due in office 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 12:00 p.m. HT lunch 5:00 p.m. Confirmation at LCOS	22	23 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	24 7:00 a.m. AA 6:30 p.m. Circle Jan Swedlund	25 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	26 	27 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

Looking back ... to our December group meetings, just to share a little so all our women will know what some of us are about. Our Monday afternoon group had their holiday luncheon at the NCR Country Club, (an annual Christmas gathering), the Wednesday morning group met at Wilma Meckstroth's for an annual Christmas brunch and the Wednesday Evening group was hosted by Wendy Halverson, complete with snacks and their annual Christmas ornament exchange. Don't tell me that traditions aren't priceless or worth repeating! They are that and much more, they fill the "looking forward to" ingredient in life.

Looking ahead ... now we can all sing, not the Twelve Days of Christmas but the Twelve Months of the Year! It is here again, January, the first of the twelve. We can count on new calendars showing us what day and date each morning and we can count on the sun to rise and to set, and the ever shape-changing moon and sparkling stars; this happens - wherever you live, the world is an awesome place! No matter what your calendar may show, no matter what comes your way these twelve months, you will be alright and you know why ... because wherever you are, GOD IS!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

JANUARY GROUP MEETINGS

Monday afternoon does NOT meet
Wednesday, January 10 - Mary Rish
10:00 a.m. 2880 Corlington Dr.

Wednesday, January 24 - Hostess Jan Swedlund, Evening TBA

*Hymn Fest with Robert Hobby
First Lutheran Church
January 13, 4pm*

Joy Group

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007

- January - No program scheduled
- February 9, Friday
Brown bag lunch at church
Speaker: Bob Batz, columnist, Dayton Daily News
Hosts: Lecklider, Hoover, Savage
- March 29, Thursday
LaComedia Dinner Theatre
OKLAHOMA!
Hosts: Longos
- April 26, Thursday
A.M. tour of Wright-Dunbar area,
plus Parachute Museum and Film
Total time: approx. 2 hours,
lunch to follow
Hosts: Schaefer
- May - Date and details TBA
Possible tour of GM Assembly Plant in Moraine
Hosts: Fricks
- June 15, Friday
Annual meeting and picnic lunch at church - Program TBA
Hosts: JOY Group officers

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, January 20

Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and work will start at 8:45 and end around 10:00. Everyone is invited to join us.

Social Ministry

HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2006

The congregational response in 2006 to social needs of the community has been very important for both the ADOPT-A-FAMILY and OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The Youth Easter Adopt-A-Family Program provided Easter baskets for 27 children and food for 12 families. The youth, accompanied by adults, shopped and delivered.

The **Back to School** Assistance Program provided 15 children of 7 families with new shoes and socks from K-Mart, and the Youth shopped and delivered school supplies to 27 children.

Your response to the **Christmas** Adopt-A-Family Tag Tree Program was a huge success. All 145 gift tags were taken and wrapped gifts were brought to the church. Family Coordinators shopped and wrapped additional items. Gifts of new and used toys, clothing, towels, bed linens, blankets and pillows, two bicycles, and small household items, plus more than 80 bags or boxes of food were assembled by the Youth and Social Ministry Committee members. Gifts were delivered to 13 families on December 23, including 38 children and 15 adults. Delivery involved three groups, about 14 vehicles, mostly vans. About 19 large trash bags full of clothing were taken to St. Paul, YWCA Battered Women, and Goodwill throughout the year. Items not kept for next year will be taken to the same places after Christmas. **A big THANKS to all those who contributed in any way.**

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY for 2006

Support of the outreach ministry through Jeremiah's Letter Inc., has provided the following emergency assistance to 36 urban families or persons in real need during 2006. Assistance is being furnished primarily to families through the Passages Program requiring they be responsible in areas of their own life with guidance from a JLI Volunteer. This is an effort to get them off public assistance if possible and responsible for their own life. The following assistance totaling \$2,078 was provided:

- Rent - 7 families
- Gas and Electric - 7
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles - 3
- Transportation - 7
- Medical and Rx - 7
- Miscellaneous assistance - 5

Financial assistance was provided to the following agencies:

- We Care Arts
- Volunteer Care Givers of Greater Dayton
- Project Blessing luncheon
- JLI Youth Programs at Hope and St. Paul
- New Hope Food Pantry
- Lutheran Social Service
- JLI Learning Connection including several youth summer camperships
- Oesterlen Services for Youth
- Ohio Synod, ELCA - Grace Summer Camp for youth in southeast Ohio
- World Hunger Program, member contributions

*Social Ministry Committee
Ray Strohminger, Chair
December 2006*

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

November 2006

Offerings (against budget):	\$22,906.40
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
Family/Youth Ministry income:	0.00
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,080.73
Memorials:	100.00
Special projects:	0.00
Foundation (Scholarships and Benevolence):	0.00
Expenses:	\$37,363.72
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$14,457.32

2006 Totals (as of December 18, 2006)**

YTD collections (against budget):	\$305,431.77
Foundation (against budget)	93,243.09
Family/Youth Ministry income:	50,373.85
YTD other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	19,447.51
Memorials:	1,855.00
Special projects:	33,441.41
Meeting Room ("Blue Room") paint donation	2,546.48
Foundation (Scholarships and Benevolence)	3,513.32
YTD Expenses:	\$477,126.47
Balance (Receipts - Expenses):	-\$22,523.97

** \$353,459.43 from sale of 174 Lookout Dr. being held in CD until moved to Foundation.

** \$34,345.10 CD cashed in Sept. 13 to be used towards down payment for heating and air conditioning system updates.

- Submitted by Don Hartman

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE EASY

New Credit Card Option!

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church! We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners a new way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Giving program has been expanded to include a credit card option. Electronic Giving is an automated program that allows you to make contributions without having to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

Here is how it works:

All you need to do is fill out a simple authorization form with a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

It is fast, safe and easy! LCOS will continue to issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statement or credit card statement will provide you with a record of payment as additional proof of your contributions. Donations can also be directed to different or specific funds in the church budget.

For more information or to sign up for this option, please contact Donna Gorrell at 258-1426.



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	Harley Homan
Kim Beckett	Loren Metzler
Dorothy Belleman	Martha Miller
Gus Brunsman	Junior Norris
Don Cox	Hema Rajaratnam
Al Davis	Jack Somers
Edith Ellis	Vicki Willis
Roy Frick	Dorothy Zinkiewicz
Mary Ellen Granger	

NEW PRAYER LIST POLICY

Starting the first of the year, when you want to add a name of a family member, friend or co-worker to our prayer list, you must have permission from that person for their name to be added. This is in accordance with HIPAA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Julie Beeser, LMC staff, in the Sudan
Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper
Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister
Patricia Davis, friend of Phyl Mayne
Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson
Brandon Emmons, grandson of a friend of Jim Uphoff
Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners
Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns mother
Kamal Hanna, Phil's father
Shawn Infanto, son of Vic Infanto
Mandy Jacobsen, LMC staff, in the Sudan
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mother
Enrique Medina, friend of Kristin Griffy, in Iraq
O'Leary family, Rita Boord's cousin
David Perry, friend of Steve Harper
Brian Ramsey, friend of Beth & Gary Kost
Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq
Jeremy Sanford, friend of Hayley Roeckner
Steve Thunell, Helen Stager's brother
Michael Vance, Penny's husband
Victims of the wars in the Middle East
Natural disaster survivors

