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JUNE 2007

Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This month, we launch two projects, one that comes around this time every year, and one that is new. Below are the details. I hope you will prayerfully participate with your sisters and brothers in Christ in these important ministries:

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

June 3 through September 9, our Sunday worship begins at **9:45 a.m.**, with Sunday School for children through grades 3 offered immediately after the Children's Moment. After each 9:45 a.m. service, you can gather outside for fellowship around the punch bowl. The Saturday worship schedule remains unchanged.



PEACE FOCUS "LOGO"

The new logo at the top of this page has been adopted by the Peace Focus Team as an easily recognizable icon for upcoming LCOS Peace Ministry programs and

events. When you see this logo on mailings, in newsletters and worship bulletins, on bulletin boards, as well as throughout the community, you will know that it is announcing a special event planned to help us become more in touch with God's peace within us so as to enable us to dismantle walls between one another, and between ourselves and God. The first event will be held on Sunday, September 9. Watch for details accompanied by the logo.

Your partner in ministry,
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

Music Sunday (June 3)

Our various choirs will lead us in worship during this first 9:45 a.m. service of the summer, as we celebrate **Music Sunday** at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. During the service, we will also celebrate with Sharon and Pat Griffy, as they affirm their marriage vows on the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Following worship, the congregation is invited to lunch on the patio on the west side of the parish house – your prayers and presence are the only gifts requested.

Second Sunday after Pentecost (June 10)

From all appearances the young man from Nain was dead. The funeral procession moves along until Jesus stops it with a word—"Do not weep"—and a touch. Another word, "I say to you, rise!" and the dead man is restored to life; another touch and he is restored to his community. Jesus' powerful word and healing touch are for us, too, for God has looked favorably on we who are God's people.

Third Sunday after Pentecost (June 17)

Confession and forgiveness frequently serve as a doorway to worship. We come

into God's presence not because we earn it, but purely as an act of grace. Today's readings introduce us to some of the world's great sinners, and we take our place among them, hungry to taste the wonderful love of God.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (June 24)

Before God saves us in baptism, we are held prisoner to hostile spiritual forces. Some of them are known to us, and some are of our own making. Often we do not see or recognize the spirits that trouble us. As we come into God's presence today, a word of liberation is announced to us.

BAPTISMAL VOWS AFFIRMED

On Pentecost Sunday (May 27), five youth affirmed their baptismal vows (confirmation) during worship, after two years of confirmation instruction. They are **Andrew Dickerson, Emily Kugel, Nicole Martinez, Morgan Nandrasy, and Alec Snead.**

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 Swedlund, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

Council Update

This month's council meeting focused on updating council on a number of projects and issues. Pastor Eichhorn opened the meeting with a prayer. Donna Gorrell, Financial Secretary, gave a report that total income is up over \$15,000 compared to last year at this time. Don Hartman, Treasurer, was pleased to report that we are running a surplus against budget by \$4,851.19.

Pam Stephens, Chairman of Foundation, was our guest and gave council an update on the foundation investments. Pam was pleased to report that with the major gains in the stock market, foundation grew to nearly \$3 million. Ending March of this year, we have received a 11.63% increase over the last 12 months.

Council was brought up to date on the progress of the Investing in the Future, and HVAC installation progress. For more details see article on page 10.

Council was informed that the church will continue with the process of updating the computers. The last computer that needs updated is Rachel Spry's. Rachel is currently using the old office Apple computer. This was a planned and budgeted expense. This will finish the process of updating the computers and migrating to Windows machines.

The Executive Board meeting is canceled for June 11 since two board members will be out of town. The council meeting planned for October 8 will be moved to October 15 to accommodate the people who want to attend the Slidell Louisiana relief trip.

The meeting was lead by the Vice Chair Doug Hammer since Chair Steve Swedlund was out of town on business.

OUR MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN OLD NORTH DAYTON

Some of you may already know of the Learning Connection after-school program at Christ Lutheran that LCOS has worked with for several years. We are hoping to move into a deeper partnership in ministry with Christ Lutheran in serving the Dayton inner-city community. There are several opportunities for YOU to get PLUGGED INTO MINISTRY this summer.

- There is a Community Block Party on June 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Individuals and families are needed to assist with set up, tear down, and running the booths. Please prayerfully consider sharing an hour or more of your time from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

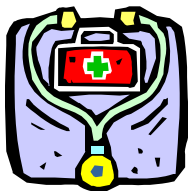
- Christ Lutheran's Day Camp, *Pirates of the Nazarene*, is June 25 – 29 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to prepare meals and lead activities. You can sign up to help for one or more days. A training session will take place at 12:30 over lunch on Sunday, June 24.

- The Christ Lutheran girls youth group (ages 8 – 14) is creating decorations for *Pirates of the Nazarene* on Fridays, June 15 and 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All girls and their mothers of Our Savior are encouraged assist in this activity.

If you can help with any of these ministries, please contact Brian Kitner, Pastor of Christ Lutheran @ 228-0893 or Rachel Spry @ 293-1147.

WEDDING CELEBRATION

Congratulations to **Zachary Welin** and **Laura Poppenhouse**, who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 19 at LCOS. Pastors Eichhorn and Welin (Zac's dad) led the wedding service.



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Come meet the Health Ministry Team at the June 24 Punch Bowl after 9:45 a.m. worship. Tasty healthy foods will be served, along with recipes you can prepare at home!

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure screenings are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place the weekend of June 9-10 after all services.

THANK YOU FROM PATTERSON KENNEDY!

You have been terrific about supporting Patterson Kennedy with school supplies. We were able, with your donations, to buy two reams of paper for each teacher there which was much appreciated. The teachers signed a thank you card and took some pictures of students with the paper. These are hanging in the narthex near the PK School Supply collection bin. With the failure of the Dayton School Levy, things are going to be even bleaker for students and educators in Dayton in the coming school year. Please consider continuing your support of our Partner in Education, Patterson Kennedy Elementary. When you are out, if you see a good deal on school supplies pick up a few items to put in the box. It is appreciated more than you know.



No June activity – Picnic in July

Thank you to all who represented our congregation in the *That Day in May Parade!* Kaylee, Julie and Sarah Anstaett, Kiandra Coon, Sonia

Davila, Gary Eichhorn, Jenny and Sue Hanna, Gabrielle Kronbergs, Rachel Spry, Heather Stager, Katie, Michael Weeks, and Jim Worley. On the way to the staging area, Pastor Gary treated the gang to Dairy Queen ice cream cones! It was fun to see many of our members watching the parade and many of our youth in the band, girl scouts, and other groups! Watch for a 1960's dragster float in 2008!



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

Youth Group News



A big thank you to the congregation for your support of our Mother's Day Brunch in May! We made a profit of over \$300 for our mission trip fund. We had a great turnout, not only from the congregation, but also from the youth who volunteered. I especially want to thank Maggie and her friend Katie, who helped me so much on Saturday, and Sue Harbaugh and Laurie Fenstermacher who stayed to the bitter end cleaning up. You are appreciated!

This month we are doing our part to help with the HVAC fundraising by holding a BAKE SALE following church service on Sunday, June 3. Plan to stop by our table and pick up some delicious home baked goods. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund.

On the 10th of June, following church the youth group will be meeting at Starbucks for a short planning meeting. These meetings have been shrinking in attendance. We need you and your ideas to keep youth group thriving. Consider stopping by for a beverage and some fellowship.

On June 30, we will be spending the day at Splash Moraine. This day is sure to be lots of fun. Bring some friends so we can have a big crowd. Please RSVP and let me know how many of you to expect.

In July, the evening of the 19th through the morning of the 22nd, we are going to be attending the ELCA Global Mission in Columbus at The Ohio State University. This is a new opportunity for us. Instead of going away on a mission trip we are taking advantage of the fact that Lutherans from all over the world will be assembling in Columbus to talk about the church and mission work. This event is an annual one, but is not usually held so close to home. There are going to be some wonderful speakers, lively musicians, and a great deal of spiritually uplifting opportunities. Think "Youth Quake" but about 100 times larger. We will be staying on campus and our meals will be included. I need to know who will be attending this event by June 17. For more information visit elca.org/gme.

Also in July, we will be going to Delco Park to see the fireworks and our own Chelsie Cooper who will be performing. We will meet at church at 6:00 p.m. Bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Congratulations to our 2007 graduates - Eric Harper, Brendan Murphy and Philip Light-Scoetece. We are proud of you!

Celeste

SAVE THESE DATES:

- June 2, 12:00 p.m. - Baking for bake sale
- June 3 immediately following service - Bake Sale
- June 10 immediately following service - Starbucks Meeting
- June 30, 11:00 a.m. - Splash Moraine
- July 4, 6:00 p.m. meet at church - Delco Park Fireworks





SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

June 10 – Teacher recognition and Summer Sunday School begins

SUMMER SCS

*Quest for Truth and
The Gospel According to Harry Potter*

You are needed to teach our children for 45 minutes on just one Sunday. Materials are provided and easy to use. If interested, please contact Che Brewer-Coon at 396-0147.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007



July 30 – August 3

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Activities (for all ages) 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with meals and decoration set up and tear down. Please sign up in the narthex or by contacting a VBS team member (Scott & Amy Bryant, Sonia Davila, Rachel Spry).

STARTING IN JUNE!

Mothers play group & Bible study will begin June 6 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the nursery. If interested, please RSVP to Rachel Spry at 293-1147.

Bad Girls of the Bible: this Bible discussion begins Thursday, June 7 and continues each Thursday of June at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rachel Spry at 293-1147 or ras@oursaviordayton.org to reserve your book!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

College

- Lauren McFarland - Wittenberg University (*Summa Cum Laude*)
- Scott McFarland, Wright State University Medical School
- Karl Swedlund - Purdue University

High School

- Eric Harper - Oakwood
- Brendan Murphy - Kettering Fairmont
- Philip Light-Scotece - Oakwood



JUNE 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth bake for sale
3 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:45 a.m. Worship NO SCS Youth Bake Sale	4 3:30 p.m. Staff	5 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	6 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 10:00 a.m. Mom's group - nursery 4:30 p.m. Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	7 7:00 p.m. "Bad Girls of the Bible" study	8	9 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
10 9:45 a.m. Worship teacher recognition 9:45 a.m. SCS 11:00 a.m. Property 11:30 a.m. VBS training session w/lunch 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch 5:30 p.m. Bridge Club	11	12 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	13 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	14 7:00 p.m. "Bad Girls of the Bible" study	15 11:30 a.m. JOY Group lunch - LCOS 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion 5:30 p.m. TWEENS Christ Lutheran	16 8:00 a.m. Staff CPR class 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
17 FATHER'S DAY 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Council	19 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	20 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Mom's group - nursery 4:30 p.m. Golf league	21 7:00 p.m. "Bad Girls of the Bible" study	22	23 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
24 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	25	26 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	27 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	28 7:00 p.m. "Bad Girls of the Bible" study	29	30 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 11:00 a.m. Youth - Splash Moraine 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Our small groups (circles) do not meet during the months of June, July and August. But it is not unusual for some of the ladies to schedule an informal summer get-together.

This is the time to give a short description of just what is WELCA.

WELCA comes from **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and stands for *Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions!*

Our church, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a vital part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore every woman member of our church is a vital part of the Women of the ELCA. Our church has had an active women's organization since its formation and blessed with full support from our pastors in the past and present.

The role of women in the church has changed, but WELCA's mission statement continues to stress the importance of the Christian family.

Our WELCA, at the present time, has sixty women who have indicated they wish to be involved. Our organization is divided into small groups, meeting at the church, in their homes or maybe a restaurant. There are no dues ... free-will offerings or donations may be given to support church related projects. We have our own treasury and do send a portion of our funds to the Women of the ELCA, based in Chicago. We have a board which consists of a representative from each group. We meet three times a year, we know that communication is understanding.

WELCA's involvement includes many things ... our monthly sewing workshop invites our women to help cut and sew for quilts and lap robes, assemble school or health kits for Lutheran World Relief, support our food pantry, furnish Care Notes, support Church Women United, Graceworks Living Flower Fund, and active participation in Graceworks Women's Council.

We thank God for the many women members of our church who strive to strengthen their faith through Christian action.

My husband and myself just returned from enjoying two weeks along the shore of South Carolina. As usual, the endless vastness of the ocean as one walks the endless beach shoreline leaves me in awe of God and His great works, I treasure that experience, and this most recent time after leaving the beach we experienced another awesome sight, a beautiful completely arched rainbow was stretched over the roadway ... breathtaking! Humbling! Only God could create such artwork. Thank you, God.

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

THE SHOPPING CART OVERFLOWED!

Thank you for making "Cereal Sunday" such a big success. Your generous support provided 92 boxes of cereal (96, if you count the multi-packs individually) for the New Hope Food Pantry. The variety will give many families a great start in the mornings, and the cash contributions will add to the supply.

Joy Group

The final meeting of the 2006-07 season will be a picnic-style lunch at the church on Friday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. The meal, including beverages and dessert, will be furnished by the JOY Group committee.

Following lunch, Ms. Judy Stang, Vice President of Bethany Village for resident care, will speak to us regarding the future plans at Bethany.

A sign up sheet will be in the narthex. All are invited. Come and enjoy!

PROJECT BLESSING

Our church served at St. Paul Lutheran's Project Blessing on Monday, May 14, 2007. The menu consisted of hamburger pie, mashed potatoes, cole slaw (with pineapple and mini marshmallows), fruit cocktail (with grapes and bananas), bread and butter, cupcakes and beverages. Helpers were: Rick Davila, Ed & Jean McKibbin, and Greg & Jackie Dawson. Cupcake bakers were: Debbie Nandrasy, Karen Tyson, Jan Wallace, Susie Woolery, and Julie Worley. A total of 105 guests and 15 volunteers were served.

A big "THANK YOU" to the helpers and bakers.



**MONDAY
JUNE 18**

BLANKET SUNDAY - JUNE 17

When the tsunami struck nations around the Indian Ocean in December 2004 claiming more than 250,000 lives, the Church World Service "*Rainbow of Caring*" was on the ground swiftly with blankets and supplies. The long-standing programs in the region allowed a quick response.

Through the Tools and Blankets Program, congregations and groups around the country reach out in compassion to people in need in more than 80 countries. The right tool at the right time can make a world of difference in the lives of a family or a community. On June 17, you can be a part of that "*Rainbow of Caring*" by contributing to Tools and Blankets, a program which supplies blankets to the dispossessed. A contribution of \$5.00 provides a sturdy blanket to warm the night or provide shade during the day.

DEDICATE A NEW HYMNAL

There are still some new hymnals (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) available for you to donate. The Worship Planning Team invites you to donate and dedicate one or more new hymnals. There are envelopes in the office and narthex 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.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

April 2007

Offerings (against budget):	\$38,178.06
Foundation (against budget):	0
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	828.17
Memorials:	0
HVAC Project:	16,575.00
Special Projects:	409.94
Expenses:	\$38,296.32
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$118.26

2007 Totals (as of 5/21/07)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$153,386.53
Foundation (against budget):	\$28,983.83
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	2,815.57
Memorials:	10.00
HHVAC Project totals ('06&'07):	98,021.35
Special Projects:	811.82
YTD Expenses:	\$179,077.34
YTD Balance (Rcpts-Expenses):	\$3,293.02

Submitted by Don Hartman

HVAC UPDATE

Investing in the Future HVAC replacement capitalization drive is in its 8th week. As of Monday May 21, our total consists of the following: starting with our \$110,000 investment interest, we can add the \$81,115 in gifts received to date, with another \$77,675 in pledges to be received

over five years, this brings our total to \$268,790 towards our Phase I goal of \$350,000. As it stands now we are \$81,000 short of meeting our Phase I goal.

The financial committee has arranged for a loan of up to \$325,000 to draw on to pay for the HVAC as it is installed. Unless you visited the boiler room, you really won't know work is being done at the church. Reick is just finishing the installations of the boilers. Soon you will see evidence this project is well underway when they cut the large holes in the fellowship hall to accommodate the removal and installation of the new air handler equipment for the Sanctuary.

I personally was hoping at this time in the drive, we had made our goal for Phase I and were onto deciding which areas of the parish house we could afford to air condition in Phase II. At the current rate of giving, we won't be able to consider any part of Phase II - air conditioning of the parish house.

We still need to hear from a good number of our members. Whether you are making just a one time gift of \$10.00 or an ongoing pledge of \$100.00 a month, please return your form.

I extend my special thanks to those families that have sacrificially given to date. We ask that all members look into their own heart to find the gift that best fits your blessing from God.

Doug Hammer

Investing in the Future Chairman

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

Dorothy Belleman

Gus Brunzman

Don Cox

Edith Ellis

Roy Frick

Mary Ellen Granger

Bob Haman

Loren Metzler

Martha Miller

Hema Rajaratnam

Jack Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Bandy, Lynn Wirtanen's mother

Lisa Bowen, member of St. Paul's downtown

Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper

Dylan Cole, nephew of Ray and Joyce Strohming

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

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

Peg Field, friend of Greg and Jackie Dawson

Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns' mother

Kathy Halsey, Pastor Bob Halsey's wife

Kamal Hanna, Phil's father

Margaret Knost, Cheryl Tyson Knost's mother-in-law

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mother

Mildred McFarland, Shawn's grandmother

Fern Neeb, Pastor Bob Neeb's wife

Tammy O'Leary, Rita Boord's cousin

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt

Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq

Neva Sellman, Joan Gebhart's sister-in-law

Rodney Shumway, friend of Vicki Waltz

Jim Swedlund, Steve's cousin



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.

