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## Pastor's Message

The 19th Century French author Emile Zola once wrote, *"If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, will tell you: I am here to live out loud."* 19 centuries earlier, Jesus also taught his followers to "live out loud" when he told them that they were the **light of the world**, not to be hidden under a bushel, but to be seen by all. Indeed, to be the light of the world, is to live out our faith as a witness to the way God is impacting our lives through Jesus Christ. In other words, to "live out loud". It is not boasting, it is not calling attention to ourselves - it is living in such a way as to give God the glory for who we are and what we have. We live out loud when we tell our children and grandchildren about Jesus. We live out loud when our neighbors, friends, and co-workers know that we believe in God and that we attend Lutheran Church of Our Savior. We live out loud when we bring donations to the food pantry, volunteer at St. Paul Lutheran Church's "Project Blessing" or Christ Lutheran Church's "Family Night". We live out loud when we volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, visit people in

hospitals or nursing homes. We live out loud when we go on mission trips, or support others who go. We live out loud when our words of faith match our way of living, and nothing less. Living out loud is who we are called to be as the people of God. It is why we are here. And, if that's not the way we are living, then we need to be asking ourselves, "What's the big secret?"

My sisters and brothers in Christ, there is nothing secret about the way God feels about us, nothing secret about what God

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# WORSHIP NOTES



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

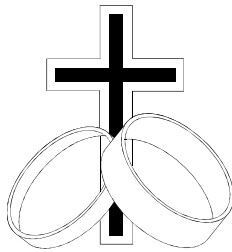
**Saturday**, 5:30 p.m. - Prayer Labyrinth  
(weather permitting) or Sanctuary

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

## WORSHIP THEMES

### *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (July 6)*

The lessons for this day were chosen by the bride and groom, Rachel Spry and Kurt Lammi, who are celebrating their marriage with us in worship. God's commitment to us, and our faithful response to that endlessly extravagant commitment is our theme in worship – a timeless message for both a wedding and daily life!



### *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (July 13)*

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

### *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (July 20)*

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat

and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

### *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (July 27)*

In baptism God promises that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith, ancient yet ever new. In today's gospel Jesus offers images from everyday life that reveal to us the reign of God. It is like a tree that becomes a safe and sheltering home, like yeast that penetrates and expands, like a treasured pearl, like a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

## 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*

Doug Hammer, *Council President*

Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

## Council Update

Council met on Monday, June 16. Pastor Eichhorn led the group in reading Psalm 69. We received updates from Donna Gorrell and Don Hartman on the financial health of the church. Undesignated offerings were up year-to-date by about \$5,000. It was also noted that building usage was up significantly this past month.

It was reported that the "Time to Receive" stewardship program distributed \$9,900 to 198 people that attended the June 1 service. Pastor Eichhorn commented that a number of members are coming up with very creative ideas to grow their \$50.

Council approved the request from the youth going on the mission trip to fund the short fall of \$4258.00 needed to purchase airline tickets.

As a part of Oakwood's centennial celebration we will be holding house tours and an ice cream social on July 12. Watch for more details.

See you in church.

*Doug Hammer, Council President*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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has done for us, nothing secret about God's extravagant love for us. It's all out there – in Dolby Sound! Every day, God breathes new life into us; so live that life **BIG AND LOUD!**

Your partner in Christ,  
*Gary*

## Ministry Partner News

### "Family Night" at Christ Lutheran

On Friday, July 11, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., we will assist members of Christ Lutheran Church (Old North Dayton, by Children's Hospital) with their monthly "Family Night" for the people of the neighborhoods they serve. Games, refreshments and a welcoming atmosphere are provided to children, youth and adults for whom there are very few opportunities provided for recreation, safe fellowship, and fun. If you would like to help with this exciting endeavor, contact Pastor Eichhorn.

### "Ice Cream Social" at St. Paul Lutheran

Our sisters and brothers on Wayne Ave. invite us to share in their annual Ice Cream Social, **Sunday, July 27, 11:30 a.m.** Enjoy sloppy joes, chips, potato salad, pie, and homemade ice cream; donations will go toward the purchase of building supplies for the October Dayton Conference mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana. Pastor Eichhorn attended last year, and reports that it is a great time!

### Dayton Conference Mission Trip

Once again, the Dayton Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod has chartered a bus and will be taking adults down to the New Orleans area for a 4th mission trip, **October 18-25**. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.



## SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

During 9:45 a.m. worship in the narthex lounge from the Children's Moment to the Offering.

## 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*

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

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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

- 7/2 - Katie Becker
- 7/21 - Ashley Duff
- 7/21 - Jonathan Duff
- 7/23 - Logan Coon
- 7/27 - Kate Schreel
- 7/29 - Kiandra Coon



## PROJECT BLESSING

On Monday, May 19, 140 people were served a meal at St. Paul's in Dayton. The workers were Kathy Paley, Mary Helen Lecklider, Bettie Savage, Lynn Wirtanen, Beth and Gary Kost. Cookies were donated by Donna Meyer, Shirley Coen, Jan Swedlund, Julie Worley and Debbie Nandrasy.

## STAFF EMAIL

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

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



*“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. One of our member-disciples, **Kim Buechele**, is interested in coordinating an “idea sharing” event that would bring together people to brainstorm about the “talents” they have and how they might share them in “growing” the \$50 blessing we received on June 1. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor, you can contact Kim at 294-6471, or talk with her 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.

## **PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

### **Saturday, July 12**

As a way to participate in the **Oakwood “Centennial Celebration”**, the **Lutheran Church of Our Savior** is hosting tours of the Frederick Patterson House (parish house) on Saturday, July 12, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

An old-fashioned ice cream social will also be held on the house grounds. *If you are interested in assisting with house tours, contact the church office.*

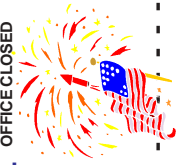
You will receive detailed information about the Patterson House prior to July 12.

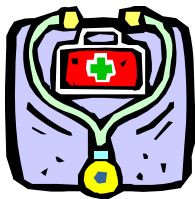


**Ice Cream Social**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	<b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>6</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	<b>CONFIRMATION CAMP</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
		<b>YOUTH TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>				
<b>13</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	<b>15</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff @ Applebees	<b>16</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>20</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>21</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>22</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	<b>23</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>27</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	<b>31</b>		



## HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

### FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next checks will take place on July 12 and 13 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.charlesmarshall.comedy.com](http://www.charlesmarshall.comedy.com)

### ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

The Health Ministry Team is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for Charles Marshall's October 4 appearance. Please rinse and bring in your cans to 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 Spry.

## Wel ca News

*Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions*

### AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH!

The women of Faith Lutheran Church have extended to us an invitation to their **Annual Salad Luncheon / Bible Study**. They provide the salads. If you are interested in going, please bring the July/August issue of *Lutheran Women Today*. RSVP before July 18 - call 253-2153.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 23

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. registration

**Place:** Faith Lutheran Church,  
3315 Martel Dr., Dayton 45420

### 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](http://Meijer.com/rewards) or pick up an application in the Narthex. The organization number is 974867. Refer questions to Ray Strohming, 299-5031.

### THANK YOU

*Our sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and rides during Greg's surgery and rehab at Bethany. I don't know what we would have done without your help. May God bless you all.*

*Jackie and Greg Dawson*

## Youth Group News



July is here and we are ready to head to the Dominican Republic! At the time the newsletter was going to press we had almost made our goal for funding the trip. By the time you read this, I am sure we will have earned the remainder of the money. Thank you to all of you who have contributed in any way to our efforts.

On July 7, 13 of us will leave from Dayton International at 7:00 in the morning. By 2:00 in the afternoon we will be landing in Santa Domingo. **Pastor Gary, Shelly Fulcher, Matt and Jennifer Hanna, Dustin Everhart, Kris and Chelsie Cooper, Daye Smith and Brooke Griffin, Anna Harbaugh, Kira Fenstermacher, Brian Hoerner and I** will be working at an orphanage there helping with construction of new buildings. We will do our best to keep in touch with email and pictures, but internet access will be sparse.

Please keep us in your prayers while we are gone. We are looking forward to coming home and sharing our adventure through our stories and pictures.

- Celeste



**PICNIC** sponsored by the Anstaett family. Date TBA - watch your mail for details.

## Stewardship

### TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

#### May 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$24,315.58
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,926.50
Memorials:	25.00
HVAC Project:	5,411.00
Rest of Foundation monies:	0.00
Youth fund - Mission trip	1,649.26
Expenses:	\$43,011.23
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$15,269.62

#### 2008 Totals (as of June 14)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$166,795.90
Foundation (against budget):	62,773.18
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	17,130.15
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	4,602.94
Memorials:	270.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	24,932.25
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	1,993.24
Youth fund - Mission trip	8,411.55
YTD Expenses:	\$262,737.66
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$33,168.58

*Submitted by Don Hartman*



**MONDAY,  
JULY 21**

# Remember in Prayer

*When we pray for others, we lift them to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our trust.*

## MEMBERS

Judith Ault

Dorothy Belleman

Scott, Amy & Emily Bryant

Don Cox

Fred Culbertson

Al Davis

Edith Ellis

Bryan Griffin

Bob Haman

Harley Homan

Anson & Finley McFarland

Loren Metzler

Hema Rajaratnam

Mardi Rike

Jane Ross

Jack & Wilma Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father

Lynn Arnold, Wally's wife

Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law

Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita

Ruth Bryan, Jane Schroeder's sister

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Lendl Doty, friend of the congregation

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

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

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

Lawrence Jasmin, Pete Kronbergs' uncle

Jim, relative of LCOS member's co-worker

Sue Johnson and daughter Elizabeth and family, friends of Pam Stephens

Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son

George Marker, Sharon Griffy's father

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

Laurie Paynes, friend of Lois Smith

Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt

Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle



## Families of the Month:

- Jim and Harriet Uphoff
- Jane Ross

*Don't forget to read about this month's families on the bulletin board in the main hallway of our church building.*

## 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.

