



The VOICE of Our Savior

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JULY 2010



Pastor's Message

Dear People of God,

The month of July provides us with quite a variety of worship opportunities on Sundays. On **July 4**, not only will we give thanks to God for our country, but we will say Farewell and Godspeed to Debbie, Shawn, Anneka, Anson and Finley McFarland as the USAF moves them to Mtn. Home, Idaho (see their good-bye letter inside). We will also have a special blessing for the 11 children and youth and two adults who will be heading off to Lutheran Memorial Camp that afternoon for a week of spiritual fun. On **July 11**, the Kettering Community Chorus will provide for us the message in song through a special music presentation. On **July 18**, we will gather at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave.) for worship and a special luncheon and ice cream social to celebrate the start of a new joint ministry at St. Paul's: the Noah's Ark Pre-School, under the leadership of our own Linda Petersen (see details on page 5). And on Sunday, **July 25**, our *Pastor Emeritus*, the Rev. Robert A. Willauer, will be present to preach and lead worship. Our Saturday worship is also now enhanced by the rebuilding of the

prayer labyrinth pond/waterfall.

July is traditionally a time for travel as people head out for vacation. And, if you plan to be gone, I hope you have a wonderfully restful and renewing time. But, for the weekends you are in town, I invite you to take advantage of the weekend worship opportunities this month. And remember, before you leave town, please remember to mail in/drop off to the church office your weekly/monthly offerings. May God bless you with a great month!

In Christ's joy,
Gary

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Prayer Labyrinth

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sanctuary

WORSHIP THEMES

July 4, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

July 11, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

July 18, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as

we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

NO WORSHIP AT LCOS ON SUNDAY, JULY 18 - WE WILL WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

July 25, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

SPECIAL SERVICE

The Kettering Community Chorus, under the direction of Marvin Heilman, will be with us during worship on Sunday, July 11, to present special music.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

This month, our public discussion group will meet on Monday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. at Chappy's Tap Room and Grille, on Alex Bell Road.

LCOS MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

We are a growing, diverse congregation actively sharing God's blessings in the world community.

Council Update

Your council met on June 28. Pastor Eichhorn led us in opening meditation and prayer. We moved forward by agreeing to the May minutes as written and then heard from Don Hartman regarding our financial update. Don emphasized that our March offerings were down significantly (on the order of 25%). I hope this was an anomaly and not the beginning of a trend. However, the council and Dave Dickerson had forecasted a reduction in giving for 2010 so the shortfall against budget is not as great. Rachel Lammi informed us regarding her service and the 63 children (an attendance record) who attended Vacation Bible School last week. That was awesome news. Pastor Eichhorn provided the council with the report of his last months activities and a great deal of discussion was centered around our need to reenergize Evangelism, Stewardship and many of our ministries. We are asking ourselves are we heading in the right direction? Are our ministries relevant in today's world? Are our gifts being used in a manner that is best for our community or do we hang on to old "traditions", because we always did it - that way? This is the time to hear from our congregation as how you see your "Church", The Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

Respectfully,
Chris Becker

christopherbecker@sbcglobal.net



In June, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for two children:

June 20 – **Matthew Phillip Carlton**, son of Julie and Scott Carlton

June 27 – **Andrew Nicholas Usechak**, son of Susan and Nick Usechak

We welcome these children into our community of faith!

WORK DAY

On **Saturday, July 10**, 8:00 a.m., we will gather again to finish emptying the church facility and garage of all the accumulated junk. Hope you can share an hour to help clean out the church!

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Rev. Gary Eichhorn, *Pastor*
Rachel Spry Lammi, *Associate in Ministry*
Terri Balsom, *Office Manager*
Don Hartman, *Treasurer*
Don Anstaett, *Financial Secretary*
Ginger Minneman, *Music Director*
Celeste Hoerner, *Joyful Noise Choir*
Joe Beal, *Sonshine Choir*
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*
Chris Becker, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Runs through August 29 (no class July 4)

Parents: be sure to bring your children to worship at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday this summer. Your child(ren) ages 4 to grade 3 will learn more about God, the Bible, and faith through fun hands on activities; *while you have an opportunity to focus on the Sermon.*

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

Reserve your spot now to help with our program year Sunday Church School. A poster is in the narthex for you to sign up today!

GALACTIC BLAST VBS

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and help!!! We had a great week with a record number of students!!!



Confirmands Lauren Worley and Ryan Kugel with Pastor Gary on May 23.

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

Youth Group News



What a great turnout we had for the cookout on June 6 to honor the high school graduates! It was so nice to see so many people join us for this celebration. A big thank you to all the youth and their parents who helped to cook and setup and cleanup for this event.

We also had a wonderful turnout for all of our activities from Friday, June 18 through Saturday, June 26. Thank you to all the youth and parents who helped out with the wedding setup and cleanup Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19. We also had many great volunteers for the VBS setup Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, including the youth group from Wisconsin who helped us on Saturday, and shared worship (and the pig roast) with us on Sunday. It was also good to see all the youth who volunteered to help out with VBS June 21 - June 25. Whatever you did - setup, cleanup, helping with VBS activities, your help was greatly appreciated!

Our activities for July include a canoe trip on July 10. This event is open to the congregation, and we encourage our youth and their families to join in this activity. For further details, talk to Pastor Gary.

We also have a wedding setup and cleanup Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17.

You will be notified later with times for this event.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

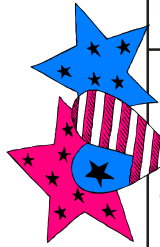
- Sunday, August 1 - Cincinnati Reds game and Mercy Me concert. Talk to Pastor Gary about reserving a ticket for this event. Cost is \$5. Ticket pickup will be in church, Saturday, July 31 or Sunday, August 1.

JULY 18 WORSHIP

On Sunday, July 18, we will gather for worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave – in the Oregon District) to celebrate the start of a new joint ministry project: the Noah's Ark Pre-School. Worship will begin at 10:15 a.m., and will include our Summer Sunday School. There is plenty of parking in the church parking lot, as well as in the lot across Wayne Ave., and in the lots behind the church.


We will hold worship on Saturday evening at Our Savior (5:30 p.m.), but our only Sunday worship will be at St. Paul's. Offerings will be separated by church envelopes after worship.

Following worship, we will go up to the fellowship hall for a luncheon and ice cream social to celebrate the launching of the new pre-school. This program will be housed in the space previously utilized by the Lutheran School of Dayton, which closed last year. The pre-school is under the direction of our own Linda Petersen. A special offering will be collected for the school during the ice cream social. We hope you will join us for this exciting day!



JULY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:45 a.m. Worship NO SCS 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 NO Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing	7 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	8	9	10 8:00 a.m. Work day 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 9:30 a.m. Canoeing 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
11 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property	12	13 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	14 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	15	16	17 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
18 10:15 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's with ice cream social NO Worship or SCS at LCOS	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	20 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff	21 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 2:30 p.m. Bethany Communion 4:30 p.m. Golf league	22	23	24 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
25 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 3:00 p.m. Scared Harp	26 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	27 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	28 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	29	30	31



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

WALKING OPTION

The Health Ministry Team is looking to have a Progressive Walk through Oakwood to see where different members live and gardens in late summer or early fall. We are looking some members to host “watering stations” at their homes for this event. Please reply to Rachel Lammi with answers to these questions:

1. Would you be interested in walking?
2. Would you be interested in hosting a “watering” station?

MED QUICK CARDS AVAILABLE FOR FREE IN THE NARTHEX

Med Quick Cards are convenient to carry your current medication list and medical history in your wallet or purse. These come in handy in the unfortunate event of a medical emergency.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Will be taken after all worship services on July 10 & 11.



**MONDAY,
JULY 19**



The Holy Terrors will meander down the Little Miami River on **Saturday, July 10**, and the congregation is invited to join them. Pack a lunch and join in the fun as we take in the sights of God’s creation along the river. We will meet at Bellbrook Canoe Livery, located on Washington Mill Rd., in Bellbrook (www.bellbrookcanoerental.com). Cost is \$30/canoe. Plan to gather at the canoe livery at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Pastor Eichhorn (event host) if you plan to join in the fun (293-1147 or gwe@oursaviordayton.org).

August 13-14 • Lock-in and FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

CINCINNATI REDS TICKETS

Hurry and reserve your tickets NOW! We have a block of tickets for the August 1 Reds/Braves game in Cincinnati (1:15 p.m. start), which is also “Faith Day”. A special free concert by the Christian band “Mercy Me” (songs include “I Can Only Imagine”), will be held after the game. Tickets are \$5 for \$22 seats. We may be able to order more, but don’t take your chance – contact Pastor Eichhorn now to reserve your tickets. All tickets must be picked up in worship on July 31 or August 1.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

May 2010

Offerings (against budget):	\$31,611.34
Loan Payment (from savings):	1,800.00
Foundation (against budget):	20,832.68
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1179.00
Memorials:	0.00
House loan payoff:	1,800.00
Special Projects:	0.00
Haiti donations:	0.00
Foundation-scholarship/benev	788.51
Expenses:	\$46,583.53
(Receipts - Expenses):	\$ 7,660.49

2010 Totals (as of June 21)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$199,208.59
Loan Payment (from savings):	10,248.41
Foundation (against budget):	49,665.36
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	5,905.02
Memorials:	730.00
HVAC / House loan:	10,079.00
Special Projects:	12,826.00
Haiti donations:	3,923.00
Foundation-scholarship/benev	1,577.02
YTD Expenses:	\$241,832.82
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$17,289.54

HVAC Loan paid off in February. House sale
(to go to Foundation) = \$362,875.57

- Submitted by Don Hartman

To Our LCOS family,
We would like to take this opportunity to say good bye and a heartfelt thank you for letting us be a part of the LCOS family over the past 8 years. As we move to Idaho, we are saddened to be leaving you, but excited about the new and exciting adventures that await. We have gotten to know many of you by name, many by face, and all through our shared faith. You were with us during the baptism of our daughter Anneka, the early births and NICU stays of our twin sons, Anson and Finley, and the deaths of both Debbie's father and my mother. We cannot express how much your support, meals, and prayers meant to us during all of these times. LCOS is such a special place, from the Holy Terrors, to the Children's Moment to the many adult programs; it offers so much to so many. What makes LCOS so special is all of you, the people. Thanks to Gary, Rachel and all of the church staff for making our time in Dayton one to remember. Though we are physically leaving LCOS, it will always have a special place in our hearts and minds. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers and hope that you will do the same for us. If you find yourselves near Mountain Home, Idaho over the next four years, please feel free to look us up.

With Love,
The McFarlands (Shawn, Debbie,
Anneka, Anson and Finley)

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Summer is in full swing! LCOS participated in Oakwood's That Day in May. That event is a good way to get the word out about our Vacation Bible School which concluded another successful, blessed family week.

The Wednesday evening group enjoyed a carry-in meal at Rachel Lammi's new home in May. We wish much happiness to Rachel and Kurt as they take on the responsibility of home ownership!

Summer always brings us the invitation from Faith Lutheran, 3315 Martel Drive to their **Salad Luncheon and Bible Study**. It will be on Wednesday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. registration with the program at 10:00 a.m. Faith always furnishes delicious salads which will be served following the program. RSVP by July 9. If you are interested in going and want to car pool just call me, 298-6339.

Would you like to know just what the Lutheran magazine for all women is all about, pick up a copy in our WELCA cubby hole in the narthex. It's titled *Lutheran Woman Today* ... lots of good reading inside. Summer; schools out, daylight lingers longer, vacation time! But many, many tasks are continuous, they have to or the object to be accomplished would fail. I'm thinking mainly of our church and what it takes just for it TO BE. Let's consider the many needs ... that only our members can fill ... by taking time for our church altar care, sing in choir, be a greeter, a Lector, worship assistant, Sunday school teacher or assistant, lead or participate in a working

committee, the list goes on. Let's be a good example for those visiting or for our new members. For our church TO BE, we must **BE THERE!**

I think I mentioned this before, but I want to share it again ... We, like many others fly the American flag continuously since 9-11... not too far from us, on a hill is a house built in 1929 by Charles Kettering, the house has tall front porch pillars, on the corner of Glenridge and Overland Trail (faces Overland Trail). Every year they hang five very large American flags lengthwise, side by side from the top of the porch from Memorial Day until Labor Day. It is a glorious sight! The feelings of pride, humbleness, love for my country and gratefulness to God just sweep over me.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July. See you in church.

Shirley Coen

HUNGER POTLUCK NEWS

On Wednesday, June 16, 7 area Lutheran congregations participated in a Hunger Potluck Event at North Riverdale Lutheran Church, which included members from Our Savior. 82 people attended, and \$605.00 was raised for the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Those attending also brought canned food items for the local food pantry at Jeremiah's Letter. Food donations were estimated to weigh in at over 300 pounds – they had to be hauled away in a trailer! Pastors are planning similar events for the future at different locations in the Dayton Conference.

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

Carl Ault

Jim Brown

Don Cox

Al Davis

Hilda Mae Durig

Mary Lou Frick

Bryan Griffin

Harley Homan

Jim Lee

Lucille Loudenslager

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Thelma Snyder

Pam Stephens

Ralph Thomas

Pat Weibel

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry, Lynn Wirtanen's brother-in-law

Rob, Ashley and Riley, Vicki Willis' family

Sherm, friend of Moira Levant

Henry Aldridge, friend of the Harper family

John Beal, Joe's father

Family of Robert Cook, friends of the Deckards

Evans-Hilton family, co-worker of Michelle Jackson Haun

Caelan Guthrie, Cap and Nancy Phillip's grandson

Walt and Betty Hildebrandt, friends of Suzanne Bruns

Jennifer and David, friends of the Welins

Lori Lambdin, friend of Dick Freudenberger

Ferne Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Jack and Lois Nelson, Jerry's father and mother

Mark Nicholson, friend of Dick Freudenberger

Donna Nuse, aunt of Jerry Nelson's friend

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Scott Petersen, Stu's brother

Raymond Price, Karen Tyson's brother-in-law

Lazarus Siafa, friend of the congregation

Thomas Siafa, friend of the congregation

Mari Thomas, Andra Padricelli's sister

Bill Thum, Mary Kaye Rhoades' brother

Terry Zickfoose, friend of Dick Freudenberger

