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## Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The late former congresswoman and presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm once wrote: *Service is the rent you pay for having a room on the earth.* That is the essence of our Baptismal calling – claimed by God, forgiven and given new life, so that we can serve others, making a positive difference in their lives. And it is truly service when we are able to “get out of the way”, leaving behind our need to be seen and praised by others, abandoning the agenda of serving as long as it is done “my” way. It is truly serving when the sole purpose is to be the presence of Christ in the lives of others.

For those of you involved in “paying the rent”, I thank you on behalf of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. You serve in a myriad of ways, within and outside the ministry of our congregation. You help to lead worship, share your time and leadership skills by serving on council/committees/task forces, teach the faith to our children/youth/adults, call/visit those who are alone or in crisis, serve meals to the homeless population in Dayton, help rehab homes in the Dayton area and/or in Slidell, Louisiana, share your financial

blessings so that others may be blessed through your offerings. Even when physical limitations put a crimp in mobility, you are still able to keep others in prayer to God. You see, service is a life-time calling and blessing.

As we begin the second half of 2007, I encourage you to grow and remain strong in your faith: receive nourishment from God in Word and Sacrament through regular worship, pray and study Scripture daily, and continue to put your faith into action by serving others. Allow yourself to be open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit – you'll always be led in the right direction!

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

#### *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (July 1)*

As we are called by Jesus, we leave one life behind and take up another. The readings for this day invite us to take the bold step that brings us into a new world—one that asks of us a radical commitment to the freedom and risk of the gospel.

#### *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (July 8)*

We are nurtured; we are nurturing. Today's readings remind us how God cares for us. We are called to adopt God's sustaining ways. We are fed at the table, and we are sent into the world to care for others.

#### *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (July 15)*

God can be as near as a neighbor, and our opportunities to share God's love are as close as the words that leave our lips. The peace of Christ we exchange in this community we also take with us into the world to share with others.

#### *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (July 22)*

Stay alert! You might be entertaining God! Today we are introduced to people who hosted God in their homes, although they were not always aware of God's presence. God comes close to us - even within us, as Paul exclaims.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Sunday, June 17**

*William James Newkirk*, son of Amy and Mark Newkirk



**Sunday, June 24**  
*Payton Leigh Davis*, daughter of Lisa and John Davis

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION LIFE

*Patricia Kester*, 73, died on June 11 and a memorial service was held on June 15. Pat became a member-disciple of LCOS in 1984.

*August Brunsman*, 92, died on June 19 and a funeral service was held on June 25. Gus became a member disciple of LCOS in 1957.

### 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

I cannot summarize all that is happening at LCOS in the space allotted here!

- The 'Investing in the Future Campaign' has \$287,084 in pledges and donations (to date) for the HVAC replacement project (estimated cost of \$350,000), with only 35% of the congregation participating. *Please plan on participating, if you have not already done so.*

- LCOS staff was recertified in basic CPR this past week.

- Linda Welin, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, updated the Council on educational planning:

- Vacation Bible School is planned for July 30 thru August 3.

- Christian Education Committee is organizing for Sunday Church School for members of all ages for this next year.

- 'Rally Day' for LCOS is September 9, after the overnight prayer vigil that takes place on September 8 for the 'Peace Initiative.' The Peace Initiative theme will be carried out through the year following this kick off.

- Council acknowledged that the Christian Education Committee's activities are contributing much to the vibrant activities at LCOS.

- HVAC project is delayed 6 weeks, for delay in delivery of the proper air handlers for the air conditioning. Don Hartman, Treasurer, has drawn the first \$30,000 to pay for work on the HVAC project to date.

- Property Committee is having more estimates for more leaded, stained-glass window restoration.

- The adult Sunday Church School group

is developing a plan for an Evangelism initiative for LCOS.

- The Social Ministry is planning a youth group activity for July for community service, "adopt-a-shoe."

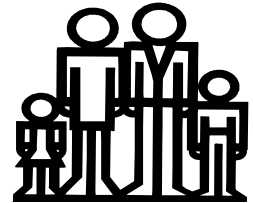
- A Slidell, Louisiana relief trip, for victims of Katrina, is being planned for the second week in October.

- Members of Council are invited to a 'brainstorming' session over lunch at Christ Lutheran Church on July 15, to explore 'urban evangelism.'

*Steve Swedlund,  
Council Chair*

### FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

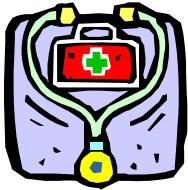
*Who is ... ?*



Do you ever read about other members in the *VOICE* or bulletin and wonder who they are because you attend different services of worship? Starting in July we will lift up several individuals and families in prayer for an entire month. There will also be pictures and biographies of these members posted on the large bulletin board in the office hallway. Be sure to take time each month to learn more about your brothers and sisters in Christ by checking out the bulletin board, and perhaps even saying hello either in person or via the phone.



*Goin' fishin'?  
\$20 will build  
a fish farm.*



# HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

## TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

by Shawn McFarland

In their February 2007 article “*Simple Strategies to Avoid Medication Errors*”, Drs. Jenkins and Vaida reported that four out of five adults take a medication or supplement in any given week and that nearly one-third take five or more medications. Here’s a list of simple strategies to help you manage your medications and take charge of your health.

1) Keep a current list of all your medications with you at all times. Include the dosage, frequency, and why you are taking it. Be sure to include any over-the-counter medications and supplements.

2) Take medication as prescribed. Many medications do not work immediately. Stopping or starting medication prematurely makes evaluating the effectiveness of the medication difficult. If you feel they are not helping or feel the condition they are treating no longer exists, please discuss it with your doctor before you stop a medication.

3) Establish a routine. If you take your medication at the same time each day, you are less likely to forget to take your medicine.

4) Keep the lines of communication opened. Your doctor is your partner in managing your health, but the choices are still yours, so don’t hesitate to ask questions.

Thank you to Karen Lingle France  
for leading a CPR class for the staff on  
Saturday, June 16!

## 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 July 14-15 after all services.

COMING  
IN  
JULY!!



Your Social  
Ministry Committee brings  
you the *Global Barnyard!*

## STAFF EMAIL

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

# Youth Group News



We have had a great beginning of summer. We started it with a bake sale to benefit the HVAC fund. It was a great success. Thank you to all who supported us and contributed to the HVAC fund by purchasing baked goods from us.

We also had a great meeting at Starbucks in which we came up with a full schedule for the rest of the summer. Please make sure you note the following dates.

- |           |            |  |
|-----------|------------|--|
| June 30   | 11:00 a.m. | Splash Moraine<br>(meet there)             |
| July 4    | 6:00 p.m.  | Delco Park<br>(meet at church)             |
| July 7    | 10:00 a.m. | Paintball<br>(meet at church)              |
| July 8    | 11:30 a.m. | Lunch Meeting @<br>Wendys                  |
| July 19   | 5:00 p.m.  | Global Mission Event<br>(meet at church)   |
| July 22   | 2:00 p.m.  | Return from Columbus                       |
| July 30   | 8:00 p.m.  | Urban Krag<br>(meet there)                 |
|           |            | Lock-in (at church after UK)               |
| July 31   | 7:00 a.m.  | Prayer Breakfast<br>(church after Lock-in) |
| August 4  | 9:00 a.m.  | Celtic Fest – Dublin<br>(meet at church)   |
| August 17 | TBA        | Camping<br>(meet at church)                |

Please be aware that all events are **subject to cancellation** in the event of lack of participation. Participation will be based upon RSVPs received no later than 24-hours prior to the event.

We are looking forward to our trip to Columbus to the Global Mission Event, July 19-22. We are so fortunate to have this national gathering being held here in Ohio. It promises to be inspiring and energizing. If you have never attended a youth event before, or have not been active for a while this is the perfect opportunity to join in. For more information visit [elca.org/gme](http://elca.org/gme).

Should you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to give me a call or email me.

*Celeste*

298-6811 or 626-5351

*Cmzimmer38@aol.com*



## PICNIC

**Sunday, July 22 • 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Main dish and drinks provided

**Parents** - bring a side dish to share and chairs/blankets

**Kids** - bring bikes, scooters, balls and other outdoor toys

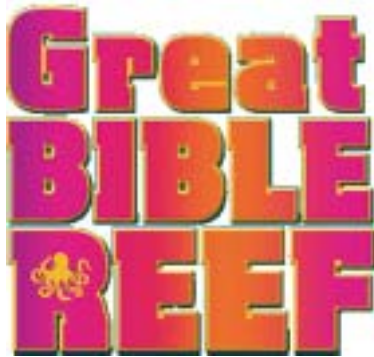
**RSVP by July 20 to**

Sonia Davila or Julie Anstaett or sign up at church.





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007



**JULY 30 – AUGUST 3**

**Dinner** - 5:30 p.m.

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

Bring a Friend!

**Closing Program** - Friday, August 3

followed by an Ice Cream Social.

**REGISTER NOW!**

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teachers are still needed to help in July and August. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex or contact Che Brewer-Coon at 396-0147.

## OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

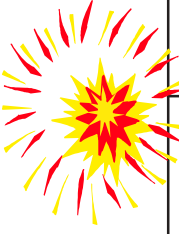
Several members of our congregation spent time in June assisting with ministries at Christ Lutheran Church in Old North Dayton (near Children's Hospital).

On June 9, Gary Eichhorn, Dick Freudenberger and Rachel Spry participated in a wonderful Street Fair. Many children, adults and families walked from the neighborhood homes to join in fellowship with games, food, bluegrass music, raffles, and preaching by Pastor Brian Kittner.

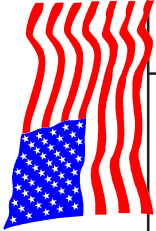
On June 15, Jana Davila and her friend, Sonia Davila, Gabrielle Kronbergs, Chrystl Kronbergs, Celeste Hoerner and Rachel Spry joined the Christ Lutheran Church Girls Youth group (ages 8 – 14) in a meal and decorating their fellowship hall for the Christ Day Camp, Pirates of the Nazarene. These young ladies from both Christ and Our Savior want to fellowship and serve together in the future, planning to do an event together each quarter.

Pastor Brian Kittner is looking for men to assist with a youth fellowship for the young boys and youth in the neighborhood. This fellowship would include events such as canoeing, rock climbing and repairs around the church and area houses.

Pastor Brian Kittner and his wife Dana are doing wonderful ministry in the neighborhood. The Kittners are joined in ministry by members of Peace Lutheran Church in Beaver creek, Christian Life Center on Little York and, now, from Our Savior Lutheran. As our churches move forward in partnership ministry serving our brothers and sisters in the neighborhood of Old North Dayton, please prayerfully consider if and how God may be calling you to serve as well. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact Gary Eichhorn or Rachel Spry.



# JULY 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>NO</u> Prayer breakfast 4:30 p.m. Health Ministry	<b>4 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 6:00 p.m. Youth - Delco Park fireworks	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. Youth - paintball 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>CONFIRMATION CAMP</b>						
<b>8</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property 11:30 a.m. Youth lunch	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	<b>10</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	<b>11</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league Project Blessing	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>15</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>17</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	<b>18</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>22</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>NO</u> Prayer breakfast	<b>25</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>26</b>	<b>GLOBAL MISSION EVENT - OSU</b>	
<b>29</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	<b>30</b> 8:00 p.m. Youth - Urban Krag & lock-in	<b>31</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast	<b>25</b> 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>VBS 5:30 - 8:10 p.m.</b>						

# Wel ca News

## Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Every summer we get an invitation from Faith Lutheran to their Salad Luncheon / Bible Study. This year it is on Wednesday, July 11 starting at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the program at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be furnished by Faith following the program. A few of us try to attend each year. It is a great boost for your spirituality. Call Faith Church by July 6, 253-2156 to RSVP, or if you need a ride call me, 298-6339.

Later in the month, from July 30 - August 3, our church is hosting The Great Bible Reef ... our theme this year of our Vacation Bible School. This will truly be a family week! From Monday through Friday there will be dinner at 5:30, followed by activities for all ages until 8:15 p.m. This could be the family hi-lite of the summer. Sign up in the narthex!

Every summer we put together an up-to-date directory to give you information concerning Women of the ELCA and help them to reach out to other LCOS women. The current booklet can be picked up in the narthex. If you have a suggestion or idea to improve this method of communication, please let us know ... just call Karen Tyson, 434-4645 or E-mail [stitchas412@aol.com](mailto:stitchas412@aol.com)... Karen is our chairman through August. The new directory will be available the first of September.

As I write this ... Flag Day was just a couple of days ago, noting that I recalled when we had a list of days that were suggested for us to display the American flag ... now since nine-eleven many of us display the beautiful American flag daily ...

it has become a permanent fixture on the front of our house. Not too far from us, in our neighborhood on a hill sits a house, built in 1929 by Charles Kettering. Several years ago the residents of that house displayed not one, but five very large American flags, hung lengthwise, side by side from the top of their roof! The flags appear from Memorial Day through the month of July! I think it is a glorious sight! The feelings of pride, humbleness, love for my country and gratefulness to God just sweep over me! I hope this annual display continues for many years. Have a fun and safe 4th of July.

See you in church.

*Shirley Coen*



## DAYTON CONFERENCE MISSION TRIP

The Dayton Conference of Lutheran congregations is once again sponsoring a mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana, and all adults (18 and up) are invited to go. Registration forms are available in the narthex and church office. Details are:

When: October 13 – 20, 2007

Cost: \$75.00 / person

What: rehabbing homes in the New Orleans area

Transportation: Chartered bus, departing from LCOS

# Social Ministry

## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE PROJECT

The annual Shoe Project to provide school shoes, socks and school supplies to the children of the 12 families we adopted last Christmas is underway. It's hard to think of school so early in the summer. Since most school systems begin classes long before Labor Day today, it is time to reach out to meet the needs of children heading back to school next month. Our Youth shop for and deliver school supplies appropriate for the children's grade level. Families are given a letter which allows them to select shoes and socks for each child at the K-Mart on Indian Ripple road. That store, under several managers, has been willing to keep the records and help carry out this project.

## GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

### Using Animals to Fight Hunger

Many people in poor countries have their own animals - pigs, goats, chickens, even fish - which their families use for food. Since they often own little else, these animals are their most valuable possession.

The **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** helps people in need around the world by supplying animals and the skills needed to raise them. Hard working families then have enough food to eat and often some to sell. Whole communities have a chance to escape the cycle of chronic hunger and poverty.

On the weekend of **July 14/15**, the Gospel

lesson reminds us of Christ's imperative to care for others as we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. World Hunger Appeal donations on this weekend will be designated to support the Global Barnyard Project. The Social Ministry Committee asks you to "go and do likewise".

Somebody  
got your  
goat? Get  
another for 25  
bucks.



## WORSHIP BLOGS

The Worship Committee maintains a blog (short for "web log") that appears at [www.lcosworship.blogspot.com](http://www.lcosworship.blogspot.com). The blog is updated several times a week with postings (short articles) about worship and music at our church. It is designed to share information with members of our congregation and to let the wider community know what is going on at LCOS. Blogs are an interactive media. Anybody can share comments by clicking on the "comments" link at the end of each posting and following the instructions. Another blog shares news about the Sonshine Choir, visit it at [www.sonshinechoir.blogspot.com](http://www.sonshinechoir.blogspot.com).



MONDAY  
JULY 16

# Stewardship

## TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

### May 2007

Offerings (against budget):	\$28,865.10
Foundation (against budget):	0
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	449.00
Memorials:	0
HVAC Project:	71,876.35
Special Projects:	11.73
Expenses:	\$36,229.93
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$7,364.83

### 2007 Totals (as of 6/18/07)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$178,665.37
Foundation (against budget):	\$57,967.66
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	4,105.57
Memorials:	160.00
HVAC Project totals ('06&'07):	108,861.35
Special Projects:	1,325.13
YTD Expenses:	\$213,120.68
YTD Balance (Rcpts-Expenses):	\$23,512.35

*Submitted by Don Hartman*

## CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR WEEKLY GIVING

Some of our congregation members have expressed interest in a credit card option for making their offerings to the church. Using a credit card to make a financial contribution is now an option at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. **The Simply Giving Program** has been expanded and

allows you to make your offering one of two ways: a) have offerings debited directly from your bank accounts as you do other monthly drafts or b) have offerings charged to your credit card. All you need to do is fill out a simple authorization form specifying the amount and frequency of offering. You can also direct offerings to different funds if desired. For more information, please contact Donna Gorrell at 258-1426.

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:

The day God called us as his children into forgiveness and mission. In June and July we celebrate baptismal birthdays with:

Katie Becker 7-2  
Logan Coon 7-23  
Andrew Deckard 6-23  
Ashley Duff 7-21  
Jonathan Duff 7-21  
Anna Harbaugh 6-23  
Lynnette McKibbin 6-18  
Nicholas McKibbin 6-18  
Hilary Paisley 6-20  
Zach Paisley 6-6  
Taylor Roeckner 6-10  
Ben Wallace 6-24



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 June or July but don't see your name listed? Please email Rachel Spry with the date of your Baptismal Birthday.

# 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

Judy Ault	Bob Haman	Jim Sanders
Dorothy Belleman	Shawn & Debbie McFarland	Jack Somers
Don Cox	Loren Metzler	Dorothy Zinkiewicz
Edith Ellis	Martha Miller	
Mary Ellen Granger	Hema Rajaratnam	
Family of Gus Brunsman, upon his death		
Jim Uphoff and family, upon the death of his brother, Bob		

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Bandy, Lynn Wirtanen's mother  
Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper  
Jeff Bundenthal, Judy Ault's son  
Dennis Clemenson, Andriena Erickson's father  
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  
Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns' mother  
Kathy Halsey, Pastor Bob Halsey's wife  
Kamal Hanna, Phil's father  
Craig Humphrey and family, friends of the congregation  
Family of Patricia Kester, upon her death  
Elim Kost, Gary and Beth's grandson  
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  
Mary Pryor, friend of the congregation  
Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq  
Jeremy Schmidt, Doris' grandson  
Neva Sellman, Joan Gebhart's sister-in-law  
Rodney Shumway, friend of Vicki Waltz  
Jim Swedlund, Steve's cousin  
Lida Talley, friend of Suzanne Bruns



## Families of the Month:

Caryl & Onnolee Rader  
Don, Julie, Sarah and Kaylee  
Anstaett  
Wes & Rita Boord  
Bob, Jamie, Kris and Kyle Ashburn

## 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.

