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Pastor's Message

In his book, Beyond Words – Daily Readings in the ABC's of Faith, theologian Frederick Buechner writes the following of REPENTANCE: *"To repent is to come to your senses. It is not so much something you do as something that happens. True repentance spends less time looking at the past and saying 'I'm sorry', than to the future and saying 'Wow!' "* In this simplistically powerful "definition", Buechner reminds us that only through repentance from our past can we look toward the future and move on with life. Right now, in the midst of a very unsettled present, many of us are unable to look at the future and say "Wow!" But, a future grounded in Jesus Christ is always filled with "Wow!" We are able to see that only when we "come to our senses", let go of past actions and lifestyles that keep us separated from God, and place our trust and faith in the God for whom all things are possible. When we do, we realize that it is through ordinary people that God breathes "Wow!" in the present and the future. Others do it for us; we are called to do it for others. People of God, now is the time for us to "come to

our senses" and allow God to use us to be that holy "Wow!" in the lives of others!

In Christ's peace,
Gary



**SUMMER SCHEDULE
BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1
WORSHIP 9:45 a.m.**

- *Music Sunday*
- *"A Time to Receive"*

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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

Third Sunday after Pentecost (June 1)

In Deuteronomy Moses tells the people not only to bind the words of God on their heart and soul, but also to obey the commandments of the Lord. In the gospel Jesus challenges his disciples not only to hear his words but to act on them. We ground our lives on the good news that we are justified by faith, and we respond with works of love for the sake of the world. From the Lord's table we go forth to build our faith on the firm foundation of God's grace and mercy for all the human family.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (June 8)

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously non-observant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (June 15)

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (June 22)

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (June 29)

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Praise God for new life shared in baptism, celebrated for:

Sophia Haley Gardner (5/11)

Kelly Ann Gardner (5/11)

Gwendolyn Fay Erickson (5/18)

Council Update

Doug Hammer, Chairman, was out of town on a business trip for the May 19 LCOS Council meeting. Jim Worley, Vice Chairman, was asked to take his place for the meeting.

We opened the meeting with a moment of silent reflection and continued with Psalm 131 for prayer to prepare ourselves for our deliberations. Council voted and approved the minutes from the April Meeting. Donna Gorrell, Financial Secretary, pointed out that in April the offerings increased slightly, however, we are still behind year-to-date totals. Our treasurer, Don Hartman, explained that we had unexpected expenses in February and April to put us slightly behind. Partly due to the fire on the second floor.

Our church property is highlighted in the new book *Oakwood, From Acorn to Oak Tree*. This is a hard back book based on the 100 year history of the City of Oakwood. Every household in the community received a copy.

Our church needs to appoint a committee to perform an internal financial audit. We are working with a small group of members to get this done.

This summer Oakwood is celebrating 100 years of becoming a city. In June there will be tours at Hawthorne Hill and LCOS plans to host an Ice Cream Social the same time. We will coordinate a historical tour of our church at this event.

Jim Worley, Council Vice Chair

WEDDING INVITATION

*Praising God for His goodness to us
we joyously invite you to celebrate with us,
Rachel Spry and Kurt Lammi
as we unite our lives in marriage
on Sunday, July sixth
Two thousand and eight
during nine forty-five a.m. worship.
Your presence will be a blessing
to us and our parents
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Spry
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Lammi*

Reception immediately following
in the Parish House

FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 - 11:00 a.m.

*All proceeds will go towards the Youth
Group's Mission Trip to the
Dominican Republic July 7 - 12*

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*



SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Begins on June 8 during 9:45 a.m. worship. Volunteers are needed to help teach. If you are interested, please contact Che Brewer-Coon at 396-0147.

VBS 2008



Rainforest Adventure - August 4-8

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Activities for ALL AGES

Register your child(ren) or volunteer today at <http://toolkit.thevbplace.org/>
OurSaviorDaytonOHVBS

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate God's gifts of forgiveness, new life, and faith with:



Andrew Deckard	6-23
Anna Harbaugh	6-23
Lynette McKibbin	6-18
Nicholas McKibbin	6-18
Hilary Paisley	6-20
Zachary Paisley	6-6
Taylor Roeckner	6-10
Lilly Schreel	6-10
Ben Wallace	6-24

SPLASH! BIRTH TO THREE MINISTRY

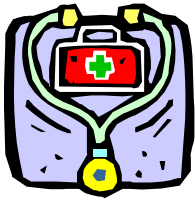


Our congregation is expanding its promise to help those baptized grow in their faith. Now our families with infants and toddlers will be paired with other congregation members through SPLASH! Each month the Splash contacts will send a newsletter filled with faith formation resources to their "adopted" family. These monthly newsletters, called Parent Pages, offer ideas for faith-filled play, worship, meals, and prayer together. "Adopted" families will also receive a yearly CD with music to share the faith. In addition to the tools to assist families and connect them with their "adopted" Splash contact, the Godparents of the baptized will receive an easy to use guide clarifying their role in the baptized infant/toddlers life. If you are interested in becoming a SPLASH contact person, please let Rachel in the church office know.



CANOEING DOWN THE LITTLE MIAMI

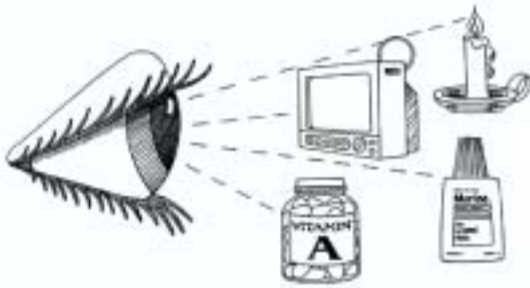
The Holy Terrors will embark on a "watery adventure" in June, as we canoe down the Little Miami River on Saturday, June 21. We plan to eat lunch on a sand bar and play in the river as we enjoy the sights and sounds of God's creation. Watch your mail for details.



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUR EYE-Q TEST

If your eyes are functioning up to par they will bring you clear images of the world around you. But to do so, they need your help and understanding. The statements below are designed to give you an idea of how well you understand your eyes. Circle the True or False next to each statement. After you are finished, check out the Health Ministry bulletin board to find out the correct answers to these and other statements, as well as learn more about your eye health.



- T/F My eyes can distinguish only four colors.
- T/F Ten percent of what I know comes through my eyes.
- T/F The best color for sunglasses is blue.
- T/F If I have 20/20 vision, I don't have any eye problems.
- T/F Air pollution affects only my lungs and breathing.

CHARLES MARSHALL

Christian Comedian

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:15 - 6:50 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. • Show

Tickets:

- \$8.00 pre-sale (blue ticket for LCOS member and red ticket for a non-church friend)
- \$10.00 at the door (blue ticket for LCOS member and red ticket for a non-church friend)

Sponsored by the Health Ministry Team
Nursery care and activities for children provided.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next checks will take place on June 14 and 15 after all the worship services.

STAFF EMAIL

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

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



*Celebrate God's gift
of music as we praise
God in Word, Sacrament and song*

A TIME TO RECEIVE

"Inch by inch ... row by row"

JUNE 1, 2008

We will gather as a community of faith at **9:45 a.m.**


Receive a tangible gift to
enable you to experience
a unique opportunity to:

- *greatly impact the
life and direction of
Lutheran Church of Our Savior*
- *strengthen our spiritual and family life*
- *make a positive difference in the lives of others*
- *be as creative as we wish to be*

Only ONE Worship Service this weekend
You *must* be present to receive



JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:45 a.m. Worship NO SCS  Music Sunday & "A Time to Receive"	2 9:45 a.m. Health Ministry 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	3 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	4 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 4:30 Golf league	5	6	7 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
8 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 10:45 a.m. Property 11:00 a.m. FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT 11:30 a.m. VBS volunteers meeting	9 5:30 p.m. Health Ministry 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	10 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	11 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	12	13	14 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
15 FATHER'S DAY 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	17 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff @ Applebees	18 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	19	20 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	21 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon Holy Terror's canoeing 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
22 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch with parents 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp	23	24 NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	25 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	26	27	28 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
29 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS	30					
CONFIRMATION CAMP (THROUGH JULY 5)						

Youth Group News



We are getting close to our departure date and fund-raising is going well. We have earned over \$9,000 through our various projects, and are very blessed to have received money from the Haman Benevolence Fund towards our trip, bringing us to over \$13,000. Thank you to all of you who helped us to raise funds either by making a donation, hiring us to work, ordering Pampered Chef or eating at a brunch. The funds are going to our mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where we will be working to help construct a school. Three adults and ten students will be traveling to the Dominican Republic on July 7 and returning on the 12th. We will attempt to blog while we are there, but computer and internet access will be sparse so we will plan to share pictures and stories when we return.

This month is an exciting one for our youth group as we have eleven seniors graduating from high school this year.

Congratulations and best wishes to those listed in the next column. We are proud of you.



Youth Group Members Please Note These Dates:

- June 6 - Wedding set up 7:00 p.m.
- June 7 - Wedding clean up 5:00 p.m.
- June 8 - Father's Day cookout 10:00 a.m.
- June 13 - Wedding set up 6:00 p.m.
- June 14 - Wedding clean up 5:00 p.m.
- June 22 - Youth Lunch (with parents)
Potbelly's on Brown St.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following youth who endured the last 12 years and finally made it to the next chapter in their life's journey!!

- CHELSIE COOPER (*Fairmont*) to Tiffin University
- KIRA FENSTERMACHER (*Oakwood*) to St. Olaf College
- REBECCA FREUDENBERGER (*Bellbrook*) to Sante Fe Community College (Gainesville, FL)
- BROOKE GRIFFIN (*Oakwood*) to Wright State University
- JOSH HAMMER (*Oakwood*) to University of Cincinnati
- JENNIFER HANNA (*Oakwood*) to Capital University
- MICHELLE LEWIS (*Oakwood*) to College of Sante Fe
- ALAN NANDRASY (*Oakwood*) to Sinclair Community College
- BLAKE ROBBINS (*Oakwood*) to University of Central Florida
- TAYLOR ROECKNER (*Oakwood*) to Wright State University
- BEN WALLACE (*Oakwood*) to The Ohio State University

We will honor our high school graduates in worship on June 1.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

April 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$28,246.13
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	805.00
Memorials:	100.00
HVAC Project:	6,728.40
Rest of Foundation monies:	0.00
Youth fund - Mission trip	551.79
Expenses:	\$46,179.84
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$14,507.68

2008 Totals (as of May 17)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$134,294.24
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	13,704.12
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	4,022.94
Memorials:	345.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	16,414.40
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	996.62
Youth fund - Mission trip	5,197.88
YTD Expenses:	\$212,709.41
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$33,324.46

Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,
JUNE 16**

CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR WEEKLY GIVING

Some of our congregation members are using the credit card option for making their offerings to the church. **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.

PRAYER LABYRINTH BRICKS

Throughout the summer and autumn months, weather permitting, our Saturday evening worship service is held in our Memorial Prayer Labyrinth, located just north of the chapel. The labyrinth was created as a way to remember loved ones as well as provide a sacred space for prayer and reflection. The labyrinth walk is made up of bricks, many of which are engraved with the names of family members and friends of our congregation and people in the community.

This month we will be placing our next order for engraved bricks. If you would like to have a brick placed in memory or honor of someone, simply complete an order form located in the church office, church narthex, or cloister table. Return the form to the church office with \$25.00 – checks should be made out to LCOS. The final day to submit order forms is June 15. If you have any questions, please call the church office (293-1147).

Wel ca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Our small WELCA groups do not meet during June, July and August, but of course we keep in touch, through our weekly worship services.

REMEMBER! Beginning Sunday, June 1 our worship service is at 9:45 a.m.

Church Women United, the organization that brings women together in a visible fellowship from every denomination, is having their annual meeting and tea on Monday, June 2 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church on South Smithville Rd. at 1:00 p.m. Carolyn Haman is our key woman, call her, 845-8766 if you are interested in going.

Suggestion: read *The Voice* from beginning to end. It is difficult to get all the church news to all the church members, although it is usually printed in the Sunday bulletin and announced in church. So read *The Voice* and you will know about our Health Ministry Team, their service to all of us giving blood pressure screenings. *The Voice* prints a monthly calendar marked with the special events. Another suggestion: Stop and take the time to give the bulletin boards (in the hallway near the downstairs stairway) a good long look. Currently you can read funny quotes from the Health Ministry Team as laughter is very good for your health! You can read all about our families featured for the month and see their pictures. Also, currently you can see the display of photographs, taken by Cay Deckard, of the different scenes from the Kettering Fairmont High School musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Since my granddaughter was

a tap dancer in the show, I went to see this great performance. The show was very well cast ... such talented "kids". All of us from LCOS can be proud of Chelsie Cooper, who played the lead role of Millie. She sang like a pro! The Whitaker's granddaughter, Laura Young played the harp in the orchestra and our granddaughter, Anna Harbaugh was in the tap ensemble. So look for the picture display on the bulletin board.

We all shake our heads when we hear or see what our youth world-wide are doing in this electronic, computer, machine age, it makes our minds scramble to understand or accept it. As I laughed and hummed along watching this high school production, the thought came to me ... not all our youth are "on-line" or have their cell phones glued to their ears, or lowering their morals because of "peer pressure" ... they're memorizing their lines, singing their songs, endlessly rehearsing ... and some are very visible in their church family. Thank you, God.

See you in church.

Shirley Coen

Joy Group

The JOY Group will hold their annual picnic at the church on Friday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m. Following the meal, there will be a short business meeting to elect officers for the coming year and to bring everyone up to date on upcoming events, etc. This will be followed by a social time.

Please note that a \$5.00 per person donation is requested to help cover the expense of the meal. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Questions? Call Meckstroths at 434-5033 or Dawsons at 438-3339.

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

Roy Frick

Bryan Griffin

Bob Haman

Harley Homan

Anson & Finley McFarland

Loren Metzler

Hema Rajaratnam

Mardi Rike

Jack & Wilma Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father

Lynn Arnold, Wally's wife

Diane Ball, former member

Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law

Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Debbie Darst, friend of Rita Boord

Lendl Doty, friend of the congregation

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

Jesse Ewell, friend of the Dawsons

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

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

Lawrence Jasmin, Pete Kronbergs' uncle

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

Helen Mohn, Ray Strohminger's aunt

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

Sherry Snow, friend of Ginger Minneman

Eleanora Spry, Rachel's grandmother



Families of the Month:

- Scott, Debbie, Alan, Morgan and Lindsey Nandrasy
- Gwen, Vicki and Bella Waltz and Dorothy Zinkiewicz

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.

