



The VOICE of Our Savior

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JUNE 2009

Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Early in May, our son Stephen and I went up to southeastern Michigan to fish with a guide for steelhead trout in the Muskegon River. It was the first time both of us had fished for steelhead, and the first time Stephen had been fly fishing. We had a glorious time: plenty of fish, no rain, decent temperatures, and a guide who did his best to make sure we landed big fish (8-12 pounders). At the end of the day, Stephen commented that of all the boats that were on the river (all jockeying for the best position), we were the only ones who were landing any fish. There were plenty of fish hooked by the other people fishing, but most of the lines went limp before fish were brought into the boats. Stephen also noted that while all the boats had guides, our guide Chad was the only one who did not fish. Instead, he was in our faces when we had a fish on the line, relentlessly giving us directions: hand off the reel, tip down, tip up, start reeling, take the fish to the right, take it to the left. And when we followed Chad's directions, those big

steelheads usually ended up in the net, even if the "battle" took 15-20 minutes. In the other boats, the guides were not paying much attention to their clients because they themselves were too busy fishing. Consequently, they netted very few fish.

I am reminded of our Gospel lessons leading up to the Festival of Pentecost, when Jesus prayed to his Father to send the Holy Spirit upon his followers to protect, lead, encourage and strengthen them in Jesus' absence. As we enter that long season of the church year that runs

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, May 31, 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 7, 9:45 a.m. (Summer schedule begins)

WORSHIP THEMES

June 7, The Holy Trinity

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

June 14, Second Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not

appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

June 21, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

June 28, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

LCOS 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.

Council Update

Monday evening, May 18, our council meeting was called to order and Pastor Eichhorn gave us a short spiritual lesson and prayer to begin our meeting. After prayer we reviewed the April minutes and after a short discussion we voted and approved them. During our financial review, Donna announced that our recent weekly offering has improved, however, we have not fully recovered from the last couple months when our expenses were greater than the income. This does give us hope and determination. Under new business we discussed replacing Donna Gorrell as financial secretary for the church. And we voted to discontinue our financial support to Graceworks. We will use the money to support other LCOS missions who need it and are more appreciative. With no further business to be brought before council we proceeded to close. We concluded our council meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Worley

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 7

9:45 a.m.

SCS will start on June 14 at 9:45

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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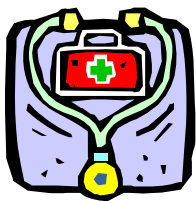
from June 1 through November 28 (days after Pentecost), we are called to remember that we are not alone, we are not left to try to figure out life on our own. Every day the Holy Spirit is relentlessly guiding us, giving us endless opportunities to grow in our faith – through the Word, through the people who cross our paths, through serving others, through personal devotions and public worship. Are we paying attention?

This summer, I invite you to deepen your relationship with the God who is constantly paying attention to us. Whether you are traveling or in town, read your Bible, worship on the weekends, make time for prayer with God each day, and be alert for those opportunities to serve others. The Holy Spirit will be with you all the way!

In Christ's peace,
Gary

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 Lammi, *Family Ministries
Coordinator, Organist*
Celeste Hoerner, *Youth Ministry Coordinator,
Children's Choir*
Elizabeth Beal, *Sonshine Choir*
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*
Jim Worley, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

According to recent estimates, about one in three U.S. adults has high blood pressure, but because there are no symptoms, nearly one-third of these people don't know they have it. In fact, many people have high blood pressure for years without knowing it. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney failure. This is why high blood pressure is often called the "silent killer." The only way to tell if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure checked.

Treating high blood pressure almost always includes making lifestyle changes to help control your risk factors. Controlling risk factors can reduce your risk for heart disease, heart attack and stroke, so it's important to follow your healthcare professional's recommendations carefully. Sometimes, when lifestyle changes aren't enough to control high blood pressure, your doctor will also prescribe medication.

So, remember:

- Lose weight if you're overweight.
- Eat a healthy diet low in saturated fat, cholesterol and salt.
- Be more physically active.
- Limit alcohol to no more than one drink per day for women or two drinks a day for men.
- Take medicine the way your doctor tells you.

- Know what your blood pressure should be and work to keep it at that level.

Remember, the Health Ministry Team takes blood pressures the second weekend of each month after each worship service. Stop by and have one of the team members take it for you next month!

More information can be found at www.americanheart.org

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

After all worship services on June 13 & 14.



The Holy Terrors will be attending VBS as their June event. *Coming in July* ... canoeing in the Little Miami River on July 11. Watch the bulletin for details.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

June 22-26

5:30 pm Family Dinner

6:00 – 8:15 pm

Activities for ages 4 through grade 6



Everyone is invited to the Closing Celebration, Craft Show and Ice Cream Social - Friday, June 26 at 8:05 pm

Decorating & Set Up Party

June 21 at 11:00 am

NEW LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

A group order for the new study bible is being placed at the end of June. A copy of the study Bible is available in the narthex along with a sign up sheet and envelopes for pre-payment. Pre-order and get the group rate of \$18.75 per copy. (regular price is 34.99). We need at least 10 copies ordered to get the group discount.

PAINTING

June 13 & 27 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch provided

The Christian Education Committee is working to spruce up the Sunday Church School rooms. Your help is appreciated. Come for a few hours or even both days. Please RSVP to Rachel Lammi or Ché Brewer-Coon if you are planning to eat lunch.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Begins June 14 during 9:45 am worship

Theme: Parables

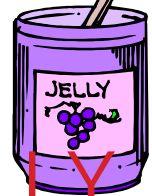
The children will experience a different parable each week and create a banner piece for each parable. At the end of the summer the banner pieces will be assembled into two large banners for use in the sanctuary.

If you are interested in helping lead, please RSVP to Kim Buechele.

PEANUT BUTTER



&



JELLY

SUNDAY JUNE 28

Bring your donations to church on

Sunday, June 28

All items will be given to the

New Hope Food Pantry.

The children that attend VBS will also be donating items.

Youth Group News



May was an active month for the youth group! We started the month off with our most successful Mother's Day brunch to date. A big thank you to everyone who supported us in this effort! We had to quickly set up extra tables due to the large number of people in attendance. That is a great problem to have. A special thank you to Donna Gorrell and Doug Hammer for their behind the scenes help.

The following weekend brought a beautiful sunny Saturday for the CAREWalk, a breast cancer awareness walk in which we participated for the first time ever. The walk was inspiring and will no doubt be a repeated event for us in the future.

In June we will participate in another first for us. In keeping with our campaign to do local service work, we are going to be working for congregation members who would like to have a helping hand with yard work. This is not a fundraiser. We are simply donating our time. June 13 is our first Saturday slated, and we will be accepting work on a first come, first served basis. Our hours will be 10:00 a.m. to noon. Watch your bulletin for details.

June 7 we will be hosting the punch bowl in honor of our graduates. Stop by and wish them well. We will miss them.

Also in June we will be resuming with our monthly lunch meetings. This month's lunch meeting will be held at Fazoli's on 741 on June 14. Our meetings keep growing, and we would love to have you join us. Bring a calendar, ideas and an appetite. See you there.

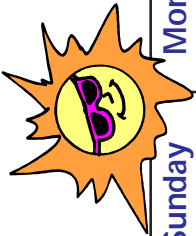
Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

- June 7 - Punch Bowl for Graduates
- June 13 - Yard work Saturday
- June 14 - Lunch meeting @ Fazoli's
- July 12 - Lunch meeting (location TBD)

CHURCH GARDEN

After worship on Sunday, May 24, members of the Jr. and Sr. High Sunday Church School classes, a couple of parents, and a few "holy terrors", planted a vegetable garden on the northwest side of the church property. The "harvest" will be donated to the New Hope Food Pantry throughout the summer. A fence was erected around the garden in the hopes of keeping out the deer and other hungry creatures. Tomatoes, green beans, yellow squash, green and banana peppers, cucumbers, carrots, radishes and some herbs were planted. At the back edge of the parking lot under the redbud trees, six giant pumpkin plants were set out. When you are at the church for worship, a meeting, or just stopping by, go out to the garden. You are welcome to pull weeds!





JUNE 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed | 3 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry | 4 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | 5 | 6 8:00 a.m. Council strategic planning 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship |
| 7 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:45 a.m. Worship MUSIC SUNDAY | 8 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry | 9 NO Prayer breakfast | 10 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league | 11 | 12 11:30 a.m. JOY Group lunch | 13 9:00 a.m. SCS painting 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship |
| 14 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 11:45 a.m. Property 11:30 a.m. Youth lunch | 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council | 16 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff 6:30 p.m. VBS craft party | 17 7:00 a.m. AA 2:30 p.m. Bethany Communion 4:30 p.m. Golf league | 18 | 19 | 20 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship |
| 21 FATHER'S DAY 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 11:00 a.m. VBS set up | 22 | 23 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast | 24 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league | 25 | 26 | 27 9:00 a.m. SCS painting 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship |
| 28 PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SUNDAY 9:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. SCS 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp | 29 | 30 NO Prayer breakfast | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | | | |
| | | CONFIRMATION CAMP - LMC | | | | |

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

April 2009

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| Offerings (against budget): | \$27,556.34 |
| Loan Payment (from savings): | 3,426.03 |
| Foundation (against budget): | 0.00 |
| Other collections (non-budget): | |
| Social Ministry: | 1,138.00 |
| Memorials: | 180.00 |
| HVAC Project: | 5,611.00 |
| Special Projects | 0.00 |
| Expenses: | \$43,055.24 |
| (Receipts - Expenses) | -\$12,072.87 |

2009 Totals (as of May 16)

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| YTD collections (against budget): | \$130,729.38 |
| Loan Payment (from savings): | 13,704.12 |
| Foundation (against budget): | 62,123.82 |
| YTD non-budget collections: | |
| Social Ministry: | 5,817.04 |
| Memorials: | 1,235.00 |
| HVAC Project income: | 15,329.00 |
| Special Projects: | 1,205.00 |
| YTD Expenses: | \$197,122.81 |
| YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses): | -\$ 4,269.61 |
| Current HVAC Loan | \$440,459.03 |

- Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,
JUNE 15**

Foundation News

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Below is a listing of people who have made donations to Lutheran Church of Our Savior in memory of member-disciples who have recently died. Their donations go directly into our LCOS Foundation, and are loving, creative ways in which to remember friends and loved ones.

If, when you make a memorial donation, you prefer that we do not print your name in the newsletter, please indicate when you submit your donation.

In memory of David Schaefer:

Virginia Foell
Gary & Beth Kost



In memory of Gertrude "Rita" Becker (Chris' mother):

Mikel Brown
Wilma Jackson
Gene and Rosemary Torchia
AT&T Advertising Solutions
Chuck and Donna Cooley
Rollan and Jennifer Harrison

The donations made in memory of Rita are going to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for scholarships for underprivileged children to go to summer camp.

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Thanks to all the cookie bakers for the Prison Ministry project. You all came through immediately and Jan Wallace, our Cookie Chairperson, led us to our goal. A reminder, if you would like to be on Jan Wallace's cookie baker list, which means you are called on to furnish cookies or cupcakes (once a year) when they are needed for a church related event, just call her at 294-8984. Jan can always use more helpers.

What a blessing it has been to have had the Gorrell family, Keith and Donna and sons, Ethan and Adam in our church family. Their participation on many committees, plus regular support of our Sunday Church School will be missed. Donna was active in WELCA, always willing to be a leader and participate, the perfect example of living Christian action! We will miss you!

We do not have regular small group meetings during June, July and August, but we do keep in touch, knowing that showing our faith is a continuous journey.

Thanks to Jamie Ashburn and Michelle Haun for being our WELCA co-chairmen the past 4 months and welcome to Karen Tyson as our chairman through August.

Our Vacation Bible School is coming soon ... June 22-26. Each day starts with a family dinner at 5:30 p.m. From 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. is activities. Attend and be a volunteer ... this promises to be a week to remember!

We do have a computer in our home and I have my own e-mail address. BUT whenever I read the newspaper or some other

publication or see a line following a story on television and I read "for more information, visit our web site or contact us at abc@whatever.rr.com, I become resentful! There are many, many, many people who do not have e-mail. We can not take for granted that they do. The fact is, "things" have become more important than ever before and we do need to be reminded that a thing is just that, a thing. Last week I was reminded of that. Not only was it a "bad hair" day, I broke a treasured glass cookie jar, blistered my flawless kitchen counter and broke a ceramic tile, that was hand painted for me by my granddaughter. Each time I was very upset and very angry. Thank goodness I calmed down with my take three big breaths method. Those "things" were important, but not what life is all about. I need some enforcing factor in my life. The book of Faith (the Bible) is waiting for me to study God's word. I found a perfect tin container for my cookies, I glued the tile together, I've accepted the counter blemishes and if you don't have a computer, that's one less 'object you have to dust!

See you in church,

- Shirley Coen

Joy Group

**JUNE 12 - 11:30 A.M.
LUNCHEON AT CHURCH**

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
John Buechele
Al & Helen Davis
Don Cox
Nancy Freudenberger

Bob Haman
Harley Homan
Lucille Loundenslager
Michael & Sue Longo
Wilma Meckstroth

Loren Metzler
Pastor Robert Neeb
Hema Rajaratnam
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Arnie, friend of Linda Welin
Patrice Bayer, friend of Todd Stowe
Jeff Bundenthal, Judith Ault's son
Patty Carota, Bill Meyers' sister
Capt. Mark Cipolla, Pat and Sharon Griffy's son-in-law, in Iraq
Joanna Fara, Elizabeth Beal's mom
Carl Gartner, friend of Tim and Laura Roberts
Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips
Julie Haines, Jackie Dawson's cousin
Liz Heidegggar, Marti Jackson's sister
Mike Henry, Nancy's son
Gavin Howell, Mike and Kathy Essman's great nephew
Linda Huff, Carol Judge's sister
Karis Hughes, Bob and Candy Bauer's niece
The Humphrey's family, friends of the Kronbergs
Mary Louise Husted, Suzanne Bruns' niece
Mary Kossar, Todd Stowe's cousin
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom
Dustin McGuinness, Vince Lewis' nephew
Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Janet Phillips, Tim Roberts' aunt
Barbara Webber, Jim Judge's mother



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Terry and Suzanne Bruns