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Pastor's Message

Dear People of God,

The NASCAR Daytona 500 ... the NFL Super Bowl ... the Major League Baseball World Series ... they are all pretty exciting. But while they are the pinnacle events of their respective sports, they can't hold a candle to the level of passion that is experienced at this time of year. It's time for *March Madness*, when 65 Division 1 NCAA college basketball teams are chosen to compete in the craziness of the playoffs! For years, the city of Dayton has played a key role in these annual playoff games, with sell-out crowds jammed into the UD arena for a chance to sip from the chalice of this annual phenomenon of sports hysteria.

Ironically, this month is also about another type of passion. This year, the entirety of the month of March is submerged in the season of Lent, a time for followers of Jesus Christ to deepen their relationship with God, and renew the passion for their faith. Kind of hard to compete with slam dunks, buzzer-beaters, and hot dogs rotating in a heated box! But, when the last of the confetti falls to the hardwood after the national basketball champion is crowned, life still goes on. And

with daily life comes the need for faith and a passionate relationship with God. Make time in your daily schedule this month to spend more time with God – in prayer, in study of the Word, in worship, and in service to others. Avail yourself of the opportunities to gather in worship on Saturday night or Sunday morning; keep reading in the Gospel According to Luke, and when you finish, pick out another book of Scripture to start reading; start and finish your day with prayer, stopping throughout your day to keep in touch with God with a quiet “thanks for the coming of Spring”, or “help me with this decision I have to make”, or “be with my family

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Chapel

Sunday, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

WORSHIP THEMES

March 7, Third Sunday in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away ... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for

the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

March 28, Palm Sunday

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.



LUTHERAN COURSE

We will gather on **Tuesday, March 15** at LCOS for this month's "Lutheran Course". A light dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and discussion will begin at 6:45 p.m. This month, our discussion is "*If we are saved by God, why do we keep sinning?*"

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

Due to the bad weather on Monday, February 15, the council meeting was cancelled.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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today". And, look for ways you can share your gifts and abilities with others that can positively impact their lives – as simple or as time consuming as you wish. Deepening your relationship with God helps to breathe meaning into your life. You see, when all the hoopla of March Madness has become a mere memory, there will still be homework to complete for school, jobs to get up for, families to care for, friends to help – you know, real life. And God is really good with helping us with real life!

So, set your brackets, enter your office/school pools, and get ready to cheer for your favorite team(s). I'll be right there with you. But, remember to spend time with God and deepen your passion for faith. In the end, that's the real *March Madness* – because it's the one that really counts!

In Christ's hope,
Gary

WILDERNESS WORSHIP

The stars in the sanctuary and chapel have now disappeared, and there is a starkness to our worship spaces. Driftwood, rocks, pebbles, dried grasses, and even a dead tree now take their place, symbolizing the wildernesses of our own faith journeys. We hope these physical surroundings will help you in your journey to deepen your relationship with God.

LENTEN SERVICES

2/24 - "10

Commandments"

- 12:00 p.m. - LCOS Chapel with soup after
- 6:30 p.m. – LCOS w/ meal @ 6:00 p.m.



3/3 - "Creed"

- 12:00 p.m. - LCOS Chapel with soup after
- 6:30 p.m. – St. Paul w/meal @ 6:00 p.m.

3/10 - "Lord's Prayer"

- 12:00 p.m. - LCOS Chapel with soup after
- 6:30 p.m. – St. Paul w/meal @ 6:00 p.m.

3/17 - "Baptism"

- 12:00 p.m. - LCOS Chapel with soup after
- 6:30 p.m. – LCOS w/meal @ 6:00 p.m.

3/24 - "Communion"

- 12:00 p.m. - LCOS Chapel with soup after
- 6:30 p.m. – LCOS w/meal @ 6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

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



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL IS FOR ALL AGES

Bring a Friend Sunday – March 7

BIBLE BOWL: YOUTH vs. ADULTS

Date Change – March 14 during 10:30 a.m. Worship

All you need to do is read the book of Luke (and perhaps join others in discussing Luke) and show up to worship!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is seeking out one or two persons to coordinate Summer Sunday Church School from June through August. Curriculum materials provided. This job has Three Simple Tasks: Recruit teachers (with staff help), Remind teachers when they are scheduled, Distribute materials.

Interested? Please contact Che Brewer-Coon or Rachel Lammi.

GALATIC BLAST VBS

June 21-25, evenings

Volunteer now: your ideas and creativity are wanted by the Christian Education Committee for VBS 2010. Watch for the sign up sheet, or contact Rachel if you are interested in helping.

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/LutheranChurchofOurSaviorVBS2010>

CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

We are currently collecting donations to help our families send their children and youth to summer church camp. The average cost of a week of camp is \$365 (with on-line registration). You can make out your camp donation checks to LCOS, marking them "Camp". Families who wish to request camp scholarship money, must do so by Sunday, March 28 by contact Rachel Lammi (ras@oursaviordayton.org) or Che' Brewer-Coon (jcoonoh@ameritech.net). This year, we are encouraging families to send their children and youth to Lutheran Memorial Camp the week of July 4-9, which is also when confirmation camp will be held. To register, go to www.lomocamps.org, and check out the registration procedure.

FAIRY GODMOTHER PROJECT

Can you help to make a high school girl's dream come true? Or do you know of someone who needs help with their dream? Then read on ... The "Fairy Godmother Project", sponsored by **Clothes That Work**, want to make dreams come true by providing girls that are in financial need with beautiful gently worn dresses for their spring prom. Each girl that attends the Prom Dress Distribution Party will be given a formal dress at no charge. If you have a dress you wish to donate, or know of someone who might benefit from attending the Party, please go to www.clothesthatwork.org, or call Melanie at 937-222-378, ext. 170. The Party will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Clothes That Work office, 1133 South Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Suite 392.

Youth Group News



Youth and adult met on Sunday, February 21, to recast a vision for Youth Ministry. It was decided that the Youth Group will meet on the **first and third Sundays** of each month, from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be served. It was also decided that Youth Ministry will include a three-fold approach: service projects, study opportunities and fellowship time.

This month, the Youth Group schedule includes the following:

- **Sunday, March 7**, 6:00 p.m. - Dinner discussion at church
- **Friday, March 12**, 6:30 p.m. - Wedding prep / 7:30 p.m. - Ice Skating at Kettering Recreation Center
- **Saturday, March 13**, 4:30 p.m. Wedding clean-up and attend Saturday worship
- **Sunday, March 21**, 9:15 a.m. - "Build" Easter Baskets for Adopt-A-Family project 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and basket delivery

PENNIES FOR PEACE

Thanks to all who have been donating to our Pennies for Peace project. Our total continues to grow, and we appreciate your support. This projects continues to the end of the school year.

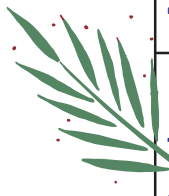
The youth and parents would like to give a big thank you to Celeste Hoerner, who has led the youth group for many years. She has given a lot of her time and energy to lead our youth, especially with a lot of mission trips and community service projects. Thank you Celeste!

"HANG TIME"

If you are in 5th - 8th grade, and you want to hang out with your friends at church, they you are invited to try out *Hang Time*, Tuesdays, 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to just hang with your friends, enjoy snacks, play games or even help each other with homework. We are currently outfitting the "dungeon" for Hang Time, so invite your friends to stop by the church. Kim Buechele is our "on-site adult", and Rachel Lammi and Gary Eichhorn will also pop in from time to time.



March 14 – Bowling sponsored by the Zimmerman Family
12:00 pm
Capri Lanes on Dixie Highway
\$6 per person = 2 games & shoes
Lunch on your own at the Bowling Alley
RSVP to Julie & Pete Zimmerman @
demguyss@woh.rr.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 p.m. Circle - Tyson	2 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang time 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed	3 + 7:00 a.m. AA 12:00 p.m. Worship & lunch 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Worship - St. Paul	4 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	5 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship	6 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
7 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 4:45 p.m. Confirmation	8	9 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang time 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	10 + 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Savage 12:00 p.m. Worship & lunch 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Worship - St. Paul	11 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 11:30 a.m. JOY Group lunch - Mimi's 7:30 p.m. Youth Group skating	13 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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28 PALM SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Scared Hairp	29 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang time	30	31 7:00 a.m. AA			



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK IS MARCH 7-10

2 million (1%) of U.S. adults are estimated to meet criteria for pathological gambling in a given year. Another 4-6 million (2-3%) would be considered problem gamblers; that is, they do not meet the full diagnostic criteria for pathological gambling, but meet one or more of the criteria and are experiencing problems due to their gambling behavior. Research also indicates that most adults who choose to gamble are able to do responsibly.

Approximately 85% of U.S. adults have gambled at least once in their lives; 60% in the past year. Some form of legalized gambling is available in 48 states plus the District of Columbia. The two without legalized gambling are Hawaii and Utah.

Problem gambling includes all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family or vocational pursuits. The essential features are increasing preoccupation with gambling, a need to bet more money more frequently, restlessness or irritability when attempting to stop, "chasing" losses, and loss of control manifested by continuation of the gambling behavior in spite of mounting, serious, negative consequences. In extreme cases, problem gambling can result in financial ruin, legal problems, loss of career and family, or even suicide.

To find a counselor to help you with a potential gambling addiction, or for more

information, contact the National Council on Problem Gambling (where the information in this article was found). www.ncpgambling.org or 1-800-522-4700.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Will be taken after all worship services on March 13 and 14.

Fellowship

Blood Drive

The Blood Mobile will be at LCOS on **March 24 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.** to coincide with our Wednesday Lenten Service. No need to sign up in advance. **GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.**

Podcast

We are still looking for anyone interested in helping create an interactive website for LCOS as well as setting up a Podcast for services and events. Please see Pastor Gary if you are interested in helping get these off the ground.

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

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

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

January 2010

Offerings (against budget):	\$31,504.26
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	705.00
Memorials:	10.00
HVAC Project:	2,513.00
Special Projects:	0.00
Haiti donations:	3,334.00
Expenses:	\$44,306.39
(Receipts - Expenses):	-\$ 6,927.28

2010 Totals (as of February 15)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$ 51,862.35
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	24,832.68
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	1,165.00
Memorials:	10.00
HVAC Project income:	2,840.00
Special Projects:	0.00
Foundation-Scholarship/Benev:	788.51
Haiti donations:	3,773.00
YTD Expenses:	\$52,020.20
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	\$28,100.86
Current HVAC Loan:	\$325,069.75

- Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,
MARCH 15**

WALK TO QATAR

During Lent, the Health Ministry Team is encouraging everyone to exercise and pray. The goal is to walk the 8600 miles (as the crow flies) from Dayton to Qatar. If 205 people walk one mile (or do 20 minutes of physical activity, even housecleaning) a day, six days a week, for the six weeks of lent we can reach this goal. At services each weekend, we will announce how far we've walked so you may pray for those people living in those states/countries. While we walk over the Atlantic Ocean, we will pray for natural disaster victims. Each weekend of Lent, you can place your walking totals for the week in the offering plate. You can also report your miles via email to Rachel Lammi.

Why Qatar? Scott Bryant, a member of this congregation, has been serving in Qatar. He is expected back home in March.

PROJECT BLESSING AT ST. PAUL

Social Ministry provided a free lunch to 110 people as part of Project Blessing on January 20. Serving were Jean Snider, Ed McKibbin, Georgia Culbertson, Lynn Wirtanen, Joyce and Ray Strohminger. The menu included chicken noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, fruit, bread and cookies. Cookie bakers were Sharon Gruffy, Linda Welin, Shirley Coen, Susan Becker, Cay Deckard and Julie Zimmerman.

Joy Group

MARCH LUNCHEON EVENT

The JOY Group plans to meet for lunch at Mimi's Café at The Greene on **March 12** at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Strohmingers at (937) 299-5031.

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Friday, March 5 is **World Day of Prayer**. The theme will be based on Psalm 150: *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God*. WELCA encourages all to check out services in our Oakwood-Kettering area. At this deadline, I do not have the locations of the churches for the services. Since the first World Day of Prayer in 1920, diverse communities of women of faith come together to pray for peace and justice around the world. Check the church bulletin for the locations.

This is Lent ... each Wednesday at noon at LCOS there will be a service in our chapel. The themes for the mid-week worship are the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Communion. Seems like a formula for Faith. We will share the evening worship with St. Paul's.

When you leave home to go to church, it might be a good idea to check the VOICE or church bulletin for the list of items needed for Haiti and the health kit items. A better idea is to do that ahead of time so all you have to do is grab the items to not be late! Of course money given is always needed.

We Care Arts is having their annual auction on Friday, March 19 at the Hope Hotel in Fairborn, Ohio. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about this event. It is good to support one of our Mission Partners.

Want to help Jan Wallace, 294-8984, supply cookies for church related events? With a little effort you could help in a big way, give her a call.

And our Altar Guild's service is needed continuously! To serve for a month once a year with a helper, is all that is required.

The altar flowers are usually taken by the donor.

As I grow older I seem to be more aware of sadness that comes with death or the challenge of a serious illness as I struggle to want to console. These words help... Friendships double our joys and divide our sorrows.

See you in church.

Shirley Coen

MARCH MEETINGS

- Monday, March 1, 1:00 p.m. Karen Tyson, 2725 Walford Dr.
- Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. Bettie Savage, 5203 Wheaton St.
- Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. Debbie McFarland at Books & Co.

"GROCERY BAG" WEEKEND FOR NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY MARCH 6 & 7



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

Jim Brown

Scott, Amy, Emily and Josh Bryant

Don Cox

Al & Helen Davis

Hilda Mae Durig

Joan Gebhart

Bryan Griffin

Mary Helen Lecklider

Lucille Loudenslager

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Ralph Thomas

Bella Waltz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Alma, friend of Hilda Durig

Anne, friend of Jean Snider

Robbie, Linda Welin's co-worker's nephew

Henry Aldridge, friend of the Harper family

Eleanor Clauser, Laura Roberts' mother

The family of Robert Cook, friends of the Deckards

Carl Gartner, friend of Laura and Tim Roberts

Tina Grooms, mother of Penny Vance's co-worker

Caelan Guthrie, Cap and Nancy Phillip's grandson

Amy Hamilton, co-worker of Laura Clauser-Roberts

Ron Harper, Steve's dad

Susie Mara, friend of the Borresons

Carl and Jean Minneman, Dan's parents

Helen Mohn, Ray Strohming's aunt

Ferne Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Jean Pierre, friend of Stephanie Buechele

Don Reigelsperger, friend of the Strohmingers

Norman Silva, friend of the Clark family

Robert Smith, Vicky Schmidt's father

Eric Stone, friend of the Nandrasys

Chris Van Winkle and family, friends of the Martinez family

Do (Winkler) Wagner, friend of the congregation

Matthew Zelnik, Harpers' nephew

