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MAY 2008

Pastor's Message

For the past two years, these four have traveled to a number of Lutheran churches, learning about the love of God in Christ. They have worked together with fellow Lutherans in the Miami Valley, experiencing and sharing God's blessings. They have served God as they have served this community of faith by helping in worship as acolytes, crucifers, torch bearers, book bearers, communion assistants, and offering collectors. And on Sunday, May 11, as our congregation celebrates the Festival of Pentecost, we will also celebrate with these four young people who will affirm their baptismal faith. During the 10:30 a.m. worship service,

**Alexandra Coon,
Daniel Ehler,
Gabrielle Kronbergs, and
Tristin Smith**

will be confirmed into the adult membership of our congregation. Much more importantly, they will be accepting for themselves the baptismal vows their parents made for them years ago. It is now time for them to exercise their faith in ministry, and we, their fellow member-

disciples, are here precisely to help them and each other do just that. They will continue to need the rest of us to model our faith as they grow in faith and become models of faith for others.

Please pray for Alexa, Daniel, Gabrielle and Tristin, asking God to keep them strong in the faith. Encourage them to be involved in the life of the church in new ways that will help them to "stretch" their faith. And support them on May 11, both during worship and afterwards at the reception held in their honor!

In Christ's peace,
Gary

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

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

WORSHIP THEMES

Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 4)

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Pentecost Sunday (May 11)

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

Holy Trinity (May 18)

Though the word "trinity" is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading

includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ, and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Second Sunday after Pentecost (May 25)

Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.

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*

Council Update

The Council meeting started with Pastor Eichhorn reading a section of Psalms 66. Pastor Eichhorn explained that our spiritual growth is like refining precious metals. You have to break away and get through all the crud to get to the gold and silver. We then prayed for guidance in leading the congregation.

Don Hartman, our treasurer, was pleased to report that undesignated offerings were up over \$15,000 YTD, compared to FY2007. However, it isn't really a fair comparison since Easter fell in April this year. Expenses are running slightly above budget.

Council approved the distribution of funds from the Willauer Scholarship fund to Elyse Fenstermacher.

Donations for the HVAC have reached \$150,903, while the total for pledges and gifts have reached \$211,650. The CD holding the \$440,000 is coming up for renewal and Don Hartman is investigating different institutions that will give us the best return.

On the weekend of **June 1** we will have **only one service**, it is Music Sunday, but also Harriet Uphoff explained to council that Stewardship has a major event planned. Look for more information elsewhere in the *Voice*.

For months council has been discussing the need for an internal audit. We have not had an audit for about three years. Pastor Eichhorn, with the help of Don Hartman and Donna Gorrell, has put together a list of possible members with accounting background to perform the audit. I will be contacting those members asking to serve

on this important task. Our constitution requires regular internal audits. If you're called, please consider serving.

See you in church!

Respectfully your council President,
Doug Hammer

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be meeting in assembly at Wittenberg University on May 29-31. Our congregation will be represented by the pastor and 2 voting members. This year, we will be electing a bishop to lead the synod. We will also hear presentations from the ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson, the Archbishop of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, and the Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio – the Right Reverend Thomas Breidenthal, as well as engage in Bible study, receive reports, and act on the 2009 budget proposal. A written report of the assembly will be made to the congregation next month.

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



TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY MAY 25

This is also the last day of regular Sunday Church School.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Summer SCS 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.

All persons interested in helping with Summer Sunday School are invited to a brief meeting in the Narthex Lounge on May 18 after 10:30 a.m. worship.

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.thevbsplace.org/>
Our Savior Dayton OH VBS

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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

Ronnie Gallion 5/12

Kate Swedlund 5/8



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)

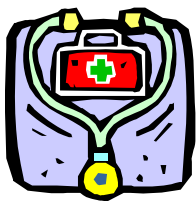
Event Mission Statement:

Witnessing with Wisdom and Wit

Event Purposes:

- Evening out for good, clean humor with the message of faith
- Humor brings joy which brings peace
- Laughter is good medicine
- Humor brings stress relief
- To bring hope into a community (Dayton Metro Area) with uncertainty
- All humans, whether Christians or not, have the same struggles in life. By participating in this event, the visitor will see the support found in the faith community.
- Charles Marshall shares his own personal faith story

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



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Each year more than one million Americans are diagnosed with the most common type of cancer – skin cancer. The three main types are either basal or squamous cell which seldom become life threatening, but the third type, melanoma, can be very dangerous. When diagnosed early, melanoma can be cured. The cells called melanocytes are where the cancer begins. They produce the protective pigment or skin coloring known as melanin. Exposure to the ultraviolet rays of sunlight increases the melanin in your skin and your skin darkens. This also applies to indoor tanning beds. Basal and squamous cell carcinomas of the skin usually do not spread to other parts of the body but melanoma can spread if it is not diagnosed and treated at an early stage. If melanoma cells reach vital internal organs and grow, they are more difficult to treat and less likely to be cured. No one is entirely safe from getting melanoma. Risk factors include numerous, irregular, or large moles, close blood relatives who have had melanoma, or being personally diagnosed with melanoma in the past. Family life-style of frequent sun exposure, living where there is intense year-round sunshine, a family trait of fair skin, inheriting a gene mutation, or a combination of these can cause melanoma. A person's chance of developing melanoma increases as a person gets older like most cancers. To prevent melanoma avoid exposure to intense sunlight by wearing protective clothing, sunglasses, and a hat,

and use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Be familiar with your skin and your own skin pattern of freckles, birthmarks and moles. If you find any new or changing skin growths call your doctor. The best defense against melanoma is early detection and treatment.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, I WILL BE FAITHFUL!

by Pat Griffy

I am very grateful to the Health Ministry Committee for providing the opportunity that helped me discover a condition that was threatening my health. I first began going for blood pressure screening every 6 months. This was very convenient and comfortable for me to have this service provided here in my church on Sunday mornings. Then one month there was an elevation that I had hoped was a one time reading. For the next two consecutive months it continued to elevate even higher. It was at the time that the team encouraged me to visit my doctor. After seeing my doctor and sharing the record maintained by the team, he put me on medication. There were three adjustments made in medication to bring my readings in to the normal range. I still continue to have my blood pressure taken after worship the second Sunday of each month. I strongly encourage YOU and everyone else to take advantage of this opportunity.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place on May 10 and 11 after all the worship services.

A Time to Receive ...

*"Inch by inch ...
row by row"*

We will gather as a
community of faith on



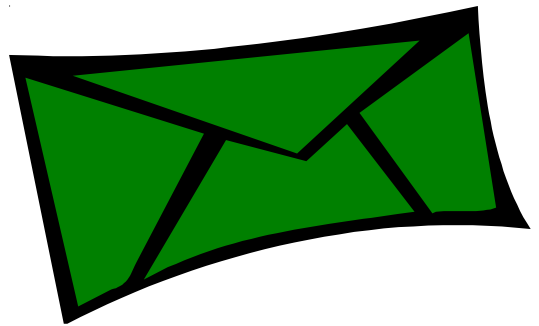
JUNE 1, 2008

9:45 a.m.

(only ONE Worship Service this weekend)

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

Receive a tangible gift to enable you
to experience unique opportunities



You must be present to receive on June 1.

Watch your mail for more details and pay attention to the series of advertising throughout the church; and reserve June 1 on your calendar.



MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 10:00 p.m. Spiritual Journey	3 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 12:00 p.m. Youth brunch prep 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 4:30 p.m. Jr. High SCS 5:30 p.m. Worship
4 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH & FAIR TRADE FAIR 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 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	5 1:00 p.m. Circle - Willauer	6 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	7 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 4:30 Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	8 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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18 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 12:00 p.m. Summer SCS volunteers meeting 12:00 p.m. Youth lunch 6:00 p.m. Bridge group pot luck	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:00 p.m. WELCA board 7:00 p.m. Council	20 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff @ Applebees	21 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 Golf league	22 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	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
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Youth Group News



May 4 is our annual **Mother's Day brunch**. In addition to delicious breakfast and lunch selections, we will also be hosting a **Fair Trade Fair**. Our last Fair Trade

Fair was so successful, we thought this would be a great time to host another one. This will be a great opportunity to pick up a gift for Mom or Grandma. Purchasing from the Fair Trade Fair will benefit both the youth group and the craftsman, artists and farmers who produce the goods sold at the fair.

The youth group is also selling **Pampered Chef** items. We will receive 20% of the sales, which will go towards our trip. The easiest way to shop is to go on line to www.pamperedchef.biz/kellyleone

If prompted for a password use WP64. That way any online orders placed will be credited to our group. You can even have it shipped directly to you. Of course you can still get a Pampered Chef catalog from any youth group member if you prefer.

We are also listing items on EBay as a fund-raiser. If you have anything you would like to donate, give me a call or drop it off at church.

Lastly, we have been working at a number of member's homes doing spring cleaning,

moving and yard work. If you need help, give us a call. The more notice you can give us the better. Thanks again to Vicki Waltz, Doug Hammer, Vicki Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Scamp and Ron Greene for hiring us and donating to our trip fund. We really do appreciate you!

- Celeste

UPCOMING DATES:

May 3 - Brunch Prep 12:00 noon

May 4 - Brunch 8:00 a.m. until done

May 18 - Youth Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.



What: That Day in May Parade

When: Saturday, May 17

Who: All ages are encouraged to walk or ride in the parade with our float.

Why: This is one way we let our community know we are here.

How: Meet at the church garage (behind the main building) at 10:45 a.m.

-OR-

Meet at the staging area (place TBA) at 11:15 a.m.

We need people to carry a sign advertising our upcoming comedian event in October. We also need people to distribute Vacation Bible School brochures and jumping frog toys.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

March 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$48,524.59
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	877.00
Memorials:	120.00
HVAC Project:	2,876.40
Rest of Foundation monies:	996.62
Youth fund - Mission trip	2,512.50
Expenses:	\$56,257.51
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$27,079.70

2008 Totals (as of April 18)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$109,130.34
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	10,278.09
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	3,100.44
Memorials:	245.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	8,551.00
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	996.62
Youth fund - Mission trip	3,684.00
YTD Expenses:	\$171,038.42
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$30,521.49

Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,
MAY 19**

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.

At the end of 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 May 31. If you have any questions, please call the church office (293-1147).

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Just as always our Blooming Spring has arrived! Tra la! You don't have to travel far before you will see a Bradford Pear, Red Bud, Dogwood or Magnolia tree and a sunny Forsythia bush! And when someone has the wisdom and foresight to plant a row of trees that bloom the view is awesome. Hope many of you drove by the 70,000 plus daffodils on Ridgeway Rd. ... a beautiful sight!

May 2 is Church Women United's Friendship Day. It is a luncheon at noon at the Phillips Temple CME Church. Carolyn Haman is our keywoman. Churches of all denominations worship together, meeting in different churches, inspiring all to keep their faith strong.

Sunday, May 4 following the second service is the youth-sponsored Mother's Day brunch. This is a great way to help the youth raise money for their upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic. If you can't make it on the 4th, there is a container in the narthex to use for monetary gifts.

Our women in our circles are assembling layettes for Lutheran World Relief. Karen Tyson is the coordinator. Donations of Ivory soap (bath size) and wash cloths are welcome. More information will be given.

Thanks to Ginny Foell for keeping us organized the past four months.

It's time to update our directory for WELCA, so remember to give the information to your groups leader. We welcome any suggestions as to what information should be in our directory. We

want all women of the church to be well informed about our organization.

Yes, the world can be ugly, but that can be overcome with the beauty that surrounds us, whether it be a daffodil or a dandelion!

See you in church.

Shirley Coen

MAY MEETINGS

- Monday, May 5 - 1:00 p.m. Gloria Willauer, 142 Greenmount Blvd.
- Wednesday, May 14 - 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Haman, 8917 S. Palmer Rd. New Carlisle, OH
- Wednesday, May 28 - contact Wendy Halverson 293-0559 for time and place

Joy Group

JUNE EVENT

On Sunday, June 1, the JOY Group will gather at Wright State University to see their production of the Gershwin musical "Lady, Be Good". Following the performance, we'll meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Cost for the 3:00 p.m. performance is \$16 per person with payment due by May 2. Dinner will be on your own. Contact Mike or Sue Longo, 293-5282 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Remember, all Joy Group events are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you work during the week, but are free to attend this Sunday afternoon performance, please sign up.

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

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

Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law

Todd Barr, friend of Mary Kaye Rhoades

Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Debbie Darst, friend of Rita Boord

J.A. Dava, friend of Michelle Haun

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, friend of Pam Stephens

Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son

George Marker, Sharon Griffy's father

Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife

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

Justin Skinner, friend of the Stephens family

Sherry Snow, friend of Ginger Minneman

Bill Thum, Mary Kaye Rhoades' brother

Cheryl Waltz, Gwen's niece



Families of the Month:

Marion Bieser

Fran Van Steenburgh

Fran Updegraff

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.

