



The VOICE of Our Savior

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MAY 2010

Pastor's Message

Dear People of God,

The gift of community is priceless in our faith journey as God's people. It is a collection of people called together by the Holy Spirit to support, encourage, comfort, journey with, and nurture one another in the faith. Part of what the community does is celebrate those special life-passages that we experience. On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate one of those passages for **Ryan Kugel** and **Lauren Worley**, as they affirm their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation. Our community of faith has journeyed with Ryan and Lauren as they went through our confirmation program, learning and discerning what it means to be a child of God. Now, they are being asked to stand up, accept and utilize the faith that God gave them in Baptism, and we will celebrate with them. But our task is not over: just as we come together to support and encourage one another in the faith, we will continue to do the same with and for Ryan and Lauren. Please keep them in your prayers as their Confirmation Day nears. Continue to help them look for ways to use the gifts God has given them. And

invite them to work with you in ministry here at LCOS and in our community.

In Christ's joy,

Gary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will hold a congregational meeting on **Sunday, May 2**, 11:45 a.m. for a two-fold purpose: to act on the congregation council's recommendation that we extend a call as Associate in Ministry to Rachel Lammi, and that \$5,000 be moved from the Local Benevolence Fund to Social Ministry to help fund the JLI Passages Program.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Chapel

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

WORSHIP THEMES

May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

May 16, Ascension of Our Lord

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

May 23, Pentecost

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

May 30, Holy Trinity

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other God like ours. Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

LUTHERAN COURSE

We will gather on **Tuesday, May 18** 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 concludes our discussions.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

This month, our public discussion group will meet on **Monday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.** at Chappy's Tap Room and Grille, on Alex Bell Road.

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

The congregation council met on Monday, April 19, with a quorum present. A discussion and reading of Psalm 23 was our opening devotion, led by Pastor Eichhorn. Don Anstaett, our financial secretary, reported that while current member offerings are down from last year, our bottom line looks good at this time. Treasurer Don Hartman announced that the first quarter Foundation payment has been received; the Fifth/Third loan is now closed, and we are currently paying back ourselves at a rate of \$1800/month. Pastor Eichhorn reported on his continuing education experience in Minnesota last month, which was an executive leadership event dealing with hospitality, youth faith development, organizational branding and launching strategic plans. Rachel Lammi reported that the girls attending the weekly after school "Hang Time" are coordinating the parade entry in Oakwood's That Day In May festival (May 15). During committee reports, we learned that recruiting for VBS and Summer Sunday School leaders is going well; the Foundation Board is reviewing the current investment policy statement and making needed changes; the Property Committee has signed a contract with Houser Asphalt, and the church parking lot is receiving some much-needed repair and resealing; the Youth Group is actively involved in a number of projects, including selling food during the Oakwood Rotary garage sale that is being held at LCOS on April 24. New Business included awarding accrued interest from the Willauer Scholarship Fund to Kira Fenstermacher and Jennifer Hanna; voted to recommend to the congregation that \$5000 be moved from the Local Benevolence Fund

into the Social Ministry budget for continued support of the JLI Passages program. We had a discussion about creative approaches to congregational ministry, which included accepting an invitation that came from a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church to explore creative building usage, as well as exploring with members of St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave.) how to expand our joint ministry relationship.

JEREMIAH'S LETTER FOOD DRIVE

On May 1 and 2, our Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a food drive for Jeremiah's Letter. You are encouraged to bring any of the following items to church that weekend:

- canned fruit
- canned meat
- juice (regular and child-size)
- jelly
- spaghetti sauce
- broth based soups
- snacks (jello, puddings, pretzels, cookies)

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*



GILLIGAN'S ISLAND & THE 7 DEADLY SINS

The "Three Hour Tour continues" in the Adult Discussion Group led by Sharon Griffy. This study group meets Sundays at 9am in the lounge at the back of the sanctuary.

SPECIAL WEEKEND MAY 22 & 23

Teacher & Assistant Recognition and Confirmation

Come share your thanks with our 35 volunteer teachers, assistants and substitutes during worship. The Christian Education team is hosting a reception after 10:30am worship on May 23 in honor of our Sunday School volunteers and the 2010 confirmands.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 13 - August 29 (no class July 4)

Parents: be sure to bring your children to worship @ 9:45am each Sunday this summer. Your child(ren) ages 4 to grade 3 will learn more about God, the Bible, and faith through fun hands on activities; while you have an opportunity to focus on the Sermon.

GALATIC BLAST VBS

June 21-25, evenings

Register & Volunteer now: your ideas and creativity are wanted by the Christian Education Committee to make VBS 2010 the best ever. Watch for the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary/chapel, or contact Rachel Lammi (ras@oursaviordayton.org) if you are interested in helping.

CAMPERSHIPS

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the LCOS camperships! A total of \$646 was awarded to the following students: Sammi Auditore, Kiandra Coon, Delainie Sims, Rachael Stowe, Richard Wilson, Seth Wilson and Grace Wilson.

HANG TIME CONTINUES

Grades 5 – 8 gather in the dungeon on Tuesdays after school until 5pm. Kim Buechele is the adult supervisor for this activity. We are seeking additional adult volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Lammi or Kim Buechele.

THAT DAY IN MAY PARADE

The youth who participate in Hang Time after school are organizing a church float for the 2010 parade. They are asking ALL LCOS members to help walk with and ride the float on May 15. RSVP to Rachel at the church office. Meet May 15 near the corner of Claranna & Shafor at 11am.

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



Our youth were busy in April. Thanks to all the youth and parents who helped out with the preparation, cooking and clean-up of the Easter breakfast. We had eight youth helping with the set-up. Five youth stayed for the lock-in and got up early Easter morning to help cook breakfast. A big thanks to Marty Beyer and Lacie Sims who led the youth in cooking breakfast.

Six youth went to IKEA with Pastor Gary, Kim Buechele and Mike Weaks to get furniture for the dungeon (the youth meeting room). It is undergoing redecorating and refurnishing with help from youth and adult volunteers and funds from a much appreciated grant.

A planning meeting was held Sunday, April 18. Thank you to the Coon family for the great dinner! Many great ideas were provided by the ten youth that were in attendance. We will keep you updated for future events.

Fund-raising was done by the youth on Saturday, April 24 at the church. We provided breakfast and lunch to people who were shopping at the Oakwood Rotary garage sale that was held at the church. It was a new adventure for the youth.

Please keep bringing in your pennies for our Pennies for Peace project. The container is still in the narthex. Our project ends when school does in June. Thank you for your support!

Future Events:

- Sunday, May 2 - Youth dinner meeting with Pastor Gary at church, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15 - That Day in May parade, meet near the corner of Claranna & Shafor at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 16 - Youth dinner meeting with Pastor Gary at church: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- June 18-19 - Wedding set-up / clean-up
- June 21-25 - Vacation Bible School volunteering



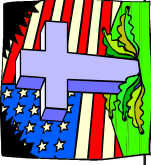
Thank you to the Stowe Family for organizing the great service Adopt-a-Park event.



The Holy Terrors next event is Vacation Bible School, June 21-25.



MAY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choir 9:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship Congregation meeting 11:30 a.m. Handbells 6:00 p.m. Youth	3 1:00 p.m. Circle - Willauer	4 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	5 7:00 a.m. AA	6 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	7	1/8 9:00 a.m. At-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & At-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
9 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i> 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	10	11 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 7:00 p.m. Foundation Bd	12 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Haman	13 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	14	15 <i>That Day in May</i> 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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23 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 3:00 p.m. Scared Harp	24 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	25 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:00 p.m. Hang Time	26 7:00 a.m. AA 6:30 p.m. Circle - Lammi	27 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	28	29 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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HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

JOIN HANDS DAY

On the first Saturday in May, fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike come together for Join Hands Day. This is a national volunteer day sponsored by fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations to generate awareness about what volunteerism can do in communities across the nation. It provides the opportunity for individuals to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and to develop new relationships. Join Hands Day is open to everyone whether they are a member of a club, lodge, congregation, business, or on their own. Youths and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize and implement the day's activities. Through this, relationships are built across generations that restore confidence, trust and respect for each other and creates a sense of community. Youth groups find adult organizations, and adult organizations find youth groups to develop a partnership for the day to work hand in hand to make a difference in their neighborhoods. Today, the separation between the ages is more predominant than ever before. The Mission of Join Hands Day is to "measurably increase understanding and rapport between a growing number of young people and adults who participate in the day's local projects, and other activities and events that follow."

An example of an activity, although it

occurred in April, was the Holy Terrors participating in the Metro Parks Service Event where they cleaned up a one-mile section of waterway and/or removed litter and did other "earth-friendly" tasks at one of the MetroParks. Another example is the "Rebuilding Together" community rehab project at the Wesley Community Center to paint and help with other projects.

The Vision of Join Hands Day is for young people and adults to replace false impressions and stereotypes with the truth about each other. Together, they will build a community of support for healthy cross-generational relationships. The ultimate goal is to improve life in neighborhoods, and increase optimism about the future. Anyone or any group of individuals can learn about how to get involved at joinhandsday.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Will be taken after all worship services on May 8 & 9.

The Walk to Qatar continues. Keep turning your miles into the church office via the offering plate or by emailing ras@oursaviordayton.org.

JUNE CEREAL DRIVE

The June food drive emphasis will be *Cereal*. The Social Ministry Committee encourages you to bring any and all types of breakfast cereals to the church on **June 5 and 6**. Individual boxes are especially desirable.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

March 2010

Offerings (against budget):	\$30,099.06
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	2,235.00
Memorials:	20.00
HVAC Project:	3,491.00
Special Projects:	266.00
Expenses:	\$40,691.71
(Receipts - Expenses):	-\$ 7,265.68

2010 Totals (as of April 18)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$104,640.28
Loan Payment (from savings):	10,278.09
Foundation (against budget):	10,278.09
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	5,260.04
Memorials:	880.00
HVAC Project income:	12,983.00
Special Projects:	1,205.00
YTD Expenses:	\$172,965.34
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$37,263.29
Current HVAC Loan	\$441,286.70

- Submitted by Don Hartman



MONDAY,
MAY 17

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 Fred Walker:

John Vollbrecht
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Lackson

In memory of Helen Davis:

Martin Davis
Jay Davis
Matt & Cassie Rose
Loyal Order of Moose #73
Mr. & Mrs. Kepler Davis
LCOS JOY Group
Nancy Freudenberger
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dempster
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Coen
Virginia Adams
Mary Lou Frick
Onnolee Rader
Ohio Eyecare Specialists



Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

What a colorful, beautiful Spring we've all been enjoying! And the dandelions will continue to add their touch throughout the Summer.

Friday, May 7 is Church Women United's May Friendship Day. This year it is a fish dinner at 5:00 p.m., cost is \$8, it is being held at the St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike in Trotwood. Our key woman is Carolyn Haman, call her for further information, 667-9159.

That Day in May (in Oakwood) is Saturday, May 15. LCOS will have banners, etc. to spread the good word about our Vacation Bible School. All our welcome to ride or walk beside our special float.

May 15 is a special day for Camp Fire USA (formerly the Camp Fire Girls organization) All former leaders and participants are urged to attend their Centennial Celebration at Camp Shawano from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Over night camping is also welcome.

We are still collecting items for the health kits for Lutheran World Relief. We need hand towels, nail clippers, combs and band-aids. There are marked boxes for the items in the pantry, near the elevator and kitchen on the ground floor.

Looking ahead. Vacation Bible School is June 21-25 in the evening with the interesting title ... Galactic Blast. This will be a wonderful week for family, food and fun. If you would like to help contact Rachel Lammi (ras@oursaviordayton.org). To attend, a sign up sheet is in the narthex or entry to the chapel.

Although expected, the bulbs we planted in the Fall before are always a pleasant

sight, beautiful with the promise of warmer weather. What the farmer sows, he reaps, he gives, he gets, he is rewarded. On page 36 of the May issue of Lutheran Woman Today I quote "As we give, we grow. Giving to the church is what sowing is to gardening. It plants possibilities. Both the givers and the receivers benefit in the process."

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

Note: If you wish you may pick up the magazine Lutheran Woman Today in the WELCA slot in the narthex.

MAY MEETINGS

- Monday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., Gloria Willauer, 142 Greenmount Blvd.
- Wednesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m., Carolyn Haman, 28 Aster Lane, Tipp City
- Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. Rachel Lammi, TBA

PROPERTY NEEDS YOU!!

Last year, we undertook an initiative to save money for the church by engaging the congregation in assisting with the upkeep of our wonderful facility. We have made progress in a number of areas. We are now trying to build a database of volunteers that identifies any special skills (e.g. carpentry, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, painting, etc.) that our congregation members may possess and wish to share with the church.

Please respond to Terri (teb@oursaviordayton.org) with the following information: name, special skills, number of hours you could donate per month, e-mail address and phone number. We request your response by May 1 so we can begin forming work teams to work on some of our higher priority projects. Thank you!

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

Don Cox

Al Davis

Hilda Mae Durig

Nancy Freudenberger

Bryan Griffin

Harley Homan

Jim Lee

Lucille Loudenslager

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Thelma Snyder

Ralph Thomas

Bella Waltz

Pat Weibel

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Henry Aldridge, friend of the Harper family

Andrea Acquista, Steve Harper's niece

Eleanor Clauser, Laura Roberts' mother

Caelan Guthrie, Cap and Nancy Phillip's grandson

Julie Haines and family, Jackie Dawson's cousin

Jim Happensack, friend of Moira Levant

Walt and Betty Hildebrandt, friends of Suzanne Bruns

Dan McMichael, Moira Levant's uncle

Bonnie Mehlhorn

Ferne Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Jack Nelson, Jerry's father

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Carole Pauly, Anstaetts neighbor

Scott Petersen, Stu's brother

Dean Ramga, friend of the congregation

Shedd family, Pat Weeks family

Lazarus Siafa, friend of the congregation

Thomas Siafa, friend of the congregation

Robert Smith, Vicky Schmidt's father

Katie Taylor, Oakwood High School student

Do (Winkler) Wagner, friend of the congregation



Family of the Month:

Carolyn Bendrick