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Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Scripture tells us that in the waters and Word of Baptism, God connects us to people of every time and every place, that we become part of the family of God. And as part of that large, cosmic family, we are called to see each other as sisters and brothers all created in the image of the Creator, and therefore, called to relate to one another with love, acceptance and forgiveness. And in a time of instant communication, expanded transportation possibilities, and an increasingly pluralistic population in the Miami Valley, it is now possible to be in relation with people we once only read about or heard about on the news. This is both exciting and challenging – exciting because being in relationship with others different from ourselves broadens our spiritual horizons, and leads to understanding one another; challenging because humans historically don't like "different", building walls to separate the "same" from the different, and thus breaking relationships.

Jesus was all about tearing down walls (spiritual, emotional, physical), restoring relationships and sharing God's peace; and his mission to which we have been called is to continue that process. This fall, our congregation will launch a Peace Project designed to help us dismantle the walls in our lives, build relationships, and hopefully be a model of God's peace for the Miami Valley. September 9 (Rally Day) will kick off the multi-year emphasis, centered around the mission of *God's peace flowing through us – in our hearts, our homes and our world.*

But we do not have to wait until September to begin dismantling walls. This summer, the ELCA is holding its annual

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

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

WORSHIP THEMES

Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 6)

Visions of the end time work their way into our Easter worship. A strange and wondrous vision from God instructs Peter about how wide the new fellowship in Christ might be. John's vision of a new Jerusalem suggests that beginnings and endings are tied to Jesus. In the gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure. We, too, gather this day as Jesus' end-time community, with one foot planted in this world and the other in the world to come.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 13)

Visions are the distinctive mark of this day. Paul receives a vision from God telling him that he needs to leap from one continent to another to take the good news abroad. John the Seer shares his vision of the new Jerusalem - an image of what it means to live with God. Jesus is the reflection of God's plan for the world and for our lives.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 20)

"Come, Lord Jesus!" John the Seer shares the ancient prayer of the early church in today's second reading. Echoes of the prayer occur as the church gathers for the Eucharist, and some of us use those ancient words at our own dinner tables. The

"threefold truth" propels us into this day: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

Day of Pentecost (May 27)

An ancient Hebrew harvest festival that came to be associated with the giving of God's law at Mount Sinai, Pentecost became for Christians the occasion for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, feeding us at the eucharist, and sending us into the world to be bearers of that divine word that can raise the dead to new life.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Global Mission Event in our backyard, at The Ohio State University, July 19-22. This exciting event brings together people of all ages from all over the world to celebrate God's "relationship building" mission, and encourage and strengthen one another for global ministry. Our Youth Group will be attending this "world-wide" gathering, and I invite you to join them. You can attend the entire event, or go for a day. Brochures are available in the narthex, or you can learn more by visiting: www.elca.org/gme.

In a time when individual lives, communities, and nations are so fractured and hurting, now is the time for the church to be God's agent for God's peace. Please join me in not only praying for God to act – join me in being the answers to our prayers and work to break down the walls that keep God's people apart!

Yours partner in ministry,
Gary

Council Update

You have probably noted the chapel organ has been moved to the sanctuary. The Property Committee is ushering in lots of change. Asbestos abatement began on April 9 for the **Heating and Ventilation and Air Conditioning project**. The sanctuary organ is being protected from dust from this HVAC project. The **asbestos testing revealed no current problems**. The old boiler (that has not been used for about 40 years) is being cut up and removed. The current boiler that heats the church will soon be shut down, and then it will be removed; then the air handlers in the Fellowship Hall will be removed (dirtiest part of the project). New boilers are being ordered this week. The **project of updating our current system is scheduled to be completed by July 16**.

The Council voted to place the monies from the sale of 174 Lookout Drive into short term government bonds, to protect the principal, and to generate some of the loan repayment for the HVAC, as recommended by the **Finance Committee**.

By direction of the congregation, from the annual congregational meeting, the Council is borrowing \$350,000 to pay for this HVAC project.

There has been a reasonable response to the **"Investing in the Future" Campaign**, to help support this HVAC project. *Please send in your donations and pledges to help us update our infrastructure. We need your help.*

Window rehabilitation project (to restore the stained glass windows) is underway by BeauVerre Studios (Middletown), and they are in the process of restoring the 'leaded

cross/red glass' window (from the second floor parish house, overlooking the cul-de-sac), as directed by the Property Committee. From this initial window, the Property Committee will assess the work and consider a contract for restoring other windows.

The **water damage to room 209** of the parish house has been repaired.

The **rehabilitation of the floor in the chapel entrance area** is underway (repairing prior water damage).

Christian Education Committee is planning to host a reception for the **Confirmands** (Andrew Dickerson, Emily Kugel, Nicole Martinez, Morgan Nandrasy, and Alec Snead), after Confirmation Celebration on **Sunday, May 27, 2007**.

Christian Education Committee is also planning new lessons for Summer Sunday Church School, which will include "the Gospel by Harry Potter."

Pastor Eichhorn noted that the **Global Mission Event**, sponsored by ELCA, will take place at OSU during July 19-22, 2007. Those interested in seeing cultures from around the world come together in Columbus should consider attending.

Also to keep you up to date, and to encourage your comments, **The Worship Committee** has established a Blog (short for Web Log), and you should check it out at <http://LCOSWorship.blogspot.com>.

Steve Swedlund, Council Chair



**MONDAY
MAY 21**



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Important Dates

- May 27 – Classroom clean-up day & Confirmation reception
- June 10 – Teacher recognition

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007

The Great Bible Reef

Mark your calendars now

July 30 – August 3

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Activities (for all ages) 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Great food, including Octopus hot dogs and an ice cream social.

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the narthex or by contacting a VBS team member (Scott & Amy Bryant, Sonia Davila, Rachel Spry).

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

In May we celebrate baptismal birthdays with:

Ronnie Gallion III, 5-12-91

Kaleb Swedlund, 5-12-02

Kate Swedlund, 5-8-05

Please take a moment to encourage these children of God in their faith by dropping them a note in the mail or sharing an encouraging word in person.

Were you baptized in May, but don't see your name listed? Please email Rachel Spry with the date of your baptismal birthday.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Quest for Truth and The Gospel According to Harry Potter

This summer, students age 4 to grade 3 will explore how the *Harry Potter* series relates to the Christian Gospel message. Volunteers are needed to teach the children for 45 minutes each Sunday from June 10 – September 2. Materials are provided and easy to use. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Spry (293-1147) or Che Brewer-Coon (396-0147).



Mothers Play Group & Bible Study

We will begin on June 6 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the nursery. If interested, please RSVP to Rachel Spry at 293-1147.

Bad Girls of the Bible

This Bible discussion begins Thursday, June 7 and continues each Thursday of June at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rachel Spry at 293-1147 or ras@oursaviordayton.org to reserve your book!



"THAT DAY IN MAY" PARADE Saturday, May 19

Meet at the church garage at 10:45 a. m.

Youth Group News

Hello Youth Group Families,
Happy Spring!
I want to extend a huge thanks to the Harper



family, Sue and Anna Harbaugh, Chelsie Cooper, Dustin Everhart and Michael Weaks for all of their hard work to make the Adopt-A-Family Easter shopping and delivery possible. This really is a huge undertaking and I could never have gotten it done without the help of these people. We made 12 families very happy by sharing Christ's love with them and providing them with food for the holiday.

In April, we also had a terrific time seeing Ted Neely in Jesus Christ Superstar. This event was very meaningful for all 15 of us who saw it at the Schuster on the 22nd.

Our lunch meeting in April was very productive. We came up with some exciting new ideas for fellowship and spiritual renewal. Here is a schedule of upcoming events, but be sure to watch your mail for more details!

MAY

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| 5 | 12:00 p.m. | Brunch prep |
| 6 | 8:00 a.m. | 3rd Annual Mother's Day Brunch |
| 20 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch at Panera followed by Kiln' Time |

JUNE

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| 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Baking for Bake Sale |
| 3 | | Following Worship - Bake Sale |
| 23 | TBA | Splash Moraine |

JULY 19-22 ELCA Global Mission in Columbus

AUGUST 17/18 Camping

"INVESTING IN THE FUTURE" UPDATE

Being only in the 2nd week of the fund drive we have had a great initial response. As of April 15, we have received 14 one-time or initial gifts totaling \$9,150.00. We have had 7 families pledge \$24,260 over the next 3 - 5 years. This brings us to a total of \$33,410 towards Phase 1 goal of \$350,000. I extend my special thanks to those families that have sacrificially given to date. Not all families can give at the same level. We ask that all members look into their own heart to find the gift that best fits your blessing from God. Whether you are making just a one-time gift or an ongoing pledge, we are encouraging all members to return their pledge cards by April 30. We need your cards back, so the financial committee can plan future budgets. If for some reason you didn't receive a pledge card, please contact the church office. In the next couple of weeks we will be contacting members that haven't returned their cards.

Doug Hammer

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*
Steve Swedlund, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



A great turnout for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Palm Sunday




Easter Sunday



A very appreciative first grade class at Patterson-Kennedy School for the school supplies.

MAY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	2 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 4:30 p.m. Golf league 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	3 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	4	5 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 12:00 p.m. Youth prep for brunch 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
6 "Cereal Sunday" 8:00 a.m. Brunch 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choirs 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 5:00 p.m. Confirmation at St. Paul, Dogleg Rd.	7 1:00 p.m. Circle Mary Helen Lecklider 3:30 p.m. Staff	8 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	9 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle Carolyn Haman 4:30 p.m. Golf league	10 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	11	12 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
13 Mother's Day 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choirs 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 12:00 p.m. Property	14 Project Blessing 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	15 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	16 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	17 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 2:00 p.m. Bethany Communion	19 8:00 a.m. church work day "That Day in May" parade 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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27 Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's choirs 9:15/9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp	28 OFFICE CLOSED 	29 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	30 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	31 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 3	

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Today is the *Voice* deadline ... the weather is windy, cool and drab ... I'm hoping you'll be reading this in the sunny, mild, colorful, merry month of May!

May 4 is Church Women United's Friendship Day. It is a noon luncheon at St. Luke Baptist Church. Let Carolyn Haman, our key woman know if you would like to attend, 845-8766.

May 6, Sunday following the second service is the youth sponsored Mother's Day Brunch, when you can enjoy a variety of delicious food from their breakfast menu.

May 27 is Confirmation Sunday.

June 1 is the beginning of the terms for our circle leaders: Ginny Foell for Monday afternoon, Joyce Strohming and Mary Rish for Wednesday morning and Sonia Davila and Donna Gorrell for Wednesday evening. We thank Carolyn Haman for being our chairman for the last four months and we welcome Karen Tyson as our chairman from now through August. Any questions or information about our women's organization just give Karen a call, 434-4645.

In case you missed this message from Pastor Eichhorn, it really needs repeating. He reminded us to be open to the needs of others, to ask God to help us meet those needs ... here's the punch line ... May God lead you to be a blessing to someone else this week!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

MAY MEETINGS

- Monday, May 7 - Mary Helen Lecklider, 704 Brubaker Dr. at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 9 - Carolyn Haman, 8917 S. Palmer Rd., New Carlisle at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 23 - Rachel Spry, hostess; time and place to be announced.

ADD YOURS TO THE EFFORT

It takes just a moment to cut those coupons from food packaging, but the effort can make a big difference to the charities that receive them. Everyone can help swell the coffers of our Ministry Partners with things we often discard. Last year, Oesterlen earned a much needed van through the promotions, freeing scarce funds for other needs. Place your labels/coupons in the containers attached to the bulletin board in the office hall.

Campbell's labels - Lutheran School, Oesterlen Services for Youth

General Mills "Boxtops for Education" - Lutheran School, Oesterlen Services for Youth

Betty Crocker coupons - Oesterlen Services for Youth

Postage stamps - quarter inch margin, both standard and commemorative - Women's Council, Dayton District

CHURCH WORK DAY Saturday, May 19

Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and work will start at 8:45 and end around 10:00. Everyone is invited to join us.

Joy Group

OUTING FOR MAY

The JOY Group will have an outing with a tour of SunWatch Indian Village, 2201 West River Road, on Tuesday, May 29. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m and last from 1-1/2 to 2 hours. This will be a guided tour. If the walk is tiring, there are seats in the buildings to rest, but no trams are available.

We will have lunch at Bob Evans on West Dorothy Lane in front of the WalMart Super Store near the corner of South Dixie and Dorothy Lane. Meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. For those who do not want to go to lunch, be at SunWatch at 12:45 p.m., fifteen minutes before the tour starts.

A sign up poster will be in the narthex, with directions and other information. Contact Roy or Mary Lou Frick, 293-8080, if there are further questions.

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you Girl Scout Troop 2169 for donating 12 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to New Hope Food Pantry. I am sure they will appreciate those special cookies. LCOS members donated an additional 59 items to the food pantry for the month of March.

Thank you to all who have given so generously. The ladies at New Hope Food Pantry said family sizes are increasing rapidly. They give food to families with 7 & 8 members. Their shelves are still not full, and they are thankful for everything they receive. The last week of each month LCOS delivers donated food to the food pantry. Donations are accepted at any time, just place your food items in the small room off the kitchen.

Wendy Halverson

CEREAL SUNDAY MAY 5 & 6

Bring breakfast cereal to stock the shelves of the New Hope Food Pantry. Add a box to the grocery cart in the narthex. Any kind you'd like to share will be welcome. Hot cereals like oatmeal or grits, cold cereals, whether flakes or puffs or ... whatever shapes you like. Any and all kinds will help hungry folks.

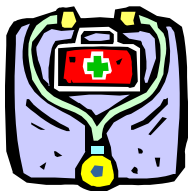
WORSHIP BLOGS

The Worship Committee maintains a blog (short for "web log") that appears at www.lcosworship.blogspot.com. The blog is updated several times a week with postings (short articles) about worship and music at our church. It is designed to share information with members of our congregation and to let the wider community know what is going on at LCOS. Blogs are an interactive media. Anybody can share comments by clicking on the "comments" link at the end of each posting and following the instructions. Another blog shares news about the Sonshine Choir, visit it at www.sonshinechoir.blogspot.com.

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



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

GET YOUR ACT IN GEAR

Birds are chirping, and the days are getting longer. Spring is in the air, so get a spring in your step. Exercise, as simple as walking, is a good practice for everyone. A brisk walk burns fat and strengthens your heart. Start with taking the stairs instead of the elevator – if you are going to the fourth floor, walk to the second and take the elevator to the fourth at the beginning. Park a little further away when you go to the store. The Malls are a good place to walk and window shop if you don't want to walk outdoors or if the weather is not good. Another good exercise is bicycling. There are bicycle trails in the area, or ride around your neighborhood to enjoy the sights and sounds. For safety, a bicycle helmet is recommended as statistics show that a high percentage of cyclists' brain injuries can be prevented by a helmet (Bicycle Safety Institute, www.helmet.org). Helmets are inexpensive. The typical discount store price is about \$15, but there are still models available for under \$10 at major retailers. If you have a disability that prevents you from walking easily or riding a bike, exercising with a chair either from a sitting position or a standing position can be done, and the Health Ministry Team has a brochure that explains how to do these. If you have been inactive for a while remember to consult with your physician before beginning an exercise program. *"If exercise could be packaged into a pill, it would*

be the single most widely prescribed and beneficial medicine in the nation." – Robert N. Butler, MD. Former Director, National Institute on Aging.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure screenings are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place the weekend of May 12-13 after all services.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

March 2007

Offerings (against budget):	\$45,178.21
Foundation (against budget):	28,983.83
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	717.00
Memorials:	0
HVAC Project:	350.00
Patterson-Kennedy School:	50.00
Expenses:	\$45,749.23
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$28,412.81

2007 Totals (as of 4/16/07)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$120,414.57
Foundation (against budget):	\$28,983.83
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	2,903.17
Memorials:	10.00
HHVAC Project totals ('06&'07):	10,960.00
Patterson-Kennedy School:	329.17
Oak Tree Corner toys:	237.05
YTD Expenses:	\$146,673.16
YTD Balance (Rcpts-Expenses):	\$2,725.24

- Submitted by Don Hartman

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

Judy Ault

Dorothy Belleman

Gus Brunzman

Don Cox

Edith Ellis

Roy Frick

Shelly Fulcher

Mary Ellen Granger

Bob Haman

Loren Metzler

Martha Miller

Jeff, Dana & Claire Oltmanns

Hema Rajaratnam

Jack Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Debbie LaMendola Darst, friend of Rita Boord

Mark Davis, Joan Gebhart's nephew

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Brandon Emmons, grandson of a friend of Jim Uphoff

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns mother

Jay Garrett, co-worker of Don Anstaett

Kamal Hanna, Phil's father

Cheryl Lee, Vicki Campbell's step-mother

John Klepinger, Karen Tyson's brother

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mother

Mildred McFarland, Shawn's grandmother

Fern Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Ralph Petersen, Stu's dad

Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt

Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq

Neva Sellman, Joan Gebhart's sister-in-law

Blanche Swedlund, Steve's mother

Don and Jim Swedlund, Steve's uncle and cousin

Dick Talbot, friend of the Tysons

Lida Talley, friend of Suzanne Bruns

Steve Thunell, Helen Stager's brother

Pat Weaks' family in Georgia, niece Brandy and brother James

Families and friends of the **Virginia Tech** victims



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.

