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Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In what we have come to know as the "Sermon on the Mount", Jesus said the following: *"Do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."* (Matthew 6:31-33) In these uncertain economic times, it is only human nature to give in to the temptation to worry about the future. And when we find ourselves in the whirlpool of worrying, Jesus' words can sound so trite. But there is powerful truth in what Jesus shares in these words, for when we choose to place our trust in God first, somehow everything else in life seems to fall into its proper place. That is not meant to imply that we merely sit back and do nothing as we wait for God to swoop down and save us. Rather, I believe it means trusting God to lead us in the right direction and to the right people and resources, and then actually listening for God's guidance ... and following it! To that end, the congregation council will be holding a "Town Meeting" for the congregation on **Sunday, May 3**, during the

Mothers' Day Brunch (hosted by the youth) in the fellowship hall. There will be a brief report on the "state of the church" pertaining to our attempts to remain faithful to God's mission in these uncertain economic times. You will have opportunities to ask questions and participate in the discussion. I am proud of our council's commitment to God's ministry as we make our way in uncharted waters! I hope you will make every effort to attend, support our youth, and learn more about the work of your church.

In Christ's peace,
Gary

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

WORSHIP THEMES

May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of

friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

May 24, Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

May 31, Pentecost

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

Council Update

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Eichhorn led us in prayer. After prayer we shifted to new business and Che Brewer-Coon, representing Christian Education, informed council of the "Book of Faith Resolution." After a thorough discussion and thoughtful consideration we voted to accept and adopt this and become a Book of Faith Congregation. Che asked to be excused and the meeting continued.

We reviewed the March Meeting's Minutes, voted and accepted them. During our financial review we learned that our offerings for the month of March were down nearly \$10,000. This is a concern because our investment portfolio has also decreased. On May 3 the youth group will be serving brunch to the congregation. I hope everyone will come. Also, if I could have a few minutes of your time during our brunch to explain how council is monitoring this situation and to answer questions from the congregation. We completed our discussion on allowing alcohol on LCOS premises. By consensus, council decided: no alcohol. We concluded our council meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jim Worley

**SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
BEGINS JUNE 7
9:45 a.m.**

TOWN MEETING

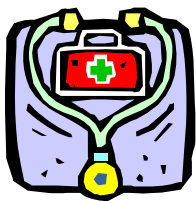
The congregation council will hold a "Town Meeting" on **Sunday, May 3**, at 11:45 a.m., in the fellowship hall (during the Mothers' Day Brunch hosted by our youth) for the purpose of sharing information about the "state of the church" during these uncertain economic times. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion. Please plan to attend.

SUPPLIES FOR THE TROOPS

At the end of last month, Marine Lance Corporal **Bryan Griffin**, returned to American soil, and is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Bryan and his family share their heart-felt thanks for all our prayers, letters, emails, and supplies we donated. We are still collecting supplies for our troops; they are merely being shipped elsewhere in Iraq. So keep them coming!

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

HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

Organ Donor Sabbath May 9 & 10
Blood Pressure Screenings May 9 & 10

ORGAN DONATION

Organ and tissue donation can save the lives of up to eight people, and enhance the lives of up to 50 more through tissue donation. Imagine if your life depended on receiving an organ transplant. Then imagine the emotional reaction when you receive a call that a matching donor had been located. More than 96,000 people are presently on waiting lists for a lifesaving organ transplant and a new name is added every 10 minutes. The 2003 ELCA social statement "Caring for Health: Our Shared Endeavor" affirms that cure and healing are shared endeavors in which care for another may include personal sacrifice. Becoming a donor is a personal decision, so it may help your decision by talking with your family, your friends, and/or your pastor. Organ and tissue donation is a unique opportunity to help save lives. The theme for Life Connection of Ohio this spring's campaign is "Donate. Save 8. Do It Now".

Becoming an organ donor simply requires the completion of a Donor Card when you renew your driver's license, from your computer by going to doitnowohio.org. or contacting the Dayton Chapter of Life Connections of Ohio at 223-8223 for a donor registration card. Donate. Save 8. Do It Now.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

In wanting to help model a change in our society for less waste and more conservation of resources, we are changing the way the monthly newsletter is made available to everyone. Currently, The Voice is posted on the church website (www.oursaviordayton.org) each month, and there is also a link to access past newsletters. We also publish and mail a 16-page paper version to every household in the congregation. With this issue, we will cease that mailing, except to our home-bound members. We will email the newsletter to the congregation, and it will still be posted on the church website. For those who are not on-line, paper copies of the monthly newsletter will be available in the church narthex, which can be picked up when they come to worship. Many organizations, including the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA, have made this change, and it has worked well. If you have other ideas as to how we, as a congregation, can make more of these changes, please contact the church office.

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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

Rome wasn't built in a day, or was it?

Come help paint the backdrop for the Bible School stage

Create large columns using boxes and spray paint

May 2 - 11:15am

Church basement & outside

Rome: Paul and the underground church comes

June 22-26

5:30pm Family Dinner

6:00 – 8:15pm Activities for ages 4 through grade 6

Youth going into 7th grade and older are welcome to be part of the VBS Staff

Nursery care is provided for volunteer families with children age 3 and younger

Be sure to register as a student or a volunteer today @ www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbx/LCOS2009



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Take a moment to say a prayer of thanks for these persons as they celebrate their baptisms this month.

Gwendolyn Erickson 5-18

Ronnie Gallion 5-12

Anson McFarland 5-24

Finley McFarland 5-24

Kaleb Swedlund 5-12

Kate Swedlund 5-8



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATES

Teacher Recognition Sunday

When the congregation gives thanks for all the hard work these volunteers put in during the year

May 17 - Reception @ 11:45am

A new curriculum is coming to Sunday Church School this fall called SPARK

An Informational Session with Cathy Bengson, Christian Education expert will follow the teacher recognition reception on **May 17**.

Summer Sunday Church School

Begins June 14

During 9:45 am worship

Coordinator and Teacher Volunteers needed

If you are interested in helping, please contact Ché Brewer-Coon (396-0147) or Rachel Lammi (293-1147).

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 31, is the Festival of Pentecost, the third major festival of the church (next to Easter and the Ascension). On that day, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will also celebrate the Order of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for the following youth who have completed their two-year study program:

Sarah Anstaett

Leah Beyer

Tommy Lane

Alex Maschino

Lindsay Stager

A reception honoring our 5 confirmands will be held in the parish house meeting room following worship.

Youth Group News



We had a fun and productive month in April and this month is shaping up to be busy as well. In April we assembled and delivered Easter baskets and gift cards for Easter dinners to all 15 of our adopt-a-families. We also met at CiCi's for lunch where we had a great turn out. On the 25th a number of our youth and their parents participated in Rebuilding Together. So far our youth have volunteered 38 hours in the last two months to help with worthy causes.

This month their good deeds will continue as we participate in Oakwood's CAREWalk, a 5k walk designed to raise money and breast cancer awareness. We will be walking on May 9.

Other events in May include our annual **Mother's Day brunch** that occurs the week before Mother's Day. This year's brunch will be May 3 following the second service. Be sure to come down to the fellowship hall and join us for delicious breakfast and lunch foods, as well as fellowship. Youth group members don't forget that we will be doing brunch prep on Saturday, May 2 from 12:00 to 2:00.

Due to the fact that we have the brunch, Mother's Day and Memorial Day this month, we will not be meeting for our monthly lunch meeting. We will resume

our lunches the second Sunday in June at Fazoli's on 741.

In June, July and August we will be doing volunteer work in congregation member's yards, the second Saturday of each of those months. If you think you might be interested in having some help in your yard, watch for more information in the bulletin and get your names to us. We will be working on a first come, first serve basis.

Please take note of the following dates:

- May 2 - Brunch Prep, 12-2
- May 3 - Brunch immediately following second service
- May 9 - CAREWalk, 8:30 a.m.
- June 13 - First Yardwork Day, 10-12
- June 14 - youth Lunch @Fazoli's immediately following second service



We built the chariot!

Now our youngest Holy Terrors take turns riding in the chariot, pulled by the older holy terrors and adults.

That Day in May Parade - May 16

10:45 am – Meet at church garage to ride float to parade

11:05 am – Meet float at Claranna & Shafor to ride/walk

12:00 – 12:45 pm – Parade from DLM to High School

1:00 –pm – Float returns to church garage

All children & youth must fill out and bring a permission slip, available in the narthex information center at church.

MAY 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship Mother's Day Brunch "Town Hall" meeting 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	4 1:00 p.m. Circle - Willauer	5 NO Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	6 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	7 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8	9 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
10 MOTHER'S DAY HMT Organ Sabbath 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Property	11 5:00 p.m. Health Ministry	12 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	13 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Haman 4:30 p.m. Golf league	14 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	15	16 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon That Day in May Parade 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
17 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 11:45 a.m. Teacher recognition reception	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Council	19 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Lutheran class 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	20 7:00 a.m. AA 2:30 p.m. Bethany Com. 4:30 p.m. Golf league 6:30 p.m. Circle - Hanna	21 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	22	23 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
24 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir 9:30 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Handbells 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Yoga class	27 7:00 a.m. AA 4:30 p.m. Golf league	28 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	29	30 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
31 8:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Confirmation						

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

March 2009

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

2009 Totals (as of April 18)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$104,640.28
Loan Payment (from savings):	10,278.09
Foundation (against budget):	31,061.94
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 18

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:

Bettie Savage
JOY Group
Jack & Ruth Whitaker
Nancy Freudenberger
Dick & Karen Tyson



NEXT MONTH – “E-NEWSLETTER”

This is the *last* paper newsletter you will receive via the US Postal Service (except for those who are home-bound).

Check your email or the church website (www.oursaviordayton.org) to receive *THE VOICE* starting in June.

Some printed copies of the newsletter will be available in the narthex “Information Center” for those of you not on-line. If you have an email address, but currently do not receive the weekly church email, contact Pastor Eichhorn at gwe@oursaviordayton.org.

MOTHER'S DAY



BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - 11:30 a.m.

All proceeds will go to the Youth Group

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK, as designated by National Federation of Music Clubs, is MAY 3 - 10

Theme ... Music ... Poetry of the Heart. Members of LCOS are invited to attend the Dayton Music Club noon-day recital at the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church. Time of the program is 12:10 p.m. and will feature Dr. Marshall Wareham, organist and family: Grant, organ and piano and Elizabeth, violin and piano. This program is free and a light lunch will follow.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you so much for your generous participation in the March Grocery Bag collection and the February Souper Bowl! The wonderful response to these two programs has boosted our giving for 2009 to 2,346 items so far. Wow! And it's only April! We'll have another giving program starting soon, but please keep the food coming in the meantime. Nourishment promotes peace, making a place for the Holy Spirit to live in God's people.

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

The month of May starts right off with May Friendship Day on Friday, May 1 with a luncheon at noon at David's Church (on the corner of West David and Mad River Rd.), sponsored by Church Women United. Carolyn Haman is our keywoman, so call her at 845-8766 if you are interested in going and we can carpool. This special organization always presents a worthwhile program.

Sunday, May 3 following the 10:30 a.m. service is the date for the annual Mother's Day Brunch. The youth of our church invite the congregation to enjoy delicious food and at the same time support their ambitious projects.

Each and every woman member of LCOS is welcome to attend the monthly meetings of our women's organization. There are no dues, you can be just as involved as you wish to be. You will gain much from the friendships and fellowship you receive from knowing your church family. You may call anyone listed in our current directory or Karen Tyson, 434-4645 who is our chairman from May through August.

Just as the farmers are starting to plant their crops in the Spring, looking forward to gathering the harvest in the Fall, here's a good idea: the next time you leave your home ... Plant kindness, Gather love!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

MAY MEETINGS

Monday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. - Gloria Willauer, 142 Greenmount Blvd.

Wednesday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. - Carolyn Haman, 8917 S. Palmer Rd. New Carlisle

Wednesday, May 20 evening, contact Sue Hanna, 299-3363

CHORAL CONCERT

The members of the Dayton Music Appreciation Choral Club invite you to attend their **75th Annual Spring Concert** to be given here at LCOS on **Friday, May 1** at 7:30 p.m. Heidi Thompson, a high school senior will be featured on organ and piano. Marguerite Bowden is the Choral Director and Wilma Meckstroth is the accompanist. Reception will follow in the parish meeting room.

BOOK OF FAITH INITIATIVE

Our congregation is becoming a Book of Faith congregation, about which you will hear a great deal in the weeks and months to come. The **Book of Faith** is the Bible for Christians (just like the book of faith for Muslims is the Koran, and for the Jews it is the Torah). The "Book of Faith Initiative" is a grassroots movement in the ELCA encouraging Lutherans to pick up the Bible, open it, read it, and share in study and dialogue. In the next year, our Christian Education Committee will be coordinating:

- more opportunities for training of Bible Study leaders
- more opportunities for Bible Study
- more opportunities to learn how to pick up the Bible and read it
- and much more.

Watch and listen for more details to come.

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

Bryan Griffin
Bob & Carolyn Haman
Harley Homan
Lucille Loundenslager
Michael & Sue Longo

Loren Metzler
Pastor Robert Neeb
Hema Rajaratnam
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Patrice Bayer, friend of Todd Stowe
Rita Becker, Chris' mother
Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita
Jeff Bundenthal, Judith Ault's son
Patty Carota, Bill Meyers' sister
Capt. Mark Cipolla, Pat and Sharon Griffy's son-in-law, in Iraq
Alexandra Frick, Mary Lou's granddaughter
Carl Gartner, friend of Tim and Laura Roberts
Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips
Julie Haines, Jackie Dawson's cousin
Mike Henry, Nancy's son
Linda Huff, Carol Judge's sister
Karis Hughes, Bob and Candy Bauer's niece
Mary Louise Husted, Suzanne Bruns' niece
Mary Kossar, Todd Stowe's cousin
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom
Dustin McGuinness, Vince Lewis' nephew
Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife
O'Leary family, Rita Boord's cousin
Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Janet Phillips, Tim Roberts' aunt
Sandy Rose, friend of Lynn Wirtanen
Eunice Watson, friend of Vicky Schmidt



We praise God for the life of
DAVID EARL SCHAEFER
November 20, 1931 – April 12, 2009

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.

