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Pastor's Message

"Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his throne with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good – tears gone, crying gone, pain gone – all the first order of things gone. ... Look! I'm making everything new." (Rev. 21:3-5, [The Message](#))

It is the Resurrection Faith that empowers us to know, with assurance, that there is more to life than our existence on this earth. God has seen to it, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we will live forever in the Kingdom of God. It is the Resurrection Faith that empowers us to live each day with meaning and purpose, with passion and hope, with integrity and character. It is the Resurrection Faith that draws us together in worship to sing out our thanks and praise to the God who breathes new life into our loved ones who have died and gone before us. It is with that certainty that we gather in worship to celebrate the gifts God shared with our community of faith through the lives of those who died this past year. The **Festival of All Saints** (November 2) is a time to remember with thanksgiving those who are, indeed, alive and well in the

Kingdom of God:

Mary Ellen Granger	d. 11.26.07
Carlos Westerman	d. 2.26.08
Theodore Pace	d. 2.27.08
Anne Buettner	d. 3.14.08
Florence Houpt	d. 3.29.08
Roy Frick	d. 6.01.08
Caryl Rader	d. 8.06.08
Edith Ellis	d. 9.26.08
Alan Crandall	d. 10.03.08
Nancy Henry	d. 10.18.08

Our community of faith has truly been blessed through the faithfulness of these servants of the Lord. May their ministry among us give us reason to celebrate the God who, most definitely, makes all things new!

In Christ's peace,
Gary

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Chapel

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

WORSHIP THEMES

All Saints Sunday (November 2)

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (November 9)

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost (November 16)

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the

coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Christ the King Sunday (November 23)

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

First Sunday in Advent (November 30)

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Council Update

Doug Hammer, chairman, asked council to remember in their prayers the family and friends of our recently departed fellow council member Nancy Henry. Nancy had been a long time member of LCOS and had volunteered to serve on council this past year.

Donna Gorrell, financial secretary, reported the undesignated offering are still up over last year. Growing together has raised \$8,418.79 to date. The *Investing in the Future* has received \$170,692 of the \$218,215 in pledges to date.

Don Hartman, financial treasurer, reported that we are currently running a deficit of \$31,602.22 against budget, and the HVAC loan is \$48,5599.82. Coming off the summer we normally run a deficit and offerings normally pick up in the fall.

Pastor Eichhorn informed and encouraged council members to attend Kurt Lammi's ordination service this Sunday at LCOS and this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for our members to be a part of this type of service.

Rachel Lammi reported that Linda Welin resigned as chairman of Christian Education. Linda has served in this position for 20 years. Che Brewer-Coon will be a co-chair at this time. Michelle Jackson Haun discussed the issues with low attendance in the senior high Sunday school class and asked council members to encourage any high school students to attend.

Doug Hammer reported the **Retire the Debt** campaign, to reduce the principle of the HVAC loan, will be mailing out letters to all members reminding them of the pledge made to *Investing in the Future* and the total

gifts reported to date.

It was reported that council is in the process of collecting the 2009 budgets from all committee chairs and should have a primary budget in the November meeting.

As past president of council, Steve Swedlund is charged with looking for candidates to fill the five positions that will need to be filled this year on council. Nominations will be accepted through November 23.

Since there were was no more issues to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

- Doug Hammer

FOOD AND HYGIENE PANTRY

Thank you for your generous donations of pasta and sauce! In September, we donated 165 pasta items and 220 other items, for a total of 385 items to New Hope Food Pantry. Also, Suzanne Bruns collected the hygiene pantry items to deliver to Jeremiah's Letter: 12 brown grocery bags and 2 boxes! Lord, we thank you for the blessing of surplus so that we can give some away.

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*
Doug Hammer, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*



SCS HIGHLIGHTS

AKALOO – Junior High

From September 14 through October 19, the Junior High Sunday Church School class spent time studying the Bible and what it says about Power. They are working on two service projects in relation to their studies on Power. This class is the group taking care of the Children’s Worship Activity Bags. This class is also preparing a progressive prayer vigil for the entire congregation. Watch future *VOICE* editions and the bulletin for more details as to when the progressive prayer vigil will take place.

AKALOO - Senior High - Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

Are you in grades 9 - 12? This class is designed to help you learn what the Christian Faith has to do with your life. Led by Michelle Jackson-Haun & Rodney Haun, and members of Sharon Griffy’s adult Sunday school class, you have time to discuss what you read in the Bible. There is also an on-line portion of the class which connects you with other Lutheran youth around the country.

Some Topics Discussed:

- What does the Bible say is right and wrong?
- Is Jesus really Divine?
- Is my body really a temple?
- What does the church say about the Bible’s Contradictions?
- What do other religions believe about God?

Parents, please strongly encourage your youth to participate in this growing opportunity. You may even use the power of example to get your youth participating. We have two adult Sunday School classes available for you as well. Make it a family thing.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all Angels, Shepherds Wise Guys and Gals ages 2 - 100...

We lead worship and tell the Christmas story during 4:00 p.m. worship Christmas Eve. To get ready, we have four rehearsals and two fellowship times with meals. Your leaders this year are Vicki Auditore, Sonia Davila, Rachel Lammi & Julie Zimmerman. Please let one of us know if you are going to participate so we are sure to have a part for you!

Rehearsal Dates

- Sunday, December 7, 12:00 noon – pizza and practice
- Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 19, 6:00 p.m. – dinner and practice
- Wednesday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. – practice
- Wednesday, December 24, 3:40 p.m. – get costumes on and lead worship!

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Please take time to drop a kind note to our youth celebrating their Baptisms this month.

- Kaylee Anstaett 11-12
- Matt Hanna 11-24
- Joshua Hughes 11-8
- Ryan McFarland 11-8
- Seth Tyson 11-24



PROJECT BLESSING

On Monday, September 15 the Social Ministry group served lunch to 127 people including 20 people from the staff at St. Pauls. Those helping were Jack and Ruth Whitaker and their daughter Debby, Bettie Savage, Margaret and Jim Brown. Also, a special thank you to Linda Welin, Beth Kost, Sue Hanna, Virginia Foell and Jan Wallace for making the cookies.

Youth Group News



During the months of September and October the youth group did three weddings and baby-sat during the Charles Marshall comedian event. The proceeds of these fund-raisers go to the youth group's account in our ongoing attempts to be self sustaining financially.

Dear Youth Group Members,

As we look ahead to fall and winter months, we will be contacting you to determine what you would most like to see happening in youth group, and what ways we can best meet your needs. This fall many of our members left for college and a large number of students became old enough to participate in youth group. This "changing of the guard" means we have the opportunity to hear from a new group of youth and reinvigorate the group with your new thoughts and ideas regarding youth group. In addition to talking with you and your families, I will be asking you to fill out an interest inventory in order to get a feel for what you would like youth group to be.

As of the end of October, we have several events already on the calendar. If you have not participated in youth group before, please consider joining us. We always have fun and would love to see you there. The second Sunday in November we will be

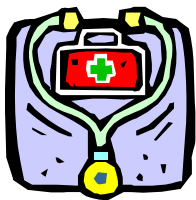
meeting at church and ordering Milano's. This will be an opportunity for youth and their parents to come together to discuss their ideas about youth group. Bring your calendar and ideas. November 29 and 30 we will be making and serving appetizers for Adventure Awaiting. In December we will be meeting for lunch on the 14th and we will also be coordinating and delivering Adopt-A-Family Christmas items for a family in need. Over the Christmas break we will have a lock-in at church (date to be announced.) In January we will go to YouthQuake in Cincinnati for a weekend of fun, faith and fellowship.

Watch your mail for more details on all of these events and more!

Celeste

Please clip the following list and post it on your fridge so you won't miss any of our events:

- **November 9** - Lunch Meeting at LCOS following 10:30 a.m. Service
- **November 16** - Deadline for registration form for YouthQuake 12:00
- **November 29** - Appetizer preparation 12:00
- **December** - Adopt-A-Family preparations, ongoing until 20th
- **December 14** - Lunch Meeting at Panera following 10:30 a.m. Service
- **December 20** - Adopt-A-Family delivery 9:00 a.m.
- **January 16-18** - YouthQuake



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. There are an estimated 23.6 million children and adults in the United States with Diabetes. Of these, nearly 25% (5.7 million) are unaware they have Diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food in the body into energy needed for daily life. Although genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play a role in those people who develop diabetes, the cause of the disease continues to be a mystery.

Why is diabetes such a devastating disease? Two out of every 3 people with diabetes die from heart disease or strokes. That is why people with diabetes need to not only control their blood glucose; they must also manage their blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Diabetes can be diagnosed by simple blood tests performed by your physician. Often diabetes is detected when a person comes to the emergency room with some other complaint, such as chest pain or shortness of breath. Typical signs of diabetes include unexplained excessive thirst and urination and weight loss. Call your physician if you experience these signs.

There are many new medications including newer types of insulin delivery

pumps on the market to help people with diabetes live fairly normal lives. Remember, not all diabetics need insulin to maintain normal blood sugars! Get the facts from the American Diabetes Association web site at www.diabetes.org.

Living with Diabetes? If so are you up to date on your flu and other vaccinations? Again, check with your physician to ensure that you are. It is especially important that you care for yourself with this chronic disease.

Diabetes can be a very crippling disease yet many people have learned to live quite successfully with this disease. Stay informed and up to date. Visit your physician regularly and keep your blood sugar under control. Stay active. These are all great tips from the Diabetes association.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS


Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next checks will take place on November 15 and 16 after all the worship services.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Charles Marshall comedian event a success! Terri Balsom, Chris & Susan Becker, Terry & Suzanne Bruns, Sharon Griffy, Karen Lingle, and Linda Welin.

We had 70 people enjoy this event, including 20 guests. Thank you to those who invited friends!



NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>Change clocks</i> 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 1:00 p.m. Circle - Back	4 VOTE 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	5 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 6:45 p.m. "Escape the Noise" - Chapel 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	6 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir		1 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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30 ADVENT 1 ADVENTURE Awaiting					28 OFFICE CLOSED	

Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

November, the month we accent thankfulness. To start off with, we get that hour back we gave up last Spring!

Before I give you important November dates, thanks to all of you who contributed items for our layettes project! Special thanks to Karen Tyson and Joyce Strohming for their extra sewing of "Onesies", etc. Together with your help we sent to Lutheran World Relief, 20 layettes and from our "sewing workshop" 8 quilts. They will be received with much thankfulness!

And it was with much thankfulness we honored Joyce Strohming at our WELCA Board meeting, for her 25 years of being our WELCA treasurer! That is many years of treasury reports and we have always been solvent!

November 4th ... Election Day ... thankfulness for the privilege to vote.

November 7th ... Church Women United's World Community Day. Lunch is at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Baptist Church. If interested in going call Carolyn Haman, our key-woman ... 845-8766.

November 8th and 9th ... We Care Arts (one of our Mission Partners) is having their annual Christmas Open House from noon to 4:00 p.m. Their unique gift shop is full of items for your holiday buying.

November 16th ... Thank Offering Sunday. On this day we women will be very visible at the 10:30 a.m. worship service as they assist with all positions. We want to honor all women of our church as they faithfully

serve God through Christian action. WELCA's annual observance of collecting our offerings that have been given in thankfulness this past year seems the perfect time to show thankfulness to all of our women.

November 27th ... Thanksgiving Day! Be sure to make note of our Thanksgiving Eve service. In fact it is a good idea to make a note on your calendar all church events that are coming up soon ... "tis the season" to celebrate and along the way show your gratitude. I've used these four lines before but they should be repeated to remind us that God is good.

Happy moments, praise God

Difficult moments, seek God.

Painful moments, trust God

Every moment, thank God.

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

NOVEMBER GROUP MEETINGS

- Pastor Eichhorn will present our program!
- Monday, November 3 - Wilma Back 1:00 p.m., 1411 Devereux Dr.
 - Wednesday, November 12 - Marion Schaefer 10:00 a.m., 2118 Sycamore Cove
 - Wednesday, November 19 - Sue Harbaugh, at the church, time TBA, call 294-4726



**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 17**



NOVEMBER EVENT

The Holy Terrors group will get together for our November event on

Saturday, November 15. The U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is having a Family Day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Family Day features various demonstration stations and hands-on activities throughout the museum, in addition to the regular displays. You are welcome to arrive at any time at the museum (open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), but we will meet at the Valkyrie Café in the museum at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (for those that wish to join us for something to eat or just enjoy the fellowship). We plan to attend the 1:15 p.m. storytime in the Early Years Gallery.

Please contact Sue Hanna (call 299-3363 or email sue@hanna-family.com) for further details on this event or to indicate if you will be attending. We'll have so much fun that the afternoon will just "fly" by!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

We Care Arts will be hosting a Holiday Open House on **Saturday, November 8** from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A family "Make it and Take it" will be available as well as music, refreshments and demonstrations. On November 9 the Open House will continue from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. with refreshments, music and a free ornament to the first 50 paying customers. All these activities will be going on at the Berkeley Center at 3035 Wilmington Pike, Kettering. For more information go to their website at www.wecarearts.org or call 252-3937.

Foundation News

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following people have donated to the Foundation in memory of Caryl Rader:

Bettie Savage
Mary Helen Lecklider
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lee
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephens
Jean Crawford
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Whitaker
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Strohminger
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cowen

In memory of Edith Ellis:
Sharon Neff

YOGA CLASS AT LCOS

Come join us by centering the self, stretching and strengthening the body, and calming the mind. Strength, flexibility, endurance and balance are combined using *hatha* yoga traditions in a *vinaya* style. This community service will give the instructor, Jeanine Parisi the opportunity to enhance her skills in a casual environment while giving the gift of yoga to an appreciative group. The class will meet every Tuesday starting on November 4 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The focus will be beginner and intermediate levels, but all are welcome. Please bring your own mat. Donations are accepted and will be used for building use.

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
Marion Bieser
John Buechele

Don Cox
Al & Helen Davis
Bryan Griffin (in Iraq)
Bob Haman

Loren Metzler
Pastor Robert Neeb
Hema Rajaratnam
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Robert Ashburn, Pastor Bob's father
Jean Black, Jan Swedlund's grandma
Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita
Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister
Stephanie & Nick Davis, grandchildren of Joyce and Ray Strohminger
Derek DeVeny, Nancy Haman's son
Elam family, friends of Todd Stowe
Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners
Sybille Gerull, friend of Moira Levant
Jeanne Gossel, Jan Swedlund's sister-in-law
Morgan Gross, Lee and Sandy Scamp's son-in-law
Judy Gould, Greg and Jackie Dawson's daughter-in-law
Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips
Ron Harper, Steve's dad
Don Harruff, brother-in-law of Joyce and Ray Strohminger
Jim, relative of LCOS member's co-worker
Angela Lenhart, Lois Smith's niece
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom
Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife
O'Leary family, Rita Boord's cousin
Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Reis Pearson, friend of Erik Fenstermacher
Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle
Matt Reichardt, Kim Buechele's cousin, in Iraq
Jeremy Schmidt, Doris' grandson
Esther Schumacher, Rita Boord's aunt
Kent Swedlund, Steve's dad
Pat Tierney, friend of the Stephens
Jack Wiegman, cousin of Moira Levant
Zachary, Lynn Wirtanen's nephew

In Memorium ...

Edith Ellis,
died Sept. 26
Alan Crandall,
died Oct. 3
Nancy Henry,
died Oct. 18



Family of the Month:

- Bill and Pam Stephens

Read about this month's family on the bulletin board in the main hallway of our church building.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

September 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$38,823.98
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	608.00
Memorials:	50.00
HVAC Project:	2,706.00
Rest of Foundation monies:	0.00
Expenses:	\$54,456.47
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$12,206.46

2008 Totals (as of Oct. 20)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$303,361.35
Foundation (against budget):	102,997.72
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	50,834.27
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	9,815.71
Memorials:	1,370.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	41,044.40
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	2,989.86
YTD Expenses:	\$455,014.17
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$48,655.10

- Submitted by Don Hartman

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Yes, it is that time again, and we will have 18 needy families, 67 people for 2008 including 42 children. The Social Ministry Committee will shop for the food or provide an Aldi gift certificate, but we need your help again with gift shopping. Watch for a Christmas tag tree in the Narthex on Nov. 16 decorated with tags for each family member (**WHITE** for children, **GREEN** for adults). Tags will have information for you to shop for

that person. Select the person or persons you would like to shop for and register your tags. **This involves putting your name and phone number on half the tag and leaving that half (with a star) with the person attending the tree.** Coordinate your shopping with the coordinator listed on the tag. ***Your half of the tag and a separate gift tag must be attached to the outside of the wrapped gift.*** Shopping should be completed by **Dec. 7**; delivery to families will be Saturday, **Dec. 20**. Your help in shopping has been a huge success in past years.

New or used miscellaneous items listed below are needed, as well as monetary contributions for food and some gifts to be purchased by the Committee. Estimated cost is \$1200. **Place your monetary gift in your Special Christmas Adopt-A-Family envelope, or mark a pew envelope for Adopt-A-Family.** Thrivent will provide matching funds.

Used clothing and household items will be provided from our clothing room. Only clean and wearable winter clothing is needed. Items should be brought to the church as early as possible. Any questions may be directed to your coordinator, or call Strohmingers at (937) 299-5031.

ITEMS NEEDED New or Used:

Bedding: Full size crib and mattress.

Sheets, blankets and comforters-all **except** king. Toddler bed and bedding, high chair.

Kitchen: Pots, pans, dishes and silverware.

Clothing: Ladies (used) 1x and 2x; baby clothes 0 to 18 months and snow suits; children and adult winter jackets-all sizes; men's 2x shirts; hats and gloves for adults and children.

Bath: Bath towel sets, bathroom sets, shower curtain and rugs.

Misc: TV - cable ready. Used bike or car for 2 1/2 year old boy.

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.

