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OCTOBER 2007

Pastor's Message

"That's my language! That's my language!" Esther Somayire screamed those words at the conclusion of the dedication service of the Peace Pole on Sunday, September 9 (see the pictures in the center of this newsletter). I turned around from my spot in the cul-de-sac to see Esther with her two children and her brother, standing by the pole. Esther is the leader of the worshipping community of Rwandan refugees who gather in our facility to praise God every Saturday afternoon. When Esther saw me, she ran over, grabbed my arm, and pulled me to the pole. "That's my language!", she screamed with laughter. "You put my language on this pole!" Esther bent down and pointed to the lettering in her native tongue, Kinyarwanda, and spoke the words in the language of her former homeland she had been forced to leave when the killings began in 1994. Then she stood up, hugged me, and said six simple words that made it clear to me that what we were doing with *God's Peace Flowing Through Us* ministry emphasis was not our doing at all, but was truly led by the Holy Spirit: "Now I know I belong here".

I believe that it is God's will for our community of faith to reflect God's peace in all that we do and say so that everyone who comes through our doors will be able to utter

those same 6 simple words. That happens when we understand that we are God's people called and gathered to be about God's ministry of sharing God's Word of grace and hope with everyone. We "get out of the way" and let God take center stage, because we know and understand that "it's all about God". As sinners, we don't always get that part right; but when we do follow the promptings of the Spirit, that's cause for celebration. And did we celebrate on September 8 and 9! May the Holy Spirit lead us to know and share God's peace in all we say and do, so that Esther's words will ring loudly among us always!

In Christ's Peace,
Gary

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

WORSHIP THEMES

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Oct. 7)

Faith is the foundation of our worship, not hope for any reward based on our deeds. We adore the God who has brought us into loving relationship, and we receive God's grace that continues to build up our faith.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Oct. 14)

"Kyrie, eleison," the church cries: "Lord, have mercy." In Jesus, God does have mercy—mercy upon lepers who are outcasts, mercy on apostles who are in chains. God has mercy upon foreigners, breaking through boundaries of nationality and political alienation.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Oct. 21)

The life of faith means that we might wrestle with God. Jesus commends to us the story of a widow who would not take no for an answer. Paul commends to Timothy a life of persistence in proclaiming good news, even when the world may not be eager to hear it. We contend with God, and we find our peace when God assures us of our identity and blesses us.

Reformation Sunday (Oct. 28)

This day the Lutheran church remembers with thanksgiving the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation. We rightly celebrate the Reformation not when we glory in the events of the past, but rather when we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit!" The church is always in need of reform, always in need of dying again in Christ and being raised from the dead, so that it might be truly free.

WORSHIP AND A HAYRIDE!

On Saturday, October 20, the Saturday evening worship will be held in conjunction with the Holy Terrors' Hayride and Wiener Roast, at J D Hooks Farm, on Rt. 48, south of Centerville. Hayride and other activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. The bonfire and wiener roast will begin at 5:30 p.m., and worship will be held around the campfire following dinner. You are welcome to come for the afternoon, or merely for worship. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon / 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Council Update

Here is a brief update of September's Council meeting:

Phase one of the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning project (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) is nearly complete. Phase two (involving the building which houses the Sunday Church School classes and choir) is scheduled for completion by February of 2008.

HVAC pledges collected to date total a little over \$111,000, with total pledges at \$294,738. (38% of giving units have participated.) Please consider contributing to *'Investing in the Future Campaign,'* if you have not done so.

Ray Strohming updated the Council on the Social Ministry committee's activity with Social Outreach programs such as Jeremiah's Letter, Adopt-A-Family, New Hope Food Pantry, Grace Summer Camp, Oesterlin Children Services, and Volunteer Care Givers of Life Essentials.

The nomination process for new council members is now beginning, and we are planning a congregational meeting on December 9 to elect new members.

Budget process for committees and ministries is now beginning, so we can present a budget for LCOS at the Annual Congregation meeting in early 2008.

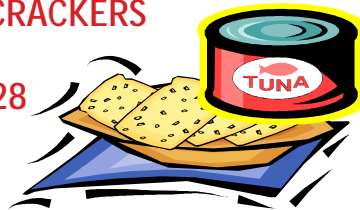
Worship Committee has planned an 'All Saints Day' presentation to be made by the choir on November 4. Mark your calendars for this event.

Your Chair,
Steve Swedlund

FISH AND CRACKERS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 28

Canned fish or other non-perishable meat items, crackers, snack crackers, peanut butter or cheese and cracker snacks are all items welcomed for distribution by the New Hope food pantry on our "Fish and Crackers" Sunday, October 28. Special emphasis on that day will resupply stocks of needed items.

Any other donations of food are always welcome. The collection point is the marked pantry off the upstairs kitchen. Items left there are tallied and delivered monthly to New Hope for distribution to families in need.



HAYRIDE & WORSHIP!

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
at J D Hook's Farm

RSVP to Bill Stager (299-3569) or Michael Weaks (329-1374) by Monday, October 15

Parents: Please take time to prayerfully consider being a coordinator for the Holy Terrors during 2008. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Spry.



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes are held at 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to participate and can jump in at any time!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It's only a few months until Christmas! An organizational meeting will be held in mid October. Anyone interested in planning the pageant please contact Rachel Spry by October 7.

ADVENTure AWAITING

Sunday, December 2 at 11:45 a.m.

Anyone interested in leading crafts, decorating, running the silent auction, providing entertainment, or organizing the kitchen, please contact Rachel Spry by October 7.

MEALS FOR MEMBERS

Over the past couple of months, many of our members have come forward to help the McFarlands as their twin boys were born and are being cared for in the hospital. Thank you to everyone who is helping. This is just the start of creating a support network for all of our members. Anyone who wants to be on the "meals for members" list may do so by contacting Rachel Spry at the church office. If you or someone you know needs assistance in this way please also contact Rachel.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating the day the Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of our children, youth and adults through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Please take time to say a prayer of thanks and continued spiritual growth for these and all our members. You may also give a word of encouragement to the youth listed. Were you baptized in October but don't see your name listed? Please contact Rachel Spry and let her know. Don't know when you were baptized? Contact Rachel and she will help you find out!

Chris Buechele 10-24

Elizabeth Dickerson 10-28

Daniel Ehler 10-8

CJ Hammer 10-17

Sofia Snyder 10-8

Emily Worley 10-17

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*

Youth Group News



September was an exciting month. The Peace Focus kick-off was terrific! Thanks to all who helped with the "Fair Trade" Fair, either by working the booth or making a purchase. We sold most of what we ordered! We were not able to send back the chocolate, tea or coffee and we have some left, so we will have it for sale until it is gone.

At our September lunch meeting Pastor Gary joined us and we discussed options for our summer mission trip. There are three options on the table - Rwanda, the Dominican Republic and a Native American reservation out west. We looked at the information that we have gathered on all three options and agreed to hold another **information meeting with parents on September 30**, following the 10:30 worship service. We will order pizza and try to come to a decision. If you have any interest in joining us this summer for our mission trip, you will not want to miss this meeting. We will be sharing information as to travel, accommodations, expenses, vaccinations, type of work we will be doing, political climate, etc.

Because we are taking on such an ambitious trip, we are going to need to do some serious fund-raising. If you have any great ideas of ways we can earn money that we have not tried before, please bring them to the meeting. Anyone who wants to go

on the trip will be required to volunteer for a specific number of hours working on our fund-raising events.

Due to the length of the discussion regarding the mission trip, we did not get around to scheduling our fall events. We will be doing that in the next few weeks so watch your mail for details. As always we will have a lunch meeting the second Sunday in October. This month we will be dining at Panera on Brown Street. Don't miss it! This is your youth group. Make it what you want it to be!

Celeste

CROP WALK - OCTOBER 13

This annual event is a 5k walk in a park north of downtown Dayton. Registration is at Island Park off of Helena Street at the band shell at 9:30 am. There are forms and information in the narthex. Any questions, call Wendy Halverson, 293-0559.

Crop Walk facts:

- 25% stays in Dayton & helps support the Dayton Emergency Resource Bank.
- The money also helps provide help for disaster victims & refugees worldwide.
- Helps people / villages become self supporting.
- Last year Crop Hunger Walks and events raised over \$15 million to support the hunger fighting causes.



**MONDAY
OCTOBER 15**



HIGHLIGHTS OF
KICK-OFF
WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 8 - 9





OCTOBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 p.m. Circle - Rader	2 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 3:30 p.m. Staff	3 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	4 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	5 10:00 p.m. Spiritual Journey	6 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
7 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	8 4:30 p.m. Health Ministry 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	9 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed	10 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle LCOS dining room	11 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Our three groups of women have all met this Fall and we are looking forward to the next nine months of getting together, whether it's in the morning, noon or night. Many women of many sizes and personalities that proudly have two things in common ... first, the desire to be an active Christian woman and second is a proud member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

Hopefully, all you women of LCOS know what WELCA is all about. But many of you may not. It is an organization for all the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We do not take for granted that all the women members of our church choose to activate their church life, but the opportunity is there! We want you to know you are welcome to join us at any of our group, referred to as "circle" meetings. Where and when is always in the bulletin and the *Voice*. Any questions just call Sue Longo 293-5282, Joyce Strohminger 299-5031 or me, Shirley Coen 298-6339.

Our sewing workshop, which meets the first Wednesday, monthly at 9:30 a.m. will be taking completed items to the Lutheran World Relief Truck at Faith Lutheran Church on October 11-13. The quilts we make are cut squares and sewed by machine, then yarn knotted. Easy for everyone, come join us. Joyce Strohminger 299-5031, is the contact person.

We will miss Betty Hoover very much. She has moved out of the state. She faithfully

attended church, circle meetings, worked on the Altar Guild and organized our Dorothy Lane Community Project. So, now we need someone to be in charge of the Dorothy Lane Project. It mainly entails having forms available, as supporters of this project must register yearly. And be the contact person with the grocery.

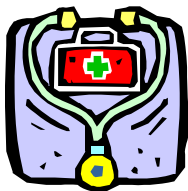
Looking ahead ... to remind you next month is the month we collect the loose change we save as we give thanks to God for our many blessings. **Thank Offering Sunday is November 28.** The money goes to the worldwide outreach projects of the ELCA.

Pastor Eichhorn is constantly speaking to us with marvelous, memorable sermons! I often sit in church and wish all my family members were present, also friends and every member of this church, so they could be hearing what was spoken. Then on Sunday, September 9 when our congregation gathered outdoors for our Peace Pole service ... and we prayed that we may always live with God's peace flowing through us ... I wished everyone, everyone could have been there!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- **Monday, October 1**, 1:00 p.m. Onnolee Rader, 255 Ridgewood Ave.
- **Wednesday, October 10**, 10:00 a.m. Marion Schaefer at the church
- **Wednesday, October 24**, evening Ginger Minneman, where & when TBA



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

MINISTERING TO THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

How can we help carry the burden of those who struggle with mental illness? The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) FaithNet Newsletter offers these suggestions:

1. Be there!!! Show up!!!
 2. Listen without a judgmental attitude.
 3. Communicate. Listen as a person, not as a learned religious figure. Share your thoughts and feelings.
 4. Empower by demonstrating that you believe in him or her.
 5. Ask what you can do to make a difference. Ask, "What can I do to help?"
 6. If it seems indicated, refer him or her to persons specially trained to help with mental illness issues. If necessary, make the appointment and/or provide transportation
 7. If medication has been prescribed, reassure him or her that it is almost always necessary for those with a serious mental illness and that it can enable one to function very well.
 8. Reassure your friend that God is constantly with him or her, even if he or she can't sense it at that moment.
 9. Follow through and come back to see your friend when he or she is feeling well.
- You can sign up for an online subscription to NAMI FaithNet Newsletter at: http://www.nami.org/MSTemplate.cfm?Section=E-mail_Network&Site=FaithNet_NAMI&Template=/ContentManagement/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=33930 to receive articles

and items of interest related to mental illness, religion, and spirituality. This newsletter has some very useful articles for faith communities, including "The Do's and Don'ts of Ministry" and "How to Rate Your Faith Community." We can all ask ourselves: Does our church welcome and advocate for those with mental illness and their loved ones, does our church educate its members and others about mental illness, and does our church offer its facilities/resources to help the mentally ill?

This year's Mental Illness Awareness Week will be October 7-13. On October 20 & 21 at our church services, we will have a special candle lighting and prayers for the mentally ill. Visit our Health Ministry table after the October 20 & 21 services for brochures, printouts and newsletters; see our Health Ministry bulletin board and brochure rack; or contact Sue Hanna (299-3363).

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure screenings are offered the second weekend of each month. The next screenings will take place on October 13-14 after all the worship services.

Prayers & candle lighting for Mental Health Awareness - October 20 & 21 during worship.

PROJECT BLESSING

A meal was served to 131 people at St. Paul's for Project Blessing on September 10. The workers were Kathy Paley, Doris Schmidt, Bettie Savage, Mary Helen Lecklider, Beth and Gary Kost. The cookies were donated by Shirley Coen, Donna Gorrell, Vicky Schmidt, Sue Hanna and Larry Welin.

The next Project Blessing is October 24.

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

August 2007

Offerings (against budget):	\$28,562.96
Foundation (against budget):	0
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	859.50
Memorials:	0
HVAC Project:	4,346.00
Special Projects:	239.97
Expenses:	\$38,287.51
(Receipts - Expenses)	-\$9,724.55

2007 Totals (as of 9/18/07)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$255,290.77
Foundation (against budget):	\$87,401.49
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	7,071.07
Memorials:	205.00
HVAC Project income ('06&'07):	129,627.37
Special Projects:	3057.75
YTD Expenses:	\$337,671.59
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	\$5,020.67
HVAC expenses ('06&'07):	\$307,577.23
Current HVAC Loan	\$200,000.00

Submitted by Don Hartman

CREDIT CARD OPTION FOR WEEKLY GIVING

Some of our congregation members have expressed interest in a credit card option for making their offerings to the church. Using a credit card to make a financial contribution is now an option at Lutheran

Church of Our Savior. **The Simply Giving Program** has been expanded and allows you to make your offering one of two ways: *a)* have offerings debited directly from your bank accounts as you do other monthly drafts or *b)* have offerings charged to your credit card. All you need to do is fill out a simple authorization form specifying the amount and frequency of offering. You can also direct offerings to different funds if desired. For more information, please contact Donna Gorrell at 258-1426.

Joy Group

OCTOBER EVENT

Wednesday, October 24 has been reserved for our JOY Group WRIGHT AT HOME escorted tour of the Hawthorn Hill Oakwood mansion. The tours originate from the Carillon Park Education Center and we will be transported to the Oakwood site in groups of ten persons at a time. We had six members paid for the 10:00 a.m. tour and eight members paid for the 12:30 p.m. tour. To secure the specified date of October 24, paid reservation deadline was September 1. If desired, lunch is available at the Culp's Cafeteria adjacent to the Education Center. We look forward to this special fall event, both at the park and the Hawthorn Hill tour.

NOVEMBER EVENT

We will be attending the "Limelighters" concert at West Carrollton High School on Wednesday, November 14. Dinner before is optional. Hosts for the event are the Strohmingers. Watch the bulletin for details.

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

Don Cox

Edith Ellis

Mary Ellen Granger

Bryan Griffin

Bob Haman

Florence Houpt

Anson & Finley McFarland

Loren Metzler

Martha Miller

Hema Rajaratnam

Marion Schaefer

Jack & Wilma Somers

Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Bandy, Lynn Wirtanen's mother

Karen Brunn, co-worker of Steve Harper

Jeff Bundenthal, Judy Ault's son

Dan Cabiling, friend of the congregation

Dennis Clemenson, Andriena Erickson's father

Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister

Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson

Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners

Pat Freudenberger, Dana Oltmanns' mother

Morgan Gross, Lee and Sandy Scamp's son-in-law

Kamal Hanna, Phil's father

Joe and Ralph Korner, friends of Dave and Marion Schaefer

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mother

Mildred McFarland, Shawn's grandmother

Fern Neeb, Pastor Bob Neeb's wife

Tammy O'Leary, Rita Boord's cousin

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Dixie Polen, Steve Harper's aunt

Paul Reuben, friend of Ron Iverson, captive in Iraq

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

Becky Stabler, Director of Lutheran Memorial Camp

Jim Swedlund, Steve's cousin

Michael Vance, Penny's husband

Pat Zent, friend of Mary Kaye Rhoades

Jeanine & Kurt, friends of Moira Levant



Families of the Month:

- Steve, Vicki and Sammi Auditore
- Moira Levant, Travis Levant, Howard Levant
- Ray & Joyce Strohming
- Steve, Jan, Kaleb and Kate Swedlund
- Dick, Karen, Colleen, Carla and Seth Tyson

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.

