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Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

Over the summer, our congregation worked hard to creatively grow the \$50 blessing each person received in worship on June 1. Last month, we "harvested" the fruit of our hands and minds, raising over \$6,000 to be given away. This month, we launch another ministry designed to help us be blessings to others. **The Lutheran Course** is a Bible Study series created to help us reconnect with what it means to be Lutheran. But, more important, it is aimed at assisting us to claim our Lutheran Christian identity and living faithful lives in service to God and others. This series will be a joint ministry project with our sisters and brothers at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave.), and will feature monthly gatherings for all ages which will include food and creative study/activities. Check out the Christian Education page 4 for more details. Another new ministry we are launching is a **mid-week worship**

experience for reconnection and renewal.

Held in the chapel on Wednesday evenings, this worship offering is designed to provide an intentional escape from the "endless noise" of our busy lives. See page 3 for more details.

God calls us to a life of service of others, not only through our financial resources, but with our time and our lives. I encourage you to take advantage of these new opportunities to deepen your relationship with God and become renewed and reconnected for service to others.

In Christ's peace,
Gary Eichhorn

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WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

WORSHIP THEMES

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (October 5)

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (October 12)

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (October 19)

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Reformation Sunday (October 26)

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ - the good news - that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Rev. Gary Eichhorn, *Pastor*

Terri Balsom, *Office Manager*

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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*

Council Update

Due to the power outage, there was no council meeting on Monday, September 15. It has been rescheduled for Monday, September 22. Updates will be included in next month's newsletter.

ESCAPE THE NOISE

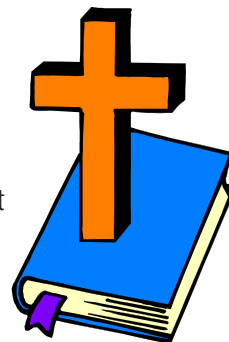
Did you know that in 2006 advertisers in this country spent \$286 billion to convince us to buy stuff we mostly don't need. It is estimated that the average person will see or hear 3,000 ads per day!!! Couple that with all the other "noise" that bombards our lives everyday – unrealistic expectations and deadlines at work, music on the radio/ ipods/cd players/store sound systems, homework assignments, family obligations ... and it is no wonder that we are a people who have such difficulty finding peace in our daily routines. How do we hear God in all of that noise? How do we stay grounded in our faith amid that deafening din? Beginning on October 8, we will offer an *escape from the noise* – a 30-minute worship experience in the chapel that will feature a Scripture reading, silence for reflection, prayer, and renewal, and a concluding spoken prayer. You are free to come and go as you like from 6:45 – 7:15 p.m. Votive candles may be lighted. We hope this offering will provide a time for reconnection with that "still small voice of God" that is so often drowned out by all the noise of everyday life.

JOHN BUCHELE UPDATE

John and his fellow Youth Encounter musicians have completed their training in northern Minnesota, and John is on his way to the west coast with his "Captive Free" companions. In the next few weeks, Youth Encounter will have the website in place, allowing us to follow John's progress through his "blog site". Check out our own LCOS website (www.oursaviordayton.org) for the link to John's blog site. For those not "on line", we will post periodic progress reports from John in the *VOICE* and on the cloister bulletin board at church.

ORDINATION OF KURT LAMMI

Everyone is invited to attend Kurt's ordination on Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. here at Our Savior. A reception will follow the ceremony.



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



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Regular classes have begun! Preschool – Grade 6 from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

- Nursery care available 9:15 – 12:00 Sundays

- Our Jr. & Sr. High youth are using Augsburg Fortress' web based program *AKALOO*. Students need to turn in their permission forms to gain access to the internet site. You can pick up your permission form from your teachers.

- Two adult classes available - *Love Trumps Karma*

The self-led adult class is studying the book our congregation gave the college students this spring. Contact Kim Buechele or stop in the breakfast room on Sunday morning at 9:15 if you are interested.

- What does *Dick Van Dyke* have to do with God? Swing by the bridal lounge from 9:15 – 10:15 on Sunday to find out!

Remember to bring your Bibles to Sunday School!

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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

Chris Buechele 10-24

Jana Davila 10-18

Elizabeth Dickerson 10-28

Daniel Ehler 10-8

CJ Hammer 10-17

Sofia Snyder 10-8

Emily Worley 10-17



THE LUTHERAN COURSE

Beginning on October 21, our congregation and St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wayne Ave.) will jointly offer The Lutheran Course, a Bible study/activity course for children, youth and adults. This course is designed to help us reconnect with our Lutheran roots, but also help us Lutheran Christians claim our identity as people of God called to a life of service to others. This seven-session gathering will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating sites between St. Paul and LCOS, and will include dinner and study/activities for all ages. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the study will begin at 6:45 p.m., concluding at 7:45 p.m. Below is the tentative syllabus:

- October 21 - "Law and Gospel"
St. Paul

- November 18 - "Lutheran Reformation"
LCOS

- January 20 - "Baptism"
St. Paul

- February 17 - "Communion"
LCOS

- March 17 - "Rebellious Jesus"
St. Paul

- April 21 - "How to Read the Bible"
LCOS

- May 19 - "How to Share Your Faith"
St. Paul

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It's time for us to start planning our December 24 Family Christmas Eve Service with pageant. Any youth, children and their parents interested in helping make plans, please contact Rachel Lammi at the church office.

Youth Group News



ORPHANAGE DONATIONS

The Youth Group would like to remind you of their continuing project to help the Nuestro Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanage in the Dominican Republic. They are asking for children's jeans and underwear, sizes 4-16; anti-fungal cream and feminine sanitary items. There are containers in the narthex for your donations.

WELCOME HOME – AND GODSPEED!

We praise God for the safe return from Iraq of **Scott Bryant** and **Jay Kost** (Beth and Gary's son), and for watching over their families during their deployment. We also ask that you keep **Bryan Griffin** in your prayers: Bryan was deployed on Monday, September 22, to Ramadi, Iraq (64 miles west of Baghdad). *We extend our heartfelt thanks for their amazing service to our country!*

HELPING HANDS

Special thanks to the following people who shared an evening of their time at the church to pile up storm debris and clean up the grounds: **Keith, Ethan and Adam Gorrell, Luis Martinez, Cap Phillips, Darin Thatcher, Linda and Larry Welin, and Pastor Eichhorn.**



CAMPING TRIP OCTOBER 10 - 12

Where: Dayton KOA campground, in Brookville (www.koa.com)

For: Holy Terrors families and friends, as well as others in the congregation

Cost: \$5 / person per night, plus food

Grab your tents and make the quick drive up to Brookville, and enjoy God's beautiful creation, surprisingly nestled between Rt. 40 and I-70 (with none of the hassle of the traffic!)

We'll have our **annual hayride Saturday night**, and even if you don't want to camp, the KOA is close enough for you to join in the fun. **Pastor Eichhorn (event coordinator) will lead outdoor worship on Sunday morning at the campground**, while a supply pastor leads worship back at the church.

Call the church office (293-1147) or email Pastor Eichhorn (gwe@oursaviordayton.org) to reserve your spot in the group campsite.



2009 Holy Terrors co-coordinators are needed. Please take time to prayerfully consider this position. Time commitment = 1/2 - 1 hour per month.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

*LCOS is now
recycling! You can
help!*

- Put your rinsed aluminum cans in the Parish House kitchen. Funds raised from selling these will help pay for our October 4 comedian event with Charles Marshall.
- Place your bulletins and other used paper items in the recycling boxes in the copy room and narthex. These boxes were created by our VBS students!
- Plastics and other household recyclables you use at the church can be placed in the recycling bin in the Parish House kitchen.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ RECYCLING CONTAINERS CAREFULLY.

FOOD CRISIS IN DAYTON

Many of us have had to dispose of food from our refrigerators and freezers with the loss of power. However, while most of us have the resources to restock what we lost, many in the Miami Valley rely on soup kitchens, food pantries and the Food Bank. Currently, the Food Bank in Dayton is experiencing a dramatic shortage due to challenging economic times compounded by last Sunday's storm. If you can spare a few cans of food from your kitchen, or are willing to pick up a few extra when you go shopping, please do so and bring your donations to church. We will see that your donations are delivered. Thank you!

Joy Group

OCTOBER EVENT

On October 15, we will carpool to Southern Ohio on a Fall Foliage and Historic Brown County, Ohio tour. We will first visit the river town of Ripley where we will tour the home of the late Rev. John Rankin, which was part of the Underground Railroad. More than 2,000 slaves were helped to freedom via this house. Next, we will go down by the river for lunch at the Rockin' Robin restaurant and soda fountain. Following lunch, we will travel to Georgetown, the county seat where we will visit the boyhood home and school of our 18th president, Ulysses S. Grant.

We will assemble and leave from the church at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$14.00 which includes admissions and gas money for the drivers. (Lunch is on your own.) Sign up sheet is in the narthex, please indicate whether you need a ride or if you are willing to drive.

Reservations and payment due by Sunday, October 12. Questions? Call the Dawsons at 438-3339.

*Dear LCOS members,
Heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of care and concern to me and my family following the death of Caryl on August 6. Your phone calls, visits, e-mails, cards, and notes have been such a comfort to us during this sorrowful time. I am indeed fortunate to be a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church!
Gratefully,
Onnolee Rader*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 a.m. AA 9:30 a.m. Sewing 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	2 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	3	4 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:15 p.m. Charities Marshal
5 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	6 1:00 p.m. Circle - Rader	7 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	8 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Coen	9 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10	11 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship Terrors Camping Holy
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26 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	27	28 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	29 7:00 a.m. AA	30 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	31	

Wel ca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Sad that Winter is coming? Why waste your time? It is October, it is Autumn, we are given glorious colors to enjoy up to the first frost ... so don't be sad or mad, be glad.

All women members of LCOS are welcome to join any of our three small groups. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.; or the third Wednesday in the evening (our meet and eat gals) or in the afternoon on the first Monday. If you need more information call me, 298-6339.

Our Graceworks workshop (sewing group) meets at the church on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The sewing is mainly by machine, but we do cut and measure, depending on what item we are making. Yearly Joyce Strohming, our Graceworks key-woman, packs our items to be taken to the Lutheran World Relief truck which will be loading this year on October 2, 3 & 4 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Saturday, October 4 - mark your calendar. CHARLES MARSHALL, CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN will be at LCOS at 6:15 p.m. Come and laugh along with your church family. When you buy your tickets you'll receive complimentary tickets to give to your friends. Good deal, great fun!

I always try to keep calm when things get hectic, but the other day I wasn't succeeding. I had several errands to do and was sure I had plenty of time. Well, the first stop delayed me which of course made me late from then on, but I'm telling myself to

keep cool and calm, keep smiling, be nice, etc. That wasn't working as I was a frowning grump when I arrived at We Care Arts (my last stop). They have many framed written sayings hanging on their walls and I happened to read this one as I rushed in ... it was a short prayer; *"Dear God, give me patience. Please hurry."* I laughed out loud, my day was saved!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

OCTOBER MEETINGS

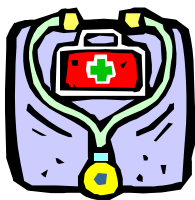
- October 6, Monday 1:00 p.m. - Onnolee Rader, 255 Ridgewood Ave.
- October 8, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - Shirley Coen, 228 Stonehaven Rd.
- October 15, Wednesday Evening - Donna Gorrell (RSVP 258-1426) Thai 9

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

If you shop at Meijer you can earn money for our **Social Ministry** and **Youth Programs** by joining and participating in the Meijer Community Rewards Program. Present your card each time you make a purchase. Reward checks are sent to the church. Join on-line at [Meijer.com/rewards](https://www.meijer.com/rewards) or pick up an application in the Narthex. The organization number is 974867. Refer questions to Ray Strohming, 299-5031.



MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

I have excerpted the following highlights about breast cancer from the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org:

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer.

The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35. Breast cancer death rates are going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and improved treatment.

The following factors increase the risk for breast cancer in females:

- *Estrogen replacement therapy in post-menopausal years*

Long-term use (ten years or more) of combined post-menopausal hormone therapy increases the risk of breast cancer and may also increase the chances of dying of breast cancer.

- *Alcohol*

Use of alcohol is clearly linked to an increased risk of developing breast cancer. The risk increases with the amount of alcohol consumed. Compared with non-drinkers, women who consume 1 alcoholic drink a day have a very small increase in risk. Those who have 2 to 5 drinks daily have about 1½ times the risk of women who drink no alcohol.

- *Being overweight or obese*

Being overweight or obese has been found to increase breast cancer risk, especially for women after menopause.

- *Lack of physical activity*

Evidence is growing that physical activity in the form of exercise reduces breast cancer risk. The only question is how much exercise do you need? In one study from the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) as little as 1.25 to 2.5 hours per week of brisk walking reduced a woman's risk by 18%.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening mammography, with or without clinical breast examination (CBE), every 1-2 years for women aged 40 and older.

- Steve Swedlund

FREE CONFIDENTIAL BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure checks are offered the second weekend of each month. The next checks will take place on October 11 and 12 after all the worship services.

CHARLES MARSHALL

Christian Comedian

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:15 - 6:50 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. • Show

Tickets \$8 presale / \$10 at the door

LCOS members! Buy one ticket; receive a free second ticket to share with a friend in need of a church home.

Tickets are going fast. **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!** Tickets are available in the church office and after all services of worship.

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

Jamie Ashburn
Judith Ault
Dorothy Belleman
Marion Bieser
John Buechele
Melissa Carpenter
Don Cox

Al Davis
Edith Ellis
Bryan Griffin (in Iraq)
Bob Haman
Nancy Henry
Mardelle Hoover

Loren Metzler
Norma Nawroth
Pastor Robert Neeb
Hema Rajaratnam
Mardi Rike
Dorothy Zinkiewicz

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Robert Ashburn, Pastor Bob's father
Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law
Roger Boord, son of Wes and Rita
Dylan Cole, Ray and Joyce Strohming's nephew
Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister
Elam family, friends of Todd Stowe
Dick Elsberry, brother-in-law of Ron Iverson
Epiphany Lutheran Church at Springboro, our prayer partners
Morgan Gross, Lee and Sandy Scamp's son-in-law
Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips
Ron Harper, Steve's dad
Jim, relative of LCOS member's co-worker
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
Jackie Partee, co-worker of Kim Buechele
Gary Poteat, Eric Snead's uncle
Joy Quilty, friend of the Boords
Jeremy Schmidt, Doris' grandson
Don Shelley, Ray and Joyce Strohming's neighbor
Kent Swedlund, Steve's dad
Sue Trautwein, friend of Phyl Mayne



Families of the Month:

- Rick, Sonia and Jana Davila
- Stu and Linda Petersen

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

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

August 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$31,908.48
Foundation (against budget):	31,386.59
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	977.00
Memorials:	900.00
HVAC Project:	2,446.00
Rest of Foundation monies:	996.62
Expenses:	\$41,324.45
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$21,970.62

2008 Totals (as of Sept 12)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$226,425.10
Foundation (against budget):	94,159.77
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	27,408.24
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	8,556.71
Memorials:	1,280.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	33,552.82
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	2,989.86
YTD Expenses:	\$382,811.89
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$22,227.02

- Submitted by Don Hartman

TIME TO GROW/GIVE

The level of excitement and activity throughout the summer was contagious as people used their creativity to grow their \$50 blessing they received on June 1 – so contagious that even



some who were not present to receive the “blessing” used their own money to participate. Below are some examples of how people multiplied the blessing:

Toni Winger hit the jackpot with a raffle ticket she purchased at a Catholic Church in Traverse City, Michigan

Penny Vance sewed a quilt and raffled it off (Pastor Eichhorn won!)

Ethan Gorrell made and sold carrying bags

Kaleb and Katie Swedlund made and sold lemonade

Sammie Auditore made and sold lemonade

Alexa Coon, Tristin Smith and Lindsay Stager washed cars

Tristin Smith sold icee-pops at Band Camp and football practice

Todd Stowe brewed some mighty tasty ale for donations

Kim Buechele coordinated the “Craft Corner Table”, which featured items created by a host of people

Suzanne Bruns baked and sold over 45 pecan pies

Phyllis Mayne baked and sold breakfast muffins

Susan and Katie Becker liquidated an old stock certificate

Harriet Uphoff also liquidated some old stock

Sharon and Pat Griffy emptied their closets and held a garage sale

Michael Weaks rented a snow cone machine and sold snow cones at KilKare Race Track

Moira Levant donated a portion of her music lesson fees

There are many other stories out there of how people used their creativity to grow God’s blessings for others. Thank you to everyone who participated!

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.

