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Pastor's Message

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11

The people of Israel who were residents of Judah were in a foreign land. Babylon had conquered the land and carted off the people from Judah to become cheap labor for the Babylonian Empire. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God sent a letter, known as "Jeremiah's Letter", to the people in exile, telling them that they were to make themselves at home in this new land, to make the best of it; God was not going to forget them, would not let them languish and disappear into nothingness. The above passage is from that letter, assuring the people that there would be a hope-filled future for the people of God.

For many months now, pastors, rabbis, imams and lay religious leaders from the Dayton area have been gathering. We are female and male, a myriad of skin colors, representing a wide range of religious faith communities, located in all parts of the Miami Valley. We are gathering because our

community has taken on the feel of a foreign land: it is not the Dayton we love and remember. Corporate greed and an economic cesspool have ravaged the land, and we are watching our neighborhoods lose hope, as Dayton city leaders offer up no tangible vision for the future. Those of us who are gathering are doing so because we believe it is time for God's people to not just believe God's promise of hope for our future, but we also believe that it is time for God's people to work hand-in-hand to help bring about God's vision of hope for us.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

WORSHIP THEMES

October 4, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

October 11, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

October 18, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

October 25, Reformation Sunday

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

LCOS MISSION STATEMENT

+ *Share God's Word*

+ *Serve Community*

+ *Grow in Faith*

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.

Council Update

The last day of Summer was a busy one for our council members. Since there were only six members in attendance, we could not vote on any official business. Rachel Lammi was prepared to read a devotional and lead us together in our opening prayer. We moved quickly to the financial report by Don Hartman. The good news is we have closed our deficit dramatically in August with a significant anonymous contribution of \$10,000.00. That leaves us \$5,600.00 in a deficit as we move forward into our traditionally strong giving season. Everyone agreed that our committees need to be judicious with their budget so we can bring our planned and actual expenses in line during these challenging economic times. A noteworthy suggestion was made regarding communion. Since this is the flu season, Council discussed that during communion we not use the common chalice or intinction. Disposable plastic cups may be the prudent course so as not to expose too many members to the possible spread of flu viruses. Along those same lines a suggestion was made to forgo the formal sharing of the peace since flu viruses are also spread by hand shaking. There was no vote on this but I think it would be a good practice. We listened to Steve Harper remind us that there are many church property projects that we still need volunteers for. The meeting ended with us saying the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully,
Chris Becker

OKTOBERFEST FOR JLI

Jeremiah's Letter, Inc. is blessed to be the beneficiary for the First Annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 30, sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church of Our Savior and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve food during the event for 60-90 minute shifts. There are already volunteers scheduled to help set up and tear down. We also are seeking dessert donations, which will be given away as part of each ticket's admission (\$5). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Eichhorn. If you would like to donate a dessert and you are not able to bring it to the event, bring it to LCOS by Wednesday, October 28. Come join us for a great time and a great cause.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your family pets with you to worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 3 as we celebrate St. Francis Day by giving thanks to God for the gift of animals. Pastor Gary will bless each pet during the service.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Rev. Gary Eichhorn, *Pastor*
Terri Balsom, *Office Manager*
Don Hartman, *Treasurer*
Don Anstaett, *Financial Secretary*
Ginger Minneman, *Music Director*
Rachel Spry Lammi, *Family Ministries Coordinator, Organist*
Celeste Hoerner, *Youth Ministry Coordinator, Children's Choir*
Joe Beal, *Sonshine Choir*
Richard Freudenberger, *Handbell Choir*
Jim Worley, *Council President*
Rev. Robert A. Willauer, *Pastor Emeritus*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Why is this important for Lutheran Church of Our Savior, snugly nestled in the community of Oakwood? Because what happens in the city of Dayton directly impacts all people in the Miami Valley, both economically and spiritually. Whether or not we want to admit it, we are part of the Dayton community; when companies flee the area for "greener pastures", it impacts us, even if they are not taking our jobs with them. This is not about "party politics" – it is about willingly seeking solutions "for the common good" of everyone. That's what God's people are called to be about.

This is where God has called us to be. We can choose to be reactionary – waiting for things to happen before we act; or we can choose to be proactive, working together as the people of God to create productive change for all of us. I am asking you to join me and our many sisters and brothers throughout the Miami Valley who are willing to believe that God's vision for our city is not desolation, but a hope-filled future for everyone.

In the coming months, I will share more with you, and invite you to participate in working to make God's vision of hope a reality for the Dayton community. For now, please keep in prayer the Dayton community, all who are working together for the common good of all, the growing number of people who are hungry, homeless, unemployed. Because this is not about "them and us" – it is about US, the people of God in the Dayton community!

In Christ's hope,
Gary

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY EMPHASIS

We all know that it's important to include fruits and veggies in our diet. That is just as true for those who must rely on the New Hope Food Pantry, as it is for any of us. To acknowledge that, during October we will have a dual emphasis - **pasta and fruit**. Items you might bring include dry pasta, sauce, boxed pasta dinners, individual serve pasta dishes and/or any shelf staple fruit items like canned or jarred peaches, applesauce, raisins or other dried fruit, individual serve fruit cups. No matter what you choose to contribute, be sure the food will keep without refrigeration. The weekend of **October 10-11** is the time we will emphasize our contributions to the food pantry. If you won't be in church on that weekend, put your items in the car and bring them the following week or drop them off whenever you are in the building for a meeting!

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OFFICE HOURS (Mon. - Fri.):

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



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Two Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Opportunities

❖ Come join a discussion about *The Thirteen Apostles* in the narthex lounge, led by Sharon Griffy.

❖ Explore and discuss the Bible in the oval room, led by Jamie Ashburn and Kim Buechele. Topics for discussion will be *chosen from your input* via the small group survey.

Junior & Senior High classes @ 9:15 a.m.

Preschool – Grade 6 @ 9:30 a.m.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION & LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 1 during 10:30 a.m. worship, followed by carry-in dinner. Watch weekly e-updates and bulletin for more information.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It's time to start planning the 2009 Christmas Eve Pageant. If you have interest in helping or participating, please contact Rachel Lammi.

“THEOLOGY ON TAP”

“Discussing God over dinner in public? You've got to be kidding!” But, that is exactly what this new discussion group aims to do, starting this month. A collaborative effort between Lutheran Church of Our Savior, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Five Rivers Church (a new Methodist mission community in East Dayton), “theology on tap” is designed to combine public fellowship and discussions of God and faith. Our first gathering will be held at the South Park Tavern and Restaurant on Wayne Ave. (in the South Park neighborhood) on **Tuesday, October 27**, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The discussion topic will be: *“Taking Jesus Out of the Closet – Daring to Talk About God in Public”*. Invite your friends and join us!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Thank you to the 17 members who've completed and returned surveys. These will help us create some new small group opportunities in our congregation. You can still complete the simple survey and return it to the church office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Day (circle) S M T W R F S

Preferred Time (circle) Morning Afternoon Evening

I would be interested in discovering about:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| ___ People of the Bible | ___ Books of the Bible |
| ___ How the Bible fits in our scientific world and historical knowledge | |
| ___ Devotional use of the Bible | ___ Lutheran perspective on the Bible |
| ___ Other: _____ | |

Preferred length of group:

___ 4 week ___ 6 weeks ___ 8 weeks ___ continual

Youth Group News



The youth group is planning a number of fun activities in the upcoming months. Consider joining us for the following events. On **October 11** we will meet for a lunch meeting at Sonic on Wilmington Pike at noon. We are also planning on going on a fall horseback riding outing in October. Watch your mail for further details.

The youth group will be asking the congregation to join them in their efforts to raise money for **Pennies for Peace**. This organization is trying to make a difference in the lives of children in impoverished countries one penny at a time. On October 1, several of us will be going to hear Greg Morrison, the author of *Three Cups of Tea* and the founder of Pennies for Peace, speak at Wittenberg. Later in the month we will begin a penny drive in order to collect pennies for Pennies for Peace. This is an easy way for anyone, no matter their age, to help make a difference in children's lives without spending a great amount of money. Save your pennies for this worthwhile cause.

On **November 8**, the youth group will be heading to LaRosa's Pizza for our monthly meeting. Bring your friends, ideas and appetite. November 14 we will be doing Cosmic Bowling. Mark your calendars now. This is always a popular event and you

won't want to miss it. We will also be working in November to coordinate Christmas for our Adopt-A-Family.

We have a lot of fun activities in the works. Come join us for lunch and find out more.

Celeste, 626-5351



HAYRIDE at FULTON FARMS

Sunday, October 25

- 4:30 p.m. - campfire with hot dogs, s'mores, etc.

- 6:00 p.m. - hayride

\$6 per person, children 2 and under free.

Money due with FIRM RSVP by October 18 to Jan Swedlund (298-4395) or Lora Stowe (lora@gollygocats.com).

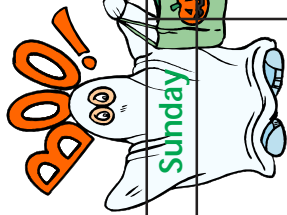
Pumpkins will be available for an extra charge at the hayride.

Watch church bulletin, emails and mailing for more details and directions.

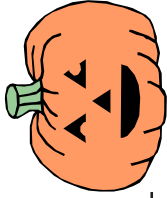
PROJECT BLESSING

On Monday, September 14, Our Savior served a meal for the needy as part of the on-going Project Blessing site at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wayne Ave. One hundred twenty-one persons were served by a crew including Sue Longo, Karen and Joe Papanek, Onnolee Rader, Bettie Savage and Susie Woolery. Cookies were provided by Shirley Coen, Jan Wallace, Susie Woolery, Julie Worley and Julie Zimmerman.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, call Sue Longo, 293-5282.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2	3 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
	MISSION TRIP OCTOBER 4 - 10					
4 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 3:00 p.m. JOY Group concert. 4:45 p.m. Confirmation	5 7:00 a.m. AA	6 NO Prayer breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sewing 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed	7 7:00 a.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	8 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10 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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HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

With the current concerns in our country and world today, including uncertain economic times, job losses, military conflicts, and financial concerns, it's understandable that some people may find themselves suffering from anxiety. Our bodies react to stress in our everyday life by becoming anxious, with physical symptoms such as sweating, shaking, tense muscles, headaches, and fatigue. When anxiety reaches a level where someone has an unreasonable level of dread or worry about everyday occurrences and their functioning is affected, that person may be experiencing an anxiety disorder.

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) figures estimate that approximately 18 percent of adults, which is about 40 million individuals, are suffering from anxiety disorders. The five major types of anxiety disorders include generalized anxiety disorders, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) – which can affect military personnel, and phobias. It's important to seek medical advice to rule out any other physical causes that could be contributing. Treatment can include therapy, medication, or a combination of both, and can be very effective in helping persons regain control of their anxiety.

Mental illnesses are quite common disorders, affecting about one in four adults in the U.S. in any given year, according to

NIMH. One in 17 Americans is living with a serious mental illness. For more information, go to www.nami.org (National Alliance on Mental Illness) or call 1-800-950-NAMI, go to www.nimh.nih.gov (NIMH) or call 1-866-615-6464, or go to www.mentalhealthamerica.net (Mental Health America) or call 1-800-969-6642.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be participating in the *All-Lutheran Candle Lighting for Mental Illness* at our **October 10 and October 11** church services, which will take place during Mental Illness Awareness Week 2009. Listen to the petitions during these prayers and keep those with mental health concerns in your own prayers.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Health Ministry team has taken over 592 blood pressures since 2005!!!
- The Health Ministry team has given over 10 referrals for people to see their doctor. These referrals helped people improve their health!

Have you blood pressure checked regularly? Be sure to take advantage of the free service by the medical professionals of the Health Ministry Team. **Blood Pressure Screenings** are offered after all services of worship **October 10 & 11**.

DO YOU HAVE INTEREST?

Do you enjoy playing Euchre? The Health Ministry team is considering a **Euchre club**. Having fun with others is emotionally beneficial. If you have interest, please let the team know what days and times would work for you. You can *RSVP* about the *Euchre club* to Rachel Lammi (293-1147 or ras@oursaviordatyon.org).

Stewardship

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OPERATING FUND STATUS

August 2009

Offerings (against budget):	\$37,242.27
Loan Payment (from savings):	3,426.03
Foundation (against budget):	31,061.94
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,596.65
Memorials:	760.00
HVAC Project:	2,681.00
Special Projects	0.00
Expenses:	\$46,381.41
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$25,348.83

2009 Totals (as of September 21)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$262,293.16
Loan Payment (from savings):	27,408.24
Foundation (against budget):	93,823.82
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	10,388.66
Memorials:	2,375.00
HVAC Project income:	25,264.00
Special Projects:	2,947.00
Foundation donation:	10,701.00
YTD Expenses:	\$364,065.23
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	- \$7,948.25
Current HVAC Loan	\$333,791.34

- Submitted by Don Hartman



**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19**

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 Robert Haman:
Emma McIntosh



In memory of Dorothy Zinkiewicz:
William & Mary Frye

Joy Group

OCTOBER EVENT

The JOY Group will attend the Miami Valley Community Concert at Centerville Performing Art Center at Centerville High School on October 4 at 3:00 p.m. We will see the "RED HOT HOLLYWOOD REVIEW".

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$25. Dinner following the performance will be at Bob Evans on Far Hills, Centerville just south of Alex-Bell Rd. Please sign up in the narthex or call Strohminger's at 299-5031.

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

Scott, Amy, Emily and Josh Bryant

Don Cox

Al & Helen Davis

Nancy Freudenberger

Harley Homan

Mary Helen Lecklider

Lucille Loudenslager

Phyllis Mayne

Loren Metzler

Pastor Robert Neeb

Hema Rajaratnam

Doris Schmidt

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Arnie, friend of Linda Welin

Mary Kay, friend of Laurie Harper

Matt, Oakwood Marine

Parker, Rita Boord's cousin's grandson

Barbara Brandner, Bob and Wilma Meckstroth's niece

Elizabeth Bruns, Terry's mother

Capt. Mark Cipolla, Pat and Sharon Griffy's son-in-law, in Iraq

Joanne Draper, friend of the Kronbergs

Caelan Guthrie, grandson of Cap and Nancy Phillips

Julie Haines, Jackie Dawson's cousin

Gary and Cindy Hogman, friends of Elizabeth Beal

Alma Kern, friend of Hilda Durig

Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son, in Iraq

Betty Light, Dawn's mother

Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom

Ally Moran, friend of Swedlund family

Harry Nawroth, Norma's husband

Ferne Neeb, Pastor Bob's wife

Bevy Jo Parker, co-worker of Kim Buechele

Bob Pretzinger, friend of the Kronbergs

Diane Reke, Kim Buechele's sister-in-law

Terry Ritchie, Dawson's son-in-law

Jim Trent, friend of the Coens

