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Pastor's Message

Every time I think of you, I thank my God. And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news . . . These are the opening words of Paul's letter to his sisters and brothers in Christ who are part of the community of faith in Philippi. And they express my sentiment when I think of you. For this year, and especially this summer, you have gone the extra mile in creatively working together in spreading the good news. You worked together in bringing joy to the children of the orphanage in the Dominican Republic; you worked together in assisting John Buechele to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus through his music with Youth Encounter. And you have shown amazing passion, creativity and commitment in working with God in multiplying the blessings of our "Time To Grow" ministry project. What excites me most about our "Harvest Celebration" (September 6 and 7) is not the money that will come in that we will share with others, but how the Holy Spirit has breathed new life into us as a community of faith. I've

never seen people get so excited about wanting to be blessings to others – and that is exactly what God is making happen through you! My hope for you is summed up in the next line that Paul shared with the church in Philippi: *God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns.* I hope you will be able to join me in worship at 10:30 a.m. on September 7 so that we can join our voices together in a thunderous AMEN – LET IT BE SO!

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 a.m. (beginning 8/21) - Sanctaury and 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

WORSHIP THEMES

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (September 7)

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (September 14)

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in the worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (September 21)

Matthew narrates one of Jesus'

controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Ninevah for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (September 28)

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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

Council Update

The Meeting was opened up with a moment of silence and reading of Psalm 138 lead by Pastor Eichhorn. *We almost didn't have a quorum, or majority to vote on any motions due to the local schools open houses. Lucky for us Chris Becker showed up late and we were able to pass a few issues.*

Donna Gorrell was pleased to report that undesignated offering are up by about \$30,000 YTD. Spending on the other hand is ahead of last year and we are running our usual deficit for this time of year.

Council wants to recognize the great job performed by the team for VBS. We all agreed it was a wonderful event and want to recognize and thank the many volunteers that make this event possible.

We discussed the excitement "*A Time to Receive*" has generated and look forward to September 7 when we collect the harvest.

According to LCOS constitution the church requires an audit committee to review the records of the church. Council has been working on finding volunteers to perform this service. Between the July and August meeting a list of candidates was presented to council members by email. Council held an email vote and approved the three person committee. The new audit committee is made up of Chris Wallace, Chairman; Lee Scamp and Dave Schmidt.

Council passed a motion to give fellow council member, Nancy Henry a leave of absence from her duties during her illness. While she is on leave, council lowered the required quorum vote by one.

Council also voted on a few important

dates. Council set **Sunday, December 14** for election of three new council members. This is one great way of getting more involved and serving the church community. Council also set **February 1, 2009** for our annual meeting.

I want to remind all church members that council meetings are open and you are free to attend.

If you have any questions about council meetings, please contact any member of council.

Doug Hammer, President



FOOD PANTRY

On **September 20-21** we will again be emphasizing contributions for the New Hope food pantry. Focus will be on pasta and sauce, but all items are welcome. Dry pasta, jarred sauces, mac and cheese, pouches

of pasta with seasonings, or individual servings of prepared pasta entrees might be examples. Any pasta meal related item that will keep on the pantry shelf (including grated cheese) will be welcomed. Remember the need and watch for sales on pasta related items. Then pick up extras as you shop to share with our neighbors. Food pantries are stretched thin as more people need their help and fewer feel able to contribute. Donations of all kinds are needed.



Thank you to all our Vacation Bible School Volunteers!

We had a great week of Vacation Bible School. Our 55 volunteers helped 15 adults and 45 children grow in the faith through story, games, music, science, and crafts. We also planted a tree, gathered school supplies for Patterson Kennedy School in Dayton, and started recycling programs here at LCOS!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 ... SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS WITH RALLY DAY EVENTS!

Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. -

- First graders receive Bibles
- Our teachers are introduced
- All ages enjoy a show by Ron Remy, Christian ventriloquist & entertainer

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS & MONITORS FALL PEP RALLY

Tuesday, September 2

7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Parish House

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate the day God gave new life to these youth:

Andrew Dickerson - 9/26

Gracie Hartman - 9/19

Jasmine Hughes - 9/3

Connor Maschino - 9/26



**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.

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*

Youth Group News



If you were not in church Sunday, August 17 you missed the youth group presentation of their trip to the Dominican Republic. We showed a number of pictures from the orphanage where we worked. You can still see some of our pictures by checking out the digital picture frame in the narthex.

The congregation has committed to further help the orphanage by making the orphanage one of the recipients of the money raised through the "Time To Grow" program. The youth group is also asking that you keep the children of the orphanage in mind when you are out shopping. They are always in need of children's jeans, size 4-16, children's underwear, size 4-16 (when we were there we saw underwear hanging on the line that was so threadbare you could see through it), anti-fungal cream and feminine sanitary napkins. We will be collecting these items in the tubs in the narthex.

The youth group will be meeting for lunch one Sunday of each month following the second worship service. Come enjoy lunch and share your ideas for the upcoming year on **Sunday, September 21**. We will meet at Panera Bread on Brown Street. Bring a calendar and your ideas. We will discuss what you would like to do in the way of fellowship as well as community service/charities that you would like to be involved in as a group.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Bowling hosted by the Zimmerman family. Watch for the details.

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.





A Time to *Grow*

IT'S HARVEST TIME!

Sunday, September 7

"Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow . . ."

How are you doing with growing God's blessing of \$50? It has been exciting to hear the ideas being shared before and after worship.

Remember, the recipients of our September 7 "harvest" are: Christ Lutheran Church (Old North Dayton), Jeremiah's Letter, Noestros Pequenos Hermanos orphanage in the Dominican Republic (Youth mission trip destination), and Emmelyne Nizeimana in South Africa.



Time to reap the fruits of our summertime labors from the \$50 blessing we received on June 1.

- **24-hour Prayer Vigil** in the chapel to pray for God's blessings on our harvest and to bless the recipients of that harvest (*9:00 a.m. Saturday to 9:00 a.m. Sunday*)
- **Holy Terrors' Camp Out** at the church on Saturday night
- **Rally Day Festivities** on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- **ONE** weekend worship celebration on Sunday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. (**NO** Saturday worship)
- **Celebration luncheon** after worship

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:00 a.m. Prayer breakfast 3:30 p.m. Staff 7:30 p.m. Sunday school planning meeting	3 7:00 a.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Social Ministry	4 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6 9:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil starts 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan NO 5:30 p.m. Worship
7 9:00 a.m. Rally Day 10:30 a.m. Worship "A Time to Grow" Harvest lunch	8 5:30 p.m. Health Ministry 7:00 p.m. Exec Board	9 NO Prayer breakfast 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible study	10 7:00 a.m. AA 10:00 a.m. Circle - Dawson	11 9:30 a.m. Chorus 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13 9:00 a.m. AI-Anon 10:00 a.m. AA & AI-Anon 2:00 p.m. Rwandan 5:30 p.m. Worship
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Welca News

Women Enthusiastically Living Christian Actions

Can it be? August is history and September is here, reminding us that we've had our "time out" and there's many things to look forward to and good things to accomplish!

Saturday, September 6, starting at 9:00 a.m., we are having our annual 24-hour prayer vigil. Stop in at church and sign up in the narthex to share thirty minutes of your time to pray. Details are in the bulletin and the *Voice*.

Many of you ladies may want to check out the Craft Bazaar on Saturday, September 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Time is running out as proceeds go towards "A Time To Grow" project.

Sunday, September 7 WORSHIP IS AT 10:30 a.m. It is a very special day! It is Rally Day and our Harvest Celebration, followed by lunch.

Saturday, September 27 is the date of We Care Arts annual luncheon and style show. They are celebrating their 25 years of service to the community. We Care Arts is one of our mission partners and we continue to support them. This annual affair provides an enjoyable day for all women, at the same time giving us an opportunity to add our support. The tickets are \$30 each and there will be at least one table (seats 8) reserved for our church. If you are interested call Nelda Blake, 435-1183 or Shirley Coen, 298-6339 for further information/tickets. September 15 is the deadline.

WELCA's 2008-2009 directory is available this month. All women of LCOS are

welcome to have a copy. They will be in the WELCA cubby-hole in the narthex, (near the entrance to the lounge.)

Would you be willing to bake 4 dozen cookies for LCOS once a year? If so call Jan Wallace at 294-8984 and get on her rotating list. She also would like someone to replace her as Cookie Caller, so call her and she will give you all the details.

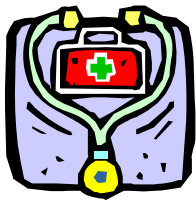
Just as God's love for us is unending, the needs of our church continue. I have always admired our church's altar and the cross above it, really takes my breath away. What is placed on that altar, such as the flowers, communion accessories, etc, would not be there, if not for the loving, caring, serving hands of many persons who continuously, for 52 weekends take care of the altar. The need is great for additional helpers, our current Altar Guild could use new persons who they could count on to help replace those who can no longer continue. Two people are used to help for one month a year. Call Mary Helen Lecklider, 298-2774 or Julie Anstaett, 299-3267 to help.

We, members of LCOS are blessed with a beautiful, special building to come to for worship and to learn, but we are even more blessed with the people who come. God is good!

See you in church,
Shirley Coen

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Monday group met on August 25
- Wednesday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. - Jackie Dawson, 2377 Miami Village Dr.
- Wednesday evening, September 17, contact Michelle Haun, 469-1531 for time and place



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, affecting 1 in 6 men. The older you are, the more likely you are to be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Although only 1 in 10,000 under age 40 will be diagnosed, the rate shoots up to 1 in 38 for ages 40 to 59, and 1 in 15 for ages 60 to 69. In fact, more than 65% of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over the age of 65. [www.prostatecancerfoundation.org]

Some of the things you can do to prevent or delay the onset of the disease:

- Eat fewer calories or exercise more so that you maintain a healthy weight.
- Try to keep the amount of fat you get from red meat and dairy products to a minimum.
 - Watch your calcium intake.
 - Eat more fish.
 - Try to incorporate cooked tomatoes that are cooked with olive oil and cruciferous vegetables into many of your weekly meals.
 - Eat more soy.
 - Top off your meal with green or black tea.
 - Eat an apple a day, or better yet, an apple, an orange, a bowl of vegetable soup, tomatoes, broccoli, and maybe some corn on the cob.

For a more detailed list, see the HEALTH MINISTRY BULLETIN BOARD in the office hallway.

If you are age 40 or over, if you have a family history of prostate cancer, or African American, you need more than a good diet can guarantee. Consider an annual PSA test with your doctor.

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.

Catch Charles' humor at www.charlesmarshallcomedy.com

Joy Group

SEPTEMBER EVENT

On Wednesday, September 17 we plan to meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to Greenville, Ohio to visit the graves of Annie Oakley and her husband, have lunch at C.J. Highmarks Restaurant and conclude at the Garst Museum. Entrance to the museum is \$5.00, which includes a tour with a Docent and a small snack and drink.

We will need drivers for this trip and room for those who do not drive. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. If you are willing to drive, please indicate the number of passengers you can take comfortably. For more information, call the Browns at 294-7664.

OCTOBER EVENT

Please mark October 15 on your calendars. We will be carpooling for a FALL FOLIAGE TOUR to HISTORIC BROWN COUNTY, OHIO.

Details will be coming later.

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
Scott, Amy & Emily Bryant
John Buechele
Don Cox

Al Davis
Edith Ellis
Bryan Griffin
Bob Haman
Nancy Henry
Mardelle Hoover

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Clarke Anstaett, Don's father
Robert Ashburn, Pastor Bob's father
Mark Balsom, Terri's brother-in-law
Verlan Bledsoe, neighbor of the Tyson family
Rogor Boord, son of Wes and Rita
Dylan Cole, Ray and Joyce Strohming's nephew
Barbie Conlin, Laurie Harper's sister
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
Chrysti Jackson, Michelle Jackson Haun's cousin
Jim, relative of LCOS member's co-worker
Jay Kost, Gary and Beth's son
Collette McFarland, Shawn's mom
Donna Miller, Pastor Bob's wife
Tammy O'Leary, 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
Vera Purdom, John Buechele's aunt
Jeremy Schmidt, Doris' grandson
Don Shelley, Ray and Joyce Strohming's neighbor
Helen Stager
Eunice Watson, friend of Vicky Schmidt



Families of the Month:

- Eric, Johanna, Merideth and Alec Snead
- Dan and Ginger Minneman

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

July 2008

Offerings (against budget):	\$20,673.25
Foundation (against budget):	0.00
HVAC loan payment (savings)	3,426.03
Other collections (non-budget):	
Social Ministry:	1,347.77
Memorials:	0.00
HVAC Project:	3,775.45
Rest of Foundation monies:	0.00
Youth fund - Mission trip	353.91
Expenses:	\$18,141.55
(Receipts - Expenses)	\$2,531.17

2008 Totals (as of Aug. 18)

YTD collections (against budget):	\$221,664.59
Foundation (against budget):	62,773.18
HVAC loan payment (from savings):	23,982.21
YTD non-budget collections:	
Social Ministry:	8,261.49
Memorials:	840.00
HVAC Project totals (2008):	31,906.82
Foundation(scholarship/benev):	1,993.24
Youth fund - Mission trip	10,281.35
YTD Expenses:	\$347,912.25
YTD Balance (rcpts-expenses):	-\$37,872.26
- Submitted by Don Hartman	



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15**

Foundation News

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorials are monetary donations given in memory or honor of family members, friends, church members. Those donations go directly into the LCOS Foundation, and can be designated for one of the specific endowment funds in the Foundation, or can go into the "undesigned fund" of the Foundation. Either way, these donations help to ensure that ministry will continue here at LCOS long after we are gone. You are invited and encouraged to make a memorial donation, of any \$ amount, to the church in memory or honor of a loved one.

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

LCOS JOY Group
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meckstroth
Mr. & Mrs. David Schaefer
Ruth Latta
Virginia Frantz, Philip & Teresa
Sam & Barbara Burcham
Ken & Joy Smallwood
Dean & Lorraine Parmelee
Frances Steube
Ann Walkup
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Coen
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ludwig
Mr. & Mrs. Melville Davidson
Betty Maurer
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tyson
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Gorrell
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stickford
Mrs. Virginia Foell
Reevea Voigt
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Balsom
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bachmann

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.

