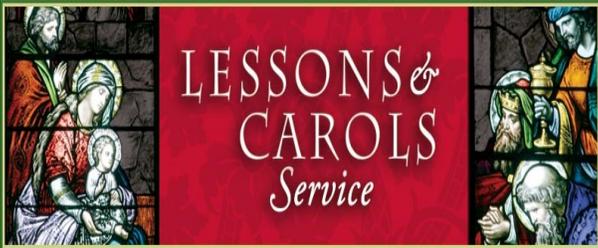
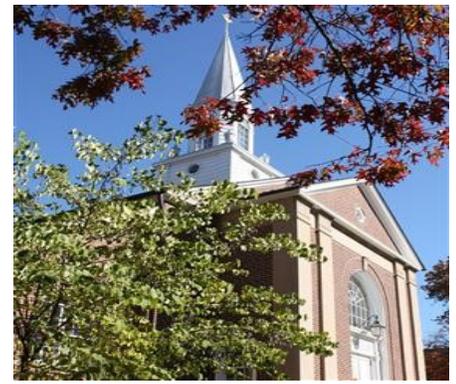




The Parish *Messenger*

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



LESSONS AND CAROLS: AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARDS ALL

Preparations are well under way for this year's Lessons and Carols on December 18 at 10:30 am. I am thankful for the congregation's support and enthusiasm for this meaningful service.

Over the past several years, we've had diverse themes, but none directly related to peace. Every year, the theme is selected in June or

July. Usually Scripture readings for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons will inform the theme, but this year I felt so strongly about the peace theme that I went in that direction before consulting the passages for the season. Fortunately, the message of peace is woven in the Advent and Christmas readings. In the Christmas account in Luke 2, the angels tell the shepherds "Glory to God and on earth peace, goodwill towards all." In one of the anthems during the service, the translation is "And on earth peace, goodwill towards men." Based on those two pieces of information, I came up with the theme "And on Earth Peace, Goodwill Towards All." While peace will be the focus, part of the readings and music will focus on love, as goodwill is a form of love.

Based on the theme, I chose several anthems for Adult, Youth, Children's Choirs, orchestra, and organ. There will be several opportunities for everyone to sing and "Make a joyful noise" on the hymns such as *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*, and more. Finally there will also be Holy Communion and several readings including a mixture of Scripture and meaningful non-Biblical readings.

If you would like to sing with the choirs, there will be a rehearsal for adults on December 17 from 9 am – 12 pm. Children's and Youth Choirs will be working on music for the service on November 27, December 4, and December 11. Contact Austen Wilson at austen.wilson@gmail.com to RSVP.

Come experience the magic of the season at this service! See you on December 18 at 10:30 am! Please invite your friends and family, especially those without a church home.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP TIMES; 5:00, 8:30, & 11:00

Join the congregation in celebrating the birth of Christ this Christmas Eve at any of the three worship times that best fit your schedule. Here are the times and a brief description of each.

5:00 Family Worship: A Children's Sermon and anthems sung by both the Cherub and Children's Choirs as well as the Children's Bell Choir ringing are the highlight of this worship service. This is a great family-focused worship and we hope you will invite your friends without a church home to join you. Communion will be celebrated and the service ends with candlelight singing of Silent Night.

8:30 Traditional/Youth Worship: The Youth Choir and Bell Choir continue to be the featured choir at this service and returning college students are invited to join them in singing familiar anthems if they choose. A traditional sermon is preached. Communion will be celebrated and the service ends with candlelight singing of Silent Night.

11:00 Classic "Midnight" Worship: The Adult Choir and Bell Choir are the featured choirs at this service with a traditional sermon preached from the pulpit or aisle. While it does not begin at midnight it is often referred to as the Midnight Mass or Midnight Service by many as we end the worship after midnight to begin our celebration of Christmas Day. Communion will be celebrated and the service ends with candlelight singing of Silent Night.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord, proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs, and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.

“Christmas Blessings & a Big Thank You”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech



December is a busy month. We seem to say, “I have to...” a lot in conversations. Instead of a joy, the holidays can seem more of a burden. In case that is where you are this December let me share a different perspective; one in which “we get to” instead of have to.

First, it is a blessing to have served you as your pastor for the last 10 years, and the celebration of our ministry together on Oct 30 was spectacular. Thank you so much for the generous gifts and expression of your appreciation. I look forward to the years we get to do ministry together.

It is a blessing we get to experience our children share the retelling of the Nativity story in the Christmas Pageant each year and support them in their efforts to learn this core story of our faith.

It is a blessing we get to worship on Lessons & Carols Sunday with so many talented musicians and singers who provide us with such a glorious experience of Advent worship.

It is a blessing we get to carol for our neighbors who endure crowded streets and closing car doors every Sunday as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

It is a blessing we get to see the faces of long time members who may not worship frequently, but wouldn't miss Christmas Eve worship for the world. It is my secret Christmas joy!

It is a blessing this year that we get to worship on Christmas day and truly remember the reason for the season.

Finally, it is a blessing that in a time of anxiety and transition we get to remember and trust that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God truly is with us at all times and until the end of the age.

“DECEMBER A GREAT MONTH TO INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND STRANGERS TO CHURCH”

December is a time of invitations. We get invited to one party and then another. We get invited to lunch or dinner at one or another friend's home. We get invited to concerts, plays, and ballet performances of the Nutcracker. We do our fair share of inviting others to the same in our weeks leading up to Christmas Day. The big question is, how often do we think about inviting people to join in our celebrating the birth of Christ at our Christmas Eve worship? Or how often do we think about inviting people to worship during Advent as we prepare for that celebration?

Jesus once told his disciples he would make them fish for people. But if we don't invite people to join us for worship or other ministry events or projects and expect people will simply show up that would be like going fishing and hoping the fish jump in the boat! December is an excellent month to invite people who don't have a church home to worship and various other events focused on Christmas. Here are some examples and opening lines you might try to invite them to join you.

Dec 1-11: Advent Giving Tree Shopping: “Say while we're out shopping can you help me buy a gift for my Advent Giving Tree family? Our church purchases nearly 300 gifts for families in need living in Camden County every Christmas and we picked up several tags from the Advent Giving Tree at our church last Sunday. Want to help me?” (If they ask more about it, invite them to join you for worship on Sunday and pick up a tag or two for themselves to help out.)

Dec 4: Drop N Shop Childcare: “I've still got some shopping to do for my children and my church's youth group is sponsoring a Drop 'n Shop childcare event from Noon to 4:00 on Sunday Dec 4. They'll have crafts, games, and children's Christmas shows for the kids to be involved in so they'll have some fun while we get some holiday tasks done. Want to drop off the kids and join me? We could even go to worship together beforehand if you like. Then we can grab some lunch and catch up along the way.”

Dec 11: Sunday School Pageant: “Our Sunday school children are providing a unique retelling of the Nativity story and experiencing the wonder of Jesus' birth amidst all the hustle and bustle of life. There's even a dinner planned for after the pageant so there's one less meal to worry about! With our children being such good friends I think they might enjoy seeing them in the audience. Why don't you come as our guests that day and join us? We'd love to have you and hope you can stay for the dinner.”

Dec 18: Lessons & Carols Worship: “Say, our church is holding a really great musical worship the Sunday before Christmas. It's a Lessons and Carols worship at the 10:30 service featuring all the choirs and guest instrumentalists. It's really a great way to get into the mood for Christmas and easy to follow along as well. Want to join us?”

Christmas Eve: “What are you doing Christmas Eve this year? Our church has a beautiful candlelight worship each year and we find it sets the tone for our celebration of Christmas the next day. We go to the (insert your worship preference here) because (insert your reason). We'd love to have you be our guest. Want to come? Here's a card (available at the Usher's Tables) in case you want a reminder or are interested in a different time. They're all great.”

REMEMBER: New members start out as first time guests. First time guests start out as friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members who were first INVITED by someone they know and trust to join them for worship or a ministry event. Don't forget to invite someone who doesn't have a church home to join you this Advent as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

BE AN ANGEL AND TAKE A TAG!

Beginning Sunday, November 20th, the Advent Giving Tree ministry will be in the second floor Narthex outside of the Sanctuary entrance. We need your participation to help bring some Christmas joy to people located in our area.

If you would like to participate in spreading the Holiday Cheer:

1. Take a tag from the table, but be sure someone has registered your tag number, name and phone number on our sign-up sheet.
2. Buy and wrap the Gift (s). The value of the gift or gift card should be about \$25.00 We have a gift suggestion sheet given to us by Urban Promise but can be used as a guide for any gifts purchased. **NOTE: DO NOT CONTACT URBAN PROMISE DIRECTLY. IF YOU ARE PURCHASING A GIFT FOR URBAN PROMISE, DO NOT WRAP IT.**
3. Attach your tag with the tag number visible to the gift. Return the gift by 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 11, 2016.

Simple as 1,2,3. - Share the joy.

Please share our Advent Giving Tree mission with others. If they would like to be an Angel to the organizations we support but can't make it to church to choose a tag, take one to them. They can also contact Donna Stillwell: 609-471-2967 and I will help them over the phone. Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken.

The tags will be available on November 20, 27, and December 4. Again, the gifts must be returned by December 11, 2016. If you would like to return the gifts before then, you can drop them off at the church office or bring them with you on Sunday and give them to one of the volunteers at the sign-up station.

Thank you in advance for supporting this very special ministry and helping our organizations: Urban Promise, Haddonfield Schools, Caring Hearts, Collingswood Schools, My Father's House and our Pantry Families. Your generosity will make their Season brighter.

POINSETTIA DELIVERY PEOPLE NEEDED DEC 26 AT 9:30

Help is needed on Monday, Dec 27, to deliver the poinsettias that decorated the church on Christmas Eve and Day to our homebound members. This is a wonderful family ministry opportunity and is a great way to meet members who are unable to attend worship any more or regularly. Contact the Church Office (lcosandy@gmail.com) if you are able to assist in delivering poinsettias.



PANTRY VOLUNTEERS THROUGH NOVEMBER



Thank you to our November Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Millie King, Peg Olt, Stacey & Eva Shaw, Lynn Block, Danielle & Patrick Deery, and Sandy DeDonatis

Week of Nov 6: **Danielle and Patrick Deery**

Week of Nov 13: **Marianne Aponte, Steve, Debbie Cain**

Week of Nov 20: **Millie King, Lynn Block**

Week of Nov 27: **Marianne Aponte, Steve, Debbie Cain**

Week of Dec 4: _____

Week of Dec 11: **Marianne Aponte, Steve, Debbie Cain**

Week of Dec 18: _____

Week of Dec 25: **Marianne Aponte, Steve, Debbie Cain**

If you can fill in any blank spaces please write your name in on the sign-up sheet outside of the pantry. And thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

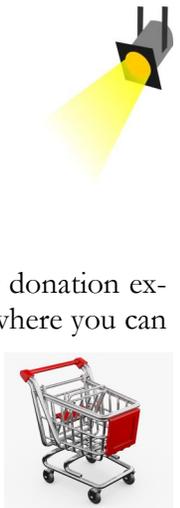
Please contact Lynn Block, Pantry Coordinator if you have any questions or recommendations:

PANTRY NEEDS DECEMBER:

All donations welcome.

Special Needs: peanut butter, tuna fish, spaghetti, chili, tuna & hamburger helper.

Pantry News Flash: To enhance your donation experience, we now have a shopping cart where you can place your donated groceries. The idea for the cart originated with our very own Pastor Wayne and the cart was graciously donated by the Haddonfield Acme.



Pantry Families Exciting News: Two of our Pantry Families are no longer in need of our services. Both families have family members who are now employed full time. One family is even saving to buy a home. They both thanked the LCOS Congregation for helping when they most needed it and said they truly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We have worked with Ed Hess, the Haddonfield Council of Churches Community Case Worker and already have a new Pantry Family that we are serving. She is a single mother who works part time and has 3 children with no support from her ex-husband. She is very grateful to all of you for welcoming her into our Pantry Family.



DECK THE HALLS/DROP 'N SHOP COMBINED EVENT DEC 4 AT NOON

Two congregation events will occur on Sunday, Dec 4.

“Deck the Halls” for Christmas from Noon-2:00. The congregation will work with confirmation youth and parents to prepare our church for Christmas by putting up the two trees in the sanctuary and one in the narthex with lights and Chrismon ornaments. This is a great time for families to learn about the meaning behind the unique Chrismon ornaments that adorn our sanctuary trees each year.

Lunch will be coordinated by Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Jack Broomell, and the three large artificial pine trees will be put up, strung with lights, and decorated with the handmade Crismons immediately following the meal. Help get our church ready for the Christmas Pageant and Lessons and Carols events in the coming two weeks. Contact the church office if you plan to attend to insure enough pizzas are ordered. Homemade Christmas cookies are always a great treat to share if you would like to bring some.

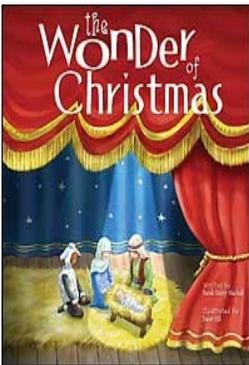
Christmas “Drop ‘N Shop” Childcare from Noon-4:00. Haven’t finished your Christmas shopping yet? Want to spend four uninterrupted hours focusing on your To Do List? Or maybe you just want to enjoy a quiet lunch and a movie. Consider leaving your children with the Oasis Senior High Youth Group for four hours after worship. Lunch will be provided and the children will engage in various crafts and games as well as see a variety of classic Christmas children’s movies (Pastor Wayne has a big collection). Don’t be afraid to let your friends and family know about it too!

BOXED ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX FOR PICK-UP FROM DEC 4 UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE

Members of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior are asked to pick up their 2017 offering envelopes in the Narthex by Christmas Eve. **NOTE: Adult children attending college or those who are otherwise still listed as living at home will not be issued envelopes but are encouraged to provide their offerings in the family household envelope.** Any adult child wishing to have their own envelopes need only request them from the Church Office.



If you can drop off envelopes for a friend or nearby neighbor in the congregation please do. Envelopes that are not picked up after December 31 will be mailed out in the first weeks of the 2017. Please help reduce postage costs by picking up your offering envelopes in the Narthex.



THE WONDER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & DINNER SET FOR DEC 11 @ 4:00

In *The Wonder*, Ben, the dreamy son of a Bethlehem innkeeper, helps his mother – and us as well – see the wonder of the baby born in a manger. This year’s pageant seeks to involve children, youth, and adults in the Christmas story. Through drama and song, the program presents the nativity as seen through the eyes of two children of the time.

Pastor Wayne remarked, “I read through the script and the carols the congregation would be hearing and singing and had goose bumps by the end! I can’t wait to experience it live when the children put on the pageant.” Even if you don’t have children in Sunday school, all children of the congregation are invited to participate and adults are encouraged to attend on Dec 11 at 4:00. A dinner is planned afterward in the Parish Hall and we hope you can join us for the meal as well.



Poinsettia Memorials

Each year the altar is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$20, made payable to "LCOS Altar Guild." The poinsettias are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Monday, December

26. The deadline is Sunday, December 11, 2016.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Relationship of donor to Memorialized One(s) _____

Return to church office no later than December 11



MUSIC AT LCOS 2016 – 2017

Join us for another season of fantastic music!

Jonathan Rundman

February 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Born and raised in the isolated Finnish-American communities of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Jonathan Rundman has been writing songs and performing across the country since he was 18 years old. He emerged on the national music scene as a Chicago-based touring artist, generating rave reviews in *Billboard*, *The New York Times*, *Performing Songwriter*, *Paste*, and countless regional publications. Now living in Minneapolis, he continues to tour and record.

Absolutely Glorious: Vivaldi Gloria and Other Sacred Gems

LCOS Adult Choir and Orchestra

April 30, 2017 at 4:00 PM

This concert, featuring orchestra and the LCOS Adult Choir, will explore Christian music throughout the ages, from the classic *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi to the jazz based *Agnus Dei* from the *Mass* by Steven Dobrogosz, as well as several other selections. Spoken reflections will place the musical selections in a rich and deep context. The program will end with Mendelssohn's beautiful *Verleih uns Frieden*, a moving plea for peace.

CHRISTMAS DAY "WORSHIP IN YOUR PJs" AT 9:30 ONLY

Since Christmas Day is on a Sunday there will be only one worship service at 9:30 with Holy Communion. Rather than worry about getting children dressed and ready for worship so early on Christmas morning the Worship and Music Committee is inviting you to worship in your pajamas! Adults are welcome to do the same, but we do recommend robes (we have quite a few of those in case you forget yours). Otherwise please come dressed casual for worship and we will provide some pastries and beverages afterward for those who don't have to rush off to make Christmas dinner. Carols will predominate the worship in case you didn't get your fill the night before. We hope to see you on Christmas Day, and if not, have a Blessed, Merry Christmas.



DECEMBER 2016 SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

MY FATHER'S HOUSE (Ruth Friant): Please contact Ruth Friant at 856-429-8018 or friant@yahoo.com if you are interested in preparing a meal for My Father's House. All dates are filled thru the end of 2016. Ruth is now ready to schedule for 2017. Drivers are always needed to deliver these meals.

COOKBOOKS (Eva Shaw): Cookbooks are on sale in the narthex. There are still at least 60 books left to be sold. All proceeds benefit the food pantry. Books are \$10.00 each. So if you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Eva Shaw at 856 428-9434 or email her at eslohboy@verizon.net. They make great gifts.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2016: Thank you to all who donated holiday food bags or made monetary donations. We shared our goodies with local persons, New Visions in Camden, and Pantry families. In November, we supported New Visions with a monetary donation at Thanksgiving. This agency is the successor to Tillie and John Myers' Good Samaritan Center.

CARING HEATS MINISTRIES: We assist this non-profit agency's families--each family has at least one member affected by AIDS or the HIV virus. The congregation donated deodorant and socks for the Spring Give-A-Way in April 2016. We helped Caring Hearts prepare and provide food for Thanksgiving dinners for families throughout South Jersey. Thank you for your donations of chicken broth for the Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Project. We also support Caring Hearts with a monetary donation in March and a special Christmas donation in December.

MEETING DATES: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, August, and January) at 7pm in Room 112. Please contact me at 856-429-3355 or e-mail me at betsy406@comcast.net if interested in joining our committee. Upcoming meeting dates: 12/6/16, 2/7/17, 3/7/17, 4/4/17, 5/2/17, 6/6/17.

BISHOP BARTHOLOMEW OFFERS POST-ELECTION LETTER TO NJ SYNOD LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Almost one week ago, Donald Trump was elected to serve as the 45th President of the United States. For some, this was the hoped for result of a contentious election season. For others, this was a time of great disappointment. Many sociologists, political pundits, psychologists, and religious writers have analyzed the results of the voting and have tried to give answers as to why people voted the way they did. At this point, I am tired of reading and re-reading such analyses.

I am concerned, however, that the results of this election have emboldened people of ill will. In this past week we have seen incidents of racial hatred escalate. We have seen graffiti spray-painted on bathroom walls in a high school denouncing LGBTQ students, swastikas covering the front windows of storefronts, signs declaring "Trump Nation. Whites Only", and more. I have received phone calls and emails from pastors whose parishioners are afraid to go out to work and parents whose children are afraid to go to school.

Regardless of who you or your parishioners voted for, we all must denounce this behavior. As the body of Christ, we are called to stand with those whom God loves and claims as God's own cherished children. We are called to speak out when we witness acts of hatred. We are charged to eradicate racism in all its forms, welcome the refugee and immigrant, and work for justice and peace in all the earth. There is no place for bigotry in our church.

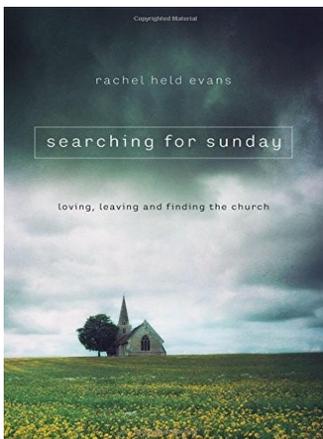
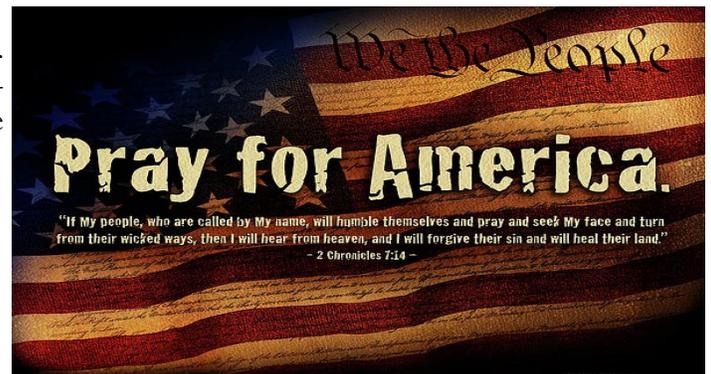
On November 14, 1960, this country watched as 6-year-old Ruby Bridges made her way to the William Franz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. White parents pulled their children out of the school and teachers refused to teach as long as there was a black student in the classroom. Adult men and women hurled hate-filled words at a little girl trying to get an education. Ruby spent the first day in the principal's office because of the chaos that surrounded her attendance at the all-white school. On the second day, a Methodist minister brought his white daughter to school and broke the boycott. Slowly, students began to return to the school, even if they didn't fully embrace their new reality.

Today, on November 14, 2016, my heart breaks to hear stories that sound similar to those which happened 56 years ago. Post-election, there are some who feel that their anti-immigrant, misogynistic, racist comments have been normalized or legitimized. We need to risk our own safety in order to step up and tell them they are wrong. We need to examine our own prejudices and biases and confess our own sinfulness. By our actions, we will witness to the truth as expressed by Bishop Desmond Tutu: "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death".

Thank you for your part in proclaiming the Gospel. Please know that I am here to support you and pray for you every day. Together we can be the church that Christ calls us to be for the sake of the world.

Peace,

Bishop Tracie L. Bartholomew



LCOS BOOK DISCUSSION: "SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY"

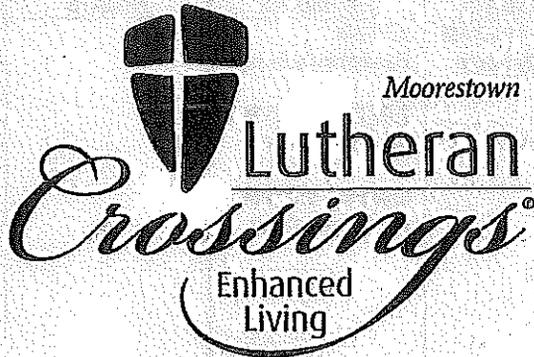
Is one of your 2017 resolutions to read more? Do you enjoy discussing the books you read with others? Never been part of a book club, but always wanted to try? Join LCOS in reading Rachel Held Evans' "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church." We will meet 4 times in January and February to discuss Rachel's thought-provoking book and how it applies to our life, faith, and the church. Rachel will be part of our Faith & Family Weekend and will be speaking at LCOS on March 10th. Rachel Held Evans is a New York Times best-selling author and has been featured in The Guardian, Christianity Today, Slate, The CNN Belief Blog, NPR, The BBC, The Today Show, and many more. She serves on the President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

December 2016 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 AM, 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Services 9:00AM Coffee Hour 9:00 AM Children's Choir 11:40 AM Youth Choir 11:50 AM – 12:20 Cherub Choir 12:20 PM Youth Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Study - Parlor	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 3:30 PM Staff Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study Room 112 4:00 PM Tai Chi	8:30 AM Handyman's Group 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Adult Bell Choir 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir		

December 2016 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	2	3
4 11:45- 2:00 Deck The Halls/Christmas Pizza Party 11:45 – 4:00 Drop N Shop	5	6 10:00-12:00 Melodeers 7:00 PM Toastmasters	7 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Singing Angels	8 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	9	10 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
11 Wutz Baptism 4:30 PM Sunday School Christmas Pageant – Dinner Poinsettia Deadline Choir Christmas Party 5:00 PM Youth Group Christmas Party 6:30-8:00 PM	12 10:00-12:00 Melodeers	13 11:00-3:00 Haddonfield Garden Club 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:30 PM Church Council	14	15 Messenger Deadline Lifeline Screening	16 Vassallo Rehearsal	17 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Vassallo Wedding
18 10:30 AM Lessons & Carols 6:00 PM Confirmation Neighborhood Caroling	19	20 12:30 PM Senior Game Day	21	22 Messenger Mailing	23	24 5:00 PM, 8:30 PM, 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Services
25 Christmas  9:30 AM Worship Service No Coffee Hour No Confirmation	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 



The Auxiliary of Lutheran Crossings
Enhanced Living at Moorestown
invites you to

Christmas in the Castle & Craft Fair

Saturday, December 10, 2016
10am to 3pm

255 East Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

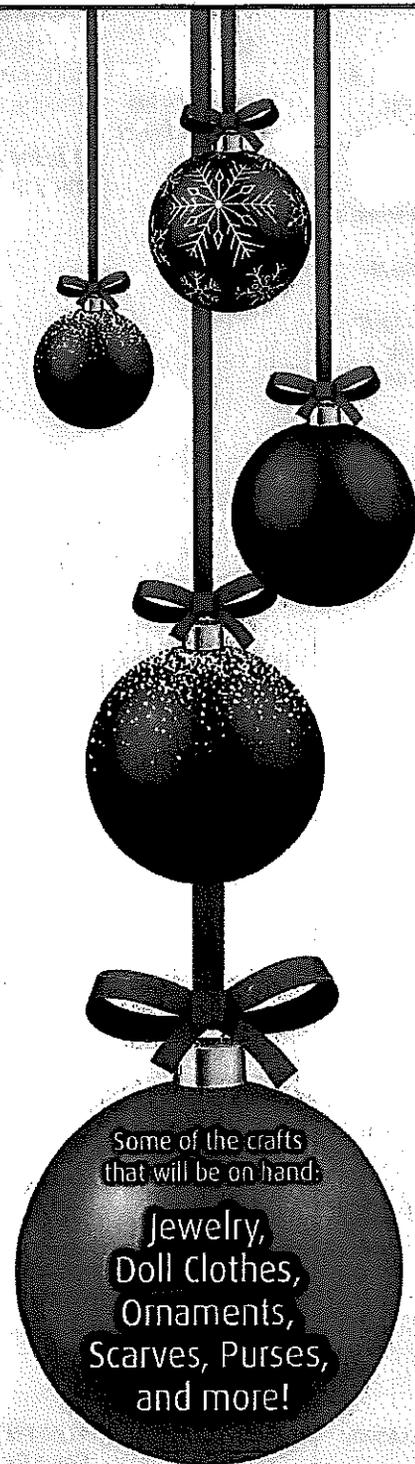


Come see Breidenhart Castle decorated for the holidays
while shopping for unique, handmade and specialty gifts from various crafters.

Also, bring your own camera and have your photo taken with Santa.

This event is hosted by the Lutheran Crossings Auxiliary and benefits the residents
of Lutheran Crossings Enhanced Living at Moorestown.

Interested in being a vendor? Spaces are still available. Contact (609) 699-4115.



Some of the crafts
that will be on hand:

Jewelry,
Doll Clothes,
Ornaments,
Scarves, Purses,
and more!

2016/2017 Coffee Hour Schedule

Dec. 4 - Worship & Music Committee, Communications
Dec. 11 – Ushers, Counters
Dec. 18 – Congregation Resources, Parish Administrator
Dec. 25 – NO COFFEE HOUR - Christmas Day
Jan. 1 – NO COFFEE HOUR - New Year's Day
Jan. 8 – Memorial Gifts Board
Jan. 15 - Mission Quilts
Jan. 22 - Altar Guild
Jan. 29 – NO COFFEE HOUR, Unity Sunday
Feb. 5 - Personnel & Property Committees
Feb. 12 - Cherub, Youth & Children's Choirs
Feb. 19 - Christian Ed. & Sunday School
Feb. 26 - Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters
Mar. 5 - Sisters~In~Spirit
Mar. 12 – Social Ministry Committee
Mar. 19 - Adult Choir & Bell Choir
Mar. 26 - Worship & Music Committee, Communications
Apr. 2 – First Holy Communion – Cake
Apr. 9 - Ushers, Counters
Apr. 16 – NO COFFEE HOUR - Easter
Apr. 23 - Congregation Resources, Parish Administrator
April 30 - Memorial Gifts Board
May 7 - Mission Quilts
May 14 - NO COFFEE HOUR (MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST) - Confirmation
May 21 - Altar Guild
May 28 - CONFIRMATION RECEPTION
May 29 - Personnel & Property Committees
June 4 - Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters
June 11 - Sisters~In~Spirit
June 18 – Donuts for Dad (Last Official Coffee Hour)

Messenger Helpers: Thanks to: Jane Evans, Dottie Powell, Lynn Boyle, Janice Bellenghi, Laura Oakes, Janie Braccio, Mary Jo DeCoursey, Millie King, Kate Roberts, Marianne Aponte, Caryl Wallace and Deb Hartigan for helping to assemble the Messenger.



LCOS PARTICIPATES IN HADDONFIELD FALL FESTIVAL

Bobbi Newsham and Nancy Frazier would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Fall Festival this year. We had many people stop by our table and they were given information about LCOS.

Special thanks go to Caralyn Baine, Janie Braccio, Judy Caravelli, Glenn Martin, Deb MacBride, Austen Wilson and Pauline Worusski. We could not have done this without you!!!

Please leave one thermos of coffee and one dish of snacks (if there are any left) out in the library on the granite shelf for the choir parents who stay and wait for their children after church. The music ministry will make sure that the hydration station is cleaned up.

PLEDGE CARD

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Pledge of Giving to the 2017 General Fund Campaign

Psalm 145: 4 One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

\$ _____ per _____ (week, month or year) **2017 Total Estimate of Giving** \$ _____

Name[s] _____ Envelope Number _____

____ I do not wish to make a pledge at this time.

Note: A pledge is a statement of intended giving. It is not a legally binding contract and can be increased or decreased if circumstances change.

LCOS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 90th Anniversary Committee will be selling Christmas Cards on Sunday mornings.

Many thanks go to Betsy Kuehn for providing us with a beautiful picture for the front and John Johnson and Ethan Quanci for creating the Anniversary logo on the back.

The message inside matches the altar paraments:

“Glory to God in the Highest!

May the blessings of God’s special gifts be yours

This Christmas and in the New Year.”

The cards are packaged 20 in a box for \$10. The proceeds of your purchase will help defray the costs of the breakfast and the special programs that will be held throughout 2016 and 2017 to celebrate our 90th Anniversary and to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



October 29, 2016

Dear Mission Partners,

We Thank God For You! We thank God once again for your commitment to us here at Bridge of Peace Community Church and to the community we have been called to serve together.

Thank you to all of you who came out and helped us with our first ever trunk or treat. The evening was really amazing and mostly I felt blessed to do it with so many wonderful and faithful disciples.

Yesterday we made many children and families happy. Some of our children with learning challenges and sensory issues really were able to participate and parents were very grateful. We can never thank you enough for your time and effort on our behalf.

Peace to you,

Pastor Giselle C. Coutinho and the Disciples at Bridge of Peace Community Church, ELCA



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come One-Come All to have a fun day Christmas Caroling with the Seniors of Coles Landing in Haddon Township on Sunday, December 11th.

We will gather at the church at 1:45 PM and then go over to sing. Or, you can meet us at Coles Landing, just off Coles Mill Road, about 5 minutes away from church, for 2 PM.

We will sing for about a 1/2 hour and then join in having refreshments with the Seniors. It is a wonderful way to feel the true spirit of Christmas! It ALWAYS is a fun day. You do NOT have to have a great voice, just enjoy the Christmas Carols and giving others joy during this holiday time.

Dress Festive.....Red, Green, Santa Hats and bells, etc are encouraged. We are hopeful we can have some families with children join us this year. And remember we are ALL CHILDREN at Christmas time. Outreach will be bringing snacks and drinks to complete our time with the seniors. It truly is a wonderful afternoon and only is about a 2 hour commitment. Please plan on joining us this year! Ho-Ho-Ho.....

Please call Bobbi Newsham if you have questions at 609-828-5244.





**JOIN SISTERS~IN~SPIRIT IN
HELPING VICTIMS OF DISASTERS
EASY GIFT GIVING FOR THE PERSON
WHO HAS EVERYTHING**

As you ponder what to give the relative or friend who has everything, please consider making a gift in their honor to Lutheran Disaster Response. On Dec. 4th and 11th Sisters~In~Spirit will be accepting donations and will provide you with a beautiful Christmas ornament and a lovely gift card.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. They provide immediate assistance to victims of natural disasters such as Hurricane Matthew and the flooding in Louisiana. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

For further information contact Connie at 856-795-2855 or conniemattwolf@msn.com.

**Thrivent Baptismal
Medallions Given on Jan 8**

On Sunday, January 8, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church of Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child's baptism, the children will receive a blessing by Pastor Wayne, as well as, a gift of a pewter baptismal medallion. The medallion has the child's name and baptismal date engraved on the back as a permanent reminder of God's gracious act. Parents who will be participating in the service are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting the church office either by phone (429-5122) or email the Parish Administrator, Sandy DeDonatis at lcossandy@gmail.com.



December Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Carol Larro, Nancy Gulick
Communion Assistants: 8- Kate Zschech
10:30- Dave Wyche
Counters: Sandy DeDonatis, Jane Evans, Debbie Tredinnick, Betty Woltz
Ushers: 8- Joe & Peg Hartmann
10:30- John & Kayann Laughlin

December 4

Readers: 8- Bill Neveling **10:30-** Cathe Bare
Greeters: 8- Jane & Jim Evans
10:30- Amal Spence, Connie Wolf
Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Riley & Wyatt Needham, Alyssa Monti
10:30- Olivia & Ethan Roncace, Caitlin Hargrave, Daniel Cook, Ava Cottone

December 11

Readers: 8- Rebecca Potterfield **10:30-** Dave Wyche
Greeters: 8- Sandy DeDonatis
10:30- Paul Knauer, Gary Visconti
Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Aidan Bell, Luke Baxter
10:30- Kayla Rodriguez, Luke Riley, Brett Hintz, Luke Fabian

December 18

Readers: 8- Kate Zschech **10:30-** Julie Frederick
Greeters: 8- Peg Hartmann
10:30- Deb Hartigan, Janie Braccio
Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Jacob & JoAnna Howley
10:30- Kerry Dietrich, Brandon Quanci, Sophia Howard, Hailey Melcher

December 24

Ushers 5- Terry & John Gordon
Usher Assistants 5- Dale Kredatus
Ushers 8:30- Kate & Brie Zschech
Usher Assistants 8:30- Jane & Jim Evans
Ushers 11- Harvey & Stacey Shaw
Usher Assistants- Paul Knauer, Millie King
Readers: 8:30- Walt Haswell
11- Cathe Bare
Communion Assistants: 5- Dave Wyche
8:30- TBA
11- Spike Riley, Jeannette Jelonek

December 25

Readers: 9:30- Tom Foskett
Greeters: No Greeters
Ushers: 9:30- Kristine & Linda Monsen
Acolytes: 9:30- Rob LaBarge



Youth

-In November, we took some of the Confirmation class on a retreat to Harvey Cedars, Long Branch Island, NJ for a weekend. While there we had a lot of fun playing games, hanging out, and learning about God. Along with that we continued to have Oasis youth group every Sunday night and are still working to help that ministry grow. Continuing to encourage youth to go would be a great help! Our schedule in December will look like:

- ⇒ December 4th: Deck the Halls/Pizza Party/Drop N' Shop
- ⇒ December 11th: Oasis Youth Group
- ⇒ December 17th: Christmas Village trip
- ⇒ December 18th: Christmas Caroling/Youth Christmas Party
- ⇒ December 25th: No Oasis, Merry Christmas!

-All youth are invited to come help decorate the church on December 4th. We will also be hosting a Drop N' Shop, where the youth will help watch kids as parents drop them off so they can go Christmas shopping. Youth volunteers are needed and this event will run from right after worship until 4:00pm.

-On December 18th, we will meet up as a congregation to go Christmas Caroling around the neighborhood from 6:30 to 7:30. Afterwards the youth will have a Christmas Party from 7:30 to 8:30. It is going to be a "White Elephant" party. Every youth should bring a pre-wrapped Christmas present, it could be a new gift card, it could be a new toy, it could be a framed picture of yourself. Get creative!

-Senior High is officially having a retreat January 20th to 22nd in the Poconos. More information to come.

-Make sure to follow us on Facebook at Oasis Youth Group and Instagram at @LCOSOOasisYouthGroup. It will keep you updated on all our upcoming events and see pictures of current events.

-Contact Jack Broomell at john.broomell@gmail.com with any questions.

URGENTLY NEEDED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities will be welcoming 100 refugees in the next few weeks. They are asking for our help in donation 50 frying pans and 100 comforters.

The Presbyterian church has already supplied 100 pillows and they will take care of pick-up and delivery.

If you can help with your donation of gently used comforters and frying pans, please leave them on the stage in the Parish Hall behind the screen.

Please help make these refugees feel warm and welcome in their new home.



ONE WORSHIP AT 9:30 ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Since New Year's Day is also on a Sunday there will be only one worship service at 9:30. As it is also the day the Church celebrates the festival day of The Name of Jesus, Pastor Wayne will focus the readings and sermon on the significance of not only the names of the Trinity but also the religious significance of our names. We hope to see you on the first day of 2017!



OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2.

The church office will officially be closed for the holidays of Christmas and New Year's Day.



LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Lutheran Church of Our Savior on December 15. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a

ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

HELP WANTED

The Handyman Group is in need of a reliable, weekly volunteer on Thursday morning from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. We are a weekly men's fixit group dedicated to keeping the church in good working order. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer, 856-429-5122 or just come by any Thursday morning to help out. It will be greatly appreciated!



Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

NEXT DATE IS:

Tuesday, December 20

at 12:30PM

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge ~

Come out and Have Fun!

Food and drinks (soda) served

RSVP: Peg Hartmann - 856-783-7004



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John Laughlin	12/4	Lauren Parker	12/14	Ava Remphrey	12/22
David Leeds	12/4	Michael Riley	12/15	Carley Ebbenga	12/23
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Jaime Fallon	12/7	Amanda Lamprey	12/17	Paul Knauer	12/27
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Joan Candia	12/9	Garrett Needham	12/18	Jessika Kachnic	12/28
Vivien Lechler-Ottens	12/9	Reese Qualls	12/18	Valda Rishel	12/28
Sophia Pineiro	12/9	Nicole Tessing	12/19	Aiden Visconti	12/28
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