



Rev. P Wayne Zschech, D. Min., Pastor

Pastor Zschech accepted a call to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior beginning March 1, 2006. He came here with his wife, Kate, and daughter, Brie, from St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Dover, Delaware. He grew up in Cinnaminson, NJ, with his parents and sister. After graduating from Cinnaminson High School in 1982, Pastor Wayne attended Case Western University in Cleveland, OH, where he double-majored in chemistry and religion as a pre-med student. After graduating from CWRU in 1986, he attended The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1991. His first call was to the yoked congregations of Hope American Lutheran Church in Fallon and Community Presbyterian Church in Terry, Montana. He later served as the pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran in Vienna, Virginia before serving in Dover where he had interned during seminary. After arriving at LCOS, Pastor Wayne completed a Doctor of Ministry from LTSP, concentrating on the importance and role of baptism in family faith formation. His thesis deals with preparing parents to model faithful discipleship to their infants and children. Pastor has led the congregation through a refocusing process to define a vision for LCOS that reflects the needs of the community; ran the Refresh capital appeal; supervised 11 youth mission trips to work with Habitat for Humanity in Goldsboro, NC ; organized LCOS’s participation in Feed My Starving Children campaigns and traveled to Haiti to witness the impact the meals make in the lives of starving children; established a relationship with Camden Habitat for Humanity by making the church a Blueprint Sponsor and fundraising for Brush of Kindness; and made LCOS a mission partner with Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden. Pastor Zschech has also served as the Ecumenical Representative previously for the Delaware-Maryland Synod and now the New Jersey Synod since 2012 as well as on the Board of the Lutheran Ecumenical and Interfaith Representative Network of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He has also served as the Cluster Counselor for the Southwestern Mission Cluster for the NJ Synod and has been the Treasurer for the Haddonfield Council of Churches since 2008.



Jaime Frazier, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Jaime was born in Marlton, New Jersey, and has been a member of LCOS since her birth. Her father has been a member since he was a child. She graduated from Immaculata University where she majored in the-ology. In May of 2017 Jaime graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia with a Masters of Art in Religion. In August 2018 she is marrying her fiancé Brandon and then moving to Phila-delphia with him. She has volunteered at LCOS from 2011 to 2015. Jaime is very happy to be back at LCOS as the Youth and Family Ministry Director.

Sandy DeDonatis, Parish Administrator

Sandy grew up in Haddon Twp. and went to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Collingswood where her mom was the church secretary. She was married right out of high school and moved to Pennsauken where she attended Martin Luther Chapel. She transferred to LCOS after moving back to Haddon Twp. and has been a member since 2001. Her four children live in various parts of the country; Kurt, his wife and her two grandsons live in Maryland; Kristen in Durham, NC; Kody in Portland, Oregon; and Keaton, who still lives at home but will be entering the Marine Corps. on March 19. Sandy lives on a small farm in Cumber-land County with her partner, Bruce, his son, a dog, and a cow. She volunteers for many different groups and committees: Bell Choir, Adult Vocal Choir, Communion Assistant, Greeter, Communications Com-mittee and Counter. She became the Parish Administrator in July of 2015 and has enjoyed every minute!



Austen Wilson, Director of Music

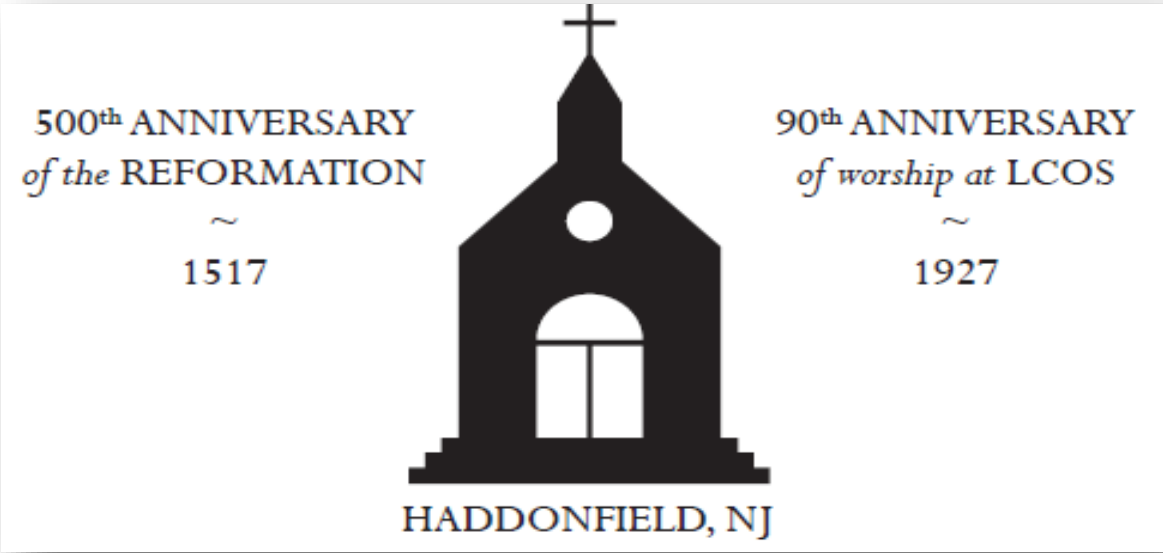
Austen Wilson lives in Haddonfield and has served as Director of Music at LCOS since September 2010. He feels that it has been a joy getting to know the congregation, serving with other staff who are passionate about worship and proclaiming the Gospel, exploring a wide variety of hymnody with the congregation as a whole, and working with the Adult, Children's, and Youth Bell/Vocal Choirs. Austen started Music at Our Savior, which presents outstanding musical programs at LCOS. He helped start the annual Adult and Chil-dren's Choir Festival, involving adult and children's choirs from five Haddonfield churches. He also started an annual Youth Choir Exchange with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, MD. In addition to life at LCOS, he sings in the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia, PhilHarmonia Chamber Choir, and The Village Carolers. Austen loves coffee shops, Star Wars, and exploring Philly. During the summer, he enjoys visits to Ocean City, NJ (except for the seagulls) and Smitty's restaurant. He grew up in Princeton, NJ, has degrees in music from Colorado State University and St. Olaf College, but has no desire to try lutefisk.

Pauline Worusski, Assistant Director of Music, Organist

Pauline came to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in 2012 from Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlan-ta, Georgia, where she served as the Assistant Music Director and the director of children and youth choirs. At LCOS she serves as the Assistant Music Director, organist and pianist, and director of the Cherub Choir. She earned a BA in music and English literature from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA, and a master of sacred music in organ performance from Laney Graduate School, Emory Universi-ty. She has performed as the pianist for many church and college choir concerts and recitals. The recipi-ent of scholarships to Agnes Scott College and Emory University, Pauline is fluent in Russian, German, and English with basic skills in French and Latin.



**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ**



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Why celebrate the 90th anniversary of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior? Why not wait until our 100th? Answer: When the world is celebrating the 500-year commemoration of the Reformation, let’s celebrate The Lutheran Church of Our Savior’s ninety-year legacy of mission and ministry in Haddonfield, Camden County, and the world. The Lutheran Church has changed a lot in the last 500 years and so has Our Savior. From our first worship in a storefront on Haddon Avenue on August 27, 1927, to being chartered on October 30, two months later, and the next week breaking ground for our current church, those original 46 charter members began a mission and ministry that has blossomed into one of New Jersey’s larger Lutheran congregations.

LCOS has been celebrating with new and renewed acts of discipleship. From a Faith in Life Weekend to a Holy Week Prayer Labyrinth to 90 packers at the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack to being a Blue Print sponsor of Camden Habitat for Humanity and providing meals and over-night hosts for the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council of Camden program, we’ve embraced the Holy Spirit’s call to be sent into the world for the sake of Christ rather than remaining settled. Ninety years is a long time to be a congregation and yet it may only be just the begin-ning of what God has in store for LCOS. We celebrate not only our past but also the future the Holy Spirit’s power can and will make possible for this faithful congregation. We give thanks for being a part of God’s kingdom coming into this world both to and through the mission and ministry of Our Savior’s people be they past, present, or future.

Pastor Wayne Zschech, D. Min.

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.

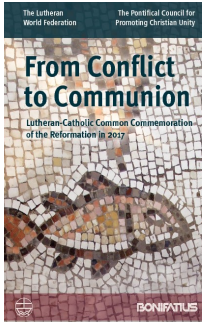
EVENTS CELEBRATING NINETY YEARS OF MINISTRY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior celebrated its Ninetieth Anniversary of ministry and the Five-hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in special worship, education, outreach, fellowship and service events from October 2016 through 2017. All of the committees and organizations of the congregation were invited to connect their work to the celebration of the past, to a renewal of faith, and to the service to others. The over-arching purposes were to expand the ninety-year legacy of ministry at LCOS, to celebrate the world changing effects of the Lutheran Reformation, and to learn about the ecumenical relationships between Lutherans and Roman Catholics.

The celebration began Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016, when, in the Parish Hall following the church service, 141 people gathered at a brunch to honor the 25th Anniversary of Pastor P. Wayne Zschech’s ordination, April 3, 1992, and the 10th Anniversary of his ministry at LCOS. Steve Seyfried, actor and playwright, presented *Luther 500: A Layman’s Guide to the Protestant Reformation or What I learned in Lutherland*, a one-hour, one-man, informative and entertaining slide show. A donation to honor the anniversary of LCOS was made to ELCA Good Gifts to sponsor the purchase of chicks and roosters for a developing nation.



To focus on the celebration of 90 years, Sisters in Spirit planned a Coffee Hour held to honor all members of the congregation who would be ninety-years old by December 2017. As of November 2016, the list included 21 members. The coffee hour was attended by 12 members, who were given certificates and a carved wooden cross. At another Coffee Hour held on November 12, 2017, members displayed memorabilia associated with LCOS.

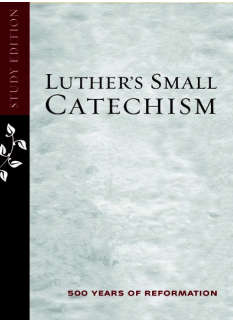


During Lent, Wednesday night soup dinners were held with Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, alternately meeting at each site. Pastor Wayne Zschech, Father Jim Dever, and Father Joe DiMauro led the discussions on *From Conflict to Communion*, which covers not only the circumstances and responses surrounding the Protestant Reformation and the formation of the Lutheran Church but also how over the last 50+ years Lutherans and Roman Catholics have worked toward unity and full communion. The Lutheran World Federation and The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity wrote the report. As the Forward states, “This commemorative year presents us with two challenges: the purification and healing of memories, and the restoration of Christian unity in accordance with the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph 4:4-6). . . .The Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity has taken seriously the words of Pope John XXIII, “The things that unite us are greater than those that divide us.””

Funds from the Louis Hinkeldey, Jr. Lecture Series made possible the Faith in Life Weekend. Rachel Held Evans spoke Friday, March 10, 2017, and Tony Campolo spoke twice on Saturday, March 11, 2017. After a question and answer period, each author attended a reception in the Parish Hall and conversed with attendees and signed copies of their books. A free will offering Friday night totaled \$375 for Feed My Starving Children and \$125 for Rachel’s charity, Hope for Helping Hands. The free will offering Saturday totaled \$501 for Feed My Starving Children and \$167 for Tony’s charity, Campolo Educational Support Fund. Both speakers inspired their listeners with stories of people who act out their faith in their daily lives.



In preparation for the Faith in Life lectures, Pauline Worruski, Assistant Music Director, led book discussions of Rachel’s book, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* and of Tony’s book, *Why I Left, Why I Stayed*.



The ELCA promoted the study of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, a concise but rich explanation of the basics of Christian faith and life. Pastor Zschech distributed a 35-week syllabus, running from the week of March 5, 2017 to the week of October 22, 2017, for households to read and study the catechism to discover how its teachings are applicable in the daily ups and downs of life. Free copies of the Small Catechism were provided. The plan asked the members of each household to gather nightly and engage in a FAITH5 Home Devotion during which they were to share, read, talk, pray, and bless one another, devoting each week to one of the Ten Commandments, one of the articles of the Apostles’ Creed, one of the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer, one of the questions about Holy Baptism, Confessions, or Sacrament of the Altar.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee is an umbrella for all parts of worship—music, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Ushers, and Communications. The group meets monthly to work toward creating a welcoming atmosphere in a beautiful space for an inspiring and thoughtful worship service. Cathe Bare, chair.



Altar Guild. The Altar Guild was formed in 1943 to care for the appearance of the worship space and to prepare the space for worship services. Each week members of the Altar Guild set up for communion, make sure that the pew cards are in place and the pencils are sharpened, and the flowers are on the altar. The Guild purchases communion wafers, oil for the candles, flowers for the altar, wine for communion. Two members embroider baptismal napkins. To cover these expenses, the Guild collects donations for the weekly flower memorials, Christmas poinsettias, and Easter lilies. Also, memorials are given in memory of a loved one. Eva Shaw and Arlene Stolarick, chairs. Stacey Shaw, treasurer

Members of Church Council 2017

Pastor Wayne Zschech	President
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LuAnn Fogelson	Treasurer
Dan Cook	Financial Secretary
Laurie Eason	Secretary/Seniors
Gary Visconti	Christian Education
Judy Caravelli	Communications
Nancy Frazier	Outreach
Betsy Kuehn	Social Ministry
Glenn Martin	Property
Laura Oakes	Congregation Resources
Jack Berrigan	Fellowship Together
Cathe Bare	Worship and Music

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Mike Fallon	President
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Rich Windle	Ex officio
Pastor Wayne Zschech	Advisory member

Staff and Volunteer Leaders 2017

The Rev. Wayne Zschech, D. Min	Pastor
Sandy DeDonatis	Parish Administrator
Jaime Frazier	Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Darlene Haines	Bookkeeper
Austen Wilson	Director of Music
Pauline Worusski	Organist, Assistant Director of Music, Cherub Choir Director
Shirley Clinkscales	Nursery Attendant
Don Richards	Custodian/Sexton



Oasis Youth Group is open to students in grades 9-12. It is a group that allows Senior High Youth to meet together and talk about God and their everyday struggles. They meet every Sunday in the Youth Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. During the meetings, the youth participate in Bible Study, play games, and provide constant support for one another. The service projects include going on the annual Mission Trip, participating in the Breast Cancer Walk at Cooper River, providing childcare for parents to get their Christmas presents, and many other opportunities throughout the year. Oasis is opened to everyone. Participants do not need to be members of LCOS to attend. Jaime Frazier, director

Vacation Bible School is offered to children from LCOS and the surrounding community usually the last week of July. The children range from three-years old through fifth grade.

Adult Bible Discussion sessions are led by Pastor Zschech on Monday evenings and again on Wednesday mornings for 6-7 weeks on a book of the Bible. Pastor facilitates the discussions to connect the Scripture reading to faith in daily life.

Lenten Soup Suppers are offered on five consecutive Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday. After a light meal of soup, a program is led by Pastor Zschech. In the past the group has discussed a book; practiced the five components of the FAITH5 Home Huddle of share, read, talk, pray and bless; and in 2017 met with members of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church to discuss *From Conflict to Communion*.

Library. The Church Library offers books and DVD’s for children through adults to borrow. A new display of materials is placed in the narthex each month to inform the congregation what is available for them. Book fairs provide the opportunity for members to purchase materials and for the library to raise funds. The library ladies have started a new ministry in 2017, entitled Have Books, Will Travel. They take a collection of books and DVD’s to members who have difficulty coming to the church library. A few weeks later, they return to collect the materials and offer new selections. The library is a comfortable, peaceful place to sit, meditate, and read.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Preach the Gospel. Feed Your Spirits.

Music Director, Austen Wilson, believes that “when we sing, we become the body of Christ. We all are the primary choir in worship! We unite with saints from all countries and eras. . . .May God help us to proclaim the Gospel enthusiastically through song and may the Spirit enliven our singing.” Organ, piano, instruments, and choirs lead and accompany our singing liturgy and hymns.

Music is an integral part of worship and life at Our Savior. Seven choirs (vocal and handbells) consist of church members and nonmembers who regularly sing and ring on Sunday mornings and special holidays. The Adult, Youth, and Children’s Bell Choirs and the Adult, Youth, Children’s and Cherub Vocal Choirs enhance the Sunday morning worship services and feed the spirits of those in worship. The several choirs allow members of all ages to experience the joy and inspiration of music. Instrumentalists from the community enrich hymns, liturgy, and anthems on a regular basis. We believe that music is a beautiful and creative way to preach the Gospel. While we are deeply rooted in the Lutheran musical tradition, we embrace the diverse offering of sacred music of the present and from a variety of cultures.

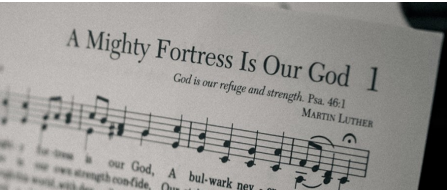
The bell and vocal choirs at LCOS have a history of collaboration with other organizations and outreach in the community. In September 2017, LCOS started providing weekly rehearsal space for ChildrenSong, a Haddonfield based community children’s choir who has performed at LCOS. Since 2014, the LCOS Youth Bell and Vocal Choirs have participated in an exchange program with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, MD. The Haddonfield Intergenerational Choir and Hymn Festival, involving adult and children’s choirs from Haddonfield (including LCOS) has raised over \$10,000 for Feed My Starving Children in free-will offerings. Music at Our Savior has provided quality musical performances that involve a number of different musical organizations, from a piano trio to children’s choirs and other ensembles, as well as choirs from the church. In addition, members of the Adult and Youth Bell Choirs have participated in outreach events in Haddonfield, Collingswood, and surrounding communities.

All of the choirs work to create a welcoming atmosphere in a beautiful space for an inspiring and thoughtful worship service. They all inspire us to sing and spiritually minister, uplift, and comfort those around us so that we all may participate actively and fully in worship.



To expand our ministry into new projects, the Memorial Gifts Board donated \$2500 to Habitat for Humanity, making LCOS a Blueprint Sponsor for a house in Camden. Ten members of the congregation joined Pastor Zschech to work on October 21 on a house in Camden. Another \$2500 was budgeted for a fundraiser toward the Brush with Kindness program.

To highlight Martin Luther’s contributions to music, Director of Music Austen Wilson included Luther’s work in a special concert at LCOS, Absolutely Glorious: Vivaldi Gloria and Other Sacred Gems, performed by the LCOS Adult Choir and Orchestra on April 30. The Worship and Music Committee revised the Labyrinth, which was laid out in the Parish Hall, Monday through Thursday of Holy Week. The Labyrinth through music and in a setting of quiet and peace offered a time for guided meditation. During the 10:30 worship service on October 22, Austen conducted a Hymn Festival, featuring several hymns from the Reformation Era to the present. Spoken reflections gave thanks for the gifts of Martin Luther.



The LCOS Library conducted a book fair which featured books about the Reformation. And, a 90th Anniversary Pictorial Directory was commissioned from Legacy Church Directories.

The culmination of the celebrations was the Anniversary Banquet held at Tavistock Country Club.

90th Anniversary Celebrations

October 30, 2016	Anniversary Breakfast celebrating LCOS 90 th Anniversary; Pastor Zschech’s 10 th Anniversary of ministry at LCOS; Pastor Zschech’s 25 th Anniversary of his ordination
November 13, 2016	Coffee Hour honoring 90+ year-old members
February 23-March 5, 2017	Book discussions: <i>Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church</i> and <i>Why I Stayed, Why I Left</i>
March 8- April 5, 2017	Lenten Soup Dinners with Christ the King RC Church; <i>From Conflict to Communion</i>
March 10-11, 2017	Louis Hinkeldey, Jr. Lecture Series Faith in Life Weekend: Rachel Held Evans and Tony Campolo
April 10-13, 2017	Labyrinth
April 30, 2017	Absolutely Glorious Concert
October 8, 15, 2017	Library Reformation Book Fair
October 21, 2017	Blueprint sponsor for Habitat for Humanity work day
October 22, 2017	Reformation Hymn Festival
October 29, 2017	90 th Anniversary Banquet
November 1-18, 2017	90 th Anniversary Pictorial Church Directory
November 12, 2017	Memorabilia Coffee Hour

Anniversary Steering Committee

Laura Oakes	Sandy DeDonatis	Bobbi Newsham	Nancy Gulick
Betsy Kuehn	Carol Larro	Jane Evans	Janie Braccio
Peg Olt	Ann Querns	Pastor Wayne Zschech	

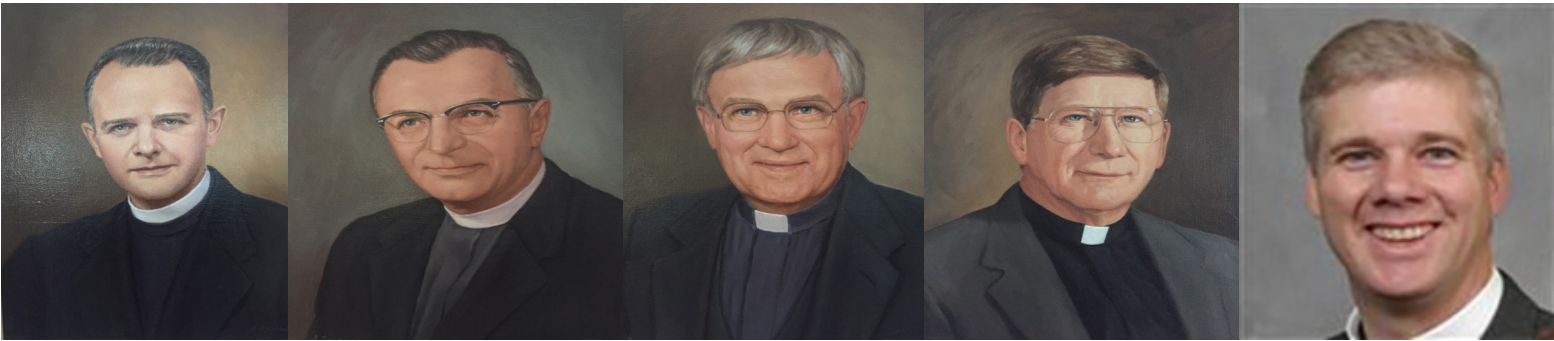
CONTINUING OUR LEGACY

Sometimes to know where to go you need to know where you have been. In 2017 LCOS marked 90 years of ministry, and our past is a good signpost for where we should go. This article traces the journey of our expanding church building, reflecting the growth in ministry of LCOS.

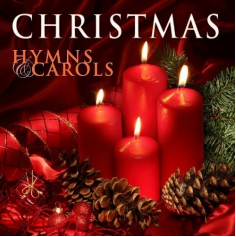


The congregation celebrated its first worship service on August 28, 1927, in a storefront at 417 Haddon Avenue in Haddonfield, which is now next to Tony’s Pizzeria. To construct a church building at the current site of Wood Lane and Wayne Avenue, the LCOS founders purchased the steelwork from the Chapel of All Faiths, which had been erected at the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia. Much of the work was done by men of the congregation. Within nine months of the first worship service, the new building was dedicated on May 6, 1928.

Since then several renovations over the years have adapted the building to meet our growing ministry needs. In the late 1930’s the congregation renovated the sanctuary, added a brick veneer to the exterior, mounted a steeple on the roof, and purchased the parsonage. The Parish Education wing was added in 1955-56 and, upon his death, dedicated to Pastor Donald Irvin. Rev. Floyd Paules served as Our Savior’s pastor from September of 1956 to February of 1968. During his pastorate the congregation grew to be the largest worshiping congregation in the New Jersey Synod with 500 people attending worship on average each week. Like so many congregations during this time both the pews and classrooms were bursting with worshipers and children in church school classes, thus necessitating the need for expansion. Under Pastor Edwin Wisser a second wing was added to accommodate classrooms, offices, the sacristy, the choir room, and the youth room. In addition, in 1982 renovations to the chancel were made and a new pipe organ replaced the one from 1947. Pastor Louis Dunkle led the congregation in Project CARE, a three-quarter million dollar effort to make the building and sanctuary barrier-free. A full-sized elevator was added and renovations were made to the parish hall, office spaces were moved to the first floor, the kitchen and choir room were re-located, the library was expanded, and the narthex was added. The new addition was dedicated on October 20, 1991. In 1996 the sanctuary was again redesigned to make it barrier free as well. In 2014-15 Pastor Wayne Zschech conducted a capital appeal, the Refresh Campaign, to refurbish the worship space by repairing the organ; creating space for a baby grand piano; purchasing new sound and video systems; painting the chancel and sanctuary; installing new carpeting, pew cushions, and a hardwood floor in the chancel. In 2009, the Memorial Gifts Board deposited \$150,000 of the Frieda Goodman \$300,000 bequest into the Endowment Fund and with the rest provided for the repainting and re-carpeting of the Sunday School classrooms, offices, and hall ways; the purchase of two new boilers; installation of replacement windows; and heating and air conditioning updates. Most recently, the Memorial Gifts Board transformed the garden into a Memorial Garden, which was dedicated on All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2016.



In ninety years the Lutheran Church of Our Savior grew from a storefront on Haddon Avenue to the beautiful structure on Wood Lane. It is a structure shared with the community. Haddonfield Childcare uses the facilities to maintain offices and to conduct the Early Dismissal Kindergarten program. Other groups using the building include Toast Masters, American Red Cross, Lifeline Screening, The Melodeers, The Singing Angels, Local Vocal, Children’s Song, Haddonfield Garden Club, Samaritan Grief Support groups, Haddonfield Plays and Players, Tai Chi, AARP, and Bilingual Families of South Jersey. Since the original 46 charter members became a fully organized congregation, thousands of people have heard God’s word here and have done God’s work with their hands, making LCOS part of the local and world wide community.

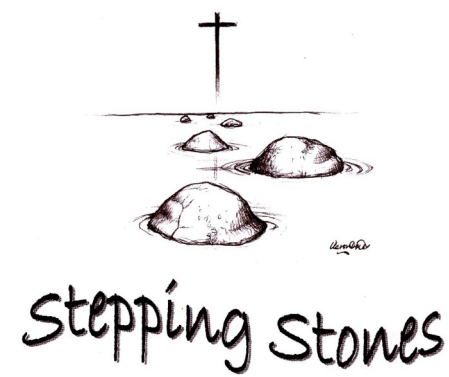


Outreach/Evangelism Committee reaches out to visitors who have attended a worship service and to non-members in the community to invite them to worship at or to become a member of LCOS. The committee also schedules Greeters for the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services to greet worshippers and to assist visitors. For the last several years members have gathered with Pastor Zschech near the corner of Kings Highway and Haddon Avenue on Ash Wednesday to impose ashes on those passing by. Annually, a group goes Christmas caroling at Coles Landing Senior Housing center. Nancy Frazier and Bobbi Newsham, chairs.

Sisters-in-Spirit gathers at each other’s homes with an occasional dinner out. The group provides an opportunity for LCOS women to get to know each other and share their joys and concerns. They also engage in service projects, such as organizing a food drive for the pantry, selling ornaments for Lutheran Disaster Relief, hosting a baby shower to benefit mothers-to-be in need.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Christian Education ministry plans, organizes, implements, and oversees the education programs for children, youth, and adults. **Faith Stepping Stones** is a family ministry system that is the basis for faith formation at LCOS. It pulls parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night in every home. A process that bonds parents and children into the body of Christ, it provides faith-based parenting education from cradle to graduation from high school through a series of eight short-courses. At LCOS Pastor Zschech leads families stepping from one stone to the next from Baptism to Sunday School to First Holy Communion to receiving their own Bible to serving as acolytes to catechetical instruction to Affirmation of Baptism to serving on a mission trip to receiving the Senior blessing when graduating from high school.

Baptism Class for Parents is led by Pastor Zschech for parents who wish to have their child baptized. The class is intended to prepare parents for the responsibilities they agree to provide at their child’s Baptism and to explain the Lutheran theology of Baptism. Parents reaffirm this commitment on Baptism of Our Lord Sunday in the year after their child’s baptism.

Sunday School (Faith Formation) runs from September through May during the 10:30 services for children three-years old through sixth grade. Children attend the church service and then are dismissed to their classrooms after the Children’s Sermon. A noisy offering is collected each week to support a missionary. Children who have taken the First Holy Communion class return to take communion. In class a Bible story is taught each week with a fun activity, and a snack is served. The last Sunday of each month the students are asked to bring a food item for the pantry. All of the children participate in a Christmas program in December.

First Holy Communion class is offered to second graders and any older child who has not taken the class. The class is conducted during Lent to prepare children to take their first Communion the Sunday before Palm Sunday. Parents attend with the children to review the basics of the meaning of Holy Communion. Lunch and games help the children and parents to get to know each other.

Spark Study Bibles are presented to third graders during a worship service on Reformation Sunday. Children and their parents attend a 90-minute class during which Pastor Zschech describes the Faith Stepping Stones Program, provides an overview of the Bible, explains the importance of reading it, and gives the families a verse from each book of the Bible to use the FAITH5 Home Huddle to discuss the verses. Pastor encourages parents to be with their children while journeying through their faith development.

Confirmation Ministry is a life-long process that begins in Baptism and continues throughout one’s life. Led by Pastor Zschech, catechetical instruction is typically given to 7th and 8th grade students. The goal is for participants to discover how they will live their lives as Christian disciples. Parent Guides lead small group discussions at Learning Events that occur every two weeks. Youth and Guides also lead Theme Events and participate in Service Events. Serve and Play Events and activities are coordinated with the Oasis Senior High Youth Group.



My Father's House

My Father's House: A Place of Personal Transformation is an intensive outpatient facility licensed by the New Jersey Division of Addiction Services. It serves the needs of the homeless, criminal justice men, women, and adolescents. Most of My Father's House clients are poor, not only in basic needs, but also poor in spirit. My Father's House acts as a counselor and friend to walk with clients on their journey of rehabilitation and freedom from alcohol and drugs and to a purpose-filled life.

Founder and director, Miriam Broderick describes her recovery from alcohol addiction 32 years ago as a surrender to God: "I told Him that my life was His forever and that He had to live my life with me because I could not or knew not how to live it alone." Miriam explains that substance abuse and/or addiction destroys relationships, hinders one's respect for self and love of self, and devastates family relationships. The journey to recovery is a spiritual one, finding God's Love, Mercy, and Grace.

My Father's House welcomes clients with support and understanding, no judgement. Most of the clients come from the criminal justice system for driving under the influence or possessing pot. Most of the clients are mandated by a court to attend the sessions, which teach them to learn to stop and think before they act. The goal is to empower the clients to make better choices and to stay clean.

Dinner is served at each session and that is where volunteers from LCOS make a contribution. Approximately 15 years ago, Sue Senatore, Colleen Gross, and Jane Evans responded to Miriam's call for help. Chaired by Ruth Friant, today's volunteers take turns making a dinner and taking it to My Father's House in Gloucester City each Tuesday. Presents from the Advent Giving Tree are given to the clients each Christmas.

For more information about My Father's House, check the website. To volunteer to prepare a meal, contact Ruth Friant at friantr@yahoo.com or call her at 856-429-8018.

Mission Quilts

Members of the Mission Quilts ministry meet twice a month from September through June to construct quilts for those in need. After a Blessing of the Quilts is conducted during a worship service, the quilts are delivered to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse near New Windsor, MD, from where they are sent all over the world. In 2016 thirty-one of the group's quilts were sent to Africa, Angola and Mali, and in 2017 twenty-seven were sent to Georgia, a country near Turkey. Laurie Eason, chair.



VISION MINISTRY



The Vision Ministry was formed after the congregation's refocusing effort in 2012 defined three areas of ministry on which to concentrate in outreach into the community to serve others. The three areas were intergenerational connections, money management, and grief support.

Grief Support sessions were offered at the church and then a relationship was formed with Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, which has a center for grief support. In 2014 Samaritan began offering grief support sessions at Our Savior with sessions conducted in the parlor. Volunteers from LCOS hang up signs in the building to guide attendees to the parlor and set up coffee, tea, and water. Since 2014, more than 40 grief sessions have been held at the church. Some sessions are single meetings, such as Grieving during the Holidays, and some may be 8 consecutive, weekly meetings focusing on a type of grief, such as the loss of a spouse or Daughters without Mothers. Most attendees are not members of LCOS and come from a wide area of South Jersey. Dave Wyche, chair.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Several LCOS ministries seek to create connections among parishioners.

Fellowship Together organizes social events for distinct groups, such as children, families, seniors. For example, in 2017 the committee planned a Wine Tasting, a Children's Movie Night, Beer Tasting, and a Christmas Dessert. These events also raised \$500.00 for Feed My Starving Children.



A ministry for **Seniors** sponsors a Senior Game Day once a month except for July and August. Seniors gather to eat lunch and to play games, such as pinochle, bridge, bingo, and Mexican Train. A book cart allows participants to share books. Canned goods are collected for the pantry.



Our Offerings at Work

MISSION SUPPORT

The offerings of members of LCOS exert an impact beyond the walls of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Haddonfield, NJ. Mission Support is the portion of offerings that congregations share with synods and the church wide organization for God's mission beyond the congregations. Each year we strive to send 10% of our offering income to the NJ Synod for Mission Support, half of which the synod sends to the ELCA national body.

How does the ELCA and the NJ Synod use our donations?

Mission Support provides 80% of the resources to enable the ELCA to begin new ministries and to assist existing congregations. These funds also provide the staff and resources for the development of new leaders, for partnership with churches around the globe, and for efforts to alleviate poverty, to work for justice and peace, and much more.

Mission Support funds are invested by the NJ Synod in "Resourcing Congregations" with over half a million dollars directed into the work of the Assistants to the Bishop, Youth Ministry, and more. The Synod supports ten mission partners, such as the United Lutheran Seminary, Cross Road Retreat and Conference Center, Lutheran Office of Government Ministry, and Campus Ministry, to name a few. In addition, funds support the work of the Bishop as well as fiscal and property management. NJ Synod mission strategies work to form new communities of disciples and new leaders in New Jersey.

The generous giving of LCOS members truly makes a difference in the world.

To learn more about these areas of ministry, visit www.elca.org and www.njsynod.org.



Bishop Tracie Bartholomew

MEMORIAL GIFT FUNDS BOARD

The Memorial Gift Funds Board celebrated its Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 2014 and to honor its founder, Pastor Louis Dunkle, the Endowment Fund was named the Dunkle Endowment Fund. With the trust from the estate of Dr. Dorothea Partch, a long time member of the congregation and of Church Council, Pastor Dunkle saw the need for the congregation to establish an endowment fund. A gift of stock from Henry and Nancy Clark and contributions in memory of Joseph Hartmann led to the creation of the Ministerial Education Scholarship Fund (MESF). The Memorial Gift Funds Board was then instituted in 1989 to administer the Endowment Fund, the MESF Fund, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Memorial Funds. The Memorial Gift Funds have supported local, regional, and global ministries and by the end of 2017 had grown to \$1,232,374.

Over the years additional memorial funds were added, such as the Patterson-Plotzke Fund, the Fred Bott Major Repair Fund, the McGonigle Lecture Series Fund, now the Louis Hinkeldey, Jr. Lecture Series Fund, and the Memorial Garden Fund. In 2009 a bequest of \$300,000.00 from Frieda Goodman added \$150,000 to the Endowment Fund and allowed the church to make many upgrades to the building. In 2017 a new fund, the Myrtle T. Christie Organ Fund, was established.

The Clark-Hartmann scholarships provide grants to students attending seminary in preparation for ministry. A recent scholarship recipient is Jaime Frazier, a life-long member of LCOS and a graduate of the United Lutheran Seminary, formerly the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She now serves as director of Youth and Family Ministry at LCOS.

The Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund offers scholarships to LUCY (Lifting Up Camden Youth) and Urban Promise students, supporting eight college bound students.

The Memorial Garden was dedicated on All Saints Day, November 6, 2016. The garden celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Memorial Gift Funds Board and all of the saints of the church. The garden provides a place for the interment of ashes from cremation and a beautiful setting for meditation and prayer.

In addition, the Memorial Gift Funds help to support a caseworker who provides assistance to Haddonfield and neighboring residents with food, utilities, and other emergency needs as well as guidance in using Camden County social services. Financial support is also given to Interfaith Caregivers, Habitat for Humanity, and the ministry of Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden.



MEMORIAL GIFT BOARD SOCIAL MINISTRY SUPPORT

The Memorial Gift Funds support a variety of social ministry organizations in our community and county every year. The following is a snapshot of what the Board provided in financial support in 2017.

LCOS became Mission Partners with **Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church**, a vibrant congregation in the Fairview section of Camden, by donating \$5000 to their ministry, which contributes greatly to the community in which they are located.

Our Savior has been a strong supporter of **Feed My Starving Children**, a national feeding ministry. In addition to the many volunteers who helped pack boxes of food, MGB donated \$500.

In celebration of our 90th Anniversary, MGB donated \$2500 to **Habitat for Humanity**, making us a Blueprint Sponsor for a house in Camden. Another \$2500 was budgeted in matching funds for a fundraiser toward the Brush with Kindness program.

Interfaith Caregivers is a local ministry which provides transportation, respite care, and companionship services to those 65 and older or disabled who live or attend church in Haddonfield or Haddon Heights. In addition to LCOS members volunteering for this ministry, MGB donated \$2500.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee is an extremely active committee that manages the congregation's support of several non-profit organizations with donations of items, time, and funds. Annual monetary donations are given to My Father's House, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Social Ministries, Auxiliary of Lutheran Crossings Enhanced Living, Habitat for Humanity, Fellowship House of South Camden, Ronald McDonald House, Interfaith Caregivers, New Visions, Haddonfield Council of Churches social worker, and Camden camperships to Bridge of Peace. Funds come from the General Fund and Memorial Gifts Funds. Details about some of these non-profits and the relationship of LCOS with them can be found in the following articles. Betsy Kuehn chaired this committee through 2017.



Advent Giving Tree

Each December the Advent Giving Tree is put up in the narthex with gift tags for members of the congregation to take and purchase that gift for a child, teen, adult, or family. The gifts are then distributed by Urban Promise, My Father's House, Caring Hearts Ministries, LCOS Pantry, Garfield School in Collingswood, and Central/Middle Schools in Haddonfield. Monetary donations and \$2000 budgeted from the General Fund enable the purchase of additional gifts. Donna Stillwell, chair.

Pantry

"The mission of the LCOS Pantry is to supply basic, non-perishable, supplementary groceries to families within our community who need verifiable assistance. To the best of our ability, we strive to balance the needs of these families with the resources donated by our congregation's generosity."

Lynn Block coordinates the efforts of volunteers who donate food, stock shelves, pack the grocery bags, record the activities, and deliver food to the families on a bi-weekly schedule. Supermarket gift cards are given to families at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Eva Shaw oversees the sale of the LCOS cookbook, *Feeding the Flock*, with the proceeds benefiting the pantry. In addition to the donations of imperishable food, monetary donations may be made with the Special Offering envelopes.



Urban Promise

Founded in 1988 to counteract the poverty and violence to which Camden's youth are exposed, Urban Promise is a community-based nonprofit that serves approximately 600 children and teens each year providing two private schools (elementary and high school), after-school programs, summer camps, teen job training, and experiential learning. The mission of Urban Promise has been to equip children and youth with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership.

The relationship of LCOS with Urban Promise began over a decade ago with the Advent Giving Tree. Each Christmas LCOS donates over 100 gifts to Urban Promise's Christmas Store where parents can select gifts for their children. LCOS ministry with Urban Promise expanded in 2009 when the Memorial Gifts Board, acting on a Social Ministry Committee recommendation, established the Plotzke-Patterson Scholarships, awarding two Urban Promise graduating seniors a \$1000 grant for each year up to four years of attendance at a college or trade school. Since 2009, the number of scholarships has grown to six grants given to Urban Promise students in 2017. Larry Friant, chair.

Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council

Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council, founded in 1989, provides effective outreach to homeless persons in Camden County. A non-profit located in Cherry Hill, the Council is supported by more than 40 churches and synagogues to help homeless men, women, and children. It runs the Homeless Hospitality Network which serves up to 12 men in a program that runs from November until May during which time the men are housed with various member congregations. In 2016 LCOS volunteers served as overnight hosts and provided evening meals to neighboring churches hosting the men.



Stacey Shaw leads the LCOS participation in the Pack-A-Sack campaign. Each summer school supplies and backpacks are collected and then delivered by IHOC primarily to homeless children living in Camden County. In 2017 school supplies and money donated by members of the congregation enabled Stacey's team to pack 86 backpacks.

Caring Hearts Ministry



Caring Hearts Ministry is a non-profit agency serving families who have at least one member affected by AIDS or the HIV virus. LCOS volunteers provide baked goods and refreshments for holiday parties and donate food for Thanksgiving dinners. Collected items, such as underwear, baby wipes, socks, deodorant, and gifts from the Advent Giving Tree are distributed as well. The Spring Give-A-Way in April is conducted to collect deodorant and socks.

New Visions of Camden

New Visions Homeless Day Shelter is a day service center, providing shelter to Camden's homeless community. The center offers breakfast, lunch, shower facilities, laundry facilities, a food pantry, a clothing closet, mail services, and employment search assistance.

Incorporated in 1995, New Visions was created from three separate programs originally begun by the Camden Lutheran Parish. The three programs merged together were The Good Samaritan Center, Frank's Place Day Shelter, and Project J. O.B. Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey has managed the center since January 2009 and serves 150-200 people per day, Monday through Friday.

The Good Samaritan Center grew out of the efforts of LCOS members, Tillie and John Myers. John came home from work one evening and told Tillie he had seen children in Camden playing in the street with no shoes. Tillie bought shoes and took them to the children. That was the beginning of Tillie's efforts to collect clothing for the needy. Her work grew into The Good Samaritan Center, which was located in Camden from 1976-1995. "Good Sam" became an ecumenical food pantry, clothing closet, and emergency services agency supported by more than 100 churches and denominations as well as synagogues. The annual LCOS Holiday Food Drive helps to provide Thanksgiving dinner to those at the shelter. In addition, the Social Ministry Committee coordinates donations of items and monetary donations and contributes to other programs.



The New Visions website lists items on a Wish List needed to run the Center. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Checks made payable to New Visions Homeless Day Shelter should be sent to New Visions, 5556 Atlantic Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104.