



The Parish *Messenger*

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Holy Week and Easter Satisfy More Than One's Sweet Tooth

Holy Week is the most meaningful time in the Christian year. From the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and crucifixion on Good Friday, to our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter, we hear the stories central to our Christian faith. The celebration of Holy Week and Easter revives our baptismal faith in the hope a crucified and risen Lord offers to all who follow him from the font. Here are the list of worship opportunities and each one's focus. Please share it with someone you know who needs to hear a word of hope. Invite them to join you this year as we gather for worship.

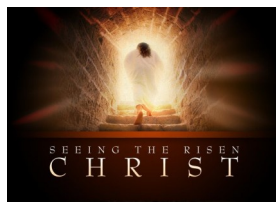


March 29 Maundy Thursday (Noon & 7:30): This is the first of what the ancient Church considered a three part worship that moves from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to the Vigil of Easter or Easter celebration. There are three foci for this evening worship, Confession and Forgiveness, Jesus' new commandment (mandate or Maundatum) to love one another, and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Worshippers are invited to receive the laying on of hands for the forgiveness of sins at the beginning of the service. The stripping of the altar concludes the service as a reminder of the stripping and whipping Jesus received on our behalf on the night he was betrayed and arrested.



March 30 Good Friday (Noon Ecumenical at Haddonfield United Methodist): This three hour community wide worship focuses on the seven last words of Christ found in the various four gospels. Pastors from within Haddonfield share in preaching the seven sermons and a choir with opera quality singers offer a musical interpretation of the same words from the cross from Dubois. It is inspiring whether you attend for all or part of the worship. Pastor Wayne will be preaching the 4th Word.

March 30 Good Friday (7:30 Tenebrae at Our Savior): This "service of shadows" places extreme emphasis on the cross of Christ and is marked by a somber tone. Lights are dimmed as the candles representing Christ's last words are extinguished and the congregation again leaves the worship in silent and meditative reflection.



April 1 The Resurrection of Our Lord (8:00, 9:30, 11:00): All three worship offerings will be identical with Holy Communion offered at all three. The alleluia of song returns to the liturgy and hymnody after a long absence during Lent. Those attending the 8:00 worship also participate in a brief component of the Vigil of Easter worship where the light of Christ symbolized as the Christ Candle enters our lives at the beginning of this worship. The baptismal font also returns to front and center in the chancel as the life giving waters of the Resurrection now begin to flow again. Every Christian owes it to him or herself to participate in the various worship opportunities of Holy Week. Your faith will be renewed when you do.

Easter Lily Delivery Volunteers Needed April 2 at 9:30 AM

Help is needed to deliver Easter lilies to those in our congregation who could use a "touch" of resurrection life and love this spring. Volunteers need to arrive at church by 9:30 in the morning and gather in the Parish Hall. This is a great family event so parents, consider making this a ministry event for your children as well since they'll be on break. Contact the Church Office if you plan to participate in this ministry of care and encouragement.



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.



“Where do we go from here?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

At the February “Conversations with the Bishop” event Bishop Tracie Bartholomew shared some startling and somewhat disheartening news with respect to church vitality in the New Jersey Synod. Of the 166 congregations in the synod two-thirds reported last year an average weekly worship attendance (AWWA) of 100 or less. Of those 110 congregations, half of them reported an AWWA of 50 or less and a large number of those 55 congregations worship less than 25 on a Sunday. If you’re wondering what Our Savior’s was last year we reported an AWWA of 189, which is the same as the

year before and holding steady over the last five years. So if worship attendance and member contributions were the only indicators of a congregation’s vitality Our Savior would be doing well. But is that all there is? After 90 years of ministry is this all there is, or is God’s vision for our congregation broader than what we imagine? Where do we go from here? At a one-day retreat in February the Congregation Council met to discuss this very question. In addition to beginning the work of revising our mission statement to a more concise expression of our mission and ministry they also reviewed the ELCA Future Directions 2025 document “Called Forward Together in Christ” that identified five goals our denomination will be working on for the next seven years. The Council agreed that as we move forward toward our centennial celebration it would be wise to align our vision and goals with that identified by the ELCA. To that end here are the five goals, the priority area for action, and specific goals for each we will be working toward in 2018.

GOAL ONE: A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people.

2018 Priority area for action: Renew and strengthen evangelism.

2018 SMART Goals:

1. Acquire necessary resources to begin live streaming worship.
2. Promote social media postings from congregation members and guests.
3. Create and post ministry promotional videos to the webpage.

GOAL TWO: A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church.

2018 Priority area for action: Youth and young adults in mission.

2018 SMART Goal:

1. Create an Oasis Jr. ministry geared toward elementary age youth with three events this year.
2. Include non-LCOS youth from Mission Trip in Oasis youth ministry invites with goal of having 20% of them begin to participate regularly.

GOAL THREE: An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings.

2018 Priority area for action: Addressing discrimination and oppression

2018 SMART Goal:

1. Lead a study and discussion of the Women and Justice Draft Social Statement in May and provide feedback by September deadline.
2. Lead a study and discussion of the 2009 Human Sexuality Social Statement in October or November.

GOAL FOUR: A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities around the world.

2018 Priority area for action: Lift up the work of ELCA-related social ministries

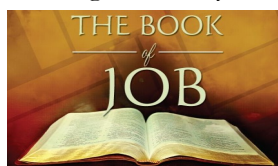
2018 SMART Goal:

1. Submit a list of all ELCA-related social ministries that exist.
2. Choose 2-3 to focus on for the remainder of the year at the April Council meeting.

GOAL FIVE: A well-governed, connected and sustainable church.

2018 Priority area for action: Communication

2018 SMART Goal: Insure the website, Instant Church Directory application, and all communication mechanisms are regularly updated and kept “fresh” as well as provide transparency of mission and ministry objectives and updates throughout the year.



Bible Discussion on Book of “Job” Continues through end of April

Join Pastor Wayne and other intrigued Christians on either **Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 OR Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00** for our study and discussion of The Book of Job and how it addresses the difficult question: “Why do the innocent suffer?” The book makes three claims about suffering, about God, and about the world.

Suffering is now always the result of sin.

Prayer (including lament) is the proper response to suffering.

God cares for the good creation God has made and takes delight in it.

Prior participation in the discussion is not required and each session is designed to be independently educational and beneficial in one’s walk of faith. So even if you haven’t been there from the beginning join us as we continue the discussion of Job this month. Want to make the discussions more interesting? Bring a Jewish friend to add his or her perspective of the same readings and stories.



Deodorant & Socks Collection for Caring Hearts

LCOS Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries. We have been asked if we could collect deodorant for men

and women, several dozen of each. Also needed are new pairs of socks for men, women and children. A collection box will be available on the shelves outside Parish Hall thru April 1st for your donations. On Friday April 6, 2018, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Spring Fling/Easter Give-A-Way, which includes a healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families. For more information, contact Jane Evans at 429-2899 or jbenjee@msn.com or Betsy Kuehn at 429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Pastor Wayne to Attend "A.C.T. Now! (Awaken Confront Transform) Rally in D.C.

On April 3-5, 2018 the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) and their partners will gather in Washington, DC for a historic event to launch its Truth and Racial Justice Initiative. As we mark 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, the NCC and partners are committed to doing their part to eradicate the entrenched racism that grips the United States and paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has invited ELCA clergy to join her and those gathered for the rally on April 4 for the ACT to End Racism Rally on the National Mall and Pastor Wayne Zschech has already made plans to attend. It begins with a Silent Prayer Walk to the National Mall beginning at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Interfaith Service from 8-9:00 a.m. The Rally and Call to Commitment then commences from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A.C.T. NOW!

awaken confront transform



Dottie Powell would like to thank everyone for the get well and birthday wishes. A special thank you to Mission Quilts who presented her with a beautiful quilt for her 99th birthday.

Pantry Volunteers Through May

Thank you to our March Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Gerry Murphy, Lynn Block, The Gallagher Family, The Hoffman-Bridges Family, Jill & Jake Heilman

Week of Apr 1: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Gerry Murphy**

Week of Apr 8: **The DeMichele Family**

Week of Apr 15: **The Hoffman-Bridges Family**

Week of Apr 22: **The DeMichele & Heilman Families**

Week of Apr 29: **The Visconti & Tavella Families**

Week of May 6: **The Hoffman-Bridges Family**

Week of May 13: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Gerry Murphy**



Week of May 20: _____

Week of May 27: _____

A huge thank you to all who have donated, and to the 13 families and 4 individuals who volunteer to pack and deliver food to our Pantry Families.

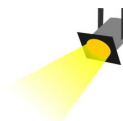
Please contact Lynn Block, Pantry Coordinator, if you have any questions, recommendations, or you can fill in the blank spaces: blockstar59@hotmail.com or 609-238-7419.



PANTRY NEEDS : APRIL

All donations welcome.

Special Needs: **canned fruit, canned tomatoes, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, rice packets**



Baptism Seminar for Parents at 9:30 on April 7

A baptism seminar will be held in the Parlor on Saturday, April 7, from 9:30-11:00 for anyone who desires to be baptized or have his or her infant or child baptized. The class will be held in the 2nd floor Parlor. Parents are welcome to bring their child or children.

This class will provide parents an opportunity to better understand the sacrament and your role as a parent in bringing your child to the baptismal font. It will also provide parents an opportunity to meet and get to know other parents whose children will be growing up with yours in the church as well as deepen their own faith relationship with God.





March 2018 Social Ministry News

Pam DiDario

MY FATHER'S HOUSE: Meals are needed for My Father's House during 2018. Please contact Ruth Friant at 856-429-8018 or friantr@yahoo.com to schedule a convenient date for you to prepare a meal. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals.

DEODORANT & SOCKS NEEDED FOR CARING HEARTS MINISTRY: LCOS Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a deodorant and socks collection for Caring Hearts Ministries Spring Fling/Easter Give-A-Way. We

have committed to collect several dozen deodorants for both men and women. Also needed are new pairs of socks for men, women and children. **Due date for donations is April 1st.** Please drop off your donation in the collection box on the shelf outside Parish Hall. Thank you in advance.

SPRING FLING/EASTER GIVE-A-WAY will be hosted by Caring Hearts on Friday April 6, 2018. A healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families will be provided. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Jane Evans at 429-2899 or jbenjee@msn.com or Betsy Kuehn at 429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net.

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS: IFC is looking for volunteer drivers. Upcoming Volunteer Trainings: April 11, 2018 & June 6, 2018 at the Mabel Kay House; May 2, 2018 at Stanfill Manor, 109 E. Atlantic Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ (next to Stanfill Towers). For more information on becoming a volunteer, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or email suzand@ifchaddons.org. The Spring Fundraiser will be held Thursday March 22, 2018 at Woodcrest Country Club. The theme is "Take Me Out to the Ballgame", so wear your favorite baseball team gear. Pam to contact IFC board member from LCOS to invite them to our Social Ministry meetings. The training scheduled for March 7th at the Stanfill Manor was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: scheduled for April 20, 21, 22, 2018 at the Cherry Hill Armory.

MEETING DATES: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, August, and January) at 7pm in Room 112. Please contact Pam DiDario if interested in joining the Social Ministry committee. 2018 meeting dates: 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4.



Newcomer Class & Tour Offered Apr 14;

3:00-6:00 pm OR May 6; 1:00-4:00

On Saturday, April 14, from 3:00-6:00 and again on Sunday, May 6, from 1:00-4:00

there will be a Newcomer Orientation offered in Room 112 for those interested in learning more about the ministry at Our Savior and how you can get involved. Each person/family will receive a Congregation Information Binder that contains:

- A Pictorial Directory
- A Congregational History overview
- A Time & Talent survey to assist in getting you connected to ministry
- A Leadership Contact Page
- Membership Form (for those interested in becoming Voting Members).

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20! New members will be received into the congregation of Our Savior at the worship service they normally attend with a photo taken of each family to help in putting names with faces.



Parents!

Check out these titles-

Adolescence Isn't Terminal
Laugh, Tickle, Hug and Pray
Mommy's Locked in the Bathroom



and many more interesting and informative books for parents in our library.

"Encourage and support your kids because children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." — Lady Bird Johnson

~ The Library Ladies



Special Evening Worship featuring the music of Bach on April 22 at 4 pm



On April 22 at 4 pm, we come to the close of a year that has celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. What better way to celebrate than in a special evening Vespers service!

Johann Sebastian Bach used his outstanding musical gifts to express the human condition and communicate God's love and grace. He is most known for his work in Leipzig, Germany at the St. Thomas and St. Nicholas churches every single Sunday in morning worship and in a Sunday evening Vespers service. In both contexts, he composed a cantata for singers and orchestra that was based on the Scripture verses for the Sunday. Adult Choir, organ, orchestra, and soloists will sing Cantata 112, based on Psalm 23. The Youth Choir and ChildrenSong will also join us and sing works by other Lutheran composers. At the end, all choirs will sing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.

Regardless of your spiritual background, come be refreshed and nourished through this transformative experience. Join us for an inspiring musical and spiritual end to the season and a post-service reception.

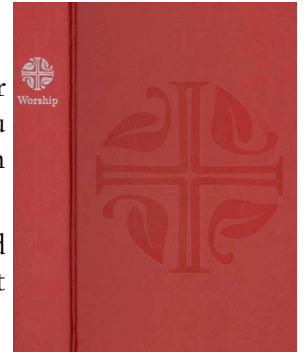
Weekly Reflections on Hymns Enrich Worship

Below is a short paragraph about one of the hymns for the upcoming Sunday. As you prepare for worship, hopefully this will help you sing the hymns with greater understanding and passion! If you would like to receive these reflections by email on a weekly basis, contact Austen Wilson at austen.wilson@gmail.com

Much of the information is from [The Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Worship](#) and published by Augsburg Fortress in 2010. It was compiled by Paul Westermeyer, one of the world's foremost writers on church music in the Lutheran Church.

345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

As we have been celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation since 2017, this hymn was most appropriate to include during Lent. Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570 - 1615) composed the tune. He was a prolific and popular composer of Latin and German choral music for Lutheran worship. In addition, he was one of the most hymn tune composers of his era. Sigismund von Birken (1626 - 1681) was a poet who wrote about fifty hymns, including Jesus, I Will Ponder Now. The text is a meditation on Jesus' passion. Much of the focus is on the crucifixion. Part of the second verse makes this abundantly clear "Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction, bonds and blows and wretchedness and your crucifixion". The Scripture verses for this Sunday alludes to Jesus' passion. John 12: 33 says "He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die". The second lesson, Hebrews 5: 5 - 10 mentions Jesus' obedience and suffering. As Lutheran theology emphasizes Law and Gospel, so does the hymn, which ends "Hear me, O my Savior, that I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever". During the singing of this hymn, may we confess our sins to God and remember that God forgives our sins.



National Day of Prayer Breakfast to Be Held May 3; 8:30 @ First Baptist Church

"A priest, a rabbi, and an imam walk into a prayer breakfast..." Due to the overwhelming response to last year's theme "Can We Talk Together" the Haddonfield Council of Churches has decided to invite clergy from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths to again make up a panel for discussion following the annual National Day of Prayer breakfast. Mark your calendars for May 3 to enjoy a catered breakfast

held at the First Baptist Church in Haddonfield located on Kings Highway beginning at 8:30. A panel of speakers from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths will discuss the opportunities and obstacles to dialogue and the issue of evangelism among their representative faiths. In a time when there is so much tension and hostility toward all three of these faith communities this breakfast fosters a spirit of communication among the three Abrahamic faiths.

Tickets are \$10 and available in the church office and can be purchased on Sundays and during the week in the church office. **Pastor Zschech is purchasing tickets in order to reserve two tables (14 seats) for congregation members to attend, which can be paid back to the church even after the event. Please contact Sandy DeDonatis if you want to reserve your seat at one of the tables.**

2018 Coffee Hour Schedule

Apr. 1 – NO COFFEE HOUR - Easter
Apr. 8 – Sisters~In~Spirit
Apr. 15 – Confirmation & Oasis
Apr. 22 - Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School
April 29 - Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs
May 6 - Congregation Resources & Counters
May 13 - NO COFFEE HOUR (MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAK-FAST) - Confirmation
May 20 - Memorial Gift Board
May 27 - Worship & Music & Communications Committees
June 3 - CONFIRMATION RECEPTION
June 10 - Ushers & Lay Readers
June 17 – Donuts for Dad (Last Official Coffee Hour)



Communion Bread Baker

Thank you for making bread for Communion at the rail!

First Holy Communion - The Miller Family



Messenger Helpers: Thanks to: Jane Evans, Janice Bellenghi, Laura Oakes, Janie Braccio, Millie King, Marianne Aponte, Caryl Wallace and Deb Hartigan for helping to assemble the Messenger.



The office will be closed April 2.

Offering Data Entry Team

Thank you to Marianne Aponte, Jane Evans, Luanne Fogelson and Millie King, for volunteering to post the offerings in the computer.



Thank You!!!

Say Your Name – It Promotes Relationships that Matter

“Pastor, how do you remember so many names?” Answer: I practice. Scientific studies show the more you say someone’s name out loud it aids in becoming a part of your long-term memory. And when we are able to call someone by their name it reinforces that they matter in our lives and as a part of our faith community. So here are four ways I encourage you to begin remembering more people’s names you meet in worship and ministry at Our Savior.

During the sharing of the Peace say your name before extending the Peace; “I’m Pastor Wayne, the peace of Christ/the Lord be with you.” Say it even when the other person knows your name. The person next to them may not and you’re helping them remember.

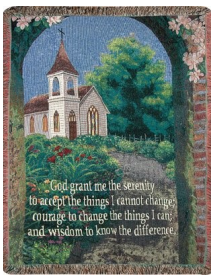
Always say your name when introducing yourself to someone. Don’t just say, “Hello, I’m glad to see you” or “I’m glad you’re here.” Start with “Hello, I’m *name*. I’m glad...” To help them even more, whenever possible slip your name into any story you’re telling about yourself. It will help remind them of your name without them having to ask again.

After they introduce themselves, repeat their name as often as possible in conversation without it sounding too awkward. Remember, hearing you say their name helps it go to long term memory.

Make it a game. When you sit down for worship, see how many names you can put with the faces of those seated around you. Challenge yourself to learn at least one new name with a face each time you worship. It’s okay to cheat as well by using the soon to be released pictorial directory or use the Instant Church Directory application for smart phones when you get stuck.

If we all commit to these simple practices it won’t be long until you’ll know the name of almost everyone who worships when you do. The next step, get to know them too!

Hello, I’m



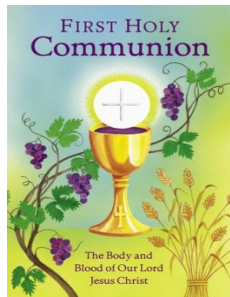
“Stepping Into Adult Life” Stepping Stone for Parents of Adult Children April 15 @ 6:30

Every year Our Savior holds a Faith Stepping Stone Blessing for graduating high school seniors and their parents. An afghan is presented to them on behalf of the congregation as parents are thanked for keeping the promises they made at their child's baptism, and graduates reaffirm the vows they made on their confirmation day. It is a very special and moving blessing service for all who attend. What has been missing is the opportunity for parents and graduates to discuss how their relationship will now be changing as they “step into adult life.”

Therefore, Jaime Frazier and Pastor Wayne will be leading a seminar on Sunday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. to help parents and graduates begin to process the questions that come with being the parent of a young adult and being a young adult with one foot out the door but the other still inside your parent's home. Please let either Jaime or Pastor Wayne know if you are able and planning to attend so they can prepare sufficient materials.

Pastor Zschech to Attend National Workshop on Christian Unity April 16-19

As the Ecumenical Representative for the New Jersey Synod one of Pastor Wayne's responsibilities is to attend the National Workshop on Christian Unity held each year. This year it will be held in Washington D.C. with the theme, “*God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue.*” The Workshop hosts several national speakers and heads of denominations and a variety of workshops dealing with ecumenism as well as ministry concerns that are across denominational and inter-faith lines. This year the primary focus is working together on our common journey as followers of Jesus to heal the wounds of discord and separation so that the world may believe.



8 Received First Holy Communion in March

On Sunday, March 18, at the 10:30 worship eight 2nd grade and older children and youth received their first Holy Communion. The youth, and one or both of their parents, participated in a one day three-hour instruction period on the sacrament of “The Meal” in Lent. During the class they learned Holy Communion is a meal of thanksgiving, remembrance, receiving God's love and forgiveness with a physical element attached to make it more meaningful, and an expression of the community God's people have through their baptism.

The youth who participated in this instruction and received their First Holy Communion are: *Luisa Bovell, Ryan Gallagher, Emily and Evan Giamboy, Alianna Miller, Brady Mokoid, Peyton Rhodes, Sarah Simpkins, and Libbi Speyerer.* Please remember them in your prayers and that the gift of God's grace in the Meal may always be meaningful throughout their lives.



SAMARITAN GRIEF SUPPORT TO CONTINUE AT LCOS IN 2018

Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice Center for Grief Support will continue to offer professional facilitating for sessions in 2018 to help those who are grieving.

Daughters Without Mothers group for adult women grieving the loss of their mother will be eight consecutive Tuesdays from May 22 to July 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Parlor, unless otherwise indicated.

The sessions are open to all. There is a \$40 fee to cover all eight sessions. LCOS members are encouraged to attend and share their experiences that may help others. Pre-registration is required through Samaritan's toll free at **800-596-8550**.

Samaritan was named a 2015 Deyta Hospice Honors Elite recipient, the only hospice in New Jersey and one of only 39 nationwide, to receive that recognition. Deyta is a national data collection company.


Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice offers a wide range of services to support patients and families dealing with end-of-life issues. Many of those services are not eligible for insurance reimbursement.

Through generous donations, Samaritan has been able to sustain a 35-year promise not to turn away anyone due to inability to pay.

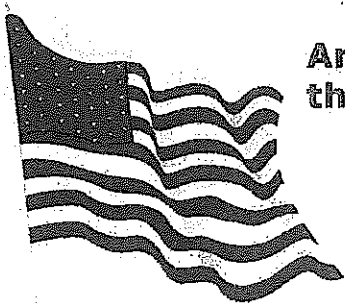
April 2018 Regular Events

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/Oasis	6:30 - 8:30 PM ChildrenSong 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Study – Room 112	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 6:00 -7:30 Grief Support "Sharing in Grief and Hope" Room 112 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Adult Bell Choir 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir	7:00-8:30 PM Toastmasters Jr.	10:00-12:15 (9:30-12:30) Bilingual Families of South Jersey, Inc. – 3rd Floor

April 2018 Special Events

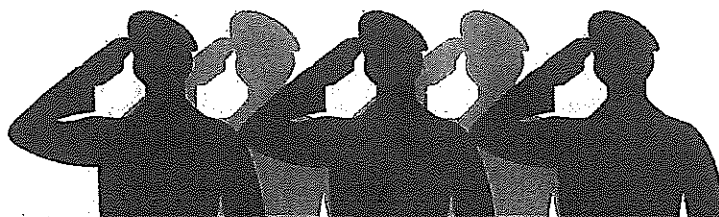
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter  8:00AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM Easter Services No Confirmation	2 Office Closed 9:30 AM Lily Deliveries	3 7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg. Rm.112 7:00 PM Toastmasters	4	5 9:30 AM Mission Quilts No Choir Rehearsal	6	7 9:30 AM Baptism Class
8 Milnes Baptism 2:00-8:00 HP&P 3rd Fl.	9 2:00 Local Vocal	10 11:00-3:00 Haddonfield Garden Club 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 PM Church Council	11 10:00 Singing Angels 7:00 PM Toastmasters	12 Messenger Deadline 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	13	14 3:00-6:00 Newcomer Class
15 12:00 PM Confirmation Adult Huddle 2:00-8:00 HP&P 3rd Fl. 6:30 Stepping into Adult Life Class	16 Pastor at Nat'l	17 SW Cluster/District Mtg. 7:00 PM Toastmasters	18 7:00-10:00 HP&P Parish Hall	19 Messenger Meeting	20 FMSC Set-up Cherry Hill Armory	21 10:30-noon Choir Rehearsal FMSC Mobile Pack
22 Bickle Baptism FMSC Mobile Pack 4:00 Bach Vespers	23 Lifeline Screening	24 12:45 PM Senior Game Day	25 10:00 Singing Angels	26 Unity	27 8th Grade Pre-Confir-	28 7:00-11:00 AM Interfaith Caregivers Appreciation Breakfast mation Retreat
29 2:00 S~I~S Mother's Day Baby Shower	30					

The monthly calendar is subject to change. Please check the weekly calendar posted in the Sunday Bulletin.



American Legion Post 38 of Haddonfield and
the Camden County Board of Freeholders Present:

THE 4TH ANNUAL VETERANS HAVEN 5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK



HELP TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

- ★ Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Registration at 8am | Starts at 9am
North Park Drive, Cooper River Park, Pennsauken, NJ

The proceeds of this event will give financial support for Veterans Haven in Winslow, NJ, a transitional facility for homeless/unemployed veterans.

★ Registration Information:

Pre-registration fee
(postmarked by May 11):
\$25 per runner/walker

Registration fee
(after May 11 until race day):
\$30 per runner/walker

Online registration available
thru May 16, 2018, at:
www.camdencounty.com

- ★ Early Bird Packet Pick-up/Sign Up:
May 19, 2018, at the Running Co.
of Haddonfield from 10am – 4pm

- ★ Make checks payable to:
"American Legion Post 38"

For pre-registration please forward
entry form below and check to:
Jon Batchelor, 517 Mt. Vernon Avenue,
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

AWARDS AS FOLLOWS:

1st Overall; 15 and under (top 3); 16-19 (top 3)
20-29 (top 3); 30-39 (top 3); 40-49 (top 3);
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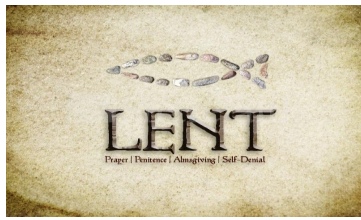
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\$2,500 Matching Gift Offer Can Double Lenten Self-Denial Almsgiving Funds for Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Donation

Last year the congregation and guests of Our Savior donated over \$8,300 in Lenten Self-Denial Offering change, contributions, and matching funds toward the Haddonfield Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack fundraising goal of \$60,000. This year the goal has doubled to \$120,000 and the potential to give another significant gift has doubled! Two of our

generous members have offered to match donations up to \$2,500 each for every dollar donated toward the FMSC Mobile Pack this year. Here's how you can make your donations during Lent and/or before the Mobile Pack Event on April 20-22.

1. Go to www.ittakesavillage-fmsc.com and click on the Donate Online link to make your donation. Print out your donation amount so we can have a record of your donation to go toward the \$2,500 goal.
2. Use the Simply Giving link on Our Savior's webpage and indicate your donation toward FMSC where indicated.
3. Write a check or make a cash donation in one of the FMSC Envelopes that will be available throughout the narthex and at the Usher's Tables in the sanctuary. Make checks payable to LCOS and write FMSC in the Memo section.
4. Use the Lenten Self-Denial banks available beginning Ash Wednesday on February 14 to collect your change over Lent as well as the money you would have spent on something you are denying yourself for the sake of the hungry in our world. Bring your banks in on Palm Sunday, March 25 to be received during the Offering.



Pack With Pastor at Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event April 20-22

Join Pastor Wayne Zschech along with 1,500 packers on April 21st or 22nd or both to participate in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event. This year's goal is a half million meals packed and volunteers are needed from age 5 and older to help. The venue has changed to the Cherry Hill Armory located on Park Street just off of Grove Street. Volunteers are

needed to unload the trucks and set up on Friday, and the first packing session will begin that Friday night followed by sessions beginning Saturday at 8:00 am until Sunday at 8:00 pm. Pastor Wayne has seen first-hand the impact FMSC meals make in the lives of starving children when he visited Haiti three years ago with a group from First Presbyterian Church through the mission group Healing Haiti.

THE CHALLENGE! We had 90 volunteers last year. How about 100 in 2018! In 2 hours each person will pack 216 Manna Pack meals that will feed between 1,300-2,500 children! For more information go to www.ittakesavillage-fmsc.com and watch the "Hope Starts With Food" video to get an overview of the difference your efforts over the April 20-22 weekend will make.

Want to volunteer? There are two ways to do so.

1. Click on the Volunteer link from the www.ittakesavillage-fmsc.com website or follow the link on Our Savior's website to register with **Pastor Wayne's Packers**. There are two times Pastor Wayne is packing; Saturday 8:00-10:00 and Sunday 2:00-4:00.
2. Sign up after church in the narthex and have your name added to the team.

Can you think of a more productive way to spend two hours on a weekend that will make the difference in the lives of so many children? See you April 20-22!



Get in the Mother's Day Spirit Early with an LCOS April Baby Shower

Join Sisters in Spirit on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in Parish Hall for a Mother's Day Baby Shower. Females of all ages are invited, so bring your friends, bring your mother, bring your daughters, and join in the fun. Our gifts will help Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden provide for families who use their food pantry.

Bring a new or gently used unwrapped baby gift suitable for ages newborn to 1 year old. Acceptable gifts include baby clothes, books, developmental toys, diapers, toiletries, furniture—anything you can't buy with food stamps. Don't have any used items to bring? Go shopping! Who doesn't love to look at all the new baby items available these days?

Shower games, lots of pink and blue, refreshments...come join us and help those less fortunate. If you can't make it, but have something to donate, your gift is still welcome! Watch for future announcements of where to drop off your donation.

RSVPs requested to Linda Nelson (lnelson824@gmail.com), but walk-ins always welcome.



Oasis is opened to all 9th to 12th grade students. You can bring friends to meetings, even if they are not members of the church! If you have any questions, please contact

Jaime at jaimfraz@gmail.com or follow our Instagram page @lcosoasisyouthgroup.

Oasis Meeting Schedule-

April 1- No Meeting- Happy Easter!

April 8th- Meeting at 6:30

April 15th- No Meeting

April 21-22- FMSC Mobile Pack

April 29- Meeting at 6:30

If you can, join Jaime at FMSC Mobile Pack on Sunday, April 22nd from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you cannot make that time there is other times to join in this great cause!

Save the date! June 3rd at 5:30pm- Acolyte Appreciation Dinner in the Parish Hall. All acolytes are invited to attend this dinner. It is a chance to thank the acolytes for all their hard work during worship throughout the year!

Vacation Bible School will be July 23rd to 27th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please notice the change of times this year! Get your superhero capes ready because our theme this year is "Hero Central- Discovering Your Strength in God." We will have registration opening soon! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jaime at jaimfraz@gmail.com.



6 To Attend Pre-Confirmation Retreat in the Poconos April 27-28

As our Confirmands prepare for their big day on June 3 they will be participating in a two-day Pocono retreat this month. The confirmation youth will review the promises they will make during the Affirmation of Baptism rite on their Confirmation Day and how this will apply to living out their faith as disciples. Pastor Wayne asks you to keep these youth in your prayers as they come to the conclusion of their confirmation preparation and beginning of their journey as disciples of Christ. May God bless **Sara Bogina, Julia Kiewel, Wyatt Needham, Ethan Roncace, Nathan Speas, and Scott Vaughn** as they approach this momentous step in their lifelong journey of faith.



April Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Nancy Frazier, Rita Lattanzi

Communion Assistants: 8- Juhan Runne **10:30-** Cathe Bare
Counters: John & Kayann Laughlin, Laura Oakes, Mike Stolarick

Ushers: 8- Judy Caravelli, Janice Bellenghi

10:30- Jim & Kimberly Vasallo

April 1

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour

Readers: 8- Janice Bellenghi **9:30-** Pauline Worusski

11:00- Tom Foscett

Greeters: 8- TBD **9:30-** Deb Hartigan, Nancy Frazier

11:00- Stacey Shaw, Lindsay Burtcel

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge **9:30-** TBD **11:00-** TBD

Pantry: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Gerry Murphy

April 8

Coffee Hour: Sisters~In~Spirit

Readers: 8- Juhan Runne **10:30-** Rich Windle

Greeters: 8- Sandy DeDonatis **10:30-** Peaches & Carol Larro

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Abby Leverick,

Amanda & Libby DeMichele

10:30- Andrew Shah, Charlie Webb,

Rachael Simpkins, Kate Morris

Pantry: The DeMichele Family

April 15

Coffee Hour: Confirmation & Oasis

Readers: 8- Pauline Worusski **10:30-** Colleen Gross

Greeters: 8- Laura Oakes **10:30-** Wayne & Kate Roberts

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Luke & Alison Baxter

10:30- Brett Hintz, Sophia Howard,

Emma & Brooke Warren, Hailey Melcher

Pantry: The Bridges-Hoffman Family

April 22

Coffee Hour: Christian Ed Committee, Sunday School

Readers: 8:00- Austen Wilson **10:30-** Sarah Eckert

Greeters: 8:00- Lindsay Burtcel **10:30-** Janie Braccio, Paul Knauer

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Alyssa Monti, Joseph Poliafico

10:30- Luke Fabian, Julia Kiewel, Grayson & Amelia Wright,

Christina Schaffer, Bobby Bridges

Pantry: The DeMichele Family, Jill & Jake Heilman

April 29

Coffee Hour: Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs

Readers: 8:00- Suzanne Trevena **10:30-** John Drozdal

Greeters: 8:00- Jim & Jane Evans

10:30- Lorraine Miano, Stacey Shaw

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Logan Gebhart, Jack Turner

10:30- Caitlin Hargrave, Sidney & Nathan Speas,

Seba Miller, Luke Riley

Pantry: The Visconti & Tavella Families



Spaghetti Dinner Supports Youth Mission Trip on May 4; Seating Begins @ 5:30pm

The Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 4 in the Parish Hall. There will be **four seating times for dinner; 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, and 7:00.** The menu will include pasta, homemade sauce, garlic bread, and salad, and optional meatballs. Tickets will be on sale starting April 8 at worship (**\$12/adult - \$8/child – Children under 5 eat FREE**). All proceeds go directly toward the \$5,100 required Habitat for Humanity participant donation for the 34 youth and adult participants already signed up to attend the trip in July. The requirement

by Habitat of a \$150/participant fee has doubled our fundraising goals from previous years so be sure to invite your friends and fill a table of 8 for the evening. Please contact the Church Office or Jaime Frazier for tickets.

The Gift of Education LCOS Supports Urban Promise College Students

Believing that one person, given the opportunity, can make a difference in the world, Our Savior's Social Ministry Committee and Memorial Gifts Board have collaborated to provide \$1,000.00 annual scholarships to students actively involved with the Urban Promise Ministries in Camden who are continuing their education beyond high school. Since 2009 fourteen students have been awarded scholarships. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in a university, college, or trade school and must maintain a minimum GPA. The scholarships are made possible through an endowment fund established with generous bequests by the families of Bernadine Plotzke and Jean Patterson.

Our Savior is currently sponsoring six students for the 2017-2018 academic year:

Derjanai Thomas: Coppin State

Daanyaal Coleman: Stockton University

Pierre Joseph: Albright College

Nioshjah (Nye) Lindsey: King University

Christian Polanco: William Paterson University

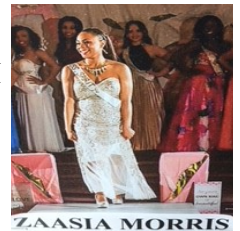
Zaasia Morris: Delaware State University

Meet two of these young people in their own words below:

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I am sincerely moved to have been selected as the recipient of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior scholarship of \$1,000. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to apply money I was in need of to my school. I will be attending Delaware State University and majoring in biology. I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,
Zaasia Morris



Dear Church of Our Savior,

My name is Christian Polanco and I graduated from Urban Promise Academy on June 13. After high school I'll pursue a degree in business at William Paterson University.

When I first opened the letter yesterday and saw the \$1,000 scholarship, a smile quickly came to my face. At that moment I realized that my college dream will finally come true. Going into college I was extremely worried that I wouldn't be able to pay my tuition. In order for me to attend college I would otherwise have to spend \$5400 a year. This scholarship takes a huge burden off my shoulder.

Once again, I would like to thank you for making my dreams of going to college come true. I hope God continues to bless you so that you can continue to bless others, including myself.

Sincerely,
Christian Polanco

HELP WANTED

The Handyman Group is in need of reliable, weekly volunteers 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. Donuts, coffee and fellowship provided. **It will be greatly appreciated!** Painting and purging will be the order of business in the coming months.



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Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

MARCH DATE IS:

Tuesday, April 24

at 12:00 noon (New time!)

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge, Mexican Train ~

Come out and
Have Fun!

Food and drinks
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Molly Mills	4/13
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