



The Parish *Messenger*

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



“December a Great Month to INVITE Friends, Family, and Strangers to Church”

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

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



Dec 1-9: Advent Giving Tree Shopping: “Say while we're out shopping can you help me buy a gift for my Advent Giving Tree family? Our church purchases over 200 gifts for families in need living in Camden County every Christmas and we picked up several tags from the Advent Giving Tree at our church last Sunday. Want to help me?” (If they ask more about it, invite them to join you for worship on Sunday and pick up a tag or two for themselves to help out.)

Dec 2: Drop N Shop Childcare: “I've still got some shopping to do for my children and my church's youth group is sponsoring a Drop 'n Shop childcare event from Noon to 3:00 on Sunday Dec 2. They'll have crafts, games, and children's Christmas shows for the kids to be involved in so they'll have some fun while we get some holiday tasks done. Want to drop off the kids and join me? We could even go to worship together beforehand if you like. Then we can grab some lunch and catch up along the way.”



Dec 9: Children's Christmas Pageant: “Our Sunday school children are providing a unique retelling of the Nativity story and experiencing the wonder of Jesus' birth amidst all the hustle and bustle of life. There's even a breakfast planned for after the pageant so there's one less meal to worry about! With our children being such good friends I think they might enjoy seeing them in the audience. Why don't you come as our guests that day and join us?

We'd love to have you and hope you can stay for the breakfast.”

Dec 16: Lessons & Carols Worship: “Say, our church is holding a really great musical worship on December 16. It's a Lessons and Carols worship at the 10:30 service featuring all the choirs and guest instrumentalists. It's really a great way to get into the mood for Christmas and easy to follow along as well. Want to join us?”



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

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

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.



“Grateful for What We Get to Do”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

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

I’m grateful Kate and I get to host the Advent Brunch in our home at the parsonage. This congregation is like our family and we truly enjoy the opportunity to welcome you into our home and hopefully introduce you to each other. I’m grateful for the opportunity to purchase a gift from our Advent Giving Tree even before I’ve figured out what to put under the tree in my own home.

I’m grateful that I get to drive 900 miles moving our daughter, Brie, home from school in Jacksonville after graduation this December. The 14 hours in the car together will give us the opportunity for father-daughter conversations and lots of laughs. The day after our return I’m grateful that all three of us get to serve as docents at the Interfaith Caregivers House Tour on Thursday, December 13 when we get to meet so many people who will be supporting this incredible ministry to those in our community who need assistance in transportation and respite care.

I’m grateful I get to be a part of leading and experiencing a Lessons & Carols Sunday with so many talented musicians and singers who provide us with such a glorious experience of Advent worship. I’m already thinking of who I can invite to join us.

I’m grateful we get to carol for our neighbors who endure crowded streets and closing car doors every Sunday as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation. Having a large congregation with no parking lot is not always a blessing to our neighbors.

I’m grateful that I get to lead three worship services on Christmas Eve and to see the faces of long time members who may not worship frequently, but wouldn’t miss Christmas Eve worship for the world. It is my secret Christmas joy!

Finally, and most importantly, I’m grateful that God really did so love this world that the Word became flesh and dwelled among us in Jesus, born not in a palace but a stable manger. As I reflect on this story I remember all was not peaceful, all was not great, among the people and nation to which Jesus was born. Yet, God came and dwelled among us. In Jesus, God experienced our joys and sorrows, our celebrations and our sufferings to reveal to us what God’s Kingdom way of life looks like. And now, this Christmas, and every day leading up to it and after, we get to share that hope, love, and joy with the rest of the world. I’m grateful for the Christmas story we get to tell, whether on a mountain, at the shore, or while waiting in the return line of the department store. I’m grateful that we get to remember and trust that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God truly is with us at all times and until the end of the age.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Times; 5:00, 8:00, & 10:00

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

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

8:00 Traditional/Youth Worship: The Youth Choir and Bell Choir continue to be the featured choir at this service and returning college students are invited to join them in singing familiar anthems if they choose. A traditional sermon is preached. Communion will be celebrated and the service ends with candlelight singing of Silent Night.

10:00 Classic “Midnight” Worship: The Adult Choir and Bell Choir are the featured choirs at this service with a traditional sermon preached from the pulpit or aisle. While this worship typically ended after midnight when held at 11:00 the Worship and Music Committee decided to move it up an hour after several requests for an earlier time as 11:00 has become too late for many to attend. Communion will be celebrated and the service ends with candlelight singing of Silent Night.

Advent Brunch, Deck the Halls, and Drop 'N Shop Events on Dec 2 at Noon

Three congregation events will occur on Sunday, Dec 2.

Advent Brunch



es will be available as well as a ham, and guests are invited to bring a brunch item to share with other participants. This is a great way for members and guests to mingle and get to know one another in a festive setting and you won't even need to move your car! You can even use the church ovens if needed to keep your entrée warm during the 10:30 worship. Parents with young children will not even need to worry about childcare as the Oasis Youth Group is holding a childcare event at the church during the same time.

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



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



Christmas "Drop 'N Shop" Childcare from Noon-3:00.

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

Pantry Volunteers Through January

Thank you to our November Volunteers: Gallagher Family, Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, The Hoffman-Bridges Family, Deery Family

Week of Dec 2: **Janice O'Neil**

Week of Dec 9: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Dec 16: **The Ryan Family**

Week of Dec 23: **Gallagher Family**

Week of Dec 30: **Heilman Family**

Week of Jan 6: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Jan 13: _____

Week of Jan 20: _____

Week of Jan 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@ hot-mail.com or 609-238-7419.



PANTRY NEEDS : OCTOBER

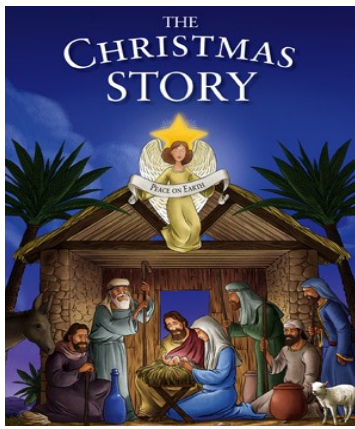
All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **baked beans (15 oz.), canned tomatoes (15 oz.), meals in a can, paper towels, toilet paper**



Kudos this month go to Lynn Block our Pantry Coordinator. Lynn works very closely with our pantry families to ensure they get the food that they like and need. She has a re-application that is filled out annually, when families leave the program she works with school nurses to find another family in need, and she works closely with the Haddonfield Caseworker, Ed Hess. Lynn spends countless hours in the pantry stocking, organizing, dating and packing food. She goes food shopping when the shelves are bare. She has a personal relationship with our pantry families and makes sure they are well taken care of. Thank you Lynn for the care and compassion you provide!





Christmas Pageant & Dinner Set for Dec 9 @ 9:15 AM in Parish Hall

The pageant this year is "The Christmas Story" and involves our children from age 3 to grade 6. The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 9:15 in the Parish Hall followed by a potluck breakfast. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with breakfast in any way, please let Jaime know. The change in time and location was to provide an opportunity for a greater number of the congregation to attend the pageant and share in fellowship following the event. Reflections Worship will not be held that day and regular attendees are invited to worship at 8:00 or 10:30. Sunday school to follow after the breakfast. Come out and experience how Advent prepares us not only for the coming of Christmas but the coming of our Lord in our lives each and every day. We will be having the dress rehearsal on December 2nd during Sunday School! We hope to see all of the kids on this day!

I have inserted an Advent Calendar in The Messenger to do at home with your family. This is a great thing to do every day during Advent, either before dinner or before bed. I cannot wait to hear how each family participated in these Advent Faith Practices.



Oasis & Confirmation Events-

On December 2nd after worship we will be having our annual Deck the Halls. We are in need of parents and youth to help out with this fun event. Pizza will be provided for all volunteers, please let Jaime know if you are attending.

Also on December 2nd we will be hosting our annual Drop 'n' Shop. This is from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, if you are planning on attending, please let Jaime know.

December 9th we will be spreading Christmas cheer by Christmas Caroling at 1:00pm. Following Christmas Caroling there will be a Christmas party for Confirmation and Oasis in the Parish Hall.



Count Your Blessings & Help North Carolina Hurricane Victims

This holiday season, as we gather in celebration with family and friends, we are mindful that hurricanes and floods have left so many in the South without the comfort and bounty that we enjoy. In December please join Sisters-in-Spirit in raising funds to aid hurricane victims in Goldsboro, NC, a community with strong ties to LCOS through our yearly Habitat for Humanity youth trips there.

On the first two Sundays in December, Sisters-in-Spirit will be accepting donations for these folks who are more than just unknown hurricane victims to many of us. In appreciation for your donation, our gift to you will be a handmade Christmas ornament—great for holiday gift giving or for your own tree. Donate in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special in your life. All ornaments come with gift cards to let recipients know how these ornaments will help others.

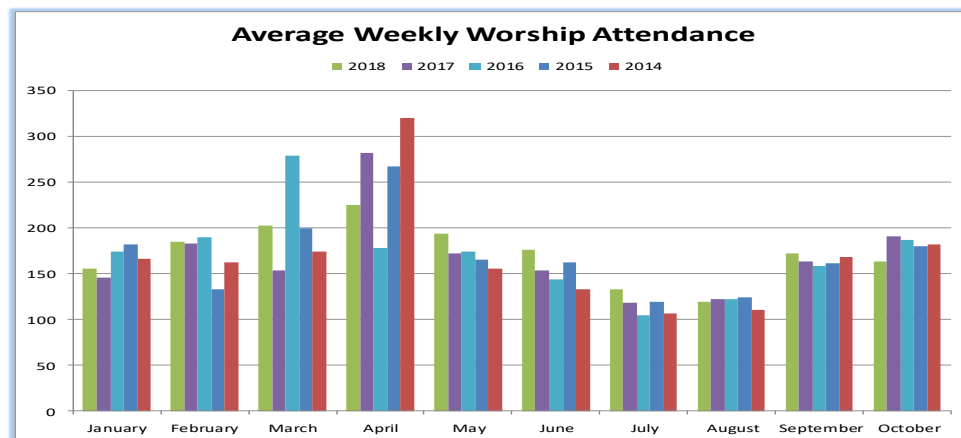
Please stop by our table in the narthex after each worship service on Dec. 2 and 9 to receive your ornament and support hurricane relief. Thank you!



Boxed Envelopes Available In Nart hex for Pick-Up from Dec 2 until New Year's Eve

Members of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior are asked to pick up their 2019 offering envelopes in the Narthex by Christmas Eve. **NOTE: Adult children attending college or those who are otherwise still listed as living at home will not be issued envelopes but are encouraged to provide their offerings in the family household envelope.** Any adult child wishing to have their own envelopes need only request them from the Church Office. If you can drop off envelopes for a friend or nearby neighbor in the congregation please do. Envelopes that are not picked up after December 31 will be mailed out in the first weeks of the 2019. Please help reduce postage costs by picking up your offering envelopes in the Narthex.

All Envelope Offerings						
Month	% of Plan	Plan Giving	Monthly Giving 2018	+ or - to Plan	Cumulative	Monthly Giving 2017
January	6.76%	\$ 30,585.96	\$ 25,472.00	\$ (5,113.96)	\$ (5,113.96)	\$ 28,927.00
February	7.16%	\$ 32,380.72	\$ 28,365.00	\$ (4,015.72)	\$ (9,129.68)	\$ 30,248.00
March	8.47%	\$ 38,302.89	\$ 31,668.00	\$ (6,634.89)	\$ (15,764.57)	\$ 27,716.00
April	9.31%	\$ 42,101.24	\$ 40,187.00	\$ (1,914.24)	\$ (17,678.81)	\$ 45,890.00
May	7.14%	\$ 32,311.11	\$ 34,967.00	\$ 2,655.89	\$ (15,022.92)	\$ 24,401.00
June	7.11%	\$ 32,165.01	\$ 50,071.02	\$ 17,906.01	\$ 2,883.10	\$ 27,291.00
July	6.54%	\$ 29,587.95	\$ 31,344.00	\$ 1,756.05	\$ 4,639.15	\$ 29,070.00
August	7.18%	\$ 32,474.26	\$ 28,270.00	\$ (4,204.26)	\$ 434.89	\$ 39,142.00
September	8.00%	\$ 36,208.74	\$ 33,775.00	\$ (2,433.74)	\$ (1,998.85)	\$ 32,560.00
October	9.24%	\$ 41,817.58	\$ 37,652.00	\$ (4,165.58)	\$ (6,164.44)	\$ 33,482.00
November	8.46%	\$ 38,258.69				\$ 37,866.00
December	14.63%	\$ 66,197.86				\$ 61,356.77
Total	100%	\$ 452,392.00	\$ 341,771.02	\$ (6,164.44)		\$ 417,949.77



October's average weekly worship attendance of 163 was down 14% compared to 2017 and 12% lower than the average of October's attendance in 2014-2017.

October's envelope offerings of \$37,652 was \$4,166 lower than the plan of \$41,818. This was 10% lower than the plan but 12% higher than last October.



Poinsettia Memorials

Each year the altar is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$25, made payable to "LCOS Altar Guild." Drop in Offering Plate, Altar Guild Mailbox, or Church Office. The poinsettias are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Wednesday, December 26. The deadline is Sunday, [December 16, 2018.](#)

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Relationship of donor to Memorialized One(s) _____

Return no later than December 16

Poinsettia Delivery People Needed Dec 26 at 9:30

Help is needed on Wednesday, Dec 26, to deliver the poinsettias that decorated the church on Christmas Eve and Day to our homebound members. This is a wonderful family ministry opportunity and is a great way to meet members who are unable to attend worship any more or regularly. Contact the Church Office (lcossandy@gmail.com) if you are able to assist in delivering poinsettias.



God's Work Our Hands
Social Ministry

Help Wanted!

Do you have time and organizational skills looking for a purpose?

My Father's House needs you!

The Social Ministry Committee is looking for an individual to oversee the preparation and delivery of My Father's House Meals.

What is it: My Father's House is a counseling program in Gloucester City housing approximately 14 teenage girls in a court-mandated program.

What you'll do: Oversee the delivery of meals purchased or prepared by congregation members every Tuesday. Ensure each week of the year has been spoken for.

All dates have been filled for the remainder of 2018. You'll only need to make weekly reminder calls and provide delivery assistance where required for the remainder of 2018.

The congregation needs to begin signing up for dates in 2019.

For more information, please contact Pam DiDario at 609-276-5144, or pmonticelli1@gmail.com

Advent Giving Tree Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the second floor Narthex outside the sanctuary.

If you would like to participate in helping to bring some Christmas joy to people in need, please take a tag. Take a tag from the table, sign your name and phone number on the sheet, purchase an item on the tag (\$25.00 limit per tag), and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by December 9, 2018 prior to 11:30am.

Monetary donations are also appreciated so that the ministry may purchase gifts for the tags not taken. Please be sure to indicate "Advent Giving Tree donation". If you know anyone who would like to participate in helping people enjoy Christmas but can't make it to Church on Sundays, have them contribute through the Church's website (www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org) or visiting the Church office during the week (Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 5:00pm and Sundays 7:30am to Noon).

Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father's House, Urban Promise, Caring Hearts, our Pantry families, and Haddon Heights schools.

The tags and envelopes for contributions will be available for four consecutive Sundays, November 11, November 18, November 25, and December 2. Tags will also be available at the Church office during the week days. The gifts must be returned no later than December 9, 2018 by 11:30am.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 65 are continuing their Annual Blanket Drive

We collected over 120 items last year. THANK YOU !!!

Blankets go to Sister Rosemarie at Sacred Heart Church in Camden, for struggling families.

They are especially looking for heavy weight sleeping bags, but new & clean used blankets, comforters, are welcome as well.

Blankets may be dropped off:

Lisa Quanci

305 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Haddonfield

We will collect items thru November

Please SHARE !!!

Advent Faith Practices



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Instead of focusing on material things this Advent, focus on faith! This advent faith practices calendar rotates through three types of practices: prayer [P] service [S] and spiritual practice [SP] Make this calendar work for you and your family by adapting it to suit your needs. If you are unable to complete one of the practices on a specific day, just skip over it and pick it up on the next day. Visit www.traci-smith.com for more faith and family inspiration.</p>						
2. [S] Who in your community is in special need of a note, call, or visit? Make an effort to check up on that person.	3. [P] Today's prayer word is HOPE. What does it mean to have hope? Draw a picture of something hopeful or pray for a hope you have.	4. [SP] Silence. How long can you sit in silence? Try one minute, two minutes or even five minutes!	5. [S] Write a note of appreciation to someone in a helping or serving profession to tell them how much you value their work.	6. [P] Hope, continued. Today, light one candle for hope.	7. [SP] Imagination. Look at the clouds or the grass or snow outside. What do you see there?	1. [SP] Waiting. Practice waiting today by taking a few extra moments to rest between activities today.
9. [P] Peace. What gives you peace? Thank God for peaceful things.	10. [SP] Gratitude Practice gratitude today by listing the things for which you are thankful.	11. [S] Make a special effort to offer a smile or kind gesture (such as opening the door) for a stranger today.	12. [P] Peace, continued. Light two candles today. One for hope and one for peace.	13. [SP] Play! Play a game together as a family. Did you know play can be a spiritual practice? It can!	14. [S] Pick up trash around your neighborhood or other public place.	8. [S] Donate food or other needed items to an organization that serves those in need.
16. [SP] Beauty. Take a walk outside and notice three beautiful things.	17. [S] Do something kind for a neighbor. Shovel their walk, leave a plant, or write a kind note.	18. [P] Today's prayer word is joy. What brings you joy? Draw a picture of it or say a prayer.	19. [SP] Listening. It is a spiritual discipline to listen well. Ask someone in your family three questions. Listen closely to their answer.	20. [S] Compliment a stranger today.	21. [P] Joy, continued. Light three candles. One for hope, one for peace, and one for joy.	15. [P] Pray for others today. Who do you know who needs an extra word of prayer to God? Write their name down.
23. [S] Give a gift to someone who really needs it today.	24. [P] Love. Today's prayer word is love. Draw a picture of someone you love.	25. [P] Love, continued. Light four candles today. One for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love.	<p>This calendar brought to you by Traci Smith, author of <i>Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home</i>. It's a book full of simple and easy to implement faith practices for your family. Find it on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or at Chalice Press!</p>			
						22. [SP] Hospitality. Invite someone to come to your house today.

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 scholarships totaling \$8,000.00 per year to students actively involved with Urban Promise Ministries in Camden who are continuing their education beyond high school. Since 2009 sixteen 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.

Derjanai Thomas: Coppin State University, Pierre Joseph: Albright College, Nioshjah (Nye) Lindsey: King University
Zaasia Morris: Rowan College at Gloucester County, Aniyah Robinson: Montclair State University
Taniah McDonald: Montclair State University

Last month we met Derjani, Pierre, and Nioshjah. Let's meet Aniyah and Taniah this month.

Dear Church of Our Savior,

My name is Aniyah Robinson and I am a high school senior attending Urban Promise Academy (UPA). I have been involved with UPA for four years now. My high school experience with Urban Promise is one to remember. Besides attending the high school since freshman year, I was involved with the school's BoatWorks and Urban Ytekkers programs. In BoatWorks, I was taught hands-on basic boat building skills during my freshman year. In the Urban Trekkers program, I learned hands-on outdoor activities. My class and I have been to multiple Treller trips where we travel to forests and stay over the course of 3 days and 2 nights. Although I used to dread attending these trips, I realize now that I bonded with my class the most on Trekker trips. With the help of teachers and staff, I was personally guided through the college application process and was connected to amazing scholarships.



In Fall 2018, I plan on attending Montclair State University. I was recently accepted into the University's Educational Fund Program (EOF) therefore I will start school in summer 2018. I will major in Fashion Studies with a concentration in Fashion Merchandising. The process of choosing a college was very difficult as I needed the most financial aid assistance as possible. Having strong faith in God and praying frequently kept me at ease through the process. I knew I was going to overcome any struggles I had because of the relationship I am building with God. Has has proved to me that with His faith I can get through all things.

Thanks in advance,
Aniyah Robinson

Dear Church of Our Savior,

My name is Taniah McDonald and I am currently a senior at Urban Promise high school. I have been with Urban Promise Academy for four years. I have been very hands on and involved in my school all the years I've attended, being class representative, on the spirit committee, participating in Urban Trekkers, performing and serving at the annual banquet and being involved in many in and out of school activities. I try to take every opportunity I can and learn from it. In 2015 I've become a street leader, a role model, mentor and teacher to children and young teens. In the school year of 2017 I have been promoted to Team Leader, a position with responsibility of guiding and motivating the children and teens. At the summer camp I served as the dance and art teacher for my students and was asked by my camp director Marcus Bell.





After high school I plan on attending Montclair University and majoring in fashion merchandising. Fashion has been my life for most of my life, becoming interested in fashion in the third grade I knew just what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I knew how creative I was and what I was capable of with my interest and curiosity. In 2016 I became one step closer to making my dream of being a successful black business woman in the fashion industry a reality. Creating my clothing line *Sikoways* I started what I knew I was meant and would be happy to do. Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity of being considered for the scholarship. Being accepted would help me tremendously on my journey of my future education.

Thank you for your time,
Taniah McDonald

December 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	5:30-8:30 ChildrenSong 7:00-8:30 Possibility Players 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Study – Parlor	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 3:30 PM Staff Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study Room 112 4:00 PM Tai Chi	8:30 AM Handyman's Group 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Adult Bell Choir 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir		10:00-12:15 Bilingual Families of SJ

December 2018 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 Dress Rehearsal for Pageant 12:00 Adult Brunch Parsonage 12:00 – 2:00 PM Confirmation Serve Event Deck the Halls 12:00 – 4:00 PM Confirmation Serve Event Drop'n Shop	3	4 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:30 Executive Board Mtg.	5	6 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	7 6:00-11:00 HCC Holiday Party	8
	Sandy off-surgery			Pastor	Vacation	12-6 to 12-9
9 9:15 Children's Christmas Pageant/breakfast 1:00 Coles Landing Caroling w/Oasis Christmas Party	10	11 SW Cluster/District Mtg. 11:00 HGC 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 PM Church Council	12	13 9:30 AM Mission Quilts Messenger Deadline	14	15 9:00 AM-noon Adult Choir Rehearsal
Pastor						
16 Poinsettia Deadline 10:30 AM Lessons & Carols No Oasis	17 Last Bible Study	18 7:00 PM Toastmasters 12:00 PM Senior Game Day	19 Last Bible Study 7:00 MGB	20 Messenger Mailing	21	22
23 Irene Zacharek funeral No Oasis	24 Christmas Eve Worship Services 5:00, 8:00, 10:00 PM	25 Christmas  Church Office Closed	26 9:30 AM Poinsettia Deliveries Church Office Closed	27 No Adult Choir	28	29
30 No Youth/Children's Choirs No Confirmation No Oasis Austen Off	31 New Year 's Eve 					



Give Yourself the Gift of Music in December!

In December, we have an abundance of short-term opportunities to participate in music at LCOS. Take some time out of your busy schedules to praise God and spiritually ground yourself through choir during this hectic time of year. No experience required! If you or you know of someone who should be in a bell or vocal choir, contact Austen Wilson at

Austen.wilson@gmail.com

Festival Choir Rehearses on Dec. 15 for Lessons and Carols on Dec. 16

Calling all Adults! Festival Choir rehearses on Dec. 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for Lessons and Carols on Dec. 16 at 10:30 am. If you've ever wanted to sing with us on a Sunday morning but haven't been able to due to scheduling conflicts, now is your chance! This year's theme is *Jesus The Light of the World*, a very timely theme in this day and age. It will have a mixture of familiar and unfamiliar Advent and Christmas music, including an arrangement of Silent Night, to observe the 200th anniversary of the creation of that beloved carol. No prior experience required! All Adults are welcome! Please RSVP with Austen Wilson to get music and recordings of the anthems we'll be singing.

Calling All Youth (Grade 6 - 12)!

Youth Choir will be rehearsing Christmas music on Dec. 2 and 23 from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm. Come sing Silent Night, O Holy Night, and others with us, in preparation for Lessons and Carols (Dec. 16) and Christmas Eve! We'll also have pizza afterwards. For more information, contact Mr. Wilson at austen.wilson@gmail.com.

Children's Choir Ministry Opportunities for 2nd - 5th Graders

The Children's Choir Ministry is offering a short-term commitment on Sundays in December, except Dec. 9 from 9:00 - 9:45 am. We will learn Scripture and about God through percussion instruments (shakers, drums, etc.), singing, and handchimes, so there will be something for everyone. Children will use what they've learned to help lead worship on Dec. 2 and Christmas Eve.

Ring in the Season in a Bell Choir!

Have you enjoyed the Bell Choir music in church? Are you even more curious about bells now? We are looking for more ringers! The Adult Bell Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Choir Room and the Youth Bell Choir (grades 6 - 12) rehearses on Sundays from 12:30 - 1:00 pm. The Children's Choir Ministry (grades 2 - 5) includes handchimes and rehearses on Sundays from 9:00 - 9:45 am. We would love to have you come check us out. Don't know how to ring bells? No problem! We will teach you all you need to know. Contact Austen Wilson for more information.

Interfaith Caregivers needs

DOCENTS

for

HADDONFIELD HOUSE TOUR

December 13, 2018

5 shifts

10:00-12:00; 12:00-2:00; 2:00-4:00; 5:00-7:00; 7:00-9:00

If you can help Interfaith Caregivers with their biggest fundraiser of the year, contact Laura Oakes at 856-429-6009 loakes01@hotmail.com.



December 13th
Tour Times: 10a-4p & 5p-9p

Tickets may be purchased online or at Interfaith Caregivers, the Haddonfield Public Library or the Haddonfield Information Center. Limited number of tickets available. For more info, call 856.354.0298 or visit www.ifchaddons.org.



the Waiting for Baby Jesus

Our Savior's Library
has Advent books,
Christmas books, and Seasonal
DVDs !

~ The Library Ladies



2018 Offerings Must Be Postmarked or in by Dec 31

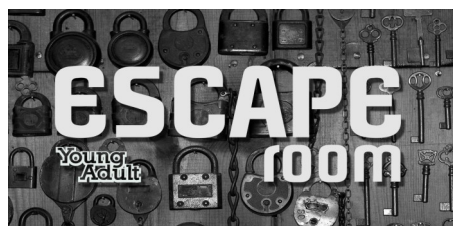
In order to keep our bookkeeping accurate the Congregation Resources Committee has set Monday, December 31, as the last date offerings can be hand delivered to the office or postmarked if sent by mail. Thank you as always for your generous support of God's work in the world that is done through the ministry at Our Savior.



Thrivent Baptismal Medallions Given on Jan 13

On Sunday, January 13, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the

children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child's baptism, the children will receive a blessing by Pastor Wayne as well as a gift of a pewter baptismal medallion. Parents who will be participating in the service are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting the church office either by phone (429-5122) or email Jaime Frazier - jaimfraz@gmail.com



LCOS Young Adults Program

All young adults ages 22-35, you are welcomed to join us for an Escape Room adventure on December 7th. If you plan on attending, please contact Jaime at jaimfraz@gmail.com by November 30th. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information for future Young Adult events, let Jaime know!

December Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Carol Larro, Nancy Gulick

Bread Baker: Cheryl Hastings

Communion Assts.: 8- Kate Zschech **10:30-** Dave Wyche

Counters: Sandy DeDonatis, Jane Evans, Deb Tredinnick

Ushers: 8-Kristine Monsen, Peggy Hartmann

10:30- John & Kayann Laughlin

December 2

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music & Communications

Readers: 8- Janice Bellenghi **10:30-** Julie Frederick

Greeters: 8- Laura Oakes

10:30- Kate & Wayne Roberts

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

10:30- Andrew Shah, Kate & Matthew Morris,

Rachael Simpkins, Charlie Webb

Pantry: Janice O'Neil

December 9

Coffee Hour: Pageant Breakfast

Readers: 8- Juhan Runne **10:30-** Tom Foskett

Greeters: 8- Sandy DeDonatis

10:30- Bobbi Newsham, Glenn Martin

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Caroline & Emily Asselin,
Joseph Poliafico

10:30- Dan Cook, Ben & Brett Hintz, Hailey Melcher
Sophia & Theo Howard

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

December 16

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Readers: 8- Austen Wilson **10:30-** Rich Windle

Greeters: 8- Kristine Monsen

10:30- Peaches & Carol Larro

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, JoAnna & Jessica Howley

10:30- Luke Fabian, Julia Kiewel, Peyton Rhodes,
Christina Schaffer, Amelia & Grayson Wright

Pantry: Ryan Family

December 23

Coffee Hour: Ushers & Lay Readers

Readers: 8:00- Pauline Worusski **10:30-** Colleen Gross

Greeters: 8:00- Lindsay Burtcel

10:30- Lorraine Miano, Amal Spence

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Abby Leverick,
Libby DeMichele

10:30- Collin Duckett, Seba Miller, Luke Riley,
Brooke & Emma Warren

Pantry: Gallagher Family

December 30

Coffee Hour: Mission Quilts

Readers: 8:00- Peggy Hartmann **10:30-** Laurie Eason

Greeters: 8:00- Sandy DeDonatis

10:30- Janie Braccio, Gary Visconti

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

10:30- Rex Cottone, Grace Ewing, Olivia & Ethan Roncace,
Abby Ryan, Hannah Stauss

Pantry: Heilman Family

2018-2019 Coffee/Fellowship Hour Schedule

Dec. 2 – Worship & Music & Communications Committees
Dec. 9 – Pageant Breakfast
Dec. 16 – Altar Guild
Dec. 23 – Ushers & Lay Readers
Dec. 30 – Mission Quilts
Jan. 6 – Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters
Jan. 13 – Personnel & Property Committees
Jan. 20 – Social Ministry
Jan. 27 – NO COFFEE HOUR, Unity Sunday
Feb. 3 – Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School
Feb. 10 – Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs
Feb. 17 – Confirmation & Oasis
Feb. 24 – Sisters~In~Spirit
Mar. 3 – Ministry Expo
Mar. 10 – Congregation Resources & Counters
Mar. 17 – Memorial Gift Board
Mar. 24 – Worship & Music & Communications Committees
Mar. 31 – Altar Guild
Apr. 7 – First Holy Communion – Cake
Apr. 14 – Ushers & Lay Readers
Apr. 21 – Easter, No Coffee Hour
April 28 – Mission Quilts
May 5 – Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters
May 12 – Muffins With Moms
May 19 – Personnel & Property Committees
May 26 – Social Ministry
June 2 – CONFIRMATION RECEPTION
June 9 – Sisters~In~Spirit
June 16 – Donuts With Dads (Last Official Coffee Hour)

Office Closed Dec 25 & 26, and Jan 1

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

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

Moving? New Phone Number? New E-mail Address?

Please keep the church office updated with any changes.
Thank you!

Good Coffee
is a pleasure

Good Friends
are a treasure

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



Every Sunday at 9:00

Music at Our Savior Presents:

LESSONS & CAROLS

*Jesus The Light
of the World*

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Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 10:30 am



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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. snacks, coffee and fellowship provided. **It will be greatly appreciated!**



Mobile Giving



Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

DECEMBER DATE IS:

Tuesday, December 18

at 12:00 noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge,
Mexican Train ~

Come out and

Have Fun!

Food and drinks
(soda) served

RSVP: Peg Hartmann 856-783-7004



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Jim Frazier	12/7
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Carrie Haney	12/13
Sandra Cheeseman	12/14
Lauren Parker	12/14



Michael Riley	12/15
Erin Schaffer	12/16
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Jen Rhodes	12/17
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