



The Parish *Messenger*

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Unity & Fellowship Sunday Set for Jan 27; Combined Worship @ 9:30 Followed by Brunch and Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 27 Our Savior will hold one worship service at 9:30 so members from the regular three worship times can worship together as one congregation. Immediately following worship the congregation will move to the Parish Hall for a sumptuous brunch prior to the Annual Meeting that will follow. There will be separate activities for children on the 3rd Floor while parents participate in the Annual Meeting scheduled to end by noon.

Why one service prior to the Annual Meeting?

1. It creates the opportunity for the congregation to truly worship as a unified body of Christ rather than a segmented one.
2. It provides members who regularly attend one service the opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with regular members of the other worship services.
3. Members with children in Sunday afternoon activities can participate in the Annual Meeting.

The Council realizes this may be an inconvenience for some, especially those who will need to get children up and ready for worship and Sunday school 60 minutes earlier than usual. We also believe the benefit will greatly outweigh the cost. It is their sincere hope that many of the congregation will mark their calendars to attend this year's Unity Fellowship Sunday Worship and Annual Meeting on January 27 with worship at 9:30 and brunch following immediately afterward.

At the Annual Meeting the main topics of discussion will include:

The status of our faith formation ministry led by our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Jaime Frazier, and goals for new initiatives in 2019 as regular Sunday school participation has increased this fall compared to past years and we hope to keep the trend going.

Also, **five Congregation Council members and two members of the Memorial Gifts Board will need to be elected** by a quorum of the congregation to serve three and four year terms respectively. Dan Cook (Financial Secretary), Judy Caravelli (Communications), Laura Oakes (Congregation Resources), and Nancy Frazier (Outreach) will all be going off council and **LuAnne Fogelson (Treasurer)** will sadly be going off Council as she and Scott are relocating to California before January leaving two years of her unexpired second term unfilled. We offer our most heartfelt thanks to **Mike Fallon (Chair)** and **Bob Mirabello (Secretary)** who will both be completing their second four-year term on the Memorial Gift Board.

Finally, the **2019 Financial Plan for Ministry will be voted on.** The final Financial Plan will not be fully prepared until after the January Council meeting, and the Congregation Resources ministry team is confident the 2018 Ministry Fall Campaign commitments along with estimated giving from non-pledging members will meet the challenge for supporting our current and future ministry in 2019.

So **MARK JAN 27 ON YOUR NEW CALENDARS NOW FOR**
9:30 WORSHIP
and BRUNCH/ANNUAL MEETING



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.



“Revelations, Resolutions, and Renewal”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

On Epiphany, Jan 6, the church celebrates the arrival of the magi bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In this ordinary child too small yet to journey back to Jerusalem God reveals his extraordinary love and grace for the world. The infinite God becomes the finite human Jesus. Throughout the season after the Epiphany we hear the stories of God’s extraordinary grace manifested in the ordinariness of our lives.

On New Year’s Day we often make resolutions for the year ahead. We resolve to be healthier by eating fewer sweets and more veggies, join a gym or yoga studio, or start a walking or running routine in preparation for a 5K or 10K race later in the year. We resolve to read more and watch less TV. We resolve to stay connected more with friends and make new connections through volunteer opportunities. And sometimes we actually follow through on those resolutions.

The Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan 13, the church celebrates The Baptism of Our Lord, and at Our Savior we celebrate and bless all those who were baptized in the previous year. They, and we, are reminded of the promises we make to God and the body of Christ, the church, to live among God’s people, hear God’s word and share in the Lord’s Supper, proclaim the gospel in word and deed, serve the needs of all people, and work for justice and peace.

What would it be like if we combined all three in our “new life” of 2019? In your goal to read more could that include a book study at church with a friend in which you discover the extraordinary grace of God in the ordinary pages of a book? Could partnering with a friend from church or another member of Christ’s body to train for that race be a way you “live among God’s faithful people” as you discover grace and joy while pounding the pavement over the miles? Could you share the healthier meals you are now making with those we feed on Tuesdays at My Father’s House or make it here for the homeless men we will be hosting for the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council of Camden the last week of February and first week of March? This January I invite you to explore how you might incorporate the lifestyle of faith we all promise to live when affirming our Baptism into the resolutions we make for 2019 and in the process of living them out discover how God’s extraordinary love, grace, and joy are revealed in those simple, ordinary actions. Happy New Year!

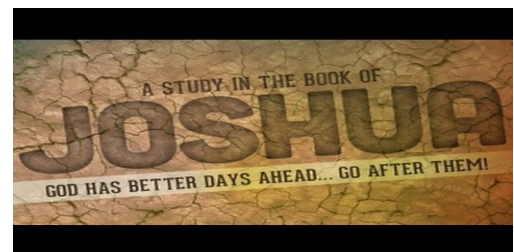
Bible Discussion for Daily Life on Joshua Begins Jan 7/9 (7 weeks)

The book of Joshua describes the entry of God’s people Israel into the promised land of Canaan after their time of wandering in the wilderness. The book reminded Israel that the promised land was a gift to them from the Lord. Keeping the land depended on the people being faithful to the Lord’s law. How do the historical stories told in the book of Joshua possibly echo our story today in our “promised land” and lives of faith in God?

Attend either Mondays from 7:30-9:00 in Room 112 or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at the home of Linda Powell (603 Crystal Lake Avenue in Haddon Township). **No prior attendance or scriptural knowledge is required to gain insight and value from the discussion.** Just drop on in. Bibles are available if you don’t have one.

The following dates, reading, and topics are as follows:

Jan 7/9	Chapters 1-2	Rahab and Spies
Jan 14/16	Chapters 3-6	Fall of Jericho
Jan 21/23	Chapters 7-9	Gibeonite Deception
Jan 28/30	Chapters 10-15	Sun Stands Still
Feb 4/6	Chapters 16-21	Cities of Refuge
Feb 11/13	Chapters 22-23	Joshua’s Farewell
Feb 28/20	Chapter 24	Covenant Renewal



Pulpit Exchange with Mission Partner Bridge of Peace LC on Jan 20

On Sunday, January 20, Pastor Wayne Zschech of Our Savior and Pastor Giselle Coutinho of Bridge of Peace will switch places in leading worship that day and invite some members of their respective congregations to do the same. This is intended to provide both mission partner congregations the opportunity to better know each other’s pastors as well as better know about each other’s ministry where they are “planted and bearing fruit.” Pastor Wayne will be a part of the worship leadership at Our Savior’s 8:00 worship before leaving to be a part of and lead Bridge of Peace’s Sunday worship experience at 11:00. Pastor Giselle has been the pastor at The Bridge for the past 12 years and The Peace Center is their outreach ministry to the poor and homeless of the Fairview section of Camden where the church is located. If you are interested in joining Pastor Wayne for worship at The Bridge please let him know as he will be taking the church van to maximize seating and minimize parking space needs.



Blessing the Home at Epiphany

Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they

were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

Twelfth Night (Jan 5), Epiphany of Our Lord (Jan 6), or another day during the time after Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing for the home. Someone may lead the greeting and blessing, while another person may read the scripture passage. Following an eastern European traditions, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door; for example, 20 + CMB + 19. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means, "Christ bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).

The following is a simple Blessing for the Home. Families can use this and every year at Epiphany. Chalk will be given out in church on Sunday, January 6, for families to use for the blessing.

Greeting

May peace be to this house and all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Proverbs 24:3-4*)

Reading

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.

Read John 1 verses 1-4, 14, and 16)

Inscription

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance: 20 + CMB + 19

Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right)

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar

Followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

19 and nineteen years ago.

+ Christ bless this house,

+ and remain with us throughout the year.

Prayer of Blessing

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pantry Volunteers Through February

Thank you to our December Volunteers: Gallagher Family, Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, The Hoffman-Bridges Family, Janice O'Neil, Sarah & Jack Fetter, The Ryan Family, The Heilman Family

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

Week of Jan 13: **Millie King, Lynn Block**

Week of Jan 20: **The Hoffman-Bridges Family**

Week of Jan 27: **The Deery Family**

Week of Feb 3: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Feb 10: **The Hoffman-Bridges Family**

Week of Feb 17: _____

Week of Feb 24: **the Deery Family**

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 : JANUARY

All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **mac n cheese (5 oz.), Hamburger & Tuna Helper, rice packets, pancake mix & syrup, paper towels.**

Pantry Family Baby Arrives: Bray was born 12/7 at 7lbs 7ozs. Both Mom and Baby are happy and healthy. He is very cute! They want to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness and wish everyone a joyous Christmas.

Pantry Family's Thank You's: A special thank you to Jane Braccio who donated a pre-lit 5ft artificial Christmas Tree. When it was delivered, the children were delighted. They had a very old, small and somewhat ratty tree and were so excited when they saw the new tree. Thank you Jane.

A special thank you to Joyce Odendahl who crocheted pot holders for the Pantry Families to be included with their Thanksgiving Food. Here is what one family wrote: "Thank you so much for the ham and food, the difference it means in our lives is hard to put in words. I would like to especially thank whomever made the pot holders, they were a warm reminder of my mother during this holiday season, she used to crochet things for us."

Congregation Resources

Thank you to everyone who submitted a pledge to the 2019 General Fund. As of December 16, 2018, we received 92 pledges for \$253,620. The pledges help us to plan the budget for the coming year. Thank you for your generous giving in 2018 and may your giving in 2019 grow our ministries to greater service.

Thank you!!

I want to thank everyone who came out to support the Children's Christmas Pageant this year. A huge thank you to Bonnie Richards, Bill Ryan, Stacey Shaw, Kim Schemeley, Allison Gensel, Becky Bogina, Austen Wilson and Pauline Worusski. All of the Sunday School students did an amazing job this year telling the story of Jesus' birth. It was a great success and I look forward to next year!



Thank you to all the parents and youth who decorated the church on December 2nd during the Deck the Halls!

Upcoming Events:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will take place on January 21st from 9:00am to 12:00pm at LCOS. On the 21st, the Confirmation Class and Oasis will be doing things around the church, lunch will be provided, please bring your friends! We will have a contest, the youth that brings the most food for the pantry will win a prize. If you have any questions you can contact Kim Warren at kimwarren75@hotmail.com or Jen Smith at esmith3012@comcast.net.

Save the date!

March 17th- Laser Tag for Confirmation and Oasis- Jaime will need to know by March 1st.

Oasis Schedule:

January 6th- No Meeting, Jaime is out of town.
January 13th- Meeting
January 20th- Movie Night
Jan 21st- MLK, Jr. Day
Jan 28th- Meeting



Young Adults of LCOS- We will be having a potluck dinner and game night at my house on February 9th at 6:00pm. If you can attend, please let me know at jaimfraz@gmail.com.

Holiday Food Drive 2018

Betsy Kuehn

Thank you to all who donated holiday food bags or made monetary donations. This year's Holiday Food Drive benefitted the Peace Center at Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden, a ministry to the poor and homeless in Camden. This year, 80 bags of food were delivered to Bridge of Peace. As of 12/9/18, a total of \$830.00 in donations were received.

Thrivent Baptismal Medallions Given on Jan 13

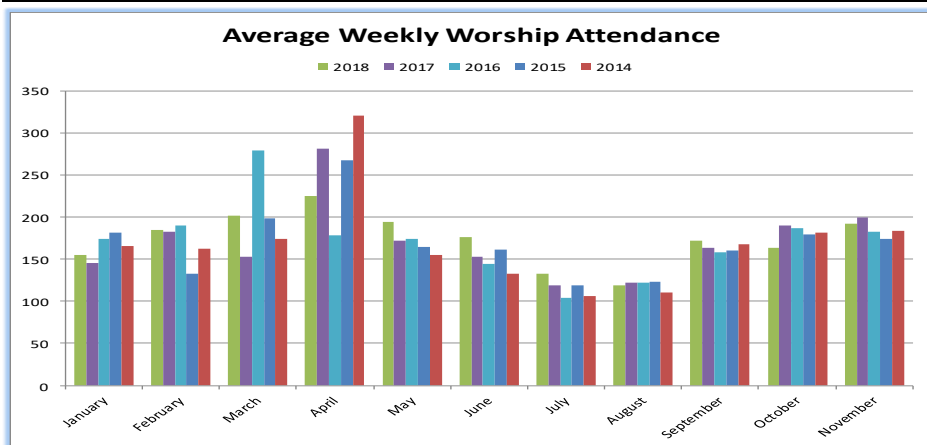
On Sunday, January 13, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child's baptism, 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, Director of Youth and Family, jaimfraz@gmail.com



Undeck the Sanctuary Jan 6 @ Noon

With the arrival of Epiphany comes the removal of the various Christmas décor from around the church sanctuary. The Altar Guild and Worship and Music Committee would appreciate any help that is available on Sunday afternoon, January 6, beginning at noon, to carefully remove the Christmas trees and lights from the trees, take down the trees and carefully store them in their respective containers before storing them for next year. **Lunch will be provided to all the "elves" able to help!** Please contact the church office if you are able to help so we can get a count for lunch or just show up after worship on Jan 6.

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	\$ 34,315.00	\$ (3,943.69)	\$ (10,108.12)	\$ 37,866.00
December	14.63%	\$ 66,197.86				\$ 61,356.77
Total	100%	\$ 452,392.00	\$ 376,086.02	\$ (10,108.12)		\$ 417,949.77



November's average weekly worship attendance of 192 was down 4% compared to 2017 and 4% higher than the average of November's attendance in 2014-2017.

November's envelope offerings of \$34,315 was \$3,944 lower than the plan of \$38,259. This was 10% lower than the plan and 9% lower than last November.

Did you know...? Every Day is a Precious Gift From God.

During a recent near-death event in my life, I had the opportunity to exchange thoughts with family, friends, health care professionals and our Pastor. I would like to share with you some of the insights that led me to a new realization of this precious gift from God.

The ancient Greek dramatist, Euripides, wrote, "No one can confidently say that he will still be living tomorrow." We seldom focus on that reality and often act like we are confident of a tomorrow. We remember names of those who died suddenly, in tragedy or simply in the quiet of sleep. However, calling those names to mind will probably not make most of us contemplate our own mortality before we place our heads on our pillows at night.

There is no need for us to obsess about dying, but realizing the gift of today and reflecting on the possibility that it may be our last day on earth may cause us to act differently. We might forgive more easily, argue less and embrace one another. Instead of procrastinating, we might act now, becoming more mindful of the needs of others and reaching out to those who are lost.

What is God calling you to do? You might wonder what it is to live more fully and to give of yourself more freely. Do not let a single day pass you by without truly loving others and our God. One thing you can be confident about: this day will never come again.

Janice B.



Kudos KORNER



Kudos this month go to Bonnie Richards our co-superintendent of Sunday School. As of January Bonnie will officially retire from this position after more than 20 years. Bonnie has written countless Christmas Pageants and devoted numerous hours of planning, shopping and preparing for Sunday school each week. Bonnie will be greatly missed and we would like to thank her for her many years of devotion and love to our children.

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 Aniyah and Taniah.. Let's meet Zaasia this month.

My name is Zaasia Morris, I am 18 years old and I'm writing this letter to explain the past situation that I have endured. When I graduated in 2017 my school of choice was Delaware State University. I fell absolutely in love with this school and wanted to be ambitious by attending this university over other institutions, not foreseeing the troubles that would come in the near future. The first semester was rough financially but I, thanks to multiple scholarships, was able to pull through and I am truly grateful to those who contributed. My first semester went smoothly, I liked all the components that made up Delaware State, however, I knew that I would have to transfer. I planned on transferring my sophomore year but Unfortunately, my leaving the school came sooner than I expected. Just after winter break I came back and attended school for only a week and at the end of the week I had to withdrawal from the school because my mom was behind on some payments. My withdrawal from the school was an acceptable sacrifice in my eyes. My mom being the only parent to pay it was tough on her to get the funds with not much help from my other parent I am going or the school. On top of that, she and my brother were in between looking for a place to live and I'd rather me taking a gap in school so they wouldn't be homeless. Even though I was content about the choice I have made I can't say it's been the best time for me. They say that once a student takes time off they don't want to go back however, that was not the case for myself. I dreaded being home. I was embarrassed and depressed and I constantly blamed myself for not choosing other schools and never wanted to be ambitious again because I feared that it will always cause trouble for me. Even with all these emotions going through my head I still pushed on to apply to in state colleges so that I could return in the fall of 2018. When schools started rejecting me it hit me hard and I felt I was not good enough for school and wanted to give up so many times. I feel my faith through all of this was unwavering and it kept me going. I knew God would never leave not forsake me and all this that happened is for the bigger plan that God has set for my life. I am going to partake in a school option called Rowan Choice where you live on the Rowan campus while attending class at RCGC. I am truly blessed. Everything that has happened to me has taught me valuable life lessons and will make me a better person for the future and even though I feel like I failed at life, our greatest accomplishments come from our failures. I will continue to strive and be ambitious and if I fall I will always pick myself back up again.



God Bless LCOS Angels

Advent Giving Tree 2018 Update by Betsy Kuehn

"I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least of these, you did it for me." (Matthew 5:40)

Once again the people of Our Savior have put their faith into action with their generosity. A huge thank you and well done from the Social Ministry Committee to everyone who took Advent Giving Tree tags and bought the gifts or donated money to purchase gifts. We started with 228 tags and ended with 167 tags taken and 61 tags left. Also, in addition to the \$2500.00 budgeted for the Giving Tree, a total of 1205.50 was contributed to the Advent Giving Tree fund as of 12/9/18 to purchase gifts for all of the leftover tags. The gifts are given to children, teenagers, young adults, adults and families through the following organizations.

Urban Promise – provides Christian outreach and education programs for children and youth of Camden.

My Father's House – a court mandated substance abuse counseling center for male and female teenagers and adults.

Caring Hearts Ministry – provides support for individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Pantry Families – families in our area who are regularly provided with groceries from the LCOS pantry.

Glenview School in Haddon Heights – children of low income, needy families.

Garfield and Tatem Elementary Schools in Collingswood – children of low income, needy families.

January 2019 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 PM ChildrenSong 7:30-9:00 PM Bible Study	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 3:30 PM Staff Meeting	9:30-11:00 Bible Study 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 SJ Bilingual Families

January 2019 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed 1:00 Wyche Wedding Pauline off 12-30	2 to 1-12	3 Annual Report Deadline 7:30-9:00 Adult Choir	4 8:15-5:00 Lifeline Screening	5 8:00-noon ChildrenSong
6 Epiphany 11:45 Undeck the Halls	7	8 SW Cluster/District Mtg. 11:00 HGC 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 PM Church Council	9 Financial Plan Deadline MGB 7:00	10 Messenger Deadline No Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 S~I~S at the Melting Pot	12
Pauline off until	1-12		Austen at Nat'l	Conference on	Sacred	Music, SC
13 Baptism of Our Lord 12:30-5:30 Stine in Parish Hall Presentation of Baptismal Medallions Huddle	14 2:00-4:00 Local Vocal	15 7:00 PM Toastmasters	16	17 Messenger Mailing Annual Report Mailing	18	19
20 7:00 MLK Worship Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Pulpit Exchange with Bridge of Peace 9:15 AM Q & A for Annual Mtg. No Confirmation/Oasis	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. 8:30 AM Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service No ChildrenSong	22 7:00 PM Toastmasters 12:00 PM Senior Game Day 6:00-7:30 Daughters Without Mothers	23 10:00-noon Singing Angels	24 7:00-8:30 (6:30-9:00) Girls Leadership	25 7:00 S~I~S Book Discussion-parlor	26
27 9:30 AM Annual Meeting/Unity Sunday/Sunday School	28 9:00-3:00 Yearly Staff Planning Mtg.	29 6:00-7:30 Daughters Without Mothers	30	31		

Welcome Our Newest Members



Sandra Guaglione

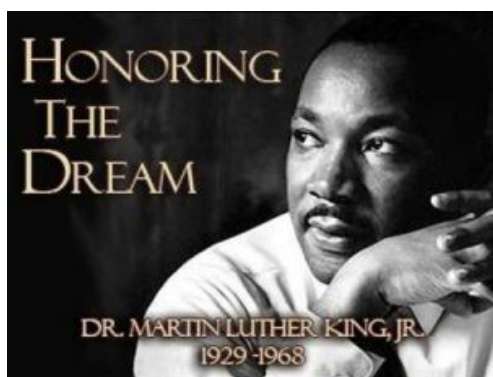


Joseph, Shannon, Hudson
& Bowman Ray



Game Night the Third Tuesday of the Month Starting January 15th in the Narthex 7pm

Bring a game or play one of ours. All adults welcome. For more information please contact Barbara Standke; barjon302@gmail.com or 856-661-0115.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship 7:00 p.m. on Jan 20 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; Day of Service Begins at 8:30 a.m. on Jan 21 at LCOS

The Haddonfield Council of Churches invites area residents to join local clergy in a worship service commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on Sunday night at 7:00 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church located at the corner of Lincoln and Douglas Avenues in Haddonfield. In a time when conflict and violence are seemingly rampant in our nation and world we look to those leaders who have inspired us with a mission and ministry of peace as a means to resolve differences and tension among peoples.

The Council also invites youth and adults alike to join them in a Day of Service rather than a day off on Monday, Jan 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance. Please gather at LCOS by 8:30 where participants will be provided with different locations to spend three hours in service toward those in need. Please contact Jaime Frazier for more details on either the worship service or day of service activities. jaimefraz@gmail.com



Kick Off the New Year with Dinner and a Good Book

Warm Up with Fondue and Friends

Sisters in Spirit invite LCOS ladies and friends to dinner out at the Melting Pot, 584 Rt. 38, Maple Shade. Join us on Friday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. for good food, conversation and laughter, guaranteed to get 2019 off to a great start.

Please RSVP to Deb Tredinnick by emailing her at Deborah.Tredinnick@cigna.com or calling 856-287-9878. Hope to see you there!

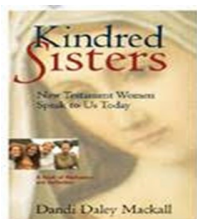
Curl Up with A Good Book

Join Sisters in Spirit in the LCOS Parlor on Friday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. for the first of a three-part discussion of the book, *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson.

Gilead, a tale of fathers and sons, was published in 2005, winning the Pulitzer Prize that year for fiction. This epistolary novel presents a portrait of Reverend John Ames, who writes about his life and his beliefs ever mindful of the fact that he only has a short time to live. Rev. Ames takes up the task of writing in the hopes that his little boy will read this book when he becomes an adult and thus become acquainted with the father he may barely remember otherwise.

The LCOS discussion will continue on February 22 and March 22, both in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. All—both men and women—are welcome to join in the discussions. A book about fathers and sons deserves both a man's and a woman's perspective.

Contact Deb MacBride for more information (609-977-2710 or demacbride@verizon.net)...and start reading!



Intriguing Book ...

Kindred Sisters

by Dandi Daley Mackall

This book comes to you, highly recommended by Linda Powell. The book centers around the Women of the New Testament and their connections with Jesus and with each other. She loved learning about the women who played such an important part in Jesus' life.

You can find this book on the Women's Issues shelf in Our Savior's Library !!

~ 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.



Boxed Envelopes Available for Pick-Up Until Jan 6

Members of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior are asked to pick up their 2019 offering envelopes in the Parish Hall by January 6, 2019. If you can drop off envelopes for a friend or nearby neighbor in the congregation please do. Envelopes that are not picked up after January 6 will be mailed out. Please help reduce postage costs by picking up your offering envelopes in the Narthex.



Please join our family for an Open House to celebrate **Dottie Powell's 100th Birthday** on Saturday, February 2, from 2:00 until 4:00 at LCOS. In lieu of gifts, please bring a written memory and/or photograph that you have of Dottie. Please call Linda at (856)

625-0542 with any questions. We hope to see you there! Shhhhhh, it's a surprise!!!



January Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Arlene Stolarick, Becky Bogina

Bread Baker: Sue Windle

Communion Assts.: 8- Laura Oakes **10:30-** Joe DiDario

Counters: Tom & Jeanne Grimes, Deb Hartigan, Paul Knauer

Ushers: 8-Bill Neveling, Laura Oakes

10:30- Mike & Amy Stolarick

January 6

Coffee Hour: Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters

Readers: 8- Walt Haswell **10:30-** John Drozdal

Greeters: 8- Kristine Monsen

10:30- Jim & Nancy Frazier

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

10:30- Sarah & Brian Bogina, Elena Bovell,

Bobby Bridges, Emily Demers

Pantry: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain,

Jerry Murphy

January 13

Coffee Hour: Personnel & Property Committees

Readers: 8- Bill Neveling **10:30-** Joe DiDario

Greeters: 8- Pat Stewart

10:30- Deb Hartigan, Paul Knauer

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

Joseph Poliafico

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

Charlie Webb, Rachael Simpkins

Pantry: Millie King, Lynn Block

January 20

Coffee Hour: Social Ministry

Readers: 8- Laura Oakes **10:30-** Bobbi Newsham

Greeters: 8- Jim & Jane Evans

10:30- Bobbi Newsham, Glenn Martin

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

10:30- Ben Hintz, Sophia & Theo Howard,

Hailey Melcher, Hannah Stauss

Pantry: The Hoffman-Bridges Family

January 27

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour, Unity Sunday

Reader: 9:30- Lourdes Demers

Greeters: 9:30 Laura Oakes, Stacey Shaw

Acolytes: 9:30- Rob LaBarge, Libby DeMichele

Luke Fabian, Julia Kiewel, Payton Rhodes,

Cjristina Schaffer, Amelia & Grayson Wright

Pantry: The Deery Family

2018-2019 Coffee/Fellowship Hour Schedule

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)

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.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Every Sunday at 9:00

Office Closed Jan 1

The church office will officially be closed on New Year's Day.

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

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



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 2019 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 January 22 to March 12 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.

You can donate online at samaritannj.org/donate or by sending a check to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

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**

JANUARY DATE IS:
Tuesday, January 22
at 12:00 noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge,
Mexican Train ~

Come out and

Have Fun!

Food and drinks
(soda) served

RSVP: Peg Hart-
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