



The Parish *Messenger*

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Backpack Blessing, Sunday, September 8@10:30

All Preschoolers to College students are invited to a backpack blessing at the 10:30 worship on September 8th. Please bring your backpack to worship for a special blessing.

Sunday School Luncheon, Sunday, September 8@11:45

We are having a lot of exciting changes happen to our Sunday School Program this year. We are asking children and parents to join us on September 8th, after 10:30 worship for a luncheon and brief presentation of the great changes! Please let Jaime know by September 5th, if you are able to attend. licosjaime@gmail.com

let's do
lunch



Rally Sunday September 15@10:00

Please join us on the 3rd floor at 10am for Sunday School Registration. The children and teachers will worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 and receive the Stepping Into Faith Formation Blessing. After the blessing the children will be dismissed to their classrooms. Don't forget your noisy offering! We are looking forward to a great school year! Hope to see you there!

We are still in need of **Sunday School Teachers**, if you are interested but want to know more about teaching, reach out to Jaime.



Children's Noisy Offerings Provide Trozzo Missionary Family Sponsorship...and a Cow!

Did you know our children support a missionary family? The Lutheran Church of Our Savior currently sponsors The Rev. Dr. Eric and Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo and their children in their missionary work at the theological seminary in Malaysia. **Our sponsorship is \$1,000 per year and is funded primarily through the Noisy Offerings received each week in worship** prior to the children leaving for Sunday school. Want to know more about the Trozzo's? Friend them on Facebook and let them know you're one of their missionary sponsors and you're praying for them.

Additionally, due to the generosity of our children (or their parents, grandparents, and others with change in their pockets they meet on their way out of the pew) Our Savior was able to contribute enough to Lutheran World Hunger's Good Gifts program to buy a cow for an impoverished Third World nation's community. What a moo-velous gesture!

Faith Stepping Stones Blessing Services September Snapshot

September is a month chock full of blessing services for our families participating in our Faith Stepping Stones ministry of faith formation. They all occur during the 10:30 worship service and are as follows:

Sep 15: Stepping Into Faith Formation: Age 3-6th grade (Sunday School)

Sep 22: Stepping Into the Catechism: Grade 7-8 (Confirmation)

Sep 29: Stepping Into Serving at the Altar: Grade 7-9 (Acolytes)

REMINDER: Despite these additions, our worship will be structured to be completed by 11:30-11:35 so as not to adversely impact those with commitments beginning at noon or shortly thereafter.



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.



“Racism and White Privilege: What Do Lutherans Say About It?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

The words “racism” and “white privilege” have been a red button issue in the United States for years and lately it is even more prominent given the current events over the summer months. The ELCA at our Churchwide Assembly this past August even issued a Declaration of Apology to People of African Descent as a follow-up to our 1993 social statement *Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture*. As I’ve listened to people’s comments in conversation, on social media, and in general, I’ve wondered if we are all using the same glossary of terms when we talk about racism and white privilege.

Racism isn’t only about prejudice or privilege. In that social statement by the ELCA we defined racism as a sin that is “a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice.” Power is a key element of racism. In his book, *Evil and the Followers of Jesus*, Lutheran author, professor, and pastor Scott Gustafson adds, “This definition is behind the contention of many African Americans that persons of African descent cannot be racist in the United States of America. They can indeed be prejudiced, but victims of racism cannot be racist because they lack the other component to racism, namely, the power to enforce their prejudice.” He goes on to add that “this description of racism enables us to understand it as an institutional problem as well as a personal problem.” The simple explanation is this: institutions established in a climate of racism did not acknowledge the power of racism and tend to perpetuate that which is not explicitly purged because the primary goal of most established institutions is survival. “When survival is the primary goal, it follows that the unarticulated, racist assumptions and behaviors that were present at the institution’s foundation will be perpetuated in the institution’s quest to persist.”

This helps understand what is meant when we talk about “white privilege.” It isn’t talking about white people not working hard to get where they are in work, education, and in other aspects of our communal life. However, it is saying there are barriers and hurdles they did not have to contend with in that journey that people of color have and continue to struggle against today.

So what is the ELCA saying about racism and white privilege in this Apology to People of African Descent? The document that is available online or you can pick up a hardcopy on our Visitor table in the narthex offers responses to the following questions many might have.

- Why is the ELCA issuing this apology?
- Why look at slavery? It happened in the past.
- Slavery is over, so why can’t we just move on?
- Slavery ended over 150 years ago, and I am a white Lutheran who never owned slaves. How and why am I a part of this apology?
- What is the history of Lutherans related to slavery?
- What is the history of people of African descent in resilience and resistance?
- Where do we go from here as a church?

I encourage you to read this short nine-page document. If in reading it you are inclined to engage in a conversation about what it says and how our faith calls us to respond I invite you to join me and others on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 in Room 112 as we go through the document and provide opportunity for discussion. If you’d like to read more on the topic of racism here are a list of books I’ve been reading and are on my shelf waiting to be read that I’ve found to be enlightening and challenging.

- *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis
- *Raising White Kids: Bringing up children in a racially unjust America* by Jennifer Harvey
- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander
- *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
- *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Lenny Duncan (an ELCA pastor out of Havertown, PA)

This is not an easy journey to engage in if you are a white Christian. I know from experience. I’ve been tempted to stop a few times, especially when its cost is relationships with people I care about. It is in those moments that I remember I am yoked with Christ in my journey of faith and that with Jesus all things are possible, but not without transformation of my heart and life. May the Holy Spirit give us the courage and strength to follow our Savior in this process.

Churchwide Assembly Questions, Answers, & Conversation In Lieu of Bible Discussion

In August the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in Milwaukee for our Churchwide Assembly that was filled with nearly a 1,000 Lutherans who gathered for worship, elect a Presiding Bishop (Spoiler Alert: Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected on first ballot) and a new ELCA Secretary (Deacon Sue Rothmeyer), as well as discuss and vote on several important and historic resolutions

and memorials. Three actions were especially significant which Pastor Wayne will lead a time of questions, answers, and conversation on during the time the Bible Discussion Group normally meets. The dates and topics in September are as follows:

Sep 9&11: The Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent offers an apology to our siblings of African descent and calls for accountability and living into the words shared in it.

Sep 16&18: The ELCA is declared a “sanctuary church body,” encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, and other means of caring for immigrants, migrants, and refugees.

Sep 23&25: The Poor People’s Campaign: What is it and why did we affirm it?

Information on all three of these topics will be available at the information table in the church narthex for participants to read through prior to the discussion as it will be helpful to know what each of these resolutions and documents are about before gathering on Mondays at 7:30 in Room 112 or at the home of Linda Powell on Wednesdays at 9:30 on those dates.





Confirmation Ministry Begins with Orientation

Sept. 15 at 6:30;

Blessing Service Sep 22 at 10:30 Worship

Another year of confirmation ministry with catechetical instruction begins Sunday, Sep 15, at 6:30 with a "Back to Confirmation Night" orientation for both youth and parents in the Church Sanctuary where the goals and volunteer opportunities of the program will be reviewed. The class of about 22 seventh and eighth grade youth, along with parent Guides, will cover the Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer at bi-weekly Learn Events, and Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure at the fall Lock-In Retreat. They will also receive acolyte training as a part of the retreat. Each Learn Event's theme will utilize the Teen Study Bible, all youth entering the ministry receive, as well as, Luther's Small Catechism, at every event, and process what was shared in Small Groups with an adult Guide facilitating the conversation. In addition, the program includes:

- Play Events coordinated with the Oasis Youth ministry
- Serve Events ranging from making meals for My Father's House and Youth Sunday Worship leadership, to serving either as an acolyte or singing in the Youth Choir.
- Participation in a Stepping into the Catechism Blessing during the 10:30 worship on September 22.

Confirmation isn't just for youth any more. Parents are invited to gather for Learn Events and participate in their own Parent Group for fellowship and rediscovering the faith applications of Luther's Small Catechism in their daily lives. While this may be a lot to ask of families with extremely full schedules, Pastor Wayne strongly believes the most important way to teach faith to our children is to first teach and empower loving adults to model and share the faith with them. In addition, parents have the opportunity to explore what they once learned in confirmation from their perspective and life experience of an adult, and how that impacts their own faith in daily life.

Confirmation Lock-In on Sep 20-21 Focuses on Community Building & Stewardship

On Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, the Confirmation Youth will gather at the church for a lock-in retreat followed by a community building experience at Camp Edge in Alloway. The Lock-In portion of the retreat begins Friday, Sep 20 at 6:30 and will include acolyte training and a focus on the Christian discipline of Giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

On Saturday the group will travel to Camp Edge in Alloway for a Low Ropes Course session to enhance becoming more tightly knit as a community in the body of Christ. The cost of the event is \$20/participant to cover the cost of Camp Edge fees. Parents will be chaperoning the event both overnight at the church and at Camp Edge.



Pantry Volunteers Through October

Thank you to our July/August Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, Millie King, Janice O'Neil, Joyce Fetter, The Hoffman-Bridges Family, The DiGirolamo-Gralish Family.

Week of Sept 1: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Sept 8: **Hoffman-Bridges**

Week of Sept 15: **Millie King, Lynn Block**

Week of Sept 22: **Nancy Dempsey, Lynn Block**

Week of Sept 29: _____

Week of Oct 6: _____

Week of Oct 13: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Oct 20: _____

Week of Oct 27: _____

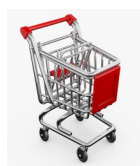
Please contact Lynn Block, Pantry Coordinator, if you have any questions, recommendations, or you can fill in the blank spaces:

blockstar59@hotmail.com or 609-238-7419.

PANTRY NEEDS : SEPTEMBER

All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **pasta, peanut butter (16 oz.), soup (10 oz.), canned veggies (15 oz.), paper towels**



Quite Puzzling

We have jigsaw puzzles galore for you to explore !

Come in, come in, choose one, and take it home with you. You can bring a different one back to share with others.

Have fun puzzling !!!

~ The Library Ladies



July 9, 2019



Dear Friends,

The auxiliary to Lutheran Crossings at Moorestown wishes to thank you for your recent generous check.

We truly appreciate your continuing care and support in our efforts for all of the residents of the home.

Most gratefully,

Janice Miller

Corresponding Secretary

Auxiliary to Lutheran Crossings Moorestown



Vacation Bible School

Thank you thank you to everyone who helped and donated supplies for VBS this year! A great big thank you to Inge Lawyer who transformed the church into God's creation. Vacation Bible School would not have been a great success without everyone's help! We had a total of 75 kids registered for VBS this year, 25 of them were either members or family to a LCOS member! We were able to raise over \$750 for ELCA World Hunger to buy even more animals for our farm!

Oasis & Confirmation



Oasis will start back up on September 22nd, we will be having ice cream sundaes. Our meetings will be from 6:30 to 8:00pm. This year we will be having monthly dinners at 6:00pm with the Confirmation Class. Save the Dates for our great events we have planned for September and October:

September

22 - First Meeting- Ice Breakers & Ice Cream

29 - PJ Movie Night

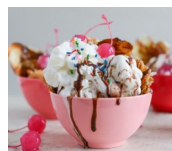
October

6 - Dinner at 6:00 PM -Bible Study

13 - Corn Maze @ Springdale Farms - After Worship

20 - Worship and Walk - Attend 8:00 service, followed by walk

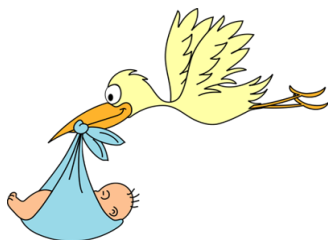
25-27 - Feed My Starving Children



Oasis is opened to all 9th to 12th graders, if you have never been before, there is no time like now to join!

Please follow Oasis on Instagram for updates and pictures of our events! [LCOSOASISYOUTHGROUP](#)

Please note that the Corn Maze and Worship and Walk is open for both Oasis and the Confirmation Class. Please let Jaime know if you can drive for either of these events!



I am very excited to announce that my husband, Brandon, and I are expecting a baby. My due date is early March and during my maternity leave Sidney Speas, Barbara Standke and Kim Warren will be helping with Oasis. If anyone else is wanting to help with Oasis during this time, please let me know!

Please note: Jaime has a new email address: LCOSJaime@Gmail.com

Acolyte Blessing on Sunday Sep 29 at 10:30 Worship

Those youth in the Confirmation Ministry program who will be serving as acolytes this year are invited to participate in a Stepping into Serving at the Altar blessing service at the 10:30 worship on September 29. High School youth who are making the commitment to continue serving in ministry as an acolyte will also receive a blessing and be given an enamel pectoral cross as a symbol of their dedication and service to Christ and the church. **Acolyte Training will occur during the Fall Lock-In Retreat on September 20-21** to prepare new acolytes for their role in worship leadership.



New Sounds On the Horizon For This Season



If you're anything like me, you're staring at the calendar wondering where the summer went - wasn't it June just last week? But when I look at the hymnals, anthems, notebooks, and sticky notes all around me in my office (that I had so enthusiastically and naively promised myself I would keep tidy from day one!), I realize that September is just days away. I am excited to be starting our music season in just a few weeks, and while I am keeping many of the beloved traditions, I am also looking forward to introducing a few new things. Favorites like Lessons & Carols, all choirs, and our LCOS music series are staying - don't you worry!

A new musical addition this year will be the music of Taizé, which some of you may have heard me talk about. I am lucky to be flying to Taizé with the support of LCOS at the end of August. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity in Taizé, France, and I will be spending a week with other young adults from around the world learning about music, faith, and environmental issues. Most Taizé songs are very brief, beautiful, and are learned by rote (no need to be able to read music!), and then are repeated several times (with added singers or instrumentalists) as a meditative prayer.

We will also be expanding our choral repertoire as we will be adding a seasonal young adults choir (contact me if you are interested!) as well as incorporating more contemporary music for our younger choirs. And a few more things you'll be hearing about in the next Messenger - but if you don't want to wait, feel free to just come say hi and ask me questions any time!



Hello Lutheran Church of Our Savior!

I would like to start out by saying a big “thank you!” to everyone for the warm welcome that I have received as I start my ministry and internship year here in Haddonfield.

By way of introduction, my name is Josh Pontious and I will be serving as Vicar/Intern here at LCOS for the next year. Vicar Josh works just fine, just don’t call me Pastor yet, I haven’t gotten that far in the process! Before coming here, I have been a student at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia for the past 2 years, studying for my Master’s in Divinity.

Before moving to Philly, I lived in Southeast Florida with my wife Rebecca, and my son Grayson who, as of this writing, is three and a half years old. You’ll see them around from time to time, as their own schedules allow. Prior to that I did my undergraduate studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa, graduating with a BA in History in 2008.

At my home congregation, Christ Church in Coral Springs, Florida, I served on the music team as a multi-instrumentalist and worship leader, served on our Worship and Music Committee, and served a term each on our Council and Hiring Committees. My whole call- discernment process is WAY too complicated to write out here, but I’d love the chance to talk with anyone who is interested in the rest of the story.

My main areas of focus and study have been in a few key areas, beyond the required set of classes that the seminary has. I put a strong emphasis on evangelism, invitational and welcoming cultures, and applying new technology to all areas of ministry.

I look forward to our time together, both so that I might learn from you, Pastor Wayne and church leadership, and to share my own gifts with all of you.

Vicar Josh Pontious
jpontious@uls.edu

Environmental Challenge

Sustainability refers to the capacity for the biosphere and human civilization to coexist.

Our challenge: Reuse.

You don’t have to use an item just once.

What disposable items in your life could you replace with a reusable option?

Do you use cloth napkins or paper? Do you have a reusable water bottle or disposable? Do you use cleaning wipes or cloths? Do you pack your lunch in plastic bags or in reusable containers?

Be the change God’s world needs !

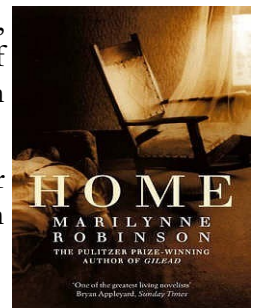


The first Sisters-in-Spirit meeting of the 2019-20 program year will be Friday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. at Debbie Tredinnick’s house, 1025 Wayne Rd, Haddonfield. Please bring a snack to share, and RSVP to Debbie at dltredinnick@yahoo.com or 856-287-9878. Last minute attendees always welcome.

This will be our planning meeting, so start thinking about activities and projects that you’d like to see SIS take on. And if you can’t make the meeting, but would like to offer program suggestions, please email Connie Wolf at conniemattwolf@msn.com or Linda Nelson

at lnelson824@gmail.com with your ideas. Thanks!

• SIS Book discussion: Friday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. in the LCOS Parlor. There’s still time to get your hands on a copy of *Home*, by Marilynne Robinson, the follow up to last year’s discussion book, *Gilead*. *Home* is a great read, whether you’re familiar with the first book or not. All are welcome. Hope you can join us!



Thank You from Bridge of Peace

Thanks to all who donated to Vacation Bible School at Bridge of Peace Community Church! During the week of July 8-12, 30 youth (ages 3-15) and 10 adults experienced the joy of learning about God's love.

Your donations helped to provide breakfast, lunch, and two snacks each day. The kids (and adults) especially enjoyed the fresh fruits and vegetables your donations purchased! For many of the kids this is the one week of the summer that they have enough to eat and they are very grateful.

Thank you also for the monetary support provided through the Social Ministry Committee. This helps to pay for counselors from Crossroads Camp who provide an excellent program all week, also serving as mentors for our kids, showing them God's love in action.

Thank you for your continuing support of God's work at Bridge of Peace!

Connie Wolf



Help Provide a Safe and Happy Halloween for Kids in Camden

Bridge of Peace Community Church will be hosting the 3rd Annual Indoor Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 30th from 6-7 pm. We invite you to help us in bringing joy to the kids. You can help by:

Donating new or gently used costumes by October 7th (orange bin in Narthex)

Donating candy by October 21st (orange bin in Narthex)

Joining us in handing out treats at Bridge of Peace on October 30th.

Contact Connie at conniemattwolf@msn.com or 856-795-2855 for more info.



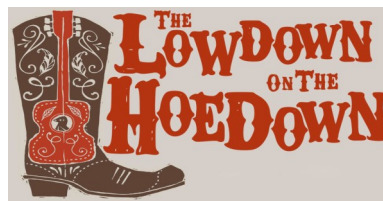
Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser to benefit IHOC

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 from 8am-10am at Audubon Applebees

(610 W. Nicholson Rd. Audubon)

Cost of tickets are \$10 each

If you have any questions or to buy tickets contact Cara 856.261.6749 or CLGaehring@gmail.com



HOEDOWN FOR HUNGER

On Saturday, September 21st from 6-9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Had-donfield, **Feed My Starving**

Children invites you, your family and friends to enjoy an evening of Hoedown Shenanigans! Singles, couples and families are welcome. The highlight of the evening is country line-dancing hosted by a professional caller. No experience is required. Be prepared to stomp, swing and laugh. Included in your ticket price is a delicious Chili Dinner, tempting desserts and an exciting basket auction. And while you are having an evening of fun you will be providing much needed funds for the upcoming Mobilepack to provide meals for severely malnourished children world-wide. Go to ittakesavillage-fmsc.com for tickets. Contact Paul for more info: umanpaul@me.com

September 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	5:00-8:30 ChildrenSong in Choir Room	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 2:30 PM Staff Meeting	4:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30 Grief Support "Early Endings" - Parlor	9:00 AM Handyman 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

September 2019 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day No ChildrenSong	3 5:30 Congregation Resources Mtg. 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg.	4	5 Lifeline Screening 9:30 Mission Quilts	6	7 Presbyterian Church Choir in Choir Room
Pauline Off		Pastor	Vacation	Until 9-5		
8 Backpack Blessing 11:45 Sunday School Lunch 11:45 Communications Mtg.	9 Yom Kippur 5:30 Congregation Resources Mtg. 7:30-9:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion	10 10:00-3:00 HGC 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 PM Church Council	11 9:30-11:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels	12 9:00 Handyman Group Begins 9:30 Mission Quilts 6:00 Buttaro/Cooper Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Adult Bell Choir Starts 8:00 Adult Choir Starts	13 4:00 Buttaro/Cooper Wedding	14 Holy Cross Day 8:00-noon ChildrenSong
	Jaime Vacation	Sept. 9 to Sept. 13				
15 10:30 AM Sunday School Blessing 10:00 AM Sunday School Registration-3 rd floor 6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation	16 7:30-9:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion	17 SW Cluster/District Mtg. 7:00 PM Toastmasters	18 9:30-11:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion 7:00 PM Memorial Gifts Board Meeting	19 Messenger Deadline 9:30 MQ2	20 Confirmation Lock-in	21 Retreat
22 10:30 AM Confirmation Blessing 6:30 Oasis Begins 6:30 Confirmation Adult Huddle	23 7:30-9:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion	24 7:00 PM Toastmasters 12:00 PM Senior Game Day	25 9:30-11:00 ELCA Assembly Discussion 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels	26 Messenger Mailing	27	28
29 Marciano Baptism 10:30 AM Acolyte Blessing No Confirmation	30					

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

Summer's just about over, school is getting underway, and fall activities are in full swing. Please consider squeezing into your fall schedule a meal for the women at My Father's House. Every Tuesday an LCOS volunteer prepares and delivers dinner to 15 women working hard to conquer addiction. Volunteers are needed to continue this ministry through the fall months. Could YOU help? With just one meal? Please sign up today in the Narthex or online at <http://bit.ly/MFHdinner>. You can deliver your meal or delivery arrangements can be made. Contact Michele DiGirolamo at 856-905-5098 or michele245@gmail.com with any questions. Many thanks to all who cooked and/or delivered meals in July and August, including Tracy Stiefel, Jeanette Leeds, Helen Waldner, Karen Cheyney, Connie Wolf, Pat Hughes, and Millie King.

All Envelope Offerings

Month	5 Year rolling average %	Total Revenue per Budget x Rolling Avg % = 2019 Plan Giving	Actual Monthly Giving 2019	Actual Giving vs Plan Difference	Actual Monthly Giving 2018	Actual Monthly \$ Difference 2019 vs 2018	Average Weekly Worship Attendance					Monthly Difference 2019 vs 2018
							2019	2018	2017	2016		
January	6.45%	\$ 29,811	\$ 44,273	\$ 14,462	\$ 25,472	\$ 18,801	152	155	145	170	-2%	
February	7.06%	32,634	32,308	(326)	28,365	3,943	168	186	182	190	-10%	
March	8.42%	38,894	33,620	(5,274)	31,668	1,952	169	202	153	279	-16%	
April	8.95%	41,366	40,413	(953)	40,187	226	303	225	281	178	35%	
May	7.39%	34,142	37,875	3,733	34,967	2,908	162	194	172	174	-16%	
June	7.87%	36,355	35,509	(846)	50,071	(14,562)	165	176	153	144	-6%	
July	6.67%	30,843	28,510	(2,333)	31,344	(2,834)	108	133	122	104	-19%	
August	7.20%	33,285	-	-	28,270	-	-	119	122	122	-	
September	7.77%	35,893	-	-	33,775	-	-	172	163	158	-	
October	9.30%	42,968	-	-	37,652	-	-	162	190	187	-	
November	8.40%	38,834	-	-	34,315	-	-	192	199	183	-	
December	14.53%	67,151	-	-	68,157	-	-	214	181	193	-	
Total	100.00%	\$ 462,176	\$ 252,508	\$ 8,463	\$ 444,243	\$ 10,434						

Average YTD Worship Attendance

175	182	173	177
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Thank you Church of Savior for your continued support and belief in me. I am proud to say I will be a senior this year at Albright College and I could not have done it without you all, thank you very much.

- Pierre






Newcomer Orientation Coming in October!

If you've been a guest in worship once or for the past year and are interested in learning more about the ministry at Our Savior, especially if you would like to join as a member, we invite you to attend a Newcomer Orientation with other worship guests. Contact the church office at 856-429-5122 or Parish Administrator, Sandy DeDonatis (lcossandy@gmail.com) as to which you can attend. The two dates that have the most people able to attend will be the dates we hold the orientation so please let us know as soon as possible which ones work best for your schedule.

Saturday, Oct 5 from 9:00-Noon

Sunday, Oct 6 from 1:00-4:00

Saturday, Oct 19 from 9:00-Noon

Sunday, Oct 20 from 1:00-4:00

Those wishing to join Our Savior as voting members will be received by Affirmation of Faith on Reformation Sunday, Oct 27, at the worship time they normally attend.

Congregational Resources: This Fall We're Growing in Faith, Growing in Service, Growing in Giving

September is upon us. The pace of life picks up. School, work, family, community commitments begin to crowd your calendar. But before you're totally scheduled elsewhere, please remember to save some time for the ways you'd like to be involved at church.

The current ELCA theme of "God's Work, Our Hands" says it nicely. We do God's work here at Our Savior, and that work is the most effective when we step forward to help. Perhaps you've wanted to do more. Or maybe you'd like to expand your experiences at church and try something new. Now is the time to think about how you can put your faith into action by growing in service not just to your congregation, but also to the life to which Jesus calls us.

This fall the LCOS Congregational Resources team will be highlighting ways we can grow in faith, in service, and in giving. Watch your mail in the first half of September for a list of the many ways you can be involved at Our Savior and an invitation to join in.

Start thinking now about how God is calling you to put your faith into action!



September



September Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Joan Candia, Beth Hill, Ann Frost

Bread Baker: Tracy Stiefel

Communion Assts: 8- Nancy Frazier

10:30- Rich Windle

Counters: Laurie Eason, Millie King,
Shelly Curran, Paul Knauer

Ushers: 8- Peggy Hartmann, David Foster

10:30- James & Kimberly Vassallo

September 1

Readers: 8- Kate Zschech 10:30- TBD

Acolytes: 8- Logan Gebhart, Jack Turner

10:30- Peyton Rhodes, Julia Kiewel

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

September 8

Coffee Hour: Congregation Resources & Counters

Readers: 8- Rebecca Potterfield 10:30- Suzanne Trevena

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Javi & Seba Miller

10:30- Sarah & Brian Bogina, Abby Ryan,
Grace Ewing, Rachael Simpkins

Pantry: Hoffman-Bridges Family

September 15

Coffee Hour: Memorial Gifts Board

Readers: 8- Dan Picker 10:30- Sarah Eckert

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Libby DeMichele,
Caroline & Emily Asselin

10:30- Ethan Roncace, Collin Duckett,
Bobby Bridges, Elena Bovell

Pantry: Millie King, Lynn Block

September 22

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music & Communications

Readers: 8- Tom Cheney 10:30- Danny Cook

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Allison Baxter, Jessie Howley
10:30- Emma & Brooke Warren, Luke Riley,

Pantry: Nancy Dempsey, Lynn Block

September 29

Coffee Hour: Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs

Readers: 8- Juhan Runne 10:30- Pauline Worusski

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Joseph & Ava Poliafico
10:30- Ben Hintz, Kate & Matt Morris, Theo Howard

Pantry: TBD

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

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



SHHH! Please Respect Those Quietly Preparing for Worship

Prior to worship and during the Prelude there are those who practice quietly preparing their hearts and minds for worship while seated in the pews. Please respect their need for a hushed environment and engage in fellowship conversations in the narthex outside the sanctuary prior to entering for worship or waiting until worship is over rather than in the pews.



This month's Kudos go to Peggy Hartmann. Peggy has been in charge of Senior Game Day since Betty Keene gave her the reins quite a few years ago. Every 4th Tuesday she provides a delicious luncheon for our seniors, as well as, seniors from our community.



After lunch, fun and games are had by all. If you would like to be a part of our Senior Game Day please let Peggy know; mamahart16@comcast.net or 856-745-2459. Our first one for the new program year is on Tuesday, September 24 @noon. Peggy is a faithful attender of our 8:00 Worship where she is an usher, reader and greeter. When it's snack time at VBS you will see Peggy serving snacks and engaging in conversation about the day's lesson. Thank you Peggy, for all that you do for the ministry at LCOS and beyond.

2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Summary; Aug 5-10 in Milwaukee

Our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, holds a Churchwide assembly triennially – to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be church together for the sake of the world. This year's assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton being reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- Deacon Sue Rothmeyer being elected as Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.
- Adopted a constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of Word and Service) to be ordained, rather than the previous practice of consecration.
- Extended a declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call to accountability and living into the words shared in the document.
- Approved the resolution declaring the ELCA as a "sanctuary church body," that encourages participation in the ELCA AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) Initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work. (See the insert in this Messenger)
- Approved a resolution for support of the World Council of Church's *Thursdays in Black*, an awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Approved the Declaration of Inter-religious Commitment, reaffirming ecumenical interfaith partnerships.
- Adopted a new Social Statement: "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action," and its implementing resolutions.
- Approved various memorials that included; affirming, but not endorsing the Poor People's Campaign and its efforts to address the impact of racism on poverty, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church (ELCA is "whitest" denomination at 97%)

Please refer to the insert in this Messenger to learn what becoming a sanctuary denomination means for the ELCA.

HELP WANTED

The Handyman Group will resume on September 12 and 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. . Please consider joining us. **It will be greatly appreciated!**



Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

SEPTEMBER DATE IS:

Tuesday, September 24

at 12:00 noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge,
Mexican Train ~

Come out and Have Fun!

Food and drinks served

RSVP: Peg Hartmann

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