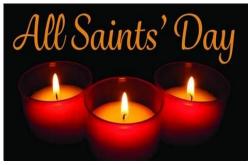


# The Parish Messenger

November 2019 Newsletter The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior Haddonfield, NJ





# Our Savior Saints Remembered on All Saints Sunday, Nov 3; Worship Begins in Memorial Garden

We continue the tradition for All Saints Sunday and will begin both 8:00 and 10:30 worship services outside with a Thanksgiving for the Saints of Our Savior who have entered Life Eternal since our last celebration of All Saints Sunday in 2018. Worshippers will process from the Memorial Garden into the sanctuary during the Gathering Hymn. Those with mobility concerns can gather in the narthex alcove that overlooks the Garden before walking into the sanctuary and avoiding the stairs.

The saints we will be remembering in the Thanksgiving for the Saints of Our Savior and including in a bookmark keepsake that day include; Gene Haag, Janice Bellenghi, Pat Sutherland, Bill Doherty, John Drew, Dorothy Gulick, Ruth Balderman, Eleanor Gaines, Matt Braccio, and Dorothy Powell.





















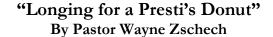


LCOS Concert November 17th at 3pm

"Dramedy: A Recital" will combine serious pieces by Bach and Brahms in the first half with a lighthearted and more comedic second half by American composers and musical theater. Mezzo-soprano Amanda Wyand will sing with Pauline Worusski at the piano. A reception will follow. We hope to see you there!



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.



Last month I attended my college homecoming in Cleveland and stayed in an Airbnb across the street from Presti's Bakery in Little Italy. While in college Presti's was open 24 hours a day and famous for their donuts. It was a little shop and only about a 20 minute walk from the Delt house, so it was not uncommon for a

2:00am Presti's run for a dozen donuts fresh from the fryer. Yummo! I was so looking forward to a Presti's donut and coffee in the morning.

However, it seemed Presti's had changed quite a bit since 1986. They must have renovated because there was now quite a bit of space for people to sit and enjoy their confections and coffee and everything looked so modern. The glass cases were filled with every Italian bakery item you could imagine...every one of them a temptation to the eye. Yet, there were no donuts on display. Where were the donuts? When I asked if they sold them I got the whole story from the counter clerk. "No, we don't sell donuts any more. Our donut baker left about six years ago and we could never recover the recipe. We moved from the little store up the street that basically only sold donuts with no place to sit to this new store and expanded our variety of baked goods."

As Kate and I sat in Presti's enjoying our bearclaw and cheese Danishes I looked around. This place was the epicenter of activity in the morning. It was a gathering place for a community of college students, long-time residents, and neighborhood business owners and workers in the store. It was *the* place to be in the morning. Yet, despite how delicious the various baked items were and how bustling the store was with community life I still longed for a Presti's donut.

I began to wonder if this is how some people feel about worship, or the church in general. Our nostalgic longing for the "good ole days" we remember of our youth prevents us from embracing the joy and wonder of what is new. Yes, the "Presti's" of yesterday provided great "donuts" for the benefit of individual customers. Today the variety of baked goods is enjoyed by the community that gathers at the bakery and shares in both the sweets as well as each other's lives. Does the church, or more specifically the local congregation, miss out on the greater possibilities of what God is doing in the new and expanded ministry and worship opportunities simply because we hunger for what is no longer possible rather than embracing what is? In a culture that posts life events on Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat of what is important in their lives in that moment how does worship provide for that opportunity without receiving harsh glares from the parishioner when we snap a shot of the choir singing the anthem, a child receiving Holy Communion for the first time, or sharing of the Peace that has meaning for us in our lives? What are the new songs of praise and thanksgiving we are singing to tunes that have us humming them throughout the week?

November is the month of Thanksgiving. It is a time for homecomings and reunions. When we gather will we only long for the nostalgic "food" and miss out on what new offerings and possibilities are now available or embrace new practices and the blessings they make possible? Yes, I missed having a Presti donut while in Cleveland. But I think I enjoyed the buzz of community and conversation over coffee and a danish even more. I pray we can do the same when change comes to the way we live out our faith in Christ through the church. Happy Thanksgiving!



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# Bible Discussion for Daily Life on 2 Samuel Begins Sep 30 (7 weeks)

The book of 2 Samuel tells of David coming to the throne, his reign, and then the conflicts in his own family and in Israel. David was the best king that Israel ever had and even he had crises of faith and character as well as family problems. You will likely find your story echoed in David's so please come and explore 2 Samuel with us!

This is not a Bible lecture but rather a discussion of how what we read in Scripture is applicable to our daily life and faith. Attend either Mondays from 7:30-9:00 in Room 112 or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 in room 112. 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. See you in September. The following dates, readings, and topics are as follows:

Nov 4/6 Chapters 20-23 God Delivers David Nov 11/13 Chapter 24 David's Mighty Men



Bible Discussion on the Gospel of John starts Monday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 4 (7weeks)

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# Congregational Resources: "Grow" is the Word

Our Savior has been all about "growing" lately: growing in faith, in service, in giving, in ministry. All this growth is connected, for as our faith grows, so also does our understanding that God calls us to offer our time, talents and financial gifts in

His service. And as these gifts grow, so also can our congregation's vision for mission grow and our ability to help others.

As we think about the many blessings God has showered on us, we realize this abundance is not given only for us to hold onto. It is given for us to share. Growth in faith means trusting that God will provide for us as we give more than we're in the habit of giving. If we haven't changed our amount or frequency of giving over the past few years, even though our income may have increased, we haven't grown in faith or in response to the bounty we've received.

Over the past few weeks we've shared how your gifts have helped LCOS make a difference in the world this year. Now think about what we could accomplish if everyone pledged to give a few dollars more each week in 2020. Think about the lives we could touch, the mission for ministry we could grow, the faith we could help grow in others.

Growing can mean challenging ourselves to give more consistently or to stretch a little in the amount of our giving. Do you give the same amount every year? Do you decide giving based on a percentage of your income, or pick a lump sum number for the year? However you calculate it, increasing your giving in an amount you're comfortable with can have a major impact on Our Savior's ministry. If most givers increased by just \$5 per week, that individual growth would amount to over \$60,000 growth in LCOS' vision for ministry!

Please watch for the Stewardship materials that will be mailed to your home the week of November 10. Give them your prayerful study, complete your pledge card and return it to worship on Commitment Sunday, November 17.

As you fill out your pledge card, remember that growing can mean challenging ourselves to give more consistently, or to stretch a little in the amount of our giving, or to make a pledge for the year. How is God calling *you* to grow?

# Pantry Volunteers Through December

Thank you to our October Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, DiGirolamo/Gralish Family, Connie Wolf, The Hoffman-Bridges Family, Deery Family

Week of Nov 3: Heilman Family

Week of Nov 10: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy** 

Week of Nov 17: **Hoffman/Bridges Family** 

Week of Nov 24: **Tracy Stiefel** Week of Dec 1: **Nancy Dempsey** Week of Dec 8: **Peg & Spike Riley** 

Week of Dec 15: \_

Week of Dec 22: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy

Week of Dec 29:\_

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: NOVEMBER**

All donations welcome! Special Needs: canned fruit (15 oz.), canned veggies (15 oz.); corn, string beans, rice (8 oz.), unsweetened cereal (18 oz.), paper towels



# Sisters in Spirit Cultivating Contentment

Please join Sisters in Spirit in a devotional evening on Friday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. in Our

Savior's Parlor. We'll be taking a look at "Cultivating Contentment," something we all can use some help with as we stare down the stress of the approaching holidays. All women of Our Savior and friends are invited. Bring your favorite Bible from home, or use one of the church's. A light snack to share would be welcome. Please RSVP to Beth Hill at <a href="mailto:blackeyedsusanhill@gmail.com">blackeyedsusanhill@gmail.com</a>



# Memorial Garden Flag Retirement/Replacement on Veterans Day, Nov 11 @ Noon

Our Savior has established a new tradition with respect to retiring and replacing the United States flag that flies above our Memorial Garden by holding a short service on Veteran's Day each year, regardless of the day of the week on which it occurs. On Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day, at noon, Pastor Wayne will lead a brief ceremony where the current flag donated by Paul Franke will be retired and a new flag donated by Clive Crosbie will be flown. The retired flag will be turned over to the American Legion Post 38 in Haddonfield for proper disposal. The Legion's American flag disposal receptacle and ceremony were an Eagle Scout project completed by Jonathan Baxter, a member of Our Savior.

If you would like to donate a flag for future years it should be at least 3'x5' or 4'x6' in dimension for our 20-foot pole. We look forward to this being an annual event to honor our veterans as well as retire and replace our Memorial Garden flag.

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

# **Sunday School**

In October, the kids started practicing their music for the Christmas Pageant on December 15th at 9:15. Would you start talking to your child to see if they want to have a speaking role in the pageant this year? If they are interested, please let me know! We will be hosting a Potluck Brunch after the pageant.





# **Oasis and Confirmation News:**

Please follow Oasis on Instagram for updates and pictures of our events! LCOSOASISYOUTHGROUP

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be holding our monthly dinner for Confirmation and Oasis youth. Please arrive at church by 6:00, let Jaime know if you are attending and if you have any allergies by October 30th.

Thank you to all the youth and parents who attended the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on October 20th at Cooper River.

On November 17th Oasis will be having Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. I will be providing the turkey, but I am looking for parents to assist with the sides. If you are interested in bringing a dessert or a side, please let me know.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Oasis and Confirmation will be having a Painting Night. It costs \$10 a child and they will come home with a great painting to share during the Advent season. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:15 to start at 6:30. You are more than welcomed to bring cookies to share. A copy of the painting that we will be doing is on the right. Please let Jaime know by November 17<sup>th</sup> if your

### Oasis Events for November:

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- Dinner at 6:00 & Bible Study at 6:30

November 10th- No Oasis

November 17th – Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30

child is attending, so we have enough supplies.

November 24th – Painting Night with Confirmation at 6:15

**Save the date:** December 8th we will be having our annual Drop and Shop and Deck the Halls. These are both serve events for the Confirmation Class.

# **Acolytes:**

In the next few weeks I will be sending out a Sign Up Genius for Christmas Eve services.



# Mission Quilts Ministry and MQ2 Quilts Blessed at Worship on Nov 10

Three weeks every month there are eight to ten women who gather in Room 112 for one purpose. They sew quilts; lots of quilts. Those quilts are then shipped to the distribution depot for the ELCA domestic and international relief program located in New Windsor, MD. They eventually find their way to people in Third World countries or whatever country wherein people are cold at night due to poverty or lack of resources. And the dozens of quilts these dedicated women make go a long way to meeting that ongoing need.

On Sunday, November 10, at each service, the many quilts that are currently overflowing a closet near the youth room will be draped over the pews during worship so parishioners may have a chance to offer a blessing to them prior to being shipped to New Windsor. For years this has been an "unsung" ministry of Our Savior, but on November 10 the congregation will offer their recognition and support in this quilt blessing service.

Want to know more about the Mission Quilts and MQ2 ministry at Our Savior? They meet on the first three Thursdays of every month in Room 112 from 9:00 to noon for quilting. Can't make it during the day? A number of participants who can no longer drive or attend provide their support by cutting fabric at home or sewing pieces together in preparation for the quilting process. For more details and contact information please contact Laurie Eason; laurielovesquilting@gmail.com, 609-238-3155

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# **Breaking Down the Great Commission**

### by Vicar Josh Pontious



And Jesus came and said to them,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <u>Go therefore</u> and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

What does it mean to go?

When we look back at our previous discussion from last month, we remember that Jesus doesn't spend much time talking to his disciples by way of suggestion. Whenever Jesus calls on us to act, we are called to respond by acting.

Living out the Great Commission, sharing the Good News with the World, and bringing new and varied peoples into community with believers and into a deeper relationship with the God of all Creation, requires us to GO. Not to sit passively, waiting for someone new to enter our church either for worship or one of our incredible special events.

This church has shown me its hospitality over the past few months since I began my internship time here. I have seen visitors at our services welcomed; with smiles, with conversation, with genuine hospitality.

Now we have the opportunity, the freedom and the privilege to live out our call. To share the Good News, to create new opportunities for community, to share grace peace and love with all those we encounter. Maybe its at work. Or at the grocery store. While grabbing coffee with friends or enjoying a meal with family. Most of us spend more time in the world outside of Church than inside its walls! So that's where we are called to go! Not some far away land that we've only seen in books or online, but to go into the places which we already spend so much of our time.

So, Let's Go!

Next month, we'll take a deeper dive into what it means to make disciples, and what that pesky line of "All Nations" might mean to us. Until then, I welcome any thoughts or questions on this, or anything else that is on your mind. Just shoot me an email (<a href="mailto:ipontious@uls.edu">ipontious@uls.edu</a>), drop by during regular office hours, or grab me after worship on Sundays.

# Environmental Challenge For God's Planet and God's People

Spend time outside and don't be afraid to pick up some trash that you might find. You could put a bag and some hand sanitizer in your backpack.

Take some time to appreciate the good outdoors. Go for a walk, a hike, play with your kids or grandkids, play sports, or go to the park and sit on a bench.

Enjoy God's beautiful creations.

Be the CHANGE God's world needs!

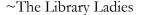




# Did you know that Our Savior's Library is filled with books of many genres?

Children, Teens, Parents, Family DVDs, Christmas/Advent, Easter/Lent, Living Out Our Faith, Devotions, Prayer, Bereavement, Life Changes, Women's Issues, Biography, Fiction, Martin Luther, Reformation, Bible Stories for Children, Bible & Bible Studies, and LCOS History

We also have Large Print books and Jigsaw Puzzles!





This month we'd like to thank Beth Hill for the many things she does at Our Savior and beyond. Beth has been a faithful member of the choir and bell choir for many years. She serves on the Altar Guild, is a Library Lady and is a member of Sisters~In~Spirit. As a Library Lady she delivers books to our homebound members, visits with them and sends them cards throughout the year. As a Sister~In~Spirit she leads the devotionals and sends cards for the holidays to various members. Beth is always there to lend a hand to the various activates at Bridge of Peace. She is also a crossing guard, so she's keeping the kids safe, too! The articles above are written by Beth for the Library and she provides our Environmental Challenge each month. Beth is a devoted and loving member of our congregation and she makes sure anyone in need, here and in the community, is taken care of. Kudos to you, Beth, and thank you for all you do!



# 2020 "Growing in Giving" Estimates of Giving Received on Commitment Sunday, Nov 17

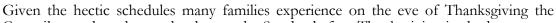
On Sunday, November 17, at all worship services, the congregation is encouraged to bring their 2020 Estimate of Giving Pledges in order to consecrate their commitments to God's work in the world through the ministry of Our Savior next year. Giving Estimate cards and supplemental materials will be mailed out to the congregation two weeks prior to Commitment Sunday to provide ample time for members to prayerfully consider what their giving will be in 2020. The Congregation Resources Team encourages the congregation to keep the following principles in mind during the discernment process. Faithful stewardship is:

- 1. INTENTIONAL FIRST FRUITS. What will you give to God before all other budget items?
- 2. REGULAR: How frequently will you give? Weekly Monthly? Quarterly? Yearly?
- 3. PLANNED: What method will you use? Offering envelopes? Online bill pay? Simply Giving?
- 4. PROPORTIONATE: What percent of your income will you faithfully give?
- 5. GENEROUS: Whatever the percent last year, will you consider raising it by 1%?
- 6. CHEERFUL: God loves a cheerful giver who gives from the heart.

Remember: God doesn't need your money. However, God's work in the world does!

# First Baptist Church Hosts Thanksgiving Community Worship, Sunday, Nov 24 - 7:00 PM

The Haddonfield Council of Churches continues the tradition of holding the Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and will host this year's worship on Sunday, November 24, at The First Baptist Church on Kings Hwy. The worship begins at 7:00 PM and the freewill donation will go toward supporting the Haddonfield Community Caseworker who provides assistance and recommendations to those in need.



Council agreed to change the date to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the hopes more Haddonfield families would be able to attend as well as begin rotating the site for the worship. For more information please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech (429-5122) or the church office.



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, (Re)Create, and ReJoyce! Music Ministry Reflections

At Taizé this summer, many of our discussions focused on caring for Creation by finding what we need among the things God has already given us – many of you have heard the phrase "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" as a way to fight the consumer culture while also caring for the environment. Whatever area of your life you might apply this to (shopping, cooking, working, etc.), you end up saving money and helping the environment, but you also end up discovering what you have that you might have forgotten about (or might not have known if it has been passed down to you)! Another concept that

has gained popularity, especially for those trying to organize and use what they have instead of buying more things, has been Marie Condo's idea of only keeping what sparks joy. So this season, I decided to apply the ideas of reusing and of finding what brings joy to the way I was choosing music for this season. I discovered many percussion instruments that we already had at church, and while we will not have percussion at every service from now on (do not fear!), these instruments brought great joy to the kids who attended VBS this summer! This fall, all kids participating in children choir work on their rhythm skills in every rehearsal after going on an instruments treasure hunt. Our youth has been playing some of the instruments in worship (a special thank you to the acolytes and youth choir members who are up for spontaneous extra jobs!) which has livened up some of our hymns.

Additionally, I have decided to not order too much new music, but use the great music library that we already have at LCOS. It allowed me to save money and discover some beautiful anthems we had not done in a very long time! I also love going through the hymnal while planning hymns and discovering what has not been "used" in a while, while also including the hymns we know well and love to sing.

I encourage you to find things that you've had or known a long time and reuse them – is it an old song you haven't heard or sung in a while? Maybe an old book or poem that used to inspire you that you haven't read in a few years. Is it clothes that may no longer fit, but could spark joy for someone else - bless someone in need? Find your own way to recreate and re-Joyce in God's creation.

Community Thanksgiving Service **November 2019 Regular Events** 

| SUNDAYS            | MONDAYS               | TUESDAYS          | WEDNESDAYS         | THURSDAYS            | FRIDAYS | SATURDAYS             |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
|                    |                       |                   |                    |                      | FRIDATS |                       |
| 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM   | 5:00-8:30             | 10:30 AM Pastors' | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | 9:00 AM Handyman     |         | 10:00-12:15 Bilingual |
| and 10:30 AM       | ChildrenSong in       | Pericope          | Bible Discussion – | Group                |         | Families of SJ        |
| Sunday Services    | Choir Room            | -                 | Room 112           | _                    |         |                       |
| 9:00AM Coffee      |                       | 2:30 PM Staff     |                    | 5:00 Kids Vocal      |         |                       |
| Hour               | 7:00-8:30 Possibility | Meeting           | 4:00 PM Tai Chi    | Choir                |         |                       |
| 11:45 AM Cherub    | Players               |                   |                    |                      |         |                       |
| Choir              | -                     |                   | 6:00 Grief Support | 5:45 Kids Bell Choir |         |                       |
| 12:30 PM Youth     | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM     |                   | "Daughters Without |                      |         |                       |
| Choir              | Bible Discussion -    |                   | Mothers" - Parlor  | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM    |         |                       |
| 1:15 PM Youth Bell | Parlor                |                   |                    | Adult Bell Choir     |         |                       |
| Choir              |                       |                   |                    |                      |         |                       |
| 6:30 PM            |                       |                   |                    | 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM    |         |                       |
| Confirmation/Oasis |                       |                   |                    | Adult Vocal Choir    |         |                       |
|                    |                       |                   |                    |                      |         |                       |

**November 2019 Special Events** 

|  |  | November  | r 2019 Spe  | cial Events  |                                       |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                | SATURDAY  |
|  |  |   |   |  | 1                                     | 2<br>8:00-noon<br>ChildrenSong                              |
| 3 All Saints Day  Daylight Savings Time Ends  11:45 W&M Mtg.   | 4<br>2:00-4:00 Local<br>Vocal<br>5:30 Congregation<br>Resources Mtg.               | 5 Election Day 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg. | 6   | 7<br>9:30 AM Mission<br>Quilts   | 8<br>6:00 Rehearsal<br>Villecco/Cowan | 9<br>3:30<br>Villecco/Cowan<br>Wedding                      |
| 10 Hammond Baptism Quilt Blessing 6:00-9:00 HP&P - PH No Oasis No Confirmation   | 11 Veteran's Day 12:00 noon Memorial Garden Flag Retirement 7:00-10:00 HP&P 3rd fl | 12<br>7:00 PM<br>Toastmasters<br>7:00 PM Church<br>Council    | 13<br>10:00-12:00 Singing<br>Angels<br>7:00-10:00 HP&P -<br>PH  | 14 Messenger Deadline 9:30 AM Mission Quilts 6:00 Coping With the Holidays 7:00 Moms Demand Action | 15<br>7:00 S~I~S<br>Devotional-Parlor | 16  |
| 17<br>Commitment Sunday<br>3:00 Dramedy-A Voice<br>and Piano Recital   | 18<br>Last Bible<br>Discussion   | 19 7:00 Adult Game Night-Narthex 7:00 PM Toastmasters         | the office 20 Last Bible Discussion 10:00-noon Singing Angels 6:30-8:45 Historical Society-Parish Hall 7:00 MGB | 21<br>Messenger Mailing  | 22                                    | 23<br>10:00 AM- 2:00 PM<br>Mabel Kay<br>Thanksgiving Dinner |
| 24 Christ The King Williams Baptism 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service – Baptist Church 12:00 Confirmation Adult Huddle | 25<br>No ChildrenSong<br>2:00-4:00 Local<br>Vocal                                  | 26<br>12:00 PM Senior<br>Game Day                             | 27<br>10:00-12:00 Singing<br>Angels<br>1:00 Howley Set-up   | 28 Thanksgiving  HAPP  THANKSEIVINE!  3:30-7:30 Howley's in PH                                     | 29                                    | 30  |

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

# My Father's House

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to cook and/or deliver meals to My Father's House in 2019. The giving spirit is so strong at LCOS that every week of the year was covered by congregation members giving generously of their time and culinary skills. Your meals provided weekly sustenance and fostered fellowship among the 15 women participating in an addiction recovery program at MFH, and let them know you care about them.

"Your Ministry has been with us and has fed us for 22 years," says Miriam Broderick, Director of My Father's House. "When the women come in they always say, 'What's for dinner?". I cannot tell you the joy your cooking brings to them. Thank you for allowing us to break bread together -- in your name -- the LCOS Social Ministry."

So everyone who contributed -- please take a bow, give yourselves a hand, pat yourselves on the back. You are all awesome! P.S. It's not too early to sign up for 2020! New sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and the online sign-up at <a href="http://bit.ly/MFHdinner">http://bit.ly/MFHdinner</a> has been updated for the new year. Newcomers to the MFH ministry are encouraged and welcomed! Contact Michele DiGirolamo at 856-905-5098 or <a href="michele245@gmail.com">michele245@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

All Envelope Offerings

| Average | Weekly | Worship | Attendance |
|---------|--------|---------|------------|
|         |        |         |            |

| Month      | 5 Year<br>rolling<br>average % |            | Actual<br>Monthly Giv-<br>ing 2019 | Actual Giv-<br>ing vs Plan<br>Difference<br>Over (Under) | Actual<br>Monthly Giv-<br>ing 2018 | Actual<br>Monthly \$<br>Difference<br>2019 vs 2018<br>Over (Under) | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | AWWA -<br>Monthly<br>Diff.<br>2019 vs<br>2018 |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|---|
| Jan        | 6.45%                          | \$ 29,811  | \$ 44,273                          | \$ 14,462  | \$ 25,472                          | \$ 18,801  | 152  | 155  | 145  | 170  | -2%   |
| Feb        | 7.06%                          | 32,634     | 32,308                             | (326)  | 28,365                             | 3,943  | 168  | 186  | 182  | 190  | -10%  |
| March      | 8.42%                          | •          | •                                  |  | -                                  | •  | 169  | 202  | 153  | 279  | -16%  |
| l viai cii | 011270                         | 30,03 .    | 33,020                             | (3)27.1  | 32,000                             | 1,332  | 303  | 225  | 281  | 178  | 1075  |
| April      | 8.95%                          | 41,366     | 40,413                             | (953)  | 40,187                             | 226  |      |      |      |      | 35%   |
| May        | 7.39%                          | 34,142     | 37,875                             | 3,733  | 34,967                             | 2,908  | 162  | 194  | 172  | 174  | -16%  |
|            |                                |            |                                    |  |                                    |  | 165  | 176  | 153  | 144  |   |
| June       | 7.87%                          | 36,355     | 35,509                             | (846)  | 50,071                             | (14,562)   | 100  | 422  | 122  | 101  | -6%   |
| July       | 6.67%                          | 30,843     | 28,510                             | (2,333)  | 21 2//                             | (2,834)  | 108  | 133  | 122  | 104  | -19%  |
| July       | 0.07/0                         | 30,643     | 26,310                             | (2,333)  | 31,344                             | (2,634)  | 109  | 119  | 122  | 122  | -1970   |
| August     | 7.20%                          | 33,285     | 26,152                             | (7,133)  | 28,270                             | (2,118)  | 203  | 113  |      |      | -8%   |
|            |                                | ,          | ,                                  | , , ,  | ,                                  |  | 165  | 172  | 163  | 158  |   |
| Sept       | 7.77%                          | 35,893     | 35,294                             | (599)  | 33,775                             | 1,519  |      |      |      |      | -4%   |
| Oct        | 9.30%                          | 42,968     | -                                  |  | 37,652                             |  |      | 162  | 190  | 187  |   |
| Nov        | 8.40%                          | 38,834     | -                                  |  | 34,315                             |  |      | 192  | 199  | 183  |   |
| Dec        | 14.53%                         | •          |                                    |  | 68,157                             |  |      | 214  | 181  | 193  |   |
| Total      | 100.00%                        | \$ 462,176 | \$ 313,954                         | \$ 731   | \$ 444,243                         | \$ 9,835   |      |      |      |      |   |

Average YTD Worship
Attendance

| 167 | 174 | 166 | 169 |
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# SAVE THE DATE: DEC 1! Advent Adult Brunch at Parsonage @ Noon

The Advent Adult Brunch returns to Rhoads Avenue on Sunday, Dec 1 at noon for all those 21 and older. Details for the event will be in the December Messenger, but be sure to mark your holiday event calendars now for a great event that will be held next door at the Parsonage with Pastor Wayne and Kate hosting!

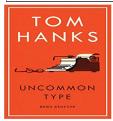


# Poinsettia Memorials

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." The poinsettias are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Thursday, December 26. The deadline is Sunday, December 15, 2019.

| Given by                                     |  |
|--|--|
| In memory of                                 |  |
| In honor of                                  |  |
| Relationship of donor to Memorialized One(s) |  |

# Return to church office no later than December 15



# Fellowship Together Book Club

The book we will be starting with is titled *Uncommon Type: Some Stories* by Tom Hanks (yes that Tom Hanks!). Here is a quick link for a synopsis: https://www.goodreads.com/

book/show/34389773-uncommon-type

For the time being, I would like to have the first book discussion take place in the last week of January, as this should allow for plenty of time to read, even with the impending holiday season.

Please contact Sam Wentz if you have any questions: Sam.wentz@gmail.com or 609-922-4973

Look for more information in the December Messenger.

# ADVENT GIVING TREE Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 10, 2019, 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 8, 2019 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 of Sundays 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, Tatem and Garfield Schools in Collingwood, and Glenview School in Haddon Heights.

The tags and envelopes for contributions will be available for four consecutive Sundays, November 10, November 17, November 24, and December 1. Tags will also be available at the Church office during the week days. The gifts must be returned no later than December 8, 2019 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.



# November Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Beth Hill, Ann Frost, Millie King
Bread Baker: Carolyn Malecka
Communion Assts: 8- Juhan Runne
10:30- Tom Foskett
Counters: Kathy Simpkins, Cheryl Hastings,
Bob & Donna Mirabello,
Ushers: 8- Betty Woltz, Pat Stewart
10:30- Jeannette Jelonek, Millie King

# November 3

Coffee Hour: Ushers, Lay Readers
Readers: 8- Kristine Pensabene 10:30- Melinda Matula
Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Ava & Joe Poliafico
10:30- Collin Duckett, Theo Howard, Brooke & Emma Warren
Pantry: Heilman Family

# November 10

Coffee Hour: Mission Quilts
Readers: 8- Kate Zschech 10:30- Lindsay Burtcel
Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Alex Pietrangelo, Jack Turner
10:30- Rachael Simpkins, Ethan Roncace, Bobby Bridges,
Luke & Emerson Riley, Andrew Kiewel
Pantry: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain,
Jerry Murphy

### November 17

Coffee Hour: Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters
Readers: 8- Rebecca Potterfield 10:30- Cathe Bare
Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Libby DeMichele, Allison Baxter
10:30- Brian & Sarah Bogina, Elena Bovell,
Ben Hintz, Emily Demers
Pantry: Hoffman/Bridges Family

## November 24

Coffee Hour: Personnel & Property Committees
Readers: 8- Dan Picker 10:30- Dave Wyche
Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Caroline & Emily Asselin
10:30- Grace Ewing, Abby Ryan, Payton Rhodes,
Rex, Lilia & Cleo Cottone
Pantry: Tracy Stiefel

Messenger Mailing Helpers: Thanks to: Jane Evans, Laura Oakes, Janie Braccio, Millie King, Peg Olt, Caryl Wallace, Barb Standke, Nancy Dempsey, Kathy Ellis, David Foster, and Deb Hartigan for helping to assemble the Messenger.



# Caring Hearts Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Project

Each year, Caring Hearts prepares and provides food for Thanksgiving dinners for at least 20 families throughout South Jersey living with HIV/AIDS. Each year, various congregations/organizations gather the day before Thanksgiving at the First Presbyterian Church to prepare these meals. Each organization is asked to contribute various supplies for the meal. LCOS has been asked to contribute 20 large (46-oz) cans of chicken broth. Please leave your donations in the Caring Hearts box on the shelves outside Parish Hall by Sunday November 24th. Please contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or <a href="mailto:betsy406@comcast.net">betsy406@comcast.net</a> or Eva Shaw at 856-428-9434 or <a href="mailto:eslohboy@verizon.net">eslohboy@verizon.net</a> if any questions. Thank you in advance for your donations.

# **Holiday Food Drive 2019**

Holiday Food bags and donation envelopes will be available beginning October 27, 2019. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to LCOS, indicate it is for Holiday Food Drive. Like last year, this year's Holiday Food Drive will benefit the Peace Center at Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden, a ministry to the poor and homeless in Camden. There will be bags that are pantry-based (50). It will also benefit the 9 LCOS Pantry families and other local needy families. The deadline to return bags is Sunday November 17th. Please contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net or Connie Wolf at 856-795-2855 or conniemattwolf@msn.com if any questions. Thank you in

# 2019-2020 Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov. 3 – Ushers & Lay Readers

**Nov. 10** – Mission Quilts

Nov. 17 – Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters

Nov. 24 – Personnel & Property Committees

**Dec. 1** – Social Ministry

**Dec. 8** – Sisters~In~Spirit

**Dec. 15** – Pageant Breakfast

Dec. 22 – Congregation Resources & Counters

Dec. 29 - Memorial Gifts Board

Jan. 5 – Worship & Music & Communications Committees

Jan. 12 – Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs

Jan. 19 – Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School

Jan. 26 – NO COFFEE HOUR, Unity Sunday

Feb. 2 – Confirmation & Oasis

Feb. 9 - Altar Guild

Feb. 16 – Ushers, Lay Readers

Feb. 23 – Mission Quilts

Mar. 1 – Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters

Mar. 8 – Personnel & Property Committees

Mar. 15 - Social Ministry

Mar. 22 – Sisters~In~Spirit

Mar. 29 – First Holy Communion Cake

**Apr. 5** – Congregation Resources & Counters

Apr. 12 – Easter, No Coffee Hour

**Apr. 19** – MGB

April 26 - Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs

May 3 - Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School

May 10 – Muffins With Moms

May 17 - Confirmation, Oasis

May 24 - Worship & Music & Communications Committees

May 31 – Altar Guild

June 7 - CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

**June 14** – Ushers, Lay Readers

June 21 – Donuts With Dads (Last Official Coffee Hour)

If your group is responsible for Coffee Hour your chairperson will get an e-mail the week before. You should have a person or two to set-up and clean-up. Suggested items for Coffee Hour are: sweets, cheese and crackers, bagels and cream cheese, fruit, grapes, juice and half and half. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 and is over at the start of the 10:30 Worship. Clean-up may be done at 10:30 or after the 10:30 Worship. Thank you! It would be wonderful if the committee or group members would join us for Coffee Hour!





# **HELP WANTED**

The Fix-It Team formerly known as The Handyman Group is in need of reliable, weekly volunteers on Thursday morning from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. We are a weekly 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. Welcome to our new member, Nancy Dempsey!!! Please consider joining us.

# Attention Seniors! Senior Game Day

NOVEMBER DATE IS: Tuesday, November 26 at 12:00 noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge, Mexican Train ~ Come out and Have Fun! Food and drinks served

RSVP: Peg Hartmann 856-745-2459 mamahart16@comcast.net





# **Mobile Giving**

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