



The Parish *Messenger*

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Our Savior Hosts Homeless for 2 Weeks Beginning Feb 23 Volunteers Needed

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) runs a program for up to 12 homeless men that begins in November and runs until May when they graduate. The men are provided with training, career and life skill counseling before seeking and securing employment during the program as well as attend addiction counseling and support groups. By the end of the program the men are completely self-sufficient and able to move into housing and live on a budget their income can afford. During the program they stay for two-weeks in different locations and from Feb 23 until March 8 the men will be lodging at Our Savior and eating dinners here every night. Here is what we will need from the congregation to make their stay here possible.

Sleeping Area: The cots the men sleep on will be set up in our Parish Hall and during those two weeks there will be no outside or congregational activities that will be held in that space. Last year the mop sink in the ground floor custodial closet was converted to a shower for the men to use during their stay. They will have access to the Youth Room in order to relax, read, or watch TV or movies at night or during the day on the weekends.

Schedule: The men will leave Our Savior by 6:30 a.m. and return no sooner than 4:00 each weekday. During that time they will either be in counseling, searching for a job, or working at one after being hired. On the weekends they will either be here at Our Savior or engaged in an activity as a group (e.g. go bowling, to the movies, laundromat, etc.) as some congregations provide the funds for some recreational activities. Prior to leaving in the morning the men will make their breakfast and lunch from grocery supplies the congregation volunteers will have provided. In the evening the Dinner Host will make the meal at Our Savior as well as eat with the men and engage in conversation. The men are also required to attend a 12-Step Program at least once a week.

Volunteers Needed: There are basically three categories of volunteers needed.

Breakfast or Lunch Supplies Provider: Volunteers would provide the food supplies for either breakfast or lunch for the men to prepare on their own. 14 of each will be needed.

Dinner Hosts: An individual or family volunteer will be at the church from 4:00 until 7:00 on the night they host. During that time they will prepare the meal and eat with the men as a means to get to know them and be a support to their participation in the program.

Overnight/Weekend Hosts: An overnight host must be a man who is expected to arrive by 7:00 p.m. and remain in the church until 7:00 the next morning or until all the men have left if sooner. A cot will be provided and overnight hosts are encouraged to socialize with the men at their discretion. Weekend hosts will be asked to remain in the church in two shifts beyond the Overnight Host shift; from 7:00-Noon and Noon-4:00 when the Dinner Host arrives.

A sign up of all of the various volunteer positions will be made available online and at church. You can sign up on Sunday before or after worship or sign up online. Either way we hope you make a point to volunteer for one aspect of this new opportunity to participate in an amazingly successful ministry.



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.



“2020 – A Good Year to Talk About Vision?”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

When the calendar year is 2020 the temptation to talk about having a “clear vision” of the future for the church is real, at least for me. That might make for a cute tagline but the truth is, having a clear vision for the church in our current time will be challenging. Reality check. It is 2020 – not 1950, and living in a culture that is predominantly Christian no longer exists. Even more so, we need to stop sitting Shiva for those days as they aren’t coming back – ever. The days of your boss asking on Monday what your pastor preached about are gone. The days of children striving for perfect attendance in Sunday school more than they did public school are extinct. The days of the church being the hub of a family’s social life are as dead as disco.

And because our world has changed we cannot expect the way the church operated in the last half of the 20th century to work in the next half of the 21st. Doing the same thing over and over with no change in the results is the definition of insanity, yet we think and believe, “If only we could bring back this program or these events we’ll have all the volunteers and people we need to keep our church vibrant and strong.” But is that why we do what we do? To keep the institution of the church going strong? Shouldn’t our answer to why we do what we do be in line with what God’s vision and mission is in the world rather than simply what will get people in the pews or kids in choirs on Sunday?

Full disclosure: seminary didn’t prepare me for this either. I was trained to be a pastor for the church of Christendom, not the mission church of the first century. In order for me to lead as pastor I already know I’ll need to learn new skills and trust new and different partners along the way. Even more so, I’ll likely need to leave behind some of the tools of the trade I was trained to use as they will no longer be useful. And so in 2020 I’ll be spending time discovering what the new world the church is facing really looks like rather than pining for the one that baptized me so I can be prepared to lead with you into the 21st century.

I can already hear the groans. “That sounds a lot like a lot of change is heading our way, Pastor Wayne, and you know how we feel about change!” I agree. But maybe if instead of thinking of it as change we think of it as an adventure we are on for the sake of the gospel and becoming what God needs the church, at least our church, to be might make it – well – exhilarating. When was the last time you were on an adventure? As a child? On a vacation? Were there challenges along the way? I’ll bet. But was it exciting in the course of it? I’ll bet that’s true as well.

2020 is a good year to begin talking about vision, God’s preferred vision for how the church can be a part of fulfilling God’s mission in the world – a world that is vastly different from the one of only a few decades ago. I invite you to join me in this adventure and if you have any ideas or insights or simply want to talk about it I’m always up for cup of coffee. Until then may you see clearly in this new year and beyond.



Jan 26 Annual Meeting Potluck Brunch Reminder

Please remember on Sunday, Jan 26, there will be one worship service at 9:30 followed by a Congregational Brunch in the Parish Hall that precedes our Annual Congregational Meeting. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with those in attendance.** A turkey and ham will be provided at the carving station. Please also bring your Annual Reports for reference during the meeting. See you at the meeting!

7 Week Discussion of Book of Jeremiah Begins Feb 10/12

The situation in which Jeremiah prophesied – that is, spoke God’s messages – was one of disaster and uncertainty. Christians find comfort in this word. The impact of God’s word on us is perhaps not so globally evident as the fates and fortunes of biblical Israel. God’s people, the church, are not the citizens of any particular nation. We are a family of baptized children residing in many countries around the globe. Yet God knows heartbreak over our sin and separation. At the same time, God continually welcomes us into his loving presence. In that word, the gospel of Jesus Christ, God gives us hope. 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 PM or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM 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 beginning in February up to Holy Week. The following dates, reading, and topics are as follows:

Feb 10/12	Chapters 1-4	Call of Jeremiah
Feb 17/19	NO MEETINGS DUE TO PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY	
Feb 24/26	Chapters 5-11	False Worthless Religion
Mar 2/4	Chapters 12-19	Potter and Clay
Mar 9/11	Chapters 20-29	Jeremiah Threatened
Mar 16/18	Chapters 30-35	Promise of Renewal
Mar 23/25	Chapters 36-45	Jeremiah’s Last Word
Mar 30/Apr 1	Chapters 46-52	Fall of Jerusalem



Souper Bowl Sunday Feb 2 to Benefit Peace Center Pantry at Bridge of Peace LC

Every year one of the fundraisers the Oasis Youth Group sponsor is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday to help feed the hungry and homeless.

In comparison to the smorgasbord of food some will have spread out on Super Bowl Sunday there are those in our country who would be thankful for a simple bowl of soup. You can help make that a reality in Camden.

Two soup kettles will be put out with the emblem of whoever wins the NFC and AFC Championships (which at this point is really up for grabs as we only know the Titans and Niners will be playing in those games) on their own kettle depending on who wins their respective conference title. Despite the outcome of the game later on, those in worship can determine who "wins" the Souper Bowl by placing donations for one of the two teams in their respective kettle. The kettle with the most cash is the Souper Bowl winner.

Who's playing in Super Bowl LIV doesn't really matter much when you're hungry and on the street. Help those who are hungry this winter with your participation in the youth's version of the Souper Bowl of Caring this year as you leave worship. Show your support for those for whom a bowl of soup means a lot more than a football game. In this bowl "game" the real winners are the hungry who are fed of our land.



toward building materials. The group is limited to 30 teens and six adults to insure sufficient work for the number of workers.

Parents ought to consider also participating regardless of your construction skills. Some adult volunteers have shopped and cooked rather than be on the jobsite, which greatly facilitates our time after work for devotions and fun activities. As mentioned above, it is a life changing event for any and all who participate. Come out on Sunday night, February 9 at 6:00pm and find out how.

Due to the extreme popularity of this trip in the Haddonfield High School the trip has previously become full before members had a chance to sign up, which is why the meeting on Feb 9 is for LCOS members only. There will also be second Information Night on Sunday, February 23 for any youth interested in attending regardless if they are members of Our Savior or not. If you have friends who are interested tell them about the Feb 23 meeting.

Pantry Volunteers March

Thank you to our January Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, Connie Wolf, Heilman Family, Millie King, Deery Family

Week of Feb 2: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Feb 9: **Hoffman/Bridges Family**

Week of Feb 16: _____

Week of Feb 23: **Deery Family, Lynn Block**

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

Week of Mar 8: _____

Week of Mar 15: _____

Week of Mar 22: _____

Week of Mar 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 : FEBRUARY

All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **cereal (18 oz.), canned fruit (15 oz.), meals in a can (15 oz.), Canned meat (12 oz.) toilet paper**

2020 Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting February 9 @ 6:00 for LCOS Members

On Sunday night, February 9, at 6:00 there will be an interest meeting for both youth and parents of LCOS on this year's Summer Mission Trip (SMT) to North Carolina. Any youth who will be 16 or older by July 11, along with his/her parents, is encouraged to attend this highly informational meeting about an event that has literally changed the lives of youth and adults participating. **The dates for the SMT are scheduled for July 11-18 and the group looks forward to working again with the Winston-Salem Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County in North Carolina.**

Over the last 12 years participants have framed the floors, walls and roofs, installed siding and porch railings, built a handicap ramp, large sheds, painted doors and trim, landscaped, and even shingled a roof! This HFH chapter has their own volunteer lodge that houses up to 20 male and 20 female participants and last year we had plenty to do on the jobsite with very experienced construction leaders. There will be a major fundraiser in April or May to defray the required \$150/participant donation to HFH that goes

Sunday School: We are having a contest to rename our Sunday School program. We are asking all the kids, with the help of their parents, to submit an idea to LCOSJaime@gmail.com. Submissions are due by February 18th. If you have any questions, ask Miss Jaime or Pastor Wayne. We look forward to hearing your great ideas!



Please join us on February 16th during the 10:30 worship to "Bury the Alleluias". We will be handing them out on February 9th in Sunday School. If you are unable to join us on the 9th, let Miss Jaime know, she can give you a page to color at home. Also if you are unable to join us on the 16th but want to bury your alleluia, you can drop them off at the office beforehand.



Save the date! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is going to be April 11th at LCOS.

Acolytes-

There is a need for 2 acolytes for Ash Wednesday's worship at 7:30pm. If you are able to help, please email Jaime at LCOSJaime@gmail.com



Confirmation/Oasis-

Thank you to the Rhodes/Kiewel family for providing our dinner for the month of January. Please join us for dinner on February 9th when the Warren family makes dinner. Please let Jaime know by February 6th if you are able to attend or not.

Save the date: March 1st we are going Rock Climbing, you need to let Jaime know by February 16th if you are attending.

Oasis Events for February:

- 2- No Meeting
- 9- Dinner and Bible Study
- 16- No Meeting
- 23- PJ Movie Night





Mission Trip-

If you are interested in attending our Annual Mission Trip, please join us for an interest meeting on February 9th at 6:00, in the sanctuary. In order to attend mission trip you MUST be 16 by July 1st. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested, please let Jaime or Pastor Wayne know.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER AT CROSS ROADS

The Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center staff is a vibrant, close-knit community that intentionally creates a nurturing place and time apart. Join us for a life-changing summer experience in 2020!

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| BE A LEADER | GROW IN FAITH | FORM RELATIONSHIPS | GET OUTSIDE |
| Cultivate leadership skills such as creativity and problem-solving. | Connect with God through worship, prayer, Bible study, & living in Christian community. | Become a role model for campers and create life-long friendships with other staff members. | Spend the summer in God's creation in a place some call "Where Heaven and Earth Meet." |

June 17 - August 24, 2020

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Thank You to the Tree Undecorating Angels!

Worship and Music wants to say thank you to all the volunteers that helped undecorate the sanctuary and narthex trees after church on Sunday, January 5th! Many hands made light work! Including lunch, we were finished by 1:00!

Mark Bare
 Brian Bogina
 Nancy and Bob Dempsey
 Gene Haag
 Linda Harrington
 Jeanette Jelonek
 Johnny Johnson
 Betsy Kuehn
 Rita Lattanzi
 Peg and Spike Riley
 Eva and Stacey Shaw





Breaking Down the Great Commission- Vicar Josh Pontious

And Jesus came and said to them,
 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 are we supposed to teach?

One of the most common fears that people share with me when it comes to sharing their faith with other people, and invite them into a relationship with their church, or their creator is this: “I won’t know what to say! I don’t have all the answers! How do I explain everything!” I know, it can seem daunting, this place in the Great Commission where Jesus calls us to “teach everything” to these new people that we encounter.

Ready for the Good News? This part is actually super simple.

The truth is, we aren’t each called to be perfect teachers to every person we meet. Church is a community where people gather and learn, together! So, when faced with the task of teaching others, I say stick to the basics. Remember how Jesus put it so simply earlier in the Gospel of Matthew, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Tell people that. Show them how your faith and your faith community help you to do that, not just on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week. And then you can invite them to join you into times where you don’t just participate in those things, but come into worship and bible study situations where they can learn just what all of that can mean.

1. Love God
2. Love neighbor
3. Figure out the details later!

Next month we’ll wrap up the end of this series, with a new invitation to try something a little different in living out the Great Commission. Until then, I welcome any thoughts or questions on this, or anything else that is on your mind. Just shoot me an email (jpontious@uls.edu), drop by during regular office hours, or grab me after worship on Sundays.

Environmental Challenge

For God’s Planet and God’s People and God’s Animals

In 2020, Creation Justice Ministries' theme is *The Fierce Urgency of Now*. We know we have to take action to avert the most catastrophic damage to the life-sustaining climate God blessed us with, and entrusted to our care. Every action we take now matters. Together, we foster eco-justice transformations, respond to Christ's call to right relationship with creation, and equip our communities to protect, restore, and more rightly share God's creation.



“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there “is” such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency.

‘Tis is a time for vigorous and positive action.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Our Savior’s Library offers something for every one! You are more than welcome to borrow Books, DVDs, and Puzzles !



~ The Library Ladies

The Work of Christmas (All Year Round)

I often wonder who is organized and “grown up” enough to take down the Christmas decorations the day Christmas is over. Maybe you are - you have my utmost respect if you are that person. But looking around, I still see many houses with their Christmas decorations, their trees, their lights, their wreaths. Maybe they were like me, and left the house as soon as Christmas services were played to visit family far away and just now got back, or maybe they need to hang on to the feeling of light and peace for a little longer, or maybe “putting Christmas away” just feels like so much work, they just haven’t found the energy yet, maybe this, maybe that...

There is a poem that comes to mind as I drive around town seeing these “leftovers” of Christmas. It’s called “The Work of Christmas” by Howard Thurman, an author and civil rights leader of the twentieth century (I encourage you to look him up, he was a wonderful person).



When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among all,
 To make music in the heart.



So often as soon as the presents are unpacked, the guests fed, the decorations put away (or not), we want to be done with Christmas and move on to the next thing. But the Work of Christmas is something that happens all year round. As I read the description of that work in the poem, I think of the church and how the ELCA motto “God’s Work - Our Hands” reflects that work so well. Even as the song of the angels is stilled, our hymns and anthems still continue the words of the Work of Christmas. My prayer is that we may all be moved to continue the Work of Christmas throughout all of 2020 and beyond - with our songs, our hands, our words, our actions. If you want to “make music in the heart” a little bit more tangible and literal, come make music with us - in one of our choirs, or just by singing out a little bit more during our hymns - it may be just what your pew neighbor might need to hear that morning, or maybe what you yourself need to hear. The Work of Christmas begins with one note, one word, one action, with you, with me, with all of us, with God-with-us.



A Prelude To Women's History Month

A concert of outstanding music by women composers, performed by the Arcadian Trio

On February 29 at 7PM LCOS is pleased to welcome back the acclaimed Arcadian Trio in a program that combines high-quality music-making with commentary and a visual presentation of historic images, with a focus on works by women composers. The Arcadian Trio is composed of some of the most in-demand musicians in Philadelphia – violinist Igor Szewc, cellist Vivian Barton Dozor and pianist Diane Goldsmith. They will perform works by Clara Schumann, Cécile Chaminade, Lili Boulanger, Margaret Bonds and Anne Dudley. This performance is free, with a reception to follow. A free will offering will be collected.

February 2020 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 AM, 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Services 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Cherub Choir 12:30 PM Youth Choir 1:15 PM Youth Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation/Oasis	5:00-8:30 ChildrenSong in Choir Room 7:00-8:30 Possibility Players - PH 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Discussion Room 112	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00-7:30 Daughters Without Mothers - Parlor	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Discussion - Room 112 4:00 PM Tai Chi	9:00 AM Fix-It Team 5:00 Kids Vocal Choir 5:45 Kids Bell Choir 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

February 2020 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00-12:00 ChildrenSong
2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Souper Bowl No Confirmation 11:45 W&M Mtg.	3 5:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	4 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg.	5	6 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	7	8
9 Jones Baptism 12:00 S~I~S Potluck Lunch/Pretzel Making 6:00 Mission Trip Interest Mtg. LCOS/BOP only	10 4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts	11 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 PM Church Council	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels	13 <i>Messenger Mailing</i> 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts	15
16 Caverow Baptism No Confirmation/Oasis	17 <i>President's Day</i> <i>Washington's Birthday</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 2:00-4:00 Local Vocal No ChildrenSong	18 7:00 PM Toastmasters 7:00 Adult Game Night	19	20 9:30 MQ2	21	22
Sandy	Vacation	Feb 16 to Feb. 23				
23 New Members Received 6:00 Mission trip Interest Mtg. – open to all	24 4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts	25 12:00 PM Senior Game Day	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 AM Ash & Dash 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels 12:30 & 7:30 Ash Weds. Worship 8:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal	27	28 3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts	29 7:00 Arcadian Trio Concert "A Prelude to Woman's History Month"
IHOC Feb. 23 to	March 8					

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

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, Doris Rell, Joyce Drew, and Deb Hartigan for helping to assemble the Messenger.

Poinsettia Deliverers: Thanks to Curt Gruber, Sue Tharp, Jim Frazier, Betsy Kuehn, Judy Caravelli, Eva and Stacey Shaw, Sandy DeDonatis and Steve Cain for delivering the Christmas poinsettias to our homebound members and those who lost loved ones this past year.

All Envelope Offerings

Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance

Month	5 Year rolling average %	Total Revenue per Budget x Rolling Avg % = 2019 Plan Giving	Actual Month- ly Giving 2019	Actual Giving vs Plan Difference Over (Under)	Actual Monthly Giv- ing 2018	Actual Monthly \$ Difference 2019 vs 2018 Over (Under)	2019	2018	2017	2016	AW- WA - Month ly Diff. 2019 vs
Jan	6.45%	\$ 29,811	\$ 44,273	\$ 14,462	\$ 25,472	\$ 18,801	152 168	155 186	145 182	170 190	-2%
Feb	7.06%	32,634	32,308	(326)	28,365	3,943	169	202	153	279	-10%
Mar	8.42%	38,894	33,620	(5,274)	31,668	1,952	303	225	281	178	-16%
Apr	8.95%	41,366	40,413	(953)	40,187	226	162	194	172	174	35%
May	7.39%	34,142	37,875	3,733	34,967	2,908	165	176	153	144	-16%
June	7.87%	36,355	35,509	(846)	50,071	(14,562)	108	133	122	104	-6%
July	6.67%	30,843	28,510	(2,333)	31,344	(2,834)	109	119	122	122	-19%
Aug	7.20%	33,285	26,152	(7,133)	28,270	(2,118)	165	172	163	158	-8%
Sept	7.77%	35,893	35,294	(599)	33,775	1,519	160	162	190	187	-4%
Oct	9.30%	42,968	28,114	(14,854)	37,652	(9,538)	180	192	199	183	-1%
Nov	8.40%	38,834	38,212	(622)	34,315	3,897	210	214	181	193	-6%
Dec	14.53%	67,151	74,766	7,615	68,157	6,609					-2%
Total	100.00%	\$ 462,176	\$ 455,046	\$ (7,130)	\$ 444,243	\$ 10,803					

Average YTD Worship Attendance

171	178	172	174
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Average YTD Worship Attendance - Comparison to Prior Year

Diff. =	CY - PY	(7)	6	(2)
% Diff. =	Diff./PY	-4%	3%	-1%
CY = Current Year				
PY = Prior Year				

It's Not Too Early To Think About Summer Internships!

College students looking for real life experience in their field of study should contact Interfaith Caregivers about summer internships. Work with people in a non- profit business environment, that provides vital services to seniors and the disabled. Help this community-based organization by working on digital marketing projects, client services, and assisting with grant research

Interfaith Caregivers is a community-based non-profit operating in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield whose mission is to facilitate the independent living of those 65+ and disabled citizens. Contact Nancy DeLaura at ndelaura@ifchaddons.org for more information.



New This Year: Women's Potluck Luncheon Prior to Pretzel Dipping

Sisters in Spirit invite LCOS women and friends to join us at noon on Sunday, February 9 in Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon. Drop off your food before the 10:30 service (the ovens will be waiting for warm dishes) or bring it with you when you arrive.

Then get in the mood for Valentine's Day by helping us make chocolate-covered pretzels. These special treats will make those young people attending the Tuesday counseling program at My Father's House, Gloucester City feel loved and remembered.

Attendees are requested to please bring a cookie sheet with your name on the bottom (for pretzel drying) and a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of supplies. Also, we don't have access to the borrowed chocolate warmers we've used in prior years when we dip our pretzels. If you have or can borrow a double boiler or a hotplate, please let us know ahead of time.

To help us know how many to expect, please email Karen LaBarge at klabarge160@gmail.com or call her at 856-428-4709 (and be sure to leave a voice mail). You also may contact Karen if you have access to a double boiler and/or a hotplate.



Dear Sisters in Spirit,

Thank you for the Christmas and Birthday card. I was 89. The poinsettia is lovely. The ladies who brought it were nice company. My mother, Florence Hucknall, was a founder of the church.

Blessings,
Jane Hamman

Dear LCOS,

Just a note of thanks for all the cards, prayers and warm wishes you gave me and my family during my recovery after my surgery.

Thank you also for the meals and support you gave us. It was much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Linda Doherty

Dear Friends,

Thank you for delivering a beautiful poinsettia to my mother, Margie VanBuren. She loved it and is enjoying its beauty.

Happy New Year,
Cheryl Schaffner and Family

Dear LCOS,

Just wanted to thank you for the lovely poinsettia.

Sincerely,
Joyce Drew



February Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Sue Tharp

Communion Assts: 8- Nancy Frazier

10:30- Cathe Bare

Counters: Bill Cowan, Betty Woltz,
Mike Stolarick, Laura Oakes

Ushers: 8- Ted & Tim Howley

10:30- TBD

February 2

Coffee Hour: Confirmation, Oasis

Readers: 8- Kristine Pensabene **10:30-** Elaine Williams

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Ava & Joe Poliafico

10:30- Collin Duckett, Theo Howard, Rachael Simpkins,
Brooke & Emma Warren

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

February 9

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Readers: 8- Kate Zschech **10:30-** Linda Nelson

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Alex Pietrangelo, Jessie Howley

10:30- Ethan Roncace, Luke & Emerson Riley,
Andrew Kiewel, Bobby Bridges

Pantry: Hoffman/Bridges Family

February 16

Coffee Hour: Ushers, Lay Readers

Readers: 8- Rebecca Potterfield **10:30-** Caralyn Baine

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Libby DeMichele, Allison Baxter

10:30- Brian & Sarah Bogina, Elena Bovell,
Ben Hintz, Emily Demers

Pantry: TBD

February 23

Coffee Hour: Mission Quilts

Readers: 8- Dan Picker **10:30-** Nancy Gulick

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

10:30- Hailey & Dylan Melcher, Andrew Smith,
Amelia, Grayson & Bennett Wright

Pantry: Deery Family, Lynn Block





Ash Wednesday Worship Feb 26 @ Noon & 7:30; Ash & Dash 7:00-8:30 at Westmont PATCO Station

Ash Wednesday worship has long heralded the beginning of Lent. On **February 26** at both **Noon and 7:30PM** The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold **this worship service of confession, reflection, and the imposition of ashes to begin the Lenten journey** toward Holy Week and Easter. This ancient ritual is filled with spiritual significance for Christians. Here are the main ones.



“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words spoken by the pastor as an ashen cross is smudged on one’s brow. Like the words spoken at a funeral committal, ashes are a reminder of our mortality and finitude. They remind us we cannot escape death, no matter how hard we may try to keep it at arm’s length or deny its reality in our lives.

Ashes remind us how at one time they were rubbed on one’s skin to eliminate hard to remove dirt. Lent is also a time of cleansing and renewal. We pray along with the psalmist to “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”, and are reminded of God’s cleansing Spirit of renewal in our lives.

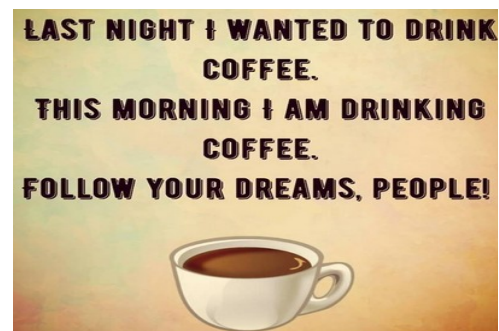
Finally, because the smudged cross is made with ashes mixed with oil, we are reminded of the mark with oil placed on our brow at baptism. We remember the promise we were given, “Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” In the waters of baptism we have been joined to both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And while the ashes remind us of our eventual death, the smudged cross reminds us death does not have the last word. As people “of the smudge” we are people who trust in the resurrection to new life it offers through faith in the risen Christ. In Lent we journey both toward the cross and the empty tomb. And this gives us hope.

In these days we need a reminder of hope as we rush from one place to the next. So **Pastor Wayne Zschech and any who choose to join him will be offering the imposition of ashes at the Westmont PATCO station for an “Ash & Dash Experience” from 7:00-8:30 am on February 26.** Contact Pastor Wayne if you want to join him on Ash Wednesday at the station.

2020 Coffee Hour Schedule

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!



Kudos this month go to our Quilting Team led by Laurie Eason. This group meets up to 3 times per month, for over 40 years, to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Once a year we bless their quilts and they deliver them to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland which they did this past Monday. They boxed and sent 57 quilts! Local recipients have also benefitted from their work; Hurricane Sandy victims and needy residents of Camden. You don’t have to know how to sew to join in the Fellowship they experience. If you’d like more information contact Laurie at laurielovesquilting@gmail.com.



Thank you ladies!!! You are awesome!!!

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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, John Johnson!!! Please consider joining us.



Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

FEBRUARY DATE IS:

Tuesday, February 25

at 12:00 noon

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge,
Mexican Train ~

Come out and Have Fun!

Food and drinks served

RSVP: Peg Hartmann 856-745-2459

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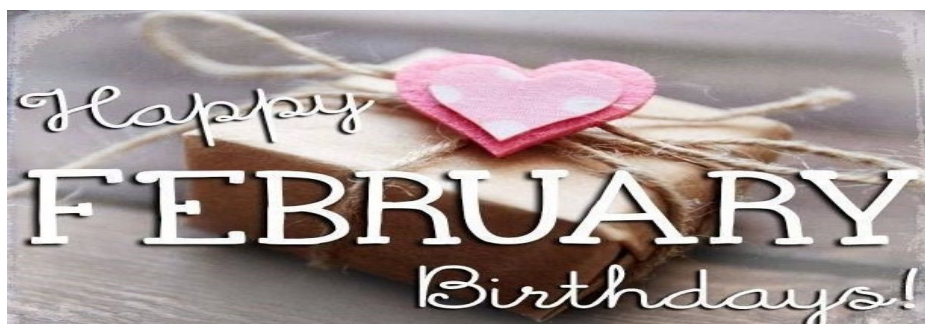
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