



The Parish *Messenger*

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



LCOS Piggybanks Are Back During Lent to End World Hunger

Last year we handed out ELCA World Hunger Piggybanks during Lent to raise money and awareness toward a Family Farm donation through their Good Gifts program. We exceeded our goal of \$715 and were able to buy two farms and a few goats with over \$1,500 in donations.

This year we hope to do the same or better.

Lenten piggy banks will be given out on February 23 as Ash Wednesday begins Lent on February 26. Families are asked to put their change in the banks during Lent. If you are giving up something that has a cost we ask you to put that amount in the bank instead. **Our goal is \$715, which enables a Family Farm of animals to be purchased.** A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support, for example, can help a family achieve a fresh start. With new tools and techniques, crops will grow stronger than ever. Eggs, milk and meat from the farm animals provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family **escape the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.** If we exceed our goal we will purchase as many animals as the overflowing good gifts of generosity and grace allow. Hopefully we will get to “squeal” with joy when all the banks come in on Palm Sunday, April 5.



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.



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.



“Reclaiming the ‘E’ Word”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech



Evangelical. It means “good news bearing.” It’s also a part of our congregation’s name. Our official name is The EVANGELICAL (Good News Bearing) Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Evangelism is the practice bearing the good news of Jesus Christ to those who do not have a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior. Yet, most congregations, including those with “evangelical” in their name, practice a more “hands-off” style of evangelism. We wait for inactive members or those who dropped out of another church some time ago to enter our doors on Sunday, welcome them politely, and encourage them to join as members. Guess what? That style of evangelism hasn’t worked for over fifty years and it’s not going to change.

In the book “Get Their Name” the authors make four observations about evangelism in today’s churches.

1. Inwardly focused churches tend to define and practice evangelism as “reconnecting disconnected church folks.”
2. Outwardly focused churches define and practice evangelism as connecting the unconnected folks to Jesus and then to the church.
3. The pool of once-churched people to connect with is dramatically shrinking while the pool of never-connected unchurched populations is growing exponentially, especially among those born between 1981 and 1999.
4. Because of the above, along with the upheaval of the 1960’s and polarization of religious liberals religious conservatives, which led to the disaffection of youth from religion in the 1990s and 2000s, mainline churches that focus on disconnected church folks are bewildered and unsure how to proceed through an accelerated state of decline.

Need more evidence? Remember when we thought, “Oh, once young adults get married and begin having children of their own they’ll be back to church?” Think again. The time gap between graduating and marriage for my grandfather was a few years, and for my mother’s generation maybe it was five, but today that gap is more like twelve to fifteen years! That’s a habit hard to break and is one reason why we aren’t seeing as many young families coming back into a church faith community (although you wouldn’t know it by the number of baptisms we’ve had in January and February.)

Here’s the bottom line. While we should not ignore or neglect an evangelism focus that aims to reconnect disconnected Christians back into the church, the greater number of people to bear the good news of Jesus are those who have never been a part of the church – ever. And in order to do that, we will need to learn – for the first time – what it truly means to share our story, our faith relationship, with Jesus to those who we do not know...yet. Evangelism in this new day must be about building authentic relationships with people we don’t know. It is not a skill or a characteristic of the Lutheran church and not this Lutheran church, but I believe it is one we can learn if we are willing.

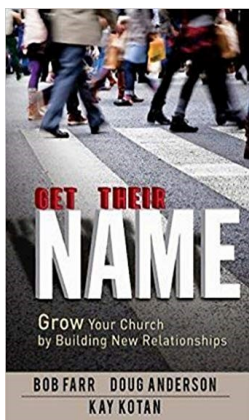
Therefore, I invite you to consider attending our Lenten midweek soup and devotional reflections on evangelism as building authentic relationships. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 in the Parish Hall during Lent. The Council will be studying the book “Get Their Name” throughout the year and we will be planning how to provide various ways for the congregation at large to become familiar with the information and practices advocated in these and other materials. My hope is with the Holy Spirit’s guidance we might become what our name already claims us to be, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior – a congregation that actively bears the good news of Jesus Christ in authentic relationships with people we don’t know as well as the ones we once knew.

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





**“Get Their Name:
Grow Your Church by
Building New Relationships”
is Theme for Lenten**

**Soup Suppers with
Taize songs; Mar 4-Apr 1 @ 6:00**

“Evangelism is about building authentic relationships with people we don’t know. This relationship might lead to a conversation, which might lead to an invitation to gather with a community of faith, which might lead to an authentic relationship with Christ. Instead of simply sitting back and waiting for people to come to us.”

Reality check. Sitting back and waiting for the “fish” to jump in our boat is how many mainline congregations (including this one) envision what it means for us to “fish for people” as Jesus called his disciples to do. The word “evangelism” has such a stigma to it of people shouting on street corners for passersby to be saved, or ringing doorbells and asking the resident if they’ve found Jesus (as if Jesus was lost) that we shudder to consider such a practice. Yet, this *is* what Jesus commissioned his disciples to do. Go and make disciples. And in using Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, and Kay Kotan’s book “Get Their Name” as a template for our discussions we hope to break down the stereotypes and stumbling blocks we Lutherans have toward evangelism.

Held every Wednesday in Lent from March 4 to April 1 participants are invited to gather for a soup dinner at 6:00 followed by singing and a discussion of that week’s topic from 6:30-7:30. **Copies of the participant workbook are available for \$10 each and can be purchased through the Church Office after Feb 24.** The topics we will discuss on Wednesdays in Lent are as follows:

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| March 4 | “Why is evangelism challenging for us to consider doing?” |
| March 11 | “Do You Know Your Own Story” |
| March 18 | “The Person Behind the Need” |
| March 25 | “Being an Everyday Christian” |
| April 1 | “Are You Prepared?” |



IHOC Overnight and Meal Hosts Volunteers Needed Feb 23-Mar 8

Our Savior will be hosting the 6 homeless men in the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council program of Camden County the last week of February and first week of March and we need your help! Here’s what is needed as of Feb 8.

- 8 men to serve as Overnight Hosts from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, spending time with the men and sleeping overnight with them before they leave at 6:30 am.
- 2 Saturday morning (7:00-noon) and 4 Saturday/Sunday afternoon (noon-4:00pm) hosts that spend time with the men. We are planning to take the men on an outing or two on the weekends as well as take them to the laundromat on Saturdays using the church van.
- 7 Dinner Hosts from 4:00-7:00 pm to make dinner at home or at Our Savior and eat with the men who arrive back to Our Savior.
- 5 Breakfast Supplies Providers who donate groceries for quick and easy breakfasts the men can make on their own. (Cereal, bagels, hardboiled eggs, milk, etc.)
- 9 Lunch Supplies Providers who donate groceries for men to prepare a sack/bag lunch they can take with them when they leave for the day. (Lunchmeat, chips, fruit, etc.)

There is a sign up in the narthex outside the sanctuary, sign up online at tinyurl.com/ihocsignup, or you can contact Pam DiDario at 609-276-5144, pmonticelli1@gmail.com to find out what volunteer options are still open that you can provide. Thank you in advance for all those who are able to help out as we expand our social ministry outreach ministry.

Pantry Volunteers March/April

Thank you to our February Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, Connie Wolf, Hoffman/Bridges Family, Millie King, Deery Family

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

Week of Mar 8: **Hoffman/Bridges Family**

Week of Mar 15: **DiGirolamo/Gralish Family**

Week of Mar 22: **Millie King**

Week of Mar 29: **Deery Family, Lynn Block**

Week of Apr 5: _____

Week of Apr 12: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Apr 19: _____

Week of Apr 26: _____

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 : MARCH

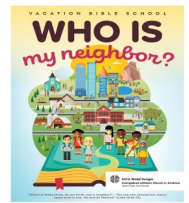
All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **peanut butter (16 oz.), tuna (5 oz.), meals in a can (15 oz.), canned meat (12 oz.) toilet paper**

**Kansas City Chiefs Win Souper Bowl!
\$217.19 to \$112.07**

Well the Chiefs may have had to battle back in the fourth quarter to win their first Super Bowl in 50 years (and Andy Reid’s first in over 300 victories) but they won the Souper Bowl of Giving at Our Savior with ease by an overwhelming majority of donations. Thank you all who contributed toward this little fundraiser that will benefit the Peace Center located at our mission partner congregation, Bridge of Peace Community Lutheran Church in Fairview. These funds will greatly help them keep the shelves stocked as they feed the poor and homeless in their community of Camden.

Vacation Bible School-Vacation Bible School registration will open on April 13th. In order to register, you must pay at the time of registration. This year VBS is open to 3 year olds who are potty trained to kids going into 6th grade. Our theme this year is Who is "My Neighbor?". I am very excited to come back just in time to be a part of a great week! VBS will be from July 27th to 31st. If you want to help out in any way, please let Jaime know at lcossjaime@gmail.com.



Confirmation/ Oasis-

We will have our monthly dinner on March 8th at 6:00pm. Please let Sidney know by March 5th if you are able to attend the dinner. You can email lcossjaime@gmail.com to respond.

On March 15th we are having a Youth Sunday Planning event at 6:30, during this time we will look at how we want Youth Sunday to go this year. This is open to all 7th to 12th graders. Youth Sunday will be on May 10th this year, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 service.

On March 29th we will be having dinner and making dinner for My Father's House at 6:30, in the Parish Hall.

Oasis-

On March 22nd at 6:30pm we will be having a game night, please bring your favorite games to share with the group!



Oasis is collecting peanut free and individually wrapped candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 11th at 10:00AM at LCOS. Please note the change of location this year. We will be providing light refreshments and this event is open to all Sunday School aged kids. Make sure you remember a bag or a basket to collect all your candy in! See you there!!

Acolytes-

While Jaime is on maternity leave, Sidney Speas will be taking over the weekly emails, so, if you have any conflicts please email her at lcossjaime@gmail.com. There will be sign up genius sent out in the middle of March for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please make sure to pick a time you can help with worship.

Save the date: May 31st at 5:30 PM will be our annual Acolyte Dinner.

Who is My Neighbor?

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor?"... 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
Luke 10:36-37



As I look forward to planning Vacation Bible School this summer, the theme is really sticking out to me, "Who is My Neighbor?". Is our neighbor the person we say hello to every time we see them walking by our house? Yes! But in the same stride is our neighbor the person we try to avoid when we are driving in Philadelphia and they are asking for money? Yes! Our neighbor is everyone we share God's creation with, even if they do not look like us or live near us. I have decided that this summer and the months leading up to it, our main focus will be "Who is My Neighbor?". Our neighbor may be someone that we have never even met, but we can still help them. For example, on March 29th our Confirmation Class and Oasis will be making a meal for My Father's House. But at the same time our youth will be making a meal for themselves to

have together and enjoy fellowship.

The New Jersey Synod is offering a chance to learn how to be a better neighbor to our neighbors in the LGBTQ+ community, especially the youth. This event is for people of all ages and a chance to hear stories of youth and their struggles with coming out and acceptance. It will also give everyone resources on how to be a better neighbor to the youth. It will take place on March 21st from 9:00am to 3:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hainesport, the cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided. LCOS already has a group heading up, so if you would like to join, please let Pastor Wayne know.

This summer we have some great opportunities for helping our neighbors and our big one is our Annual Mission Trip. It is a great time for our youth that are 16 to 18, or for an adult over 21 to be a chaperone for the trip. Please let Pastor Wayne know if you want to help or want to attend. Our trip this year is July 11 to 18th, if you cannot attend the trip but would like to show your support, you can come out to our annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on May 29th. Finally, our Vacation Bible School will be from July 27 to 31st. This program is amazing because we see so many of our neighbors come out for it. This year we are focusing on the story of the Good Samaritan. The program this year is open to 3 year olds, who are potty trained to kids going into 6th grade. If you want to help in any way, please let Jaime know at lcossjaime@gmail.com.

If you are on the fence on how you can be someone's neighbor, you can always think back to the Mr. Roger's theme song, "So, let's make the most of this beautiful day. Since we're together we might as well say: Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor? Won't you please, Won't you please? Please won't you be my neighbor?"



Small Group Ministry at Our Savior

What is small group ministry? Who is it for? What are we supposed to “do”?

These are all great questions, with exciting and engaging answers that hold great opportunities for the congregation of Our Savior and for the community that it regularly engages in!

So, the first question we have to answer is: What is small group ministry? Truthfully, it's almost exactly what it sounds like. Small gatherings of people engaged in four basic activities on a regular basis: fellowship, Bible study, caring for each other and service to the community, in order to build community and relationships, while going deeper into a life of faith and discipleship with others. The hope is that you either do, or plan for, all 4 of these things each time you get together with your small group. Maybe you have a shared meal. Maybe you just have coffee. Maybe you only meet at a local sports bar. It's entirely up to you where and how this group gathers!

So then, who is small group ministry for? It really is meant for EVERYONE! One of the biggest hopes is that everyone would eventually be a part of some small group. To begin, we are looking for a few leaders to help start out the first groups, but we hope that as time goes on, that everyone will get involved somehow in a small group. There really will be something for everyone, and if there isn't a group yet that meets your passions or schedule, someone else will help you get it off the ground! But one important thing to know, is that it is entirely led by you, supported by the staff when necessary, but not led or organized by us!

The final question, what is it that small groups do is partially answered above. Fellowship, study, service and caring. But more than that I'm sure questions come up. The good news is, is that the format and focus for each group is entirely up to you! Just a few random suggestions:

- A small group for parents with high schoolers
- A small group for recently retired persons
- A small group that focuses on food and hunger issues
- A small group that looks for parallels between Science Fiction and Scripture
- A small group that holds all of its meetings while tailgating and includes prayers for more than just the home team!

Whatever issue that you think could be addressed with others, with study in scripture, that you can use as an emphasis to serve the community: that can be the focus of a small group!

We're going to be holding our first small group leader training on March 1st, immediately after the 10:30 worship service. Maybe something in this grabbed your attention and you're ready to take a step in faith towards helping to lead one of these groups. Let me know by email if you're interested in attending at jpontious@uls.edu.

In peace and service.
Vicar Josh

Environmental Challenge

For God's People and God's Planet and God's Animals

Cut Your Shower By FIVE Minutes !!

Cut five minutes off you shower to save water.

According to a Harvard study, the average American shower uses 2.5 gallons per minute.

You will save 12.5 gallons of water if you shorten your shower by just five minutes.

Or, consider turning the water off while you lather up and only turn the water on to rinse.

Be The CHANGE God's World Needs !!



Children's & Family Friendly DVDs



*Books and movies are like apples and oranges.
They are both fruit but, taste completely different.*

Noah Hathaway

Come on in to Our Savior's Library and check out our variety
of Children's & Family Friendly DVDs.

~ The Library Ladies



"Choirs, Concerts, and Bells, Oh My!" A Busy Music Season Ahead - Pauline Worusski Director of Music



Did anyone else feel like January had about 784 days? It seemed to stretch out for half an eternity, and now all of a sudden we find ourselves in the middle of February, racing towards Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc (or at least that's how it feels to this church musician!).

We have a busy spring season coming up! As always, all our choirs ring and sing their way into spring. Did you know they all have a special order? On the first Sunday of the month, you'll hear the Adult Bell Choir. The second Sunday of the month, our Cherub Choir sings (I'm especially excited to have them sing *Arky Arky/Rise and Shine* this month - do you remember singing it yourself as a kid?). The third Sunday is for our Children Bell and Vocal choirs, who have been singing and ringing with gusto this year (maybe the treat they get at the end of each rehearsal helps...). The Youth Choir sings the fourth Sunday of the month. And our wonderful Adult Choir gets to lead you in song every Sunday well into June!

On top of all of that, I hope you will mark your calendars for these three special (and free) events:

February 29th at 7pm, the Arcadian Trio will give a beautiful concert with the theme "Prelude to Women's History Month" - this program combines high-quality music-making with commentary and a visual presentation of historic images, with a focus on works by women composers.

March 22 at 4pm, the Haddonfield church choirs will have their annual concert - come hear a choir with well over 100 singers perform several anthems and join us on hymns. This year the Methodist church is hosting.

May 3 at 4pm our LCOS choirs will have their spring concert with the theme "How Can I Keep from Singing?" where we will explore what it means to lift our voices together. We will have sing-alongs, hymns, anthems, and reflections. Hope to see you there!

Instrumentalists Wanted!

Sometimes rehearsals, practices, and meetings prevent a child from being to attend choir rehearsal. Life happens! Because LCOS is a place for everyone, I would love to have our LCOS children still get an opportunity to play in worship! If you have a child or a grandchild who plays an instrument, will you let me know? Either email me (pworusski@gmail.com) or sign up on the list that will be in the narthex for the next month, and let me know their name, instrument, and how long they have been playing. We will find a time and place for them to participate!

Oh, and if YOU play an instrument and would like to play something, I would love to know as well... you know where to find me!



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.



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 Szwec, 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.

March 2020 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 11:45 AM Cherub Choir 12:30 PM Youth Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation/Oasis	5:00-8:30 ChidrenSong 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 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:30 PIYO - PH 6:00-7:30 Grief Support "Daughters Without Mothers"	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study - 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 Bilingual Families of SJ

March 2020 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11:45 W&M Mtg. 11:45 Small Group Leadership Training Confirmation/Oasis Rock Climbing IHOC until 3-8	2 5:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	3 No PIYO 7:00 PM Toastmasters – 3 rd fl 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg.	4 6:00 Lenten Meal, Worship, Discussion - Narhex	5 9:30 AM Mission Quilts	6	7 8:00-12:00 ChildrenSong
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 12:00 S-I-S Oriental Pearl. 2:00 HMHS Musical 12:30-3:30 1st Holy Communion Class 6:00 Oasis/Confirmation Dinner IHOC	9 4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts	10 10:00-3:00 HGC 6:00-7:30 Last Grief Support "Daughters Without Mothers" 7:00 Church Council 7:00 PM Toastmasters	11 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels 6:00 Lenten Meal, Worship, Discussion - PH	12 Messenger Deadline 9:30 Mission Quilts	13 3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts	14 12:00-4:00 HP&P - PH
15 6:30 Youth Sunday Planning 1:30 Confirmation Adult Huddle	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00-7:30 Grief Support "Sharing in Grief and Hope" 7:00 Adult Game Night 7:00 PM Toastmasters	18 6:00 Lenten Meal, Worship, Discussion - PH	19 Messenger Mailing	20	21 9:00-3:30 Faith, Hope, Love – St. Paul's, Hainesport
22 12:30-3:30 1st Holy Communion Class 4:00 Combined Choir Concert	23 4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts	24 12:00 PM Senior Game Day 6:00-7:30 Grief Support "Sharing in Grief and Hope" 7:00 PM Toastmasters	25 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels 6:00 Lenten Meal, Worship, Discussion - PH	26 9:30 MQ2	27 3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts	28 9:30-11:00 Baptism Class
29 First Holy Communion – Communion at the Rail 2:00 S-I-S Easter Craft 6:00 Oasis/Confirmation Serve Event MFH	30 2:00-4:00 Local Vocal	31 6:00-7:30 Grief Support "Sharing in Grief and Hope"				

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Thank you for answering the call and accomplishing your task in record time!

All Envelope Offerings

Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance

Month	5 Year rolling average %	Total Revenue per Budget x Rolling Avg % = 2020 Plan Giving	Actual Monthly Giving 2020	Actual Giving vs Plan Difference Over (Under)	Actual Monthly Giving 2019	Actual Monthly \$ Difference 2020 vs 2019 Over (Under)	2020	2019	2018	2017	AWWA - Monthly Diff. 2020 vs 2019
Jan	7.11%	\$ 36,225	\$ 38,641	\$ 2,416	\$ 44,273	\$ (5,632)	185	152	155	145	22%
Feb	7.10%	36,146			32,308			168	186	182	
Mar	8.03%	40,883			33,620			169	202	153	
April	8.89%	45,299			40,413			303	225	281	
May	7.74%	39,424			37,875			162	194	172	
June	7.94%	40,440			35,509			165	176	153	
July	6.54%	33,300			28,510			108	133	122	
Aug	7.04%	35,879			26,152			109	119	122	
Sept	7.67%	39,064			35,294			165	172	163	
Oct	8.68%	44,184			28,114			160	162	190	
Nov	8.30%	42,270			38,212			180	192	199	
Dec	14.96%	76,194			74,766			210	214	181	
Total	100.00%	\$ 509,309	\$ 38,641	\$ 2,416	\$ 455,046	\$ (5,632)					

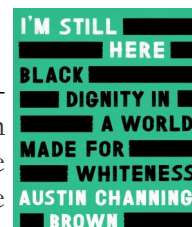


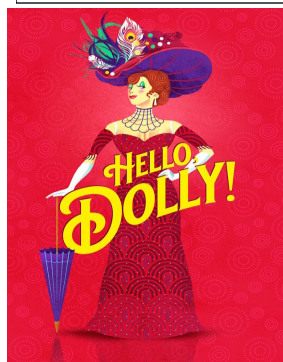
Wine Tasting is Back!

Please join us on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 7pm. John Drozdal and Nancy Glick have once again graciously agreed to host the event in their home, 1161 Fulling Mill Lane in Haddon Heights. This event is open to LCOS adult members and friends at \$15.00/pp. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer, something savory would pair best with the wines. Water, iced tea, coffee, and tea will be available. To make a reservation, contact Samantha Wentz, sam.wentz@gmail.com.

Book Club Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor.

We will be reading, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown - Synopsis: *I'm Still Here* is an illuminating look at how white, middle-class, Evangelicalism has participated in an era of rising racial hostility, inviting the reader to confront apathy, recognize God's ongoing work in the world, and discover how blackness--if we let it--can save us all. A limited number of copies are available for \$17 in the church office.





Join Sisters in Spirit for Lunch and *Hello Dolly*

Last year's lunch and high school spring musical outing was so much fun, we've decided to do it again. Sisters in Spirit invite the women of the church to gather after worship on Sunday, March 8 at 12:00 noon at Oriental Pearl, 215 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield for lunch. After that

we'll move on to Haddonfield Memorial High School for the 2:00 p.m. matinee of this spring's musical production of *Hello Dolly*.

Doors open at the High School at 1:30 p.m., and seating is not assigned. Regular tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors. You can purchase your tickets ahead at the school or SIS will purchase your tickets and distribute them at lunch. (Please bring cash to reimburse for the tickets.)

Please RSVP to Linda Nelson (lnelson824@gmail.com or 908-400-2413). Please let us know if you want us to buy your ticket, whether you want a regular or senior ticket, and if you would be interesting in carpooling from the church.

Hello Dolly has been called America's greatest Broadway musical. Come see how our local talented young performers make it their own.



Delaware Mission District Assembly Meeting on Mar 1 at 3:00 at St. Paul's - Hainesport

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a member congregation of the Southwestern Mission Cluster that is a member of the larger Delaware Mission District that includes Lutheran congregations of predominantly Gloucester, Camden, and Burlington Counties. On Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 in the afternoon, the congregations of the Delaware Mission District will meet for our annual spring assembly at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hainesport (910 Marne Highway). At the assembly the congregations' pastors and those voting lay members who will be attending the Synod Assembly in May, as well as other interested members, will vote on nominees for various synodical election vacancies as well as determine which of our mission objectives identified at our last assembly we will focus on for the remainder of the year. If you are interested in being Our Savior's voting member to the May Assembly in Princeton or if you simply want to attend the District Assembly please contact Pastor Wayne at your earliest convenience to make travel arrangements as needed.



March Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Altar Guild: Joan Johnson, Deb Hartigan

Bread Baker: Eva Shaw

Communion Assts: 8- Sandy DeDonatis

10:30- Nancy Gulick

Counters: Eva & Stacey Shaw, Debbie Roncace,

Janie Braccio, Jeannette Jelonek

Ushers: 8- David Foster, Cindy Murphy

10:30- Peaches & Carol Larro

March 1

Coffee Hour: Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters

Readers: 8- Tom Cheney 10:30- Jeanette Jones

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Seba & Javi Miller

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

Amelia, Grayson & Bennett Wright

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

March 8

Coffee Hour: Personnel & Property Committees

Readers: 8- Juhan Runne 10:30- Margaret Gensel

Acolytes: 8- Rob LaBarge, Ava & Joe Poliafico

10:30- Collin Duckett, Theo Howard, Rachael Simpkins,

Brooke & Emma Warren

Pantry: Hoffman/Bridges Family

March 15

Coffee Hour: Social Ministry

Readers: 8- Peg Hartmann 10:30- Bob Waldner

Acolytes: 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Alex Pietrangelo, Jessie Howley

10:30- Ethan Roncace, Luke & Emerson Riley,

Andrew Kiewel, Bobby Bridges

Pantry: DiGiralamo/Gralish Family

March 22

Coffee Hour: Sisters~In~Spirit

Readers: 8- Pauline Worusski 10:30- Helen Waldner

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

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

Ben Hintz, Emily Demers

Pantry: Millie King

March 29

Coffee Hour: Sisters~In~Spirit

Readers: 8- Walt Haswell 10:30- Bob Dempsey

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

10:30- Grace Ewing, Abby Ryan, Peyton Rhodes,

Lila & Cleo Cottone

Pantry: Deery Family, Lynn Block



Two Options to Attend 1st Communion 1-Day Class for 2nd Graders

Anyone with a child in either the Second or Third Grade (who did not attend last year) is invited to participate in the First Holy Communion Instruction seminar to be held during Lent. There are two options to attend the three-hour class; **Sunday, March 8 or 22, from 12:30-3:30. Participating children and parents need to contact Pastor Wayne Zschech (wzschech@yahoo.com) if they plan to attend to insure proper set up and sufficient supplies.** Since we will be using newer materials this year we need to

have an accurate count so please reply as soon as possible to the mailing that went out in February.

Participants will then receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 worship on March 29 with the bread used for Eucharist being made by one of the families whose child is in the class.

“Come to the Water” Class for Parents Preparing for Child’s Baptism March 28 at 9:30

Those parents who desire to have their child baptized at Our Savior are invited to attend a preparatory class entitled “Come to the Water” and using materials created by Daniel Erlander. **The group will meet on Saturday, March 28, from 9:30-11:00 in the Parlor on the 2nd floor adjacent to the Library.** The purpose of the class is both to inform parents of the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities they will be accepting when bringing their child to the font, and to meet other families whose children would be likely be growing up in the congregation with their own. If you plan to attend please contact Pastor Wayne (wzschech@yahoo.com) so enough materials can be purchased. We look forward to seeing you on March 28, and **if you have friends who are considering having their child baptized but do not have a church home please invite them to join you in the class.**



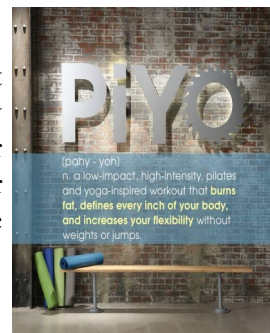
2020 Coffee Hour Schedule

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. The clean-up committee should take the trash from the cans down to the large trash can in the kitchen. Thank you! It would be wonderful if the committee or group members would join us for Coffee Hour!

PIYO

Join LCOS member, Karen Cheney on Tuesdays at 4:30 as she leads PIYO classes. The cost is only \$5.00 per class and it is held in our Parish Hall. For more information contact Karen: 856-366-4872 or khcheney@gmail.com. **No Meeting March 3 due to IHOC in the Parish Hall.**



Deodorant Collection for Caring Hearts



LCOS Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a deodorant collection for Caring Hearts Ministries. We have been asked if we could collect deodorant for men and women, two dozen of each. A collection box is available on the shelves outside Parish Hall thru April 12, 2020 for your donations. On Friday April 17, 2020, Caring Hearts will be hosting the Spring Fling, which includes a healthy meal, party, and needed items for these children and their families. For more information, contact Jane Evans at 429-2899 or jbenjee@msn.com, Betsy Kuehn at 429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net, or Eva Shaw at 428-9434 or esloh-boy@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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. Please consider joining us.



Mobile Giving

Attention Seniors!

Senior Game Day

MARCH DATE IS:

Tuesday, March 24

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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