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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ

“The Very Good Gospel” – Focus of New Bible Discussion for Daily Living Begins March 1

“God once declared everything in the world ‘very good.’ Can you imagine it?” That’s the question behind Lisa Sharon Harper’s book *The Very Good Gospel: How everything wrong can be made right*. “Through careful exploration of the biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis... Harper shows us what ‘very good’ can look like today – in real time. Shalom is what God declared. Shalom is what the Kingdom of God looks like. Shalom is when all people are treated equitably and have enough. It’s when families are healed. It’s when churches, schools, and public policies protect human dignity. Shalom is when the image of God is recognized, protected, and cultivated in every single human. It is the vision of God set forth in the Garden and the restoration God desires for every broken relationship. Shalom is the ‘very good’ in the gospel.” (book back cover synopsis)

If this description intrigues you and/or you would like to explore how the theme of God’s shalom is woven throughout both the Old and New Testaments you are invited to join either the Monday night (7:30-9:00) or Wednesday morning (9:30-11:00) Bible Discussion for Daily Living group for the 8-week study of Harper’s book, *The Very Good Gospel*. Each week the group will discuss the content of the chapter(s) assigned as well as share insights discovered in completing the Reflections section located at the end of each chapter. Participants are encouraged to write their responses to the Reflections questions in a journal for easy reference as well as further reflection. The dates for meeting and the assigned readings are as follows:

March 1/3	Chapter 1	The Very Good Gospel	March 8/10	Chapter 2	A Glimpse of Shalom
March 15/17	Chapter 3	Two Trees and the Fall	March 22/24	Chapter 4	Shalom with God
				Chapter 5	Shalom with Self
March 29/31	Chapter 6	Shalom Between Genders			
	Chapter 7	Shalom and Creation			
April 5/7	EASTER BREAK – NO CLASSES				
April 12/14	Chapter 8	Shalom for Broken Families	April 19/21	Chapter 10	Shalom Between Nations
	Chapter 9	Shalom and Race		Chapter 11	Shalom and Witnessing Peace
April 26/28	Chapter 12	Shalom and Life...and Death...and Life - Conclusion			

Paperback copies of the book are available at the church outside the Church Office and can be purchased for \$15/book. It is also available as an e-book if you prefer to read books by electronic readers or tablets. For more information about the discussion please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech. Join Zoom Meeting-**Monday 7:30-9:00 PM**

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Join Zoom Meeting-**Wednesday 9:30-11:00 AM**

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Sanctuary Re-Opening for In-Person Worship March 7. See Details on Page 8!

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.



“Fasting from Bingeing in Lent”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

During this pandemic have you found yourself bingeing at all? Binge eating while stuck at home. Binge watching entire seasons and series of shows on Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and Disney Plus because all your regular shows aren't in production. Binge consuming news information. Binge reading books you never had time to read before. Now it's Lent, as if we ever really left it during the pandemic, and the time of giving alms,

praying, and fasting is upon us. And like so many in the Christian faith we commit ourselves to “fasting” from something we enjoy; chocolate, television, video games, or social media. But is that what it means for us to fast?

Physical fasting is the refraining from eating either for a day in the week or a meal each day. The goal is not to lose the Covid 15 pounds we've put on with all the bingeing we've done in the last year. We fast so that when our stomachs growl we remember both those for whom that growling is a daily consequence of poverty and food scarcity and to give thanks to God for providing us with “daily bread” on a regular basis. Physical fasting is intended to draw us closer to the God who created all things and provides for our needs.

But there is another type of fasting that Pope Francis shared with the Christian community this year. In answering the question, “Do you want to fast this Lent” he provided this response;

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate with others.

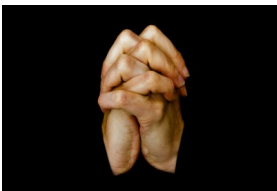
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

As I typed out these invitations to fast I noticed something. Most of the actions and feelings Pope Francis invites the reader to fast from are either self-centered or self-serving in their origin. I typically say hurting words when I react in anger toward someone I perceive has hurt me. But what if I was patient and kind in my response, listening first to what the other was saying and where they were coming from before offering my response? In other words, what if I responded in a loving way toward my neighbor? What might my day be like if I just focused on fasting from one of the above each day? How would my life be different? How would the lives of others around me be different as a result?

So here's a Lenten practice. Pick one of the above to fast from every three to four days in Lent. Then fast from it for those days. Write it on a Post-It note or index card if you need to. Do whatever you need to do to keep that from which you are fasting in the front of your brain. Then, at the end of the day, journal what it was like fasting that day. How did it impact your interactions with others? How often did you find yourself talking to God to help you in your fasting? Something tells me we will all be in a better place with respect to our relationship with God, ourselves, each other, and creation when we make the time to fast in this way. Blessings on your journey.





Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lee & Karen Sargent, Mike & Arlene Stolarick, Carolyn Lichter, Walt Haswell, Dick Wilson, Randi Gordon, Shirley Stambaugh, Don & Caryl Wallace, Ethel

Boyce, Doris Iarossi, Joyce Odendahl, *Natalie Doherty*, *Amelia Marchese*, *Albert Kern*, *Stephen Dempsey*, *Anne Hagner*, *Danny Korbumel*, *Michelle Mavis*, *John Rell*, *Kim*, *Lynn Hoppe Kaminski*, *Larry Thatcher*, *Scott Hansen*, *Tom Levecchia*, *Abby Phelps*, *Bill Getty*, *Faith Marum DelPercio*, *Glenn Marshall*, *Carmela Crawford*, *Natalie Parker*, *Kathleen Kelly*, *Jacob Berard*, *Keith Maull*, *Connie Verner*, *Jeffrey Gross*, *Judy Yerkes*, *Daniel Mandel*, *Susan Mazeika*, *Saunders Family*, *Ed Miller*, *Aasiyah Bey*, *Barbara Kerrane*, *Sandy Ferguson*, *Joanne Horn*, *Terry Mitchell*, *Ken Koehler*, *Rocco D'Alessandro Jr.*, *Bette Roncace*, *Nicholas Juele*, *Frank Marche*, *Beckham Williams*, *Ed Clark*, *Col. Fred C. Anderson*, *Fred Moffitt*, *Lily Gregorio*, *Julie Bartlett*, *Jimmy Lombardo*, *John Daggan*, *Betty Schurmann*, *Elva Mastrando*, *Ryan Roberts*, *Ann & Len Jones*, *Chuck Atkinson*, *Sophia Campos*, *William T family*, *David Wenck*



Pantry During Covid-19 Quarantine

Pantry Update: We are continuing the suspension of the Pantry process during the closure of the church. "Depending on the size of the family, we are sending out

\$100-\$200 Acme Gift Cards to each of the Pantry Families on a monthly basis. The food items that have been donated are also being distributed.

Pantry Families Thank You: "Please thank everyone for me. Hope everyone is well. Because of you I no longer have to ration food versus pay bills. I don't have to worry as much about the basics of life. It is such a relief. You are a Blessing."

"Thank you so much for the grocery gift cards. It is really a huge help. I have taped your note to my microwave to remind me everyday of your generosity."

Council Creates Constitution and Bylaws Update and Revision Project

Any time the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its Churchwide Assembly or the New Jersey Synod at its Annual Assembly makes changes or revisions to the Model Constitution for Congregations it is incumbent upon congregations to update and revise their constitution to reflect those changes. It has been over fifteen years since The Lutheran Church of Our Savior has reviewed its constitution and bylaws to insure it is current and up to date with any and all of those changes. Therefore the Congregation Council at its February meeting agreed to create a Constitution and Bylaw Update and Revision Project Team to carefully review the documents and provide any recommended changes to be approved by the congregation at its annual meeting in January 2022.

This is a the perfect project while we are somewhat stuck in our homes and volunteers are needed who enjoy editing. Please contact the church office or Council Vice President John Drozdal (john.drozdal@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a part of the team or have questions about the project.

February Council Actions Synopsis

- **Church Van Retired:** Lack of use and rising upkeep costs necessitate sale of van. See article on page
- **Updating Congregation Constitution and Bylaws:** Update and revision team tasked with updating documents to include ELCA and synodical changes over last decades. See article on page 4
- **Configure Conference Room 112 for virtual meeting capability:** Zoom meetings during the pandemic reveal increased participation in ministry if virtual capability remains after quarantine is lifted. See article below
- **Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior Moving Forward:** With the congregations approval at the Annual Meeting the steps to establish a separate 501(c)3 wrap-around kindergarten childcare and K-5 summer childcare are under way with registrations hopeful to begin by March 1. See article on page 7
- **LCOS Altar Guild Checking Account to Close; Operations to Continue Through LCOS Dedicated Account:** Following recommendations from last audit by outside firm the LCOS Altar Guild accounts at Republic Bank will be closed out by end of March with future receipts and expenses to be paid through the LCOS Dedicated Account with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. See article on page 4

Council Proposes Conference Room 112 Be Configured for Virtual Meeting Capability

One of the "hidden" blessings of the pandemic has been the discovery of how virtual meetings enable members and guests to participate in ministry even when they cannot physically gather at the church. Over the last year Our Savior's meetings, bible studies, education and enrichment classes and other gatherings typically held at the church have been held using Zoom Meetings platform for virtual gatherings. During that time the leadership has been pleasantly surprised at how members and guests who previously did not participate in such ministry programs were able to do so since they weren't required to be physically present. As a result, several participants have inquired if the ability to participate virtually would continue to be an option offered after the pandemic restrictions were lifted.

At their regular February meeting the Council approved a recommendation to create a proposal to configure Conference Room 112 to enable people to participate virtually if unable to attend the event, class, or meeting in person. There would need to be some form of screen, speakers, and microphone(s) mounted to enable participants both physically and virtually present to be seen, hear, and be heard by all those present. Once the proposal is completed it will be forwarded to the Memorial Gift Board for potential funding of the project. The hope is this blending of in-person and virtual participation will increase the vitality of Our Savior's ministry and expand those connected to the body of Christ even if they are many miles away.



Created for Community: A Midweek Lenten Series; **a Virtual Lenten Soup Dinners & Discussion Experience**

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together "with the whole Church." It goes on to state that "we are created for communication with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation." Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of "repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love," Lent is also a time for deepening of community.

In the early church, the weeks before Easter were a time in which the whole community took responsibility for the training of catechumens. Not only were the catechumens enriched by this formation, but those already within the community were strengthened in their faith along with them.

Using the readings from Mark's gospel, *Created for Community* invites the virtually gathered assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God. As Our Savior does not anticipate the emphasis for social distancing to be completely lifted before Easter the leadership has decided to provide this mid-week series as a virtual experience using Zoom. Here is what you will need to do beginning Wednesday, February 24, if you want to participate from your dining area at home.

1. Click on the Zoom link from Our Savior's website homepage at 6:30 p.m. and join others for a virtual dinner experience. Make your meal at home or order out, it's your choice. From 6:30-7:00 we will share dinner conversation with others around the screen.
2. At 7:00 we will begin the *Created for Community* series that includes a gathering song, prayer, scripture, and engagement with the scripture, a sung response, prayers and a sending song. If you don't join for dinner at 6:30 you can always join at 7:00 for the "worship" experience. REMEMBER: Please mute yourself when we are singing or if you are not speaking to improve the experience.

Should pandemic restrictions be lifted or loosened during Lent we will adjust to include in person gathering, but will continue to provide the experience by livestream regardless as some may choose to remain socially distant. We look forward to your participation.

Church Van to Be Sold After Two Decades of Service

At their February meeting the Congregation Council resolved to sell the 12-passenger church van due to frequent repairs and lack of use. The van was originally purchased in 2000 in order to provide a shuttle service for seniors who either no longer drove or would prefer not having to do so in order to attend Sunday worship. However it has been over a decade since any seniors have expressed an interest in this ministry, citing the van's difficulty in getting into and out of. And while the van has been the main vehicle used for the summer youth mission trips each year, its usefulness for transporting confirmation and senior high youth to various events and activities during the year has diminished to only a handful of times a year. Additionally, due to its age, it is in need of more frequent repairs.

The expenses associated with the church van are funded through the Kathryn Davis Trust and while those expenses are completely covered by the funds generated by the trust, the Council believed it would be a better stewardship of those resources if they were used to rent a van when needed and use the funds for other forms of ministry consistent with the terms of the initial bequest. The funds generated by the sale of the van would also be deposited into the Davis Trust.

Anyone interested in purchasing the van or knows of someone interested in potentially purchasing it is asked to contact the church office for details. A price and timeline for selling the van has not yet been determined.

LCOS Altar Guild Republic Bank Account to Close; **Operations to Continue Through** **LCOS Mission Investment Fund Dedicated Account**

At Our Savior's last audit Bowman and Associates, who performed the financial review, provided the following recommendation: "*We recommend that only one set of books be maintained that is covered by the Church's internal controls in order to increase the dependability and accuracy of the information and to ensure that all users are working from the same information in order to make wise, informed decisions in their respective responsibilities.*" Given this recommendation the Congregation Council at its February meeting agreed that the LCOS Altar Guild account currently held at Republic Bank be closed by the end of March and the funds be transferred to the LCOS Dedicated Account held with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and there be a separate line item created with the designation, "LCOS ALTAR GUILD."

This change would not significantly impact how the Altar Guild operates with respect to receiving flower memorial contributions and paying for altar flowers and other altar guild worship materials. The Altar Guild treasurer, Stacey Shaw, would still be responsible for tracking altar flower memorials and insuring corresponding bills are paid by the bookkeeper after submitting a voucher for payment.

Beginning April 1, 2021 all altar flower contributions are to paid by the following protocol.

1. Make check payable to **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR** or **LCOS**
2. Write "**LCOS ALTAR GUILD – FLOWERS**" in the Memo line of the check



Power of Rhythm



Rhythms and Routines of Music and Life

A few Sundays ago Pastor Wayne preached about making room for the Holy in our homes and finding rhythms that work for you to be able to worship at home. It seems easy - just turn on our online services, and you got worship and church! Right? Yes. Maybe. What about the rest of the week?

Having been a part of both contemporary and traditional churches, I have found my worship home in the liturgical church. I so appreciate the liturgy - the words you hear every Sunday, the order that feels familiar, the sentences you can repeat often without having to look into the bulletin. It's the repeated rhythm of worship that is comforting, healing, holy.

In the first 10 months of quarantine, my morning rhythm began with a hot cup of coffee. I read the meditation for the day from Henri Nouwen's "You Are the Beloved" (a

collection of daily meditations for the entire year), a Bible passage, and then journaled my thoughts, prayers, and ten things I was grateful for that morning. This rhythm kept me grounded and connected to God, and helped me start the day in gratitude.

Then I got a puppy about a month ago and that rhythm got thrown out the window. So now I am finding a new rhythm - sneaking in some reading and writing when the puppy sleeps, finding things I am grateful for while going on walks, and finding worship through music (both making it and listening to it).

I don't know what your routine rhythms have been, or if you have had one, but in this season, here are the literal musical rhythms that I have found so helpful in slowing down and connecting with God, and that I hope might help you as well. All of the music can be found on YouTube or Spotify (or just ask me to send you a link!). For this Lenten season, how about starting a new routine of listening to even just one song while breathing and praying and finding things you are grateful for?

- Taizé music. You have heard me talk about a life changing week in Taizé, France in 2019. Years before I went, I had been listening to Taizé music. Its repetitions are a rhythm in itself and allow the words to become prayers. Whether you sing along, listen, or just let it be background music, it is sure to calm you down.

- Bach. (If you know me, you knew that one was coming.) I religiously (no pun intended) listen to his St Matthew Passion every Holy Week and the Christmas Oratorio every Christmas. If listening to a language you may not understand is more distracting than helpful, I'd recommend instrumental music, like his cello suites.

- your favorite hymns! Reading or singing the words that you have been singing for years is a lovely way to worship or to center yourself. If you don't have a hymnal at home, simply look up the words on the internet, or contact me and I am happy to copy the hymnal page for you.

- Choral music. Miss hearing our choir sing? (I do. So much.) Look up the anthems you have heard over the years that may have brought you comfort or joy and listen in the comfort of your home. Can't remember what it's called or who the composer is? Send me an email and I am happy to find it for you.

May these ideas or any other ones help you establish a rhythm and routine that creates space for the Holy, for worship, for church. It may not look as your regular Sunday morning, but I hope it blesses you and that you carry these new routines forward.



Lutheran Church of Our Savior American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, April 2nd
12:00pm-5:00pm

204 Wayne Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ 0

Appointments are preferred.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: Lutheran Church of Our Savior



Save time on the day of the donation and visit www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

March 2021 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship	5:00-5:30 Children Bell Choir	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope-Zoom	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study - Zoom	6:45-7:45 PM Adult Bell Choir		
9:15 Reflection Zoom	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Discussion Zoom	2:00 PM Staff Meeting - Zoom		8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir - Zoom		
6:30 PM Confirmation/Oasis						

March 2021 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	2 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg.	3 6:30-7:00 Lenten Dinner-Zoom 7:00 Created for Community Lenten Series	4	5	6
7	8	9 7:00 Church Council	10 6:30-7:00 Lenten Dinner-Zoom 7:00 Created for Community Lenten Series	11 Messenger Deadline	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30-7:00 Lenten Dinner-Zoom 7:00 Created for Community Lenten Series	18	19	20
21 Confirmation Adult Huddle 6:00 Mission Trip Interest Mtg. - Zoom	22	23 Messenger Mailing	24 6:30-7:00 Lenten Dinner-Zoom 7:00 Created for Community Lenten Series	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Lifeline Screening			

Easter Lily Memorials

Each year the altar is decorated with lilies for the Easter Services. If you would like to donate a lily 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 lilies are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Monday, April 5. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 28.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Relationship of donor to memorialized one _____

Please return to the church office no later than March 28.





Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior Begins Enrollment for Kindergarten Extended Day Program (KED) in September

The Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior will pick-up where Haddonfield Child Care left off. It will offer a wrap-around Kindergarten program available to children entering Kindergarten in September 2021; enrollment is on a first come, first served basis for students enrolled in the Haddonfield School District.

The Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior's KED program supports and enhances your child's learning experience. The daily schedule will include story time, circle time, daily calendar, STEAM activities, movement, outside play (weather permitting), lunch time, snack time, inside play time and more

KED will have two sessions:

Morning Session: Runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at which time children are transported to their respective school.* Morning Care will be offered for children in the morning session beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Afternoon Session Runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The children are picked-up from their school and brought to Mustard Seed CCOS.* After Care will be offered for the afternoon session children until 6:00pm

*Transportation will be provided by a contracted school bus company

For more information please contact:

Donna Marie Clancy, Executive Director at director@mustardseedccos.org

Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior Introduces Summer Day Camp in 2021 for Children Age Kindergarten-Grade 5

Looking for safe, fun experience for your elementary age children this summer? Summer Camp at Mustard Seed CCOS has an answer for you. Following in our Mission we are offering a summer program for children from Kindergarten to Grade 5 that will help your child explore and expand in heart and mind, body and soul. Our staff will strive to help each camper explore activities, clubs, games, arts & crafts, STEAM programing and more while instilling values such as respect (for self and others), sharing, cooperation, and fair play.

Safety is always first! Mustard Seed CCOS will operate all programs in full compliance with state and local safety protocols related to CoViD-19.

Camp Hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm

Extended Care: Is available for an additional fee and operates as follows:

Morning: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Afternoon:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Donna Marie Clancy director@mustardseedccos.org



Help Wanted!

Reopening of the sanctuary!

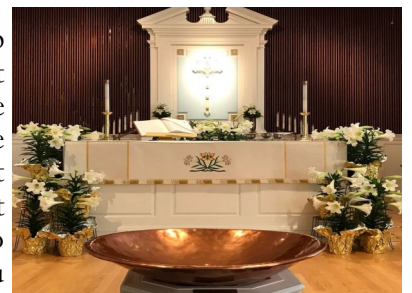
Looking for a way to make a difference?

In the hope that the sanctuary will be opening in the Spring, Worship and Music committee is looking for a volunteer to manage the ushers. Please call or email Cathe Bare at 609-238-6527 or baremc@verizon.net.

I look forward to sharing all current information with you!

Easter Worship

Easter worship will look a lot different this year but we do plan on having in-person worship as long as the pandemic numbers continue to decrease. Since Easter is one of our largest attended worships, we will be looking into having an on-line sign up so we can still practice social distancing according to the rules in New Jersey for houses of worship. Right now we are limited to 100 people in the Sanctuary and we typically get quite a few more than that at each Easter service time. This is why we will require you to sign up to make sure we don't exceed our limit. We will also have a number to call, in case you don't use a computer, so you can add your name to the list. When we have more details we will share that with you through e-mail, the website, the weekly bulletin or our member caller system.





Sanctuary Reopens for 8:00 and 10:30 Worship on March 7 Pending Decline in Pandemic

At the February Council meeting the Worship and Music committee recommended the sanctuary be reopened for in person worship pending the pandemic infection rate, positive test rate, and daily new cases data support a decline in risk for transmission of the virus. The Council agreed that with a growing number of people having received at least their first shot of the vaccine along with declining transmission numbers it was reasonable to re-open sanctuary worship with strict protocols, such as were in place back in the fall.

The one change would be to add the 10:30 worship time as an option as well. The major difference between the two services is while the 8:00 would not include hymns as part of the service while the 10:30 time would as it will still be livestreamed. This would allow participants at home to sing the hymns even though those in the sanctuary would not be able to do so in order to eliminate the risk of potential infection. A synopsis of the 8:00 and 10:30 protocols are below.

CAPACITY: 100 Ushers will keep count to insure total number of people in the sanctuary does not go above one hundred people.

ENTRANCE/EGRESS

- The primary entrance and egress will be the Wood Lane
- The secondary entrance and egress will be the sliding doors for those who are not able to negotiate the stairs and require use of the elevator.

TRANSMISSION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS

- Sanitizing stations will be located at each of these entrances for anyone entering the building to sanitize their hands before moving further into the building.
- In accordance with CDC guidelines masks that cover both nose and mouth must be worn by anyone two (2) years old and older before entering the building and while in the building. **Pastor Wayne will not lead worship if there is anyone unmasked in the congregation.**

BUILDING ACCESSIBLE AREAS

In order to reduce the areas of potential Coronavirus contamination the following areas are ACCESSIBLE FOR USE:

- Sanctuary, Narthex, and bathrooms on Library Level
- Front sliding door entry and hallway to elevator.
- Church Office and Ground floor bathrooms

RESTRICTED AREAS NOT IN USE:

- Third floor classrooms, office, and common area
- Nursery, Library, and Parlor
- Choir Room and Sacristy (except for Altar Guild volunteers)
- Board Room (Room 112) and Youth Room
- Parish Hall

BATHROOM USE

One person using bathroom at a time if the facility allows for more than one (e.g. the bathrooms on Library level outside of sanctuary)

WORSHIP (8:00 and 10:30 Livestream)

- Upon entering the building by the Wood Lane doors, or Wayne Avenue sliding doors if need of the elevator is required, the Worship Assistant will direct you to the next available pew as seating will be from the front to the back and every third pew to maintain a 6 foot distance between worshippers.
- Bulletins and communion elements (self-contained wafer and grape juice cups) will be in your pew for use during worship.
- 8:00 Worship: There will be no singing or liturgy requiring congregational response to reduce the spread of water droplets. The order of service will basically be the Prayer of the Day, Readings, Sermon, Prayers, and Holy Communion.
- 10:30 Livestream Worship: Same as 8:00 except a cantor will sing the hymns in lieu of the congregation so those participating by Livestream are able to sing from home.
- Worshippers will exit worship by the Wood Lane doors unless need of the elevator is required. Worship Assistants will excuse worshippers from the rear to the front to reduce possibility of transmission.
- There will be no Coffee Hour in the narthex until the threat of Covid-19 is no greater than a regular virus infection.
- Bathrooms will have wipes available for users to self-sanitize the surfaces they use.

All surfaces will be wiped down between 9:00 and 10:30 by the ushers and other volunteers to minimize transmission of the virus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School:

One of my favorite traditions of LCOS is our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, since we weren't able to do it last year, I am going to try something a little different. Please save the date of April 3rd. There will be more information sent out by the second full week of March. If your family is interested in a fun and covid-safe event, please let me know. Candy donations can be placed in the bin just inside the sliding glass doors.

If your child is interested in Virtual Sunday School, it is still not too late!! You can join every once in a while. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 via Zoom and it lasts about 15 minutes. I know that your children are tired of the internet by Sunday morning, so I try to keep it short. But after they are done with the virtual part, they can go have a discussion with their parents to better understand the story they just heard. If you have any questions or if your child wants to join us, please let me know by emailing me at LCOSJaime@gmail.com.



Oasis/Confirmation:

I would like to take a moment to recognize everyone who helped with our Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service project. The response of this project, blew me out of the water! I am attaching a picture of all the kits that were donated. A BIG thanks to Grayson Wright, he took this project to his school and added so many more! Great job to everyone!! Pastor will be delivering them to Lutheran World Relief soon, I cannot wait to see their faces when they see how many we are donating!



March Schedule: All meetings are at 6:30PM

7- Zoom Game Night

14- Bible Study

21-Catch Up

28- Start planning Virtual Youth Sunday

Remember that Oasis is open to anyone in 9th to 12th grade. If you have never joined us, it is not too late!! Please just let me know if you are interested at LCOSJaime@gmail.com.



What is the one Bible story most children know? If you are thinking what I am thinking, it is Noah's Ark. Well a few weeks ago, I got a text message from one of my high school kids (long after I went to bed) asking me a question. The text message went like this..."Noah's Ark had to be a big boat...I'm just saying the logistics of his boat means that if it has 2 of each species (minus- evolution to a certain extent) it still had to be a massive boat. How is that even possible?" This was the text message that I woke up to one morning, since teenagers stay up a lot later than I do. When I read it I was excited to know that one of my youths thought so deeply about the stories of the Bible, but I also was thinking how deep

do people read into a Bible story that they have heard so many times. Yes, we all know that God created the floods and asked Noah and his family to board the ark that has 2 of every kind of animal. But let's go a little deeper, for starters... How old was Noah? We are told he was about 600 years old! We are also told that it lasted for 40 days and for 40 nights. But if you dig a little deeper and do some research it was to believe that it actually lasted over a year! Could you imagine being stuck in one place for a whole year, and with all those stinky animals? But what did God say to Noah once they reached the dry land? God promised "Never again will water flood the earth. Whenever you see the rainbow in the clouds, I will see it too, and I will remember."

So as we approach the 1 year mark of the pandemic, what can we take away from this story? That God is going to have us weather a "storm" and will always be there for us at the end? That it may have hard days? How can we get through these days? For the last few weeks I have been having a lot of trouble and having "Covid-fatigue". So to help me, every morning I make a list of 3 things that I am grateful for and I end my day with 3 things that I have accomplished that day. Some days my gratefuls and my accomplishments have been super easy to write, others not so much.

But the main take away I want you to hear from this article is Noah and his family were "stuck" on the ark for over a year and saw a rainbow at the end. We are currently stuck on an "ark" that we call a pandemic. But like Noah, we will have a rainbow at the end, I see our rainbow being a lot of reunions with our family and friends. Personally I see a lot of people FINALLY meeting Joseph and a TON of hugs! But until that day comes, I invite you to enjoy me on my daily affirmations, of gratefulness and accomplishments. Yes, our journey will be longer than Noah's but I believe in the end, the rainbows will be worth it! Also, I want to tell you all, if you or your child is having "covid-fatigue" and needs someone to talk to, I am always an email or a phone call away.

I miss you all and I cannot wait for the day the rainbow shines and you can meet Joseph and I can give you all hugs!

Jaime

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY: JANUARY 2021

		2021 <u>BUDGET</u>	JANUARY <u>2021</u>	YTD <u>2021</u>	YTD* <u>BUDGET</u>	YTD <u>VARIANCE</u>
REVENUE						
	Offerings: Envelopes & Loose	412,300	41,500	41,500	37,000	4,500
	<u>Other In-</u> <u>come</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(290)</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	426,400	41,710	41,710	37,500	4,210
EXPENSE						
	Staff Salary & Benefits	305,091	25,049	25,049	25,049	0
	Property Manage- ment	45,000	2,965	2,965	3,000	(35)
	Administra- tion	41,800	4,211	4,211	4,250	(39)
	<u>Various</u> <u>Ministries</u>	<u>59,515</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(350)</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	451,406	36,875	36,875	37,299	(424)
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT		(25,006)	4,835	4,835	201	4,634

* Expected YTD Revenue & Expenses based on previous year's monthly numbers

Congregational Support: January 2021		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2019	152	\$ 44,273
2020	185	\$ 38,641
2021	183 *	\$ 41,500

* Since church closed in March 2020, weekly attendance is calculated using a formula provided by the ELCA: number of one- minute views on our livestream multiplied by 2 to get the number of people worshipping by livestream. Add the actual number of people joining the Reflections service by Zoom and the actual number of people attending the 8:00 AM service in person to get the total number in attendance for any given week.

Thank You for Being Stewards of God's Love

Thank you to all those who are mailing in their offering envelopes or giving electronically. In these difficult times, Our Savior's faithful givers are sharing their offerings so that others may know God's love. We may be socially distant, but our faith and commitment continue to be at work in the world.



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Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.



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Flip 'em Off

Did you know that in much of America we can't even see the stars anymore. The reason is due in part to all the electric lights. Keep your light on in the room that you are in, but try to turn off the lights in rooms that you are not in.

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