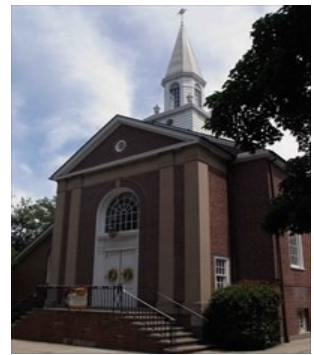




The Parish *Messenger*

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



18 to Participate in Affirmation of Baptism on Either May 23 or June 6

On both May 23 and June 6 at the 10:30 worship service the 18 confirmation youth both, the Class of 2020 and 2021, will participate in the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) rite depending on their preference and availability. We had to postpone the Class of 2020's Affirmation of Baptism due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of when we would be able to gather again safely in sanctuary for worship. Despite now being reopened for worship the pandemic protocols still require use of only half the pews, which would both eliminate the possibility of other worshippers attending on Confirmation Day and families being able to invite additional family and friends for the occasion. By holding the rite on two separate Sundays this will allow for more guests and regular worshippers to attend worship at 10:30 despite having the two classes mixed on their confirmation day.

Please keep these youth in your prayers as they prepare to accept the responsibilities of Christian discipleship in the promises of their Confirmation Affirmation of Baptism this month and the next.

Class of 2020: Brian Bogina, Grace Ewing, Sarah Fetter, Ben Hintz, Theo Howard, Collin Johnson, Javier Miller, Matt Morris, and Abby Ryan.

Class of 2021: Cleo and Lila Cottone, Andrew Kiewel, Dylan Melcher, Robert Pineiro, Ava Poliafico, Emerson Riley, Andrew Smith, and Bennett Wright.

National Day of Prayer Cancelled Again Due to Coronavirus

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast regularly scheduled for the first Thursday in May has been cancelled again. We do encourage our members to lift our nation in prayer on Thursday, May 6, and to remember all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, including;

- Those afflicted with the virus and are hospitalized and in ICU
- Doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers who've risked their own health in caring for the health and life of others and are emotionally and physically drained
- Vaccination volunteers and employees who are tirelessly administering the vaccine as efficiently as possible
- Teachers and students as they continue to teach and learn in a challenging way
- Business owners and employees whose income has been compromised and their ability to fully reopen or go back to work as before still remains uncertain
- Essential works (such as grocery personnel and IT workers who maintain the ability for people to work from home from their office laptops, and others) as they remain in the highest risk of infection while meeting the needs of others



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.



“I Can’t Save the Planet But I Can Be a Steward of Creation”

By Pastor Wayne

I write this article with Earth Day just a few days away. The topic of Climate Change or Climate Crisis is heard daily and the challenge to Earth’s citizens to “Save the Planet!” from by our choice of “green” energy over fossil fuels, reusable over disposable products, and the four R’s of Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. But will my driving a Tesla, installing solar panels, using metal straws and cloth napkins really save the planet? Maybe. But maybe what’s more important is living in relationship with the earth the way God intended from the beginning.

In Genesis 1:15 we read, “The LORD God took the human and put the human in the Garden of Eden to till (*abad* = to serve) and keep (*shamar* = to protect) the earth.” In other words, every human being has the responsibility to protect and serve creation. And if the planet is too big for us to get our head around, maybe we can start with protecting and serving the portion of creation that impacts our home, our community, our state and our nation. I may not be able to save the planet, but I can begin to consider how my everyday actions either work toward protecting and serving creation or work against it.

For instance, when it comes to caring for my lawn and garden, how might my choices *best serve and protect creation* and not just my yard? Do I put down chemicals that when washed into the sewer system and flows to local waterways will compromise the health of the plants and fish (and birds that eat the fish) in that ecosystem? In a time when water conservation is becoming a greater imperative of our protecting and serving creation where does having a lush green lawn fall in that imperative to protect and serve creation? Is it more important to plant local and indigenous plants in my garden rather than exotic ones that could become an invasive threat if not properly tended or don’t serve as a food source to local birds and pollinating insects?

We protect and serve creation well when we live a lifestyle that minimizes our impact in landfills. Recycling is the last of the four “R’s” and we would do well to first consider how we can reduce our use of plastics and paper products that go into landfills and then consider how we can reuse or repurpose those products if possible. We rarely need plastic bags when shopping anymore since beginning to use reusable cloth bags for grocery shopping. Individual packaging is a convenience, not a necessity, and often serves our personal wants rather than serves and protects creation. What would it be like to buy in bulk, use cloth napkins, and travel with reusable metal straws?

How does my choice of transportation protect and serve creation? Can I walk or ride my bike to my destination rather than drive my car and reduce my carbon footprint? Sure it may take longer and be less convenient *for me*. But in doing so I’m be protecting and serving creation. Carpooling with co-workers or classmates or using public transportation to go to work, concerts, or out to dinner may be less convenient and require us to give up control of our schedule to come and go as we please, but we will be protecting and serving creation better by doing so.

How do our actions, and the legislation we support through our elected officials, contribute toward God’s expectation that we protect and serve creation? Earth Day isn’t just one day a year. For Christians who take seriously God’s intention for humanity and our relationship with God, each other, and creation, it’s a focus of our daily living. I can’t save the planet, at least not by myself.

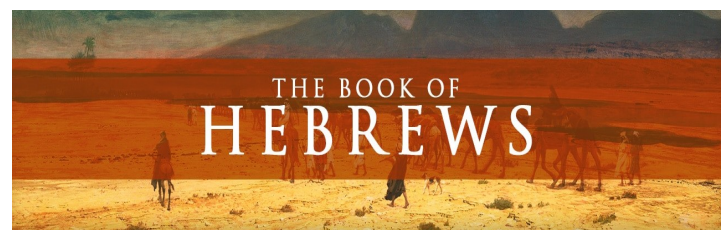
But God didn’t give me the responsibility to save the planet, just to serve and protect the portion of the earth my life impacts. So I think it’s time for me to get my bicycle tires inflated, trade in my dress shoes for walking shoes, and get a Freedom Pass from PATCO as well as start weeding the gardens by hand rather than by Roundup and reconsider my shopping habits. Do my choices serve my personal preferences and conveniences or do they serve and protect the planet as well? Old habits die hard. But thanks be to the God who raised Jesus to new life new habits can lead to new life.

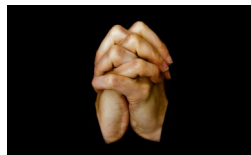
Book of Hebrews Topic of May-June Bible Discussion for Daily Life

Join the discussion of the Book of Hebrews on either Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 by Zoom this May and June as participants discover how this “sermon” of sorts has everyday life applications in our journey of faith. Hebrews often quotes and interprets Old Testament passages as “oracles of God” and through them God speaks to present concerns in the community of faith. Hebrews often compares the new activity of God with God’s dealings “long ago” with Israel, and by doing this repeatedly makes the point that what was good has been made even “better,” because it has been made perfect in Christ.

The group will follow the following schedule of readings and topics. **Join either the Monday or Wednesday discussion group by clicking on the appropriate Zoom link found on the church main webpage.** Join us for the discussion!

Date	Topic	Reading
May 3/5	Christ our helper	Chapters 1-2
May 10/12	Don’t turn back!	Chapters 3-4
May 17/19	Don’t fall away!	Chapters 5-6
May 24/26	The new covenant	Chapters 7-8
May 31/June 2	MEMORIAL DAY –	NO DISCUSSION
June 7/9	Hold on !	Chapters 9-10
June 14/16	Examples of faith	Chapters 11-12
June 21/23	Life of Praise	Chapter 13





Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

Ethel Boyce, Doris Iarossi, Joyce Odendahl, *Amelia Marchese, Natalie Doherty, Albert Kern, Stephen Dempsey, Anne Hagner, Danny Korhumel, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Kim, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Tom Levecchia, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Faith Marum DelPercio, Glenn Marshall, Carmela Cranford, Natalie Parker, Kathleen Kelly, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Connie Verner, Jeffrey Gross, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Mažeika, 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.



My Father's House Meal Delivery to Resume

After a year-long pause due to the pandemic, My Father's House meal delivery is scheduled to resume!

Please consider volunteering to pre-

pare a simple meal for the 15 women in MFH's substance abuse recovery program. Volunteers are asked to make or purchase a full meal (entree, side, dessert) and take it to My Father's House at 14 N. King Street in Gloucester City-- about a 15 minute drive from Our Savior-- between 9:30am and 4:30pm. If you are unable to deliver your meal to Gloucester City, you can place it in Our Savior's refrigerator by noon, and we will arrange for a volunteer to deliver it to MFH by dinnertime. Our Savior has been delivering weekly meals to the women in My Father's House for over 20 years-- We look forward to starting this meaningful ministry back up again! Please consider getting involved. You can sign up online:

<https://tinyurl.com/hxejrv4m> - call 856-325-0496, or email kathyandgregwright@gmail.com. We also need volunteers who can drive the meals to Gloucester City when the meal maker isn't able to. Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you! Kathy and Amelia Wright



Thank you to Betsy Kuehn, Eva Shaw, Janie Braccio, Sandy DeDonatis and Marianne Aponte for delivering Easter Lilies.

April Council Actions Synopsis

1. PPP LOAN: The Council approved the recommendation to adjust the 2021 Financial Plan to incorporate the \$43,500 Payroll Protection Program loan received. (Separate article in this Messenger edition, page 8, providing details of changes.)
2. PARSONAGE CENTRAL AC INSTALLATION: Council approved Pastor Wayne's recommendation to seek quotes from various AC companies for the installation of central air-conditioning in the parsonage as two of the mini-split units are now inoperable and need replacement. Changing to central air will result in lower energy bills during the summer months due to the efficiency of cooling. The project would be funded through the Bott Major Repair Fund but will require additional support from the Memorial Gift Board that meets in May.
3. FUNERAL HOME USHERS REQUIRED: The Council agreed with Pastor Wayne's recommendation that for any and all funerals in the sanctuary there must be at least one funeral home staff person serving as an usher. Especially during this time of pandemic protocols it is unreasonable to expect church staff to also serve as ushers for funeral services provided in the sanctuary, but also during non-pandemic times. Members are to keep this change in mind when pre-planning funeral arrangements.
4. REOPENING BUILDING FOR NON-MINISTRY USE: The Council reaffirmed their previous decision that Our Savior would not grant building use to groups outside of our ministry plan until September, at which time they anticipate the pandemic will be much less of a threat. Blood drives and other health-related requests are granted exemption from this decision.

LCOS Book Club

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00pm

Location: TBA (hopefully outside)

Book: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better? In The Midnight Library, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.



If you are not already on the email list, please call (609-922-4973), email (sam.wentz@gmail.com) or text Samantha Wentz to stay up to date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School:

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the ABCs of Lent. It was a great success!

Our last Sunday of Virtual Sunday School will be May 23rd, please enjoy your summer! We will continue with Virtual Sunday School in the fall, even if we are back in Sunday School in person. This will take place weekly at 9:30AM, and it will last about 15 minutes, so your child can still attend Sunday School, even if they have sports during normal Sunday School times.



Oasis:

Due to the busy schedules of members attending and the inability to meet in person, Oasis is done for the summer. I look forward to having meetings again in the fall.

Please keep the following dates in mind while making plans:

June 20th we will be celebrating our Senior Class at both 8:00 & 10:30 services. One of our seniors, Sophia Howard, will be preaching at both services.

July 12th to 16th we will be having a Local Mission Trip. All of the details are not set yet, but we will be staying in the immediate area and your child will be coming home every evening. Your child does not have to attend every day. This will be open to all Senior High Youth.

Vacation Bible School:

Due to the uncertainty of a vaccine for younger kids, we will be doing Vacation Bible School Virtually again. The program is called "On Earth as in Heaven." The program will be going "LIVE" on July 26th and you can have access to it at any time. Our program will include, craft, music and Bible Time. Like last year, this is open to anyone with a child from 3 year olds to 5th grade. Please email me at LCOSJAIME@GMAIL.COM, if you are interested.

So when I was sitting down to write this article, I was really struggling on what to write about. I bounced back and forth with a few ideas, but I decided to talk about how, even though Virtual Sunday School will end on May 23rd for the summer, you can still teach your child at home the stories in the Bible. I am sure you read that and thought, "Oh Jaime, that's why we have you! To teach our kids more about the stories of the Bible!" But actually this is a team game! Unfortunately, with everyone's busy schedules there are times that I may not see your child for a few weeks or a few months. So I am going to tell you some strategies that I use to take these stories and put them on a child's level.

Some stories may be easier than others to talk about with your child because you either know them or because they just make sense. But some, are just plain hard to talk to your child about. One of the greatest resources I use is our Sparkhouse Bibles. It helps put the lessons we hear in worship on a child's level. If that is not an option for you, if your child has not received their First Bible from church, I invite you to look at that Bible. I know when things are a little crazy at home, you may think you might not have time to read the Bible or attend worship. I understand, life is crazy busy and starting to get busier now that things are starting to open up again. But I invite your family to have Bible time. Pick about twenty minutes out of your week to be your Family Bible Time. If anyone is interested, starting in June, I can send a weekly Bible lesson out to families. Please email me at LCOSJAIME@GMAIL.COM, if you would like this. I will add a video of me reading the story of the week from the Sparkhouse Bibles. During this time, you can pray for each other and talk about the Bible story of the week. I look forward to this opportunity for the summer. Please let me know if you are interested or how I can help you make this a possibility in your home. I cannot wait until the Fall when we can have Rally Sunday! Please keep an eye out for information about Virtual Vacation Bible. It will be taking place from July 26th to 31st. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer!

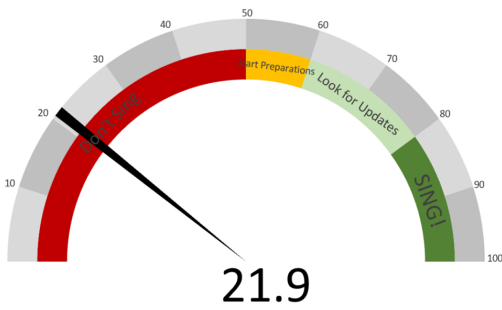
Jaime



NJ Synod Holds Virtual Assembly May 7-8

From Friday, May 7, to the next day the New Jersey Synod, ELCA will host its first virtual synod assembly by Zoom Meeting. This year's theme is "Springing Forth" and will include pre-synod workshops before the various sessions focusing on God's action in the lives and ministry of the various NJ congregations. John Drozdal, VP of Congregation Council, and Nancy Gulick, Chair of Memorial Gifts, will be Our Savior's two voting members to the 33rd Synod Assembly. Our own Sophia Howard is one of the nominees to attend the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, OH so keep her in your prayers as the voting takes place at this year's assembly. A synopsis of this year's assembly will be provided in the June edition of the Parish Messenger.

When Can We Sing?



I have heard the question directly and through-the-grapevine so many times in the last months, I've lost count. When can we SING again in worship? For many, it doesn't feel like church without getting to sing and getting to hear our choir in person. Well, let me answer that question in this month's article! As you may (or may not) know, singing transmits aerosols and droplets a lot more aggressively than regular speaking, which is why it has been really dangerous to sing during this pandemic. However, we do have Dr Fauci on record that congregational singing will be safe once 85% has been vaccinated! So here is your answer – once our area of Camden County and the surrounding areas has hit that magical number, you

can sing your favorite hymns in church again! As of right now (I am writing this article on April 15th, thankfully NOT tax day this year!), Camden County has over 40% with at least one dose and almost 28% fully vaccinated. We are getting close to being able to make music again! If you just cannot wait and are vaccinated, join the choir for the remainder of the season – those participating are all vaccinated and sing on Thursday nights 8-9pm. If you want the time of singing to get there faster, help those around you to get their vaccines by helping them get appointments, registering those who may not be tech savvy, or driving them to appointments.

Here is a helpful graphic from the Center for Congregational Song that tracks the national vaccination rate. We are higher than the national percentage, so we are getting closer and closer to making music together every day. Thanks be to God! Pauline



Thank you from Lori Greenawalt & Medical Ministry International

Thank you, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, for providing space to store and pack wheelchairs and equipment in a warm, safe, and clean environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. While your church building was closed to church services during this time, it enabled us to continue keeping our program services running.

Lori Greenawalt sources and ships wheelchairs and physical therapy equipment for Medical Ministry International (MMI) Peru. MMI Peru, which is fully staffed by Peruvian medical professionals, provides year-round physical therapy, dental, and optometry services to address the ongoing needs of the poor. There is a current need for 150 specialty and neurological pediatric wheelchairs!

Lori was previously housing the inventory she sourced in small, dark, unheated garages and warehouses. She was shovelling snow to create enough dry space to sort the items. In January, Lori made a cold call to the church whose bells she could hear from her home, hoping you might know of available space, and you graciously offered her a classroom, an elevator and first-floor storage.



"This church space has been a blessing beyond words," – Lori Greenawalt.

She now walks to the church building knowing she will be welcomed with heat, electricity, ramps, an elevator, and space to spread out and pack properly; amenities she didn't have access to before. This ministry could not take place without the help of numerous others over the past 1 ½ years who have lent a helping hand, identified equipment, loaned trucks, workers to move, storage locations to accumulate equipment and those with PT expertise to review quality. For this final part of the journey, the church location has been the perfect spot!

Thank you, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, for coming alongside Medical Ministry International as they provide quality, accessible health care to the poor and work to restore the dignity of disabled children in the communities in and surrounding Arequipa, Peru.

To learn more, visit www.mmi.org To contact Lori Greenawalt, email lorigreenawalt@yahoo.com



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May 2021 Regular Events

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

May 2021 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 11:45 W&M Mtg.	3	4 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg.	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day/Youth Sunday 	10	11 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM Municipal Election (5:15-8:30) 7:00 PM Church Council	12	13 Ascension Day  Messenger Deadline	14	15
16	17	18	19 7:00 MGB	20 Messenger Mailing	21	22
23 Pentecost Confirmation Last Day of Sunday school Sandy Off	24 5:30 Congregation Resources	25	26	27	28	29
30 No Confirmation	31 Memorial Day 					

Congregational Support: January – March 2021

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2019	163	\$ 110,201
2020	210*	\$ 113,130
2021	196*	\$ 99,705

* church closed in March 2020, since then weekly attendance is calculated using a formula provided by the ELCA: number of one-minute views on livestream multiplied by 2 to get the number of people worshipping by livestream, add to that number, the actual number of people joining the Reflections service by Zoom. Starting in March 2021, when church reopened, the “in-person” attendance at the 8:00 and 10:30 services is added to the livestream and Zoom numbers 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.



Stewards of Time and Talent God Comes Down, God's People Look Inward

At Our Savior we spent last year recognizing that God comes down to us in love, signified when we make the sign of the cross and bring our hands down from our heads to our hearts. This year we're keeping our hands at our hearts and turning inward to God to discern his plan for our lives. We look in to discover all of the resources God has entrusted to our care. God gave each of us varying talents, resources that we can use to love God and our neighbors.

In the January 6, 2021 devotion from *Christ in Our Home*, Pastor Fred Fritz, as a campus pastor, was frequently asked by students “What do you think I should do?” In reply he would ask them two questions:

“...What brings you joy and purpose for living each day? Whom could you benefit by the exercise of your gifts?

“The Lutheran tradition appreciates that Christian vocation is not embodied in particular professions, careers or trades. We don't categorize certain occupations as ‘holy’ and others as ‘worldly.’ Rather, Christian vocation—Christian living—involves using whatever gifts, dispositions and skills God has given us so as to honor God, the giver of the gifts, in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Our Christian vocation—or calling—is ultimately an unselfish expression of our love and concern for the other...”

Looking inward, we can ask ourselves: How might God be calling us, both as individuals and as a congregation, to use our unique gifts to love God and our neighbors? For some of us the answer may come easily. Others may want to investigate a little before we know what gives us joy and purpose and whom we will benefit.

During May, we will receive a Time and Talent Survey that presents the various ministries available at LCOS. Exploring one or more of these ministries may present ways for each of us to find our joy and to use our gifts to love God and our neighbors.

Please take some time when you receive the survey to thoughtfully consider how God is calling you.

All Envelope Offerings

Month	3 Year rolling average %	Total Revenue per Budget x Rolling Avg % = 2021 Plan Giving	Actual Monthly Giving 2021	Actual Giving vs Plan Difference Over (Under)	Actual Monthly Giving 2020	Actual Monthly \$ Difference 2021 vs 2020 Over (Under)
January	8.15%	\$ 33,593	\$ 41,500	\$ 7,907	\$ 38,641	\$ 2,859
February	7.08%	29,171	26,010	(3,161)	33,446	(7,436)
March	7.99%	32,956	32,195	(761)	41,043	(8,848)
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YTD Total	23.22%	\$ 95,719	\$ 99,705	\$ 3,986	\$ 113,130	\$ (13,425)

LCOS March Financial Report

We were successful in securing a PPP Loan for 2021 in the amount of \$43,500 to support our financial mission. We are confident that we have implemented an accounting approach that will provide for this Loan to be forgiven in the future. In developing the 2021 Operational Budget, we reduced, eliminated, or needed funding from Dedicated Accounts and Memorial Gift to reduce expenses and we still needed \$25,006 support from Memorial Gifts to balance our Budget. Now, with this new funding, we are able to revise our Financial Plan as outlined below:

<u>Item: Revenue Increase</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
PPP Loan Offset	0	43,500	43,500	PPP Loan converted to revenue assuming forgiveness
<u>MGB Deficit Support</u>	<u>25,006</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(25,006)</u>	Elimination of the 2021 Operational Deficit funded by MGB
TOTAL REVENUE CHANGE	25,006	43,500	18,494	
<u>Item: Expense Increase</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
Communication Tech	1,000	6,000	5,000	100% funding of Communication Technician (not MGB)
Youth Ministry	0	2,500	2,500	Additional Support from Operations (not Dedicated)
Major Repair Fund	0	5,000	5,000	Major Repair Fund refunding
Benevolence Projects	7,500	9,494	1,994	Additional support (not Dedicated)
<u>Worship & Music</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>4,000</u>	Additional support (not Dedicated)
TOTAL EXPENSE CHANGE	9,850	28,344	18,494	

Based on the above, attached is the March Financial Summary.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>REVISED</u> <u>FINAN-</u> <u>CIAL</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YEAR END</u>	<u>2021 EST</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>ESTI-</u> <u>MATE</u>	<u>VARI-</u> <u>ANCE</u>
REVENUE						
Envelopes	412,300	412,300	32,195	99,705	417,300	5,000
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>39,106</u>	<u>57,600</u>	<u>45,525</u>	<u>46,745</u>	<u>56,600</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Total Revenue	451,406	469,900	77,720	146,450	473,900	4,000
EXPENSE						
Salary & Benefits	305,091	310,091	25,454	75,484	313,091	3,000
Property	45,000	50,000	8,865	17,189	49,000	(1,000)
Administration	41,800	41,800	3,028	10,827	42,500	700
<u>Program Ministries</u>	<u>59,515</u>	<u>68,009</u>	<u>5,156</u>	<u>14,258</u>	<u>66,609</u>	<u>(1,400)</u>
Total Expense	451,406	469,900	42,503	117,758	471,200	1,300
INCOME	0	0	35,217	28,692	2,700	2,700



GERANIUMS FOR VETERANS

This year the Sunday before Memorial Day is May 30thth. The Altar Guild will be adorning the church with Red Geraniums. If you would like to donate a geranium in memory or in honor of veteran or active duty personnel in our armed forces, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$10.00, made payable to "LCOS" and please note Altar Guild in the memo line.. Please mail the form to the church or place it in the Altar Guild mailbox by **May 23rd**. If you put in a memorial please pick up a flower after the service.

Name of Person(s) giving Memorial: _____

In Memory of: _____

Branch of Service: _____

In Honor of: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Relationship of Donor to Memorialized one(s): _____

Deadline for Ordering is May 23

Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior UPDATE

At Our Savior's Congregational Annual Meeting in January we approved the establishment of an Kindergarten Extended Day program (KED) during the school year and a Summer Camp for K-Grade 5 children. Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior was sown, and since then it has germinated and is growing quite well.

Colleen Gross has written a business plan and we are now officially a non-profit organization with 501(c3) certification. Now that we have that certification, we are planning fundraisers to bring attention to our program and bring in funds to help cover the start up costs. We hope to soon have Dine and Donate nights at local restaurants – more information will be forthcoming.

We have many lawn signs still available. If you would be able to post a sign in your yard, they are available at the church – pick up or delivery. The signs for KED and Summer Camp are for Haddonfield only. Summer Camp signs are for nearby towns. Please help us to get the word out.

At this time, we have 15 children registered for the Kindergarten Extended Day program in the fall. There has been much interest in Summer Camp and several registrations have been sent out.

We are looking forward to an exciting year as our program grows.

**Mustard Seed
Community Childcare**

KINDERGARTEN EXT DAY: Fall

SUMMER CAMP: June - August

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Dear Lutheran Church of Our Savior Member,

We are excited to share news of the opening of the **Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior**. In August 2020 Haddonfield Child Care announced that it would be closing its doors. This reality became a hardship to many families in Haddonfield needing reliable and meaningful childcare. Pastor Wayne and the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior saw the necessity of continuing this important ministry of the Kindergarten Extended Day Program along with adding a summer childcare component. After months of brainstorming, planning and developing, the **Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior** has germinated and is now an official NJ 501(c) 3 business. Additionally, the Mustard Seed CCOS Board of Trustees is excited and honored to have Donna Marie Clancy continue in her role as the Executive Director as she did for HCC.

The Mission of Mustard Seed CCOS is **“Providing a safe, creative, and nurturing community for children to explore and expand in heart and mind, body and soul”**. The Kindergarten Extended Day Program is planned to open in September 2021 for the children in the Haddonfield School District. We are hoping to begin a Summer Camp in June 2021 for children entering grades Kindergarten through 5th this fall. It is our hope to continue the great legacy that Haddonfield Child Care has left in our community and provide a vital service needed in our community with the creation of Mustard Seed CCOS.

Even though the physical resources from Haddonfield Child Care are able to be donated to **Mustard Seed Community Childcare**, there is still a need for a sizeable budget of start-up costs associated with establishing this new program. The congregation of Our Savior has generously provided \$10,000 toward these costs which have been used for legal fees and office organizational tools. We are reaching out to local businesses and interested community members to be a part of this “resurrected” childcare ministry by becoming a Founding Sponsor or Friend of MSCCOS.

There are four different levels and all Founding Sponsor contributors would have their names included on a plaque up on the third floor, would be listed in our **MSCCOS** information brochure, and would be featured on the **MSCCOS** website as a way to say “thank you” and provide some additional advertising for your business. The levels of support include:

YELLOW MUSTARD: \$100 Contribution

HONEY MUSTARD: \$250 Contribution

SPICY BROWN MUSTARD: \$500 Contribution

DIJON MUSTARD: \$1,000 Contribution

Of course, any contribution toward the establishment of **MSCCOS** will be greatly appreciated and recognized. Friends will be designated for any contribution under \$100 and listed on the webpage and in promotional materials as a way to say “thank you” for your kindness and generosity. All contributions are tax deductible and a letter of recognition will be provided upon receipt of your gift. Please make checks payable to MSCCOS and mail them to the address below. If you would like additional information please contact us at director@mustardseedccos.org and visit our website at www.mustardseedccos.org.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior. We look forward to your partnership.

Sincerely,

Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior

Board of Trustees



Memorial Gifts Fund Corner

We will be using this spot in the monthly newsletter to help keep the congregation abreast of the mission support being funded to various ministry areas by your memorial gifts.

Memorial Gift Fund is made up of many sub-funds and congregation members can make contributions or memorial gifts into any of its sub-funds. Gifts can be as simple as a check donation or as complex as a donation of stocks that have increased in value.

This month's focus is on the sub-fund called Bott Major Repair Fund. The purpose of this fund is to enable The Lutheran Church of Our Savior to pay for "major repairs" to the church property and its facilities that are outside the scope of the General Fund Budget. In the establishment of this fund, it is the intention

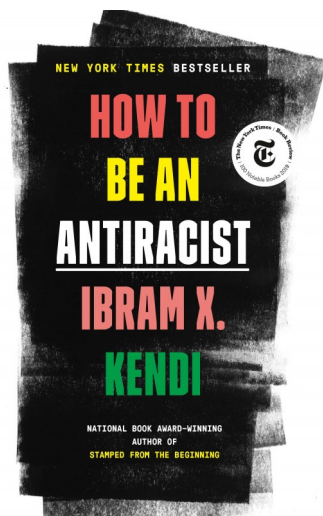
of the Church Council to create a vehicle that can preserve and grow gifts designated for major repairs yet remain sufficiently flexible to cover emergencies. In 2020, the Bott Major Repair Fund was used to fix and upgrade the steps and railings of the front entrance on Wood Lane while adding much needed lighting for the safety of our members and guests. Please take note of this much needed improvement as we slowly get back to live worship services.

If you would like more information about the Bott Major Repair Fund- please contact any member of the Memorial Gift Board. We hope you will consider making a contribution or memorial gift to this fund.

6-Week Wednesday Night Book Study of Kendi's "How to Be An Antiracist" Begins May 5

Our nation has struggled with racism for centuries, and despite the efforts of the Civil Rights Movement it is clear from the events of the last year that racism continues to be America's original sin. It's not a matter of "not being a racist." In order to eradicate racism we must be engaged in promoting antiracism.

"Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism – and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see ourselves. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas – from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities – that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves." - *How to Be an Antiracist* book jacket.



Beginning Wednesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:30, Pastor Wayne Zschech will lead book study participants in a six-week discussion of Kendi's book and how racism impacts our lives and how we can respond with antiracist actions and support of antiracist legislation. After reading this book Pastor Wayne has shared it changed his way of understanding this volatile issue in our time and country and hopes participants will come with both an open mind and heart to the weekly discussions, holding open the possibility that they too might be transformed.

Hard copies of the book are available at the church for \$22 (make checks payable to "LCOS" with "Kendi book" in the MEMO section). The weekly reading topics and chapters are below. Please join us with an open mind and heart as we discuss and discover how as Christ's disciples we might strive for justice and peace among all people, regardless of their skin color.

DATE	TOPIC	CHAPTERS TO READ
May 5	Intro/Definitions/Dueling Consciousness/Power	Intro – Chapter 3
May 12	Biology/Ethnicity/Body	Chapters 4-6
May 19	NO DISCUSSION – CONFLICT WITH PASTOR'S SCHEDULE	
May 26	Culture/Behavior/ Color	Chapters 7-9
June 2	White/Black/Class	Chapters 10-12
June 9	Space/Gender/Sexuality	Chapters 13-15
June 16	Failure/Success/Survival	Chapters 16-18

Council Seeks Volunteer to Create Conference Room AV Capability Proposal

After approving the need to retrofit Conference Room 112 to enable simultaneous online and in person meeting capability the Congregation Council is in need of a volunteer to help in creating the proposal to be presented at the May Memorial Gift Board meeting. The volunteer(s) would need to research companies that could install the necessary screen, microphones, speakers and camera or volunteer their own services if they are qualified to do so. The project goal would be to provide the opportunity for large group participation in webinars and other online information and educational events. This would expand congregational engagement in ministry to those unable to physically be present for such events. Interested volunteers are to contact Pastor Wayne if this is of interest or in their realm of gifts and talents to share.





Environmental Challenge

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

Spring is here and many folks are itching to boost their health and fitness.

With more than a year into the Covid-19 pandemic, too many of us are still stuck at computer screens: working from home, socializing online, exercising in virtual classes, and maybe even supervising children's virtual schoolwork.

Health professionals are increasingly urging people to get outside for their physical and mental well-being.

We are enhanced when walking, riding our bicycle, sitting on porches, and even stepping out into nature.

Natural places like forests, parks, and beaches have good air quality and being in sunlight for small bursts of time increases the vitamin D in our body. Physical exercise works our muscles and gets our heart pumping, improving all of our body's systems. Being in nature also reduces stress.

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind" ~Job 12:7-10

The Lord encourages us to step out and not be afraid! Peace be with you!

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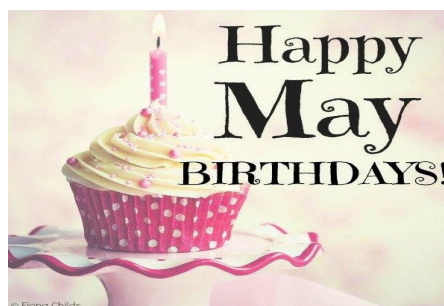
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