



The Parish *Messenger*

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Council Approves Creation of “Justice and Peace Committee” Continuing Resolution; Interest and Planning Meeting Scheduled Oct 17 at Noon in Parish Hall

At its regular September meeting the Congregation Council approved the creation and addition of a continuing resolution to add a new ministry committee to those already specified in our Congregation Constitution/Bylaws/Continuing Resolutions. The resolution is as follows. *Justice and Peace Committee: As our congregation seeks to live out our baptismal commitment to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth” this committee will provide awareness, education, and opportunities for action and advocacy in extending compassion to the poor, oppressed, and those who suffer inequities in our society. This can also include engagement with the various work groups provided through the New Jersey Synod Justice and Peace Ministry Team and other advocacy groups.*

The impetus for the new committee comes from the work our congregation has been doing during the last eighteen months related to racial justice and support for the LGBTQIA community.

There will be an interest and planning meeting held on October 17 at noon in the Parish Hall for anyone interested in being a part of this ministry team that will seek to provide awareness, education and action opportunities for various justice concerns. Our primary objective for this first meeting will be to determine which of the various justice issues currently of great concern Our Savior will focus on first. Pastor Wayne will lead the meeting and discussion. Members and guests of all ages are invited to participate in the discussion.

Blessing of Pets/Animals on Oct 3 at 5:30

St. Francis of Assisi has long been associated with being the patron saint of animals whose commemoration as a renewer of the church is observed on October 4. As a way of remembering this Saint of the Church and our calling by God to care for creation and its creatures **The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. outside in and around the Memorial Garden area.**

Members, friends, and neighbors are invited to bring their pets for a blessing service that will include prayer, readings, singing, and a blessing of the animals by Pastor Wayne Zschech for those who bring their pets to the service. **Please have your pets either on a leash, crated, caged, or in a bowl for the blessing. If you prefer to remain in your car to insure social distancing please be sure to park along the church side of Wayne Avenue or across the street from the church on Wood Lane.** Be sure to let your neighbors know as well as your friends as this is open to the public just as are all our worship services.



Lutheran Church of Our Savior American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, October 7 - 12:30pm-6:00pm

Appointments are preferred.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

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

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.



“Our Congregation’s Greatest Resource Is... YOU!”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Our congregation is blessed with a great many resources. We have a building that is in excellent condition with no major systems in need of repair or upgrade (like a new boiler or HVAC). We have the technology to provide livestream coverage of our worship. We have an endowment that in 2021 provided an additional \$100,000 to be used for ministry and building/parsonage improvements well above our regular General

Fund ministry supported by weekly offerings. Speaking of which, we have a generous congregation whose offerings so far are on track to meet our anticipated ministry expenses to end the year even. We have great full-time staff who make it possible for and lead the congregation in living out their calling as disciples of Jesus.

Which leads me to Our Savior’s, and any congregation for that matter, greatest resource. It’s you! I’ve never experienced a great ministry program that was meaningful and fruitful that was led only by paid staff. **THE TRUTH: Volunteers are any congregation’s greatest resource, and our ministry cannot meet the needs and demands of the people we serve in the name of Christ without you.** However, while you may be our greatest resource there are many who are an untapped resource as they are not yet engaged in any of the various volunteer opportunities at Our Savior. And my guess is the Number One reason they are not is because their calendar and schedules are already filled with appointments, meetings, practices, and a host of other commitments that require their time.

I get it. Really, I do. I am a volunteer driver for Interfaith Care Givers (IFC). I enjoy it every time I pick up a client to take them to the barber, doctor’s appointment, or some other event as we chat and share our lives with each other. Yet, every week the list of opportunities to drive a senior comes out I find myself opting out of volunteering before looking at the list. Why? Because I’m also remembering all the tasks I need to accomplish on my day off (when I normally volunteer for IFC) and conclude I won’t have the two hours usually needed to be a volunteer driver. I want to volunteer, but the can’t imagine adding it to my seemingly full schedule and burgeoning To Do List.

I imagine many of you feel the same way. Your schedules are full. Your task lists are long, and there are still only 24 hours in a day to accomplish it all. You can’t imagine adding another responsibility. “Somebody else will volunteer to drive them,” I convince myself. “Somebody else will step up to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher, confirmation Guide, usher, counter, Altar Guild member, or latest volunteer need is” we convince ourselves. **THE TRUTH: There are many volunteer opportunities that go unfilled because many believe their schedules and lives are too full to add another responsibility. That may be true BUT THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THE MINISTRY MOVING FORWARD DOESN’T GO AWAY.**

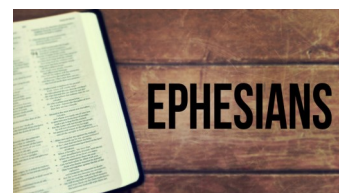
This article wasn’t meant to be a guilt trip. It was meant to be a confession and invitation. I confess that I dismiss IFC volunteer driver requests because I believe my life is too busy...right now. But what if I made caring for the seniors in my community just as much a priority for a few hours a week as I make for other tasks and responsibilities? Are there any “distractions” (e.g. bingeing shows on streaming services) that I could cut back on so I could rework my schedule of tasks to be accomplished in order to be a driver? Is there any room in your schedules and how you spend your time that could also be reworked? Most volunteer requests from Our Savior require only 1-2 hours of a person’s week. I invite you to consider with me how we can respond to the next call for our time and talent in serving the needs of our neighbor through the ministry of Our Savior or other agency that does God’s work in the world. Our congregation’s greatest resource isn’t our building, endowment, or staff. It’s you. I hope you can share the gift of God you were created to be with us soon. Blessings in the fall.

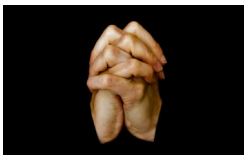
6-Week Bible Study of Ephesians Began Week of Sep 20/22 – NOW IN PERSON!

Throughout the months of July and August the Epistle Readings have been from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Since Pastor Wayne didn’t preach on any of those readings he thought it would be a good idea to cover them in the fall Adult Bible Discussion for Daily Living. This letter describes the divisions between Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus to be now broken down and reconciled in one body through the cross of Christ. This aligns with Paul’s mission of bringing the gospel to the Gentiles with God’s plan. The church, Christ’s body, is called to share this mission and to live a life worthy of this calling. The final chapters provide several examples of how God’s people can live out this calling.

Want to discover and discuss how this book still offers Christians examples of how to live out our calling to “proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed” as we promise we will do in our Affirmation of Baptism? Join the group **either in person in Room 112 or by Zoom on Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00** using the links provided on the home page of Our Savior’s website (oursaviorhaddonfield.org). The dates and themes of our discussions are as follows.

Week of	Reading	Group Discussion Theme
Sep 27/29	Chapter 2	End of Hostility
Oct 4/6	Chapter 3	Power to Know Love
Oct 11/13	NO DISCUSSION – PASTOR WAYNE ON VACATION	
Oct 18/20	Chapter 4	Working Out Our Unity
Oct 25/27	Chapter 5	Imitators of God
Nov 2/4	Chapter 6	Armor of God





Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Inge Lawyer, Walt Haswell, Doris Rell, Mary McDaniel, Arlene Stolarick, Dick Wilson, Randi Gordon, Shirley Stambaugh, Don &

Caryl Wallace, Ethel Boyce, *Samantha, Karen Both, Jack Kain, Rosemary Dougherty, Peggy Miller, Len Keenan, Mark Christman, Caren Kaufman, Colin Lawlor, Amelia Marchese, Natalie Doherty, Albert Kern, Stephen Dempsey, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Kim, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Faith Marum DelPercio, Carmela Cranford, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Connie Verner, Jeffrey Gross, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Mazzeika, Saunders Family, Ed Miller, Aasiyah Bey, Barbara Kerrane, Sandy Ferguson, Joanne Horn, Terry Mitchell, Ken Koehler, 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 Moving Forward:

Our Pantry Families like the flexibility of gift cards, one example is the option to buy fresh produce. We also know that there is dignity in buying your own groceries.

Hybrid Method: Starting back in July we had decided to use a hybrid method for our Pantry Families.

- Instead of food delivery twice a month, we will pack and deliver groceries once a month.
- Instead of utilizing the monetary donations to buy groceries to keep the Pantry stocked, we will use the monetary donations for grocery gift cards (half of what they are currently getting monthly).

Our Pantry Families are still in need. ***Please continue your generous monetary donations.*** When you have the opportunity please continue to donate groceries to the grocery cart to help re-stock the Pantry.



Pantry Grocery Needs:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit

Pantry Thank You: "Thank you for everything you have done during the Pandemic. The Gift Cards are a life saver. My boys love the backpacks! We can't thank you enough for your support."

Single-use Plastic Bags Wanted: Beginning May 4, 2022 food service businesses, etc can no longer use single-use plastic carry out bags, which is a wonderful step forward for our environment and the animals who live here. If you have extra single-use plastic bags, please re-cycle by donating them to the Pantry. We use them for packing (paper bag inside the plastic bag) for ease of carrying, especially for our older and disabled Pantry folks. Thank you for your continued generosity.

September Council Actions Synopsis

Council Approves Castle Windows & Doors to Replace Parsonage Windows

At its September meeting the Congregation Council approved Castle Windows and Doors to replace thirteen original double-hung sash windows in the parsonage with new energy efficient vinyl windows. Castle was one of two companies who bid on the job. The new windows will replace the original single pane windows that have glazing cracked and falling out. The change will improve energy efficiency as well as make cleaning the windows easier for the pastor's family.

Other Council Actions Included:

- Approving the establishment of a continuing resolution for a Justice and Peace Ministry Committee. A separate article on this item is in this edition of the Messenger.
- Postponed a decision on how to improve the internet access throughout the building until Verizon is able to offer a proposal in addition to the one received by Elite Audio. Currently the internet signal is spotty or non-existent in certain parts of the church such as the third floor classrooms.
- Discussed revisions to the current job description for the Director of Youth and Family Ministry in preparation for the job search that is to begin in October to fill the position that will be vacated by Jaime Frazier at the end of the year. A separate article is in this edition of the Messenger.



Pastoral Internship

Our Savior to Host ULS Intern Tom Nataldi starting in November

Over the summer the Congregation Council agreed to the request from United Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia to host a last-minute intern beginning in November pending his endorsement by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod on November 6. At an August meeting the Memorial Gift Board approved the allocation of funds needed to pay the nearly \$30,000 needed for a year of internship. Tom Nataldi is from Norristown and has completed his academic work for his Master of Divinity between Union Theological Seminary in New York City and ULS Philadelphia, as well as a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and field education work over the last program year and summer. In order to provide housing nearby, Our Savior had to get creative as the cost of renting would be prohibitive, so we are sharing the internship with our mission partners, Bridge of Peace Community Lutheran Church in Camden. They have an apartment in their Parish House above the church office that Tom will be able to use and he will work with their congregation one day of the week and one Sunday a month. An article of Tom introducing himself will follow in the November Messenger.



Who is ready to have fun at Oasis??

We have a great month planned for Oasis. If you are in High School and want to join us, please make sure to remember your mask and see you in the Youth Room! Our schedule is as follows:

October 3rd- Bible Study at 6:30

October 10th- National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting at 12:00 in Parish Hall

October 17th- Worship and Walk. Worship at 8:00am and head to Cooper River for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K.

October 24th- Game Night 6:30

October 31st- No Youth Group

If you are planning on joining us for the 5K, please sign up for the walk at: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/nancyandherbreastfriend>. We will need parents to drive from church to Cooper River. Please let me know if you are able to join us.

3,000 People in Worship??

Yes you read that right! Did you know that over 3,000 high school kids get together every 3 years to worship together? The best part is we do so much more than worship, we do serve projects and have A LOT of fun! If your child is currently in 8th to 12th grade they can be part of this amazing experience. Please join us on October 10th at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. If you cannot make it but still want information, please let me know. The trip is from July 24 to 28th.



How can I help?

One thing that I have come to notice over the last year is how important family and relationships are in our everyday lives. Do not get me wrong, I knew how important family and family ties are before the pandemic. But it just magnified it, I know that I struggled a lot because I could not see my family whenever I wanted. I am sure if you asked everyone who reads this if they struggled with not having daily relationships that they would agree as well. So as we get back to our “new normal” we are figuring out what to bring back to our lives. If I was being very hopeful, I would hope your family would say being back in church on Sunday morning for Sunday School would be #1 on your list. I know that may not be realistic for all families. But I pray that it is in the top 10 category. My question for all of you that are reading this is, how can the church be one of the relationships that you craved during

the pandemic? What can we do for you and your family to push us up on that list of importance? I hope that over the coming weeks you and your family will continue to join us for Sunday School, either in person or virtually. Please let me know what I can do to help you all accomplish this.

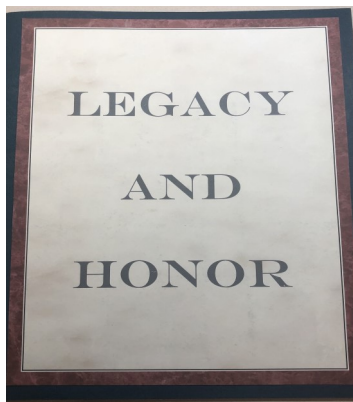
On a personal note, it is with a heavy heart that I have to inform all of you that I will be leaving as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry at the end of the year. This was not an easy decision but after much prayer and conversation, this is the best decision for my family. I will continue to be a member of LCOS but you will just not see me on a regular basis. I want to thank all of the families that let me be a part of your lives and for letting me help shape all of your children's lives. I look forward to continuing to make memories over the next few months and thank you all again for loving me like a family! *Jaime*



October 27 is the next Fund Raiser Date to Benefit Our Mustard Seed Community Childcare.

Just Mention Mustard Seed at Checkout So We Can Get a Percentage of the Profit.





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. This month's focus is to again highlight the Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to promising high school graduates from the City of Camden. We are highlighting three students in this month's newsletter that our congregation is supporting through Urban Promise. Next month we will highlight additional students that we are supporting through Lucy. Both programs select students in the Camden area that meet certain selection criteria for support in advancing their careers. If you would like more information about the Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund- please contact any member of the Memorial Gift Board. We hope you will consider contributing or making a memorial gift to this fund.

LCOS AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

NARRATIVE:

Monthly Revenue and Expense are approximately on Plan producing a monthly deficit of (\$2,300). This result was anticipated as we draw down on our PPP Loan. We anticipate our Year End Revenue and Expense to be slightly above

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	<u>REVISED FINANCIAL PLAN</u>	<u>AUGUST 2021</u>	<u>YEAR TO 2021</u>	<u>YEAR END ESTIMATE</u>	<u>2021 EST VARIANCE</u>
REVENUE					
Envelopes	412,300	31,355	251,876	419,800	7,500
Other Income	<u>57,600</u>	<u>4,395</u>	<u>51,383</u>	<u>55,100</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>
	469,900	35,750	303,259	474,900	5,000
EXPENSE					
Salary & Bene-	310,091	25,037	201,054	307,891	(2,200)
Property	50,000	5,520	35,158	51,335	1,335
Administration	41,800	3,407	28,702	47,650	5,850
Ministries	<u>68,009</u>	<u>4,086</u>	<u>35,840</u>	<u>68,024</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Expense	469,900	38,050	300,754	474,900	
INCOME	0	(2,300)	2,505	0	0

Congregational Support: January – August 2021

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2019	167	\$ 278,660
2020	213*	\$ 261,399
2021	166*	\$ 251,876

* 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.

October 2021 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship & 10:30 Facebook Live 9:15 Reflection 6:30 Confirmation & Oasis	5:30-8:00 ChildrenSong 6:30-8:30 Possibility Players - PH 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Bible Discussion	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 2:30 PM Staff Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Discussion 4:00-4:45 Children Choir 4:45-5:15 Children Bell Choir	7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Adult Choir		

October 2021 Special Events

31	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 11:45 W&M Mtg. 5:30 Animal Blessing	4	5 2:00 Local Vocal 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters	6 7:00 Book Club - parlor	7 12:30-7:30 Blood Drive	8	9 8:00-11:00 AM ChildrenSong
					Pastor Vacation	10/8 to 10/13
10	11 Columbus Day 	12 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters	13 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Choir Room	14 Messenger Deadline	15	16 Offsite Wedding
Pastor Vacation	Until 10/13					
17 Worship & Walk	18	19 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters	20	21 Messenger Mailing	22 Haddon Fire Basket Auction Set-up	23 10:00 Zaun Funeral Visitation – 11:00 Memorial 1:00 – 7:00 Haddon Fire Basket Auction
24	25 6:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	26 12:00 EPIC Group	27 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Choir Room 11:00-8:00 Mustard Seed Fundraiser at Passariellos	28	29	30 9-12 AM Choir Rehearsal
31 Reformation First Bibles Rcvd Quanci Offsite Wedding  Halloween						

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



BINGO!

**204 Wayne Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ**

COACH BAG BINGO

Saturday, November 13, 2021
6:00 P.M. Doors Open
7:00 P.M. Games Start

Admission- \$35.00

Includes: Bingo Sheets for all 14 games

Desserts, Coffee, Tea

The last game COVER ALL

Game Sheets for Purchase

Daubers will be available for purchase

Also Available

Baskets of Chance

50/50

FOR TICKETS CALL

Donna Marie – 856-669-4491

OR

Sandy - 856-429-5122



FALL CAMP

November 1st – 5th, 2021

Camp Hours – 8:00am – 5:00pm

Children in Grade K – 5th

Tuition

\$250 – 5 days

\$200 – 4 days

\$180 – 3 days

\$120 – 2 days

\$ 60 – 1 day

Located at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior
204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

For more information contact
Donna Marie Clancy
856-669-4491
director@mustardseedccos.org



Church of Our Savior Ambassador of Hope Scholars

Fall 2021



Brianna Louis - Freshman at Rowan College at Burlington County

Brianna is majoring in Business

Brianna is very involved in her church – she is an usher and a nurse room volunteer.



Hannah Delva - Freshman at Rowan College at Burlington County

Hannah is majoring in Nursing

Hannah volunteered at the Virtua Hospital, in her church nursery. She was on the honor roll at school and at UrbanPromise Academy placed in our MLK Speech Contest.



Bryanna Graham – senior at Rutgers University in New Brunswick

Bryanna will receive her degree in Business Management

Bry is involved in many campus activities including President of The DIVAS – a Douglas Campus mentor program. She has started her own beauty business as well.



Reflections Worship to Begin Simultaneous In-Person & Zoom Worship in October

Beginning Oct 3 the 9:15 Reflections Worship will be held both in person and by Zoom each Sunday. Those who prefer to worship in-person and are vaccinated are invited to attend and sit in the pews with masks being optional. If you are unvaccinated or are uncomfortable returning to in-person worship you can continue to participate by Zoom using the link on the website. We hope it is not long until everyone feels comfortable returning to worship in person as a hybrid worship is challenging for everyone to feel included.

First Holy Communion Instruction Postponed to Lent 2022 for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Due to increase in the coronavirus pandemic and children younger than 12 not yet having a vaccine available for use both Director Jaime Frazier and Pastor Wayne Zschech have decided to postpone the First Holy Communion instruction to Lent of 2022. They originally intended to offer the instruction in October in order for 2nd and 3rd graders to receive their first Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday. Children in the Third grade have already had their first Holy Communion delayed from last spring when they were in the Second grade so it was a difficult decision to delay theirs again for another six months. However, the staff's primary concern was the safety of the children and hope families can understand the decision behind the delay.



Youth and Family Ministry Director Jaime Frazier Resigns Effective Dec 31; Council Begins Discernment and Hiring Process

At their September meeting the Congregation Council accepted the Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Jaime Frazier's, letter of resignation effective December 31, 2021. Jaime has greatly enhanced our senior high youth ministry and creatively led our congregation's faith formation ministry amidst the greatest adversity of the pandemic by providing virtual means to experience both Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Her leadership will be greatly missed by both our youth, staff, and congregation as a whole.

During the last three months of the year the Congregation Council will be discerning how best to proceed in filling the position. The Council and Pastor believe it is a vital position for our church's ministry both now and as we expand to the unique challenges of family ministry in the 21st century. In the meantime our goal will be to both provide the same quality of youth and family ministry we've experienced since creating the position as well as make preparations to guarantee our youth and faith formation ministry continues without a hitch.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2021 (Betsy Kuehn)



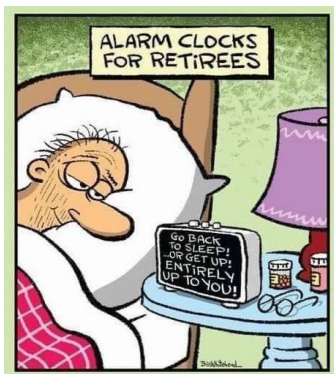
Holiday Food bags and donation envelopes will be available beginning October 24, 2021. Food bags will be available inside the sliding doors, on table outside kitchen, and on the table in the narthex. Donations will benefit the Peace Center at Bridge of Peace Church in Camden, a ministry to the poor and homeless in Camden, and the 8 LCOS Pantry families. There will be bags for the LCOS Pantry families (with orange flyers), and bags for the Peace Center at Bridge of Peace Church (green flyers). The deadline to return bags to the church is **November 19, 2021**. Please return to area to the right of doors to Parish Hall.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to LCOS, and indicate Holiday Food Drive in memo line and mail to the church at 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Donations for the Holiday Food Drive can also be made online thru Simply Giving at <http://oursaviorhaddonfield.org/simply-giving/>. Contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net with questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



My Father's House

We are in need of volunteers to prepare very simple meals for the 15-20 teens and adults in MFH's substance abuse recovery program. Volunteers are asked to make or purchase a simple meal and take it to My Father's House at 14 N. King Street in Gloucester City. If you are unable to deliver your meal, we will arrange for a volunteer to deliver it to MFH for you! We also need volunteers who can drive the meals to Gloucester City when the meal maker isn't able to. Please contact Kathy and Amelia Wright at 856-325-0496 or kathyandgregwright@gmail.com, or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845a4af2ba31-myfathers> to see how you can get involved in this meaningful ministry.



Do You Want to be EPIC?

With a new program year arriving and coming off the year+ that we've had, we have decided to change the Senior Game Day name. The EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community) Group looks forward to seeing your smiling faces whenever you can join us; we gather again on Tuesday, September 28 at noon for another enjoyable lunch and afternoon of cards, bingo, Mexican Train, and fellowship. Each month we will meet on the 4th Tuesday, unless highlighted on the schedule. Invite your friends of all ages to join us, the more the merrier!

The schedule for the year is:

Sept. 28, Oct. 26, **Nov. 30, Dec. 21**, Jan. 25,

Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28

It would be helpful for me if you would RSVP a week before the scheduled date so that I can purchase enough food and drinks for everyone.

We are asking each person to make a one-time donation for the year, up to June of 2022, which will help defray the costs of the lunches. Members of Our Savior are asked to pay \$25 and non-members \$35. This can be paid by a check made out to "LCOS" and marked EPIC Group and mailed to the above address or by bringing a check or cash (exact amount please) with you when you attend for the first time.

We hope the cost will not be a burden to you but if it is please talk to me. We also hope you will continue to contribute to our Pantry which helps several families in need in our area. Our Book Cart will be available for you to peruse and if you have books to contribute, we will welcome them.

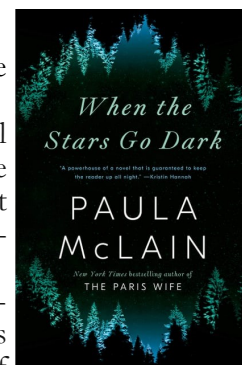
LCOS Book Club

The next meeting for the book club will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm, where we will be discussing *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain.

Synopsis: Anna Hart is a missing persons detective in San Francisco. When tragedy strikes her personal life, Anna, desperate and numb, flees to the Northern California village of Mendocino to grieve. Yet the day she arrives, she learns a local teenage girl has gone missing. The crime feels frighteningly reminiscent of the most crucial time in Anna's childhood when the unsolved murder of a young girl touched Mendocino and changed the community forever.

As past and present collide, Anna realizes that she has been led to this moment. The most difficult lessons of her life have given her insight into how victims come into contact with violent predators. As Anna becomes obsessed with the missing girl, she must accept that true courage means getting out of her own way and learning to let others in. Weaving together actual cases of missing persons, trauma theory, and a hint of the metaphysical, this propulsive and deeply affecting novel tells a story of fate, necessary redemption, and what it takes, when the worst happens, to reclaim our lives--and our faith in one another.

Please reach out to Samantha Wentz with any questions at 609-922-4973 (text or call) or sam.wentz@gmail.com.



Coming in October - Day of the Week to be Determined - Senior Memoir Project

Mabel Kay Senior Center is very excited to announce a new project...you have the opportunity to document your own life story (with a little help of course). Mabel Kay Senior Center will be collaborating with a 9th grade English class at Haddonfield Memorial High School to write your memoir. The students will meet with you over the course of the semester, interview you, get to know your life story, write it up, and hand you a finished product for you to keep or to hand down to your family (a holiday gift perhaps?) We even have a professional photographer, Amanda Hall Photography, volunteering her time to take photos for the final product. We will be Covid-conscious and either meet outside if the weather is nice, inside with masks, or via Zoom technology if necessary (we'll talk you through Zoom if you don't know how to use it). Intergenerational programming is one of our goals at Mabel Kay – such a great way for kids to learn from you and you to learn from the kids. RSVPs mandatory and it will require a commitment on your part to attend the sessions with the kids since it is a class assignment. Call or email with questions or to sign up:

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"The Time For Singing Has Come"



"...for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come." (Song of Songs 2:11-12) These verses have been in my head at every choir rehearsal this month when the sound of voices would unite in song. After months and months of being in the sanctuary with only 1-2 other people, prerecorded music, then worship services when we could not sing yet, the time for singing has finally come. As the leaves are starting to change colors and it gets dark before 8PM, it feels like spring in the sanctuary to me when the sounds of singing voices bloom into the air. When well over 20 people join their voices for an exuberant Hallelujah Chorus on Rally Sunday, when a child in choir yells "Can we sing this song again? I LOVE singing!" at choir rehearsal, when we sing our new Offertory Song as the kids bring forward their noisy offering, it does feel like flowers appearing on the earth, with the time of singing finally here.

After a long season of flux and waiting, we are in the process of finalizing dates for the special events of the LCOS music season, with a concert in the fall, Lessons & Carols on December 19th (mark your calendars!), a spring cabaret, and a spring concert.

If you or your child (age 3 and up) are interested in joining a choir, please let me know! No experience is needed, just enthusiasm! The time for singing has come!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful and Chorally Inclined" An Invitation to Sing for Lessons & Carols

Want to help make the Advent and Christmas season more special? Join the choir for Lessons & Carols! Our Lessons & Carols kick off rehearsal (open to anyone interested and vaccinated) will be held October 30th 10:30-11:30. Come help us make a joyful noise for a special season! Any questions can be directed to Pauline.



God's Love Comes Down, God's People Turn Inward Is your glass half empty, half full, or full to overflowing?

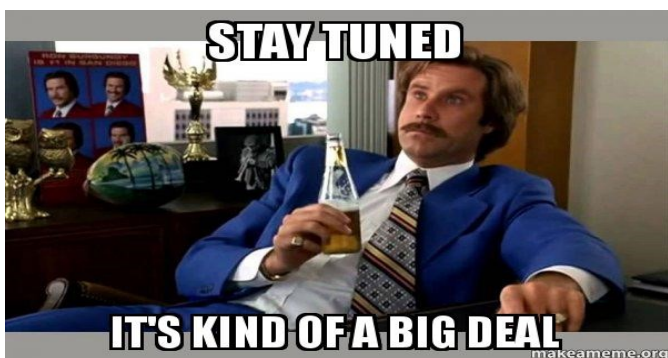
Too often we gaze upon abundance and see scarcity, as our corporate confession in worship this month reminds us. Thinking of all we don't have, we see a glass half empty. Is that really the case? Or do we lack the faith to trust that God has provided—and will continue to provide—enough in our glass to share with our neighbor? Is it, in fact, not only a glass half full, but actually one full to overflowing?

God loves us so much that He gives each of us varying talents, time, money and stuff. Yet, what we have is not ours. It is God's. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance. If we quiet our minds and look inward, we can see the abundance that God has entrusted to us. We each have the resources to love God and our neighbor. We don't own these resources, we are to share them in response to God's love.

Our Savior's Stewardship Campaign for the coming year begins on October 31. As we think about how we can share the resources showered on us, it's helpful to remember that our congregation gathers our resources and shares them with others as a visible sign of God's love and caring. All of us responding together in faith and love ... Imagine the overflow on that glass!

**God's Love Comes Down, God's People Turn Inward
2022 LCOS Stewardship Campaign Kick Off, October 31
Commitment Sunday, November 21**

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Environmental Happenings



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

Our Plastics are Harming our Friends of the Seas

Plastics consistently make up 80% of all marine debris studied.

There may now be **around 5.25 trillion macro and microplastic pieces floating** in the open ocean. Weighing up to 269,000 tons, 100,000 marine mammals, such as turtles, dolphins, sea otters, beluga whales, and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually.

How can we help ??

Reduce Your Use of Single-Use Plastics. Recycle Properly. Participate in a Beach or River Clean Up. Avoid Products Containing Microbeads, Spread the Word of how our marine animals, plant life, and birds are being harmed.



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