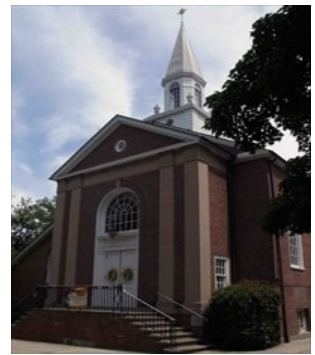




The Parish *Messenger*

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Our Savior Saints Remembered on All Saints Sunday, Nov 7; Worship Begins in Memorial Garden

We continue the tradition for All Saints Sunday begun in 2016 of beginning the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services outside (weather permitting) with a Thanksgiving for the Saints of Our Savior who have entered Life Eternal since our last celebration of All Saints Sunday in 2020. Worshippers will process from the Memorial Garden into the sanctuary during the Gathering Hymn. Those with mobility concerns can gather in the narthex alcove that overlooks the Garden before walking into the sanctuary and avoiding the stairs. We are working on a way we can livestream the Thanksgiving for the Saints in the Memorial Garden and then switch to the church cameras for the indoor portion of worship so those joining us virtually can participate in both parts. It may require stopping one livestream to begin another.

The saints we will be remembering in the Thanksgiving for Saints of Our Savior and included in a bookmark keepsake that day include;

Margaret Carney, Jane Hammann, Jane Harris, Doris Iarossi, Carolyn Lichter, Helen Lodgek, Joyce Walker Odendahl, Jim Nelson, Karen Sargent, Margie VanBuren, and Dick Welden.



The Lutheran Church of Our Savior Officially Welcomes Tom Natalini as Our Newest United Lutheran Seminary Intern on November 15.

Tom's time at Our Savior will actually be a bit more unique than past interns. Since providing housing for Tom was financially unfeasible Pastor Wayne invited Pastor Giselle Coutinho of our mission partner congregation, Bridge of Peace Community Lutheran in Fairview, if he could use their parish house apartment and serve one-quarter time at their congregation. We look forward to Tom's ministry with Our Savior three days a week and three out of four Sundays while the other day and Sunday will be at Bridge of Peace. Getting to meet and know Tom this fall is just another reason to come back to worship on Sundays as the pandemic begins to wind down. His bio is below.

Tom grew up in Trooper, PA, about a half hour from Philadelphia. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of Audubon, PA. He graduated from Susquehanna University in 2015 with a degree in Political Science, Religious Studies, and Economics. After graduating, he was a ministry intern at Unity ELCA in Milwaukee, WI. The following year, he attended Union Theological Seminary in NYC, where he studied for two years. He transferred to United Lutheran Seminary in the spring of 2018 and is currently in his final year of studies toward completing a Master of Divinity degree. Tom's academic interests include the history of ideas of the Christian tradition, as well as contemplative traditions and practices. He also enjoys gardening, writing, and rooting on all Philly sports.

Memorial Garden Flag Retirement/Replacement on Veterans Day, Nov 11 @ 3:30

Our Savior has established a tradition with respect to retiring and replacing the United States flag that flies above our Memorial Garden by holding a short service on Veteran's Day each year, regardless of the day of the week on which it occurs. On Thursday, November 11, Veteran's Day, at 3:30, Pastor Wayne will lead a brief ceremony where the current flag will be retired, and a new flag will be flown. The time was changed to 3:30 so Scouts and other children might have the opportunity to attend as well after school. The retired flag will be turned over to the American Legion Post 38 in Haddonfield for proper disposal. The Legion's American flag disposal receptacle and ceremony were an Eagle Scout project completed by Jonathan Baxter, a member of Our Savior. If you would like to donate a flag for future years it should be at least 3'x5' or 4'x6' in dimension for our 20-foot pole. We do not currently have a flag for this year. We look forward to this being an annual event to honor our veterans as well as retire and replace our Memorial Garden flag.



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.



It's Time to Give Thanks In All Circumstances

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

I don't know what kind of a year you all have had but 2021 was not the big sigh of relief so many thought it would be after 2020. The Coronavirus pandemic is still a factor in curtailing our regular life activities. The struggle for racial equity has moved from protests in the streets and public square to legislative restrictions. The effects of climate crisis have been felt all over the world and Hurricane Ida certainly made its mark in our area with devastating tornadoes and torrential flash floods leaving some homeless and others with water damaged homes. As of this article I've officiated 23 funerals this year, the most in one year, as well as the death of my best friend, my step-mother, and five friends or parents of friends. And there's still two months left in the year. 2021 felt in some ways more like being kicked when we're already down.

The Christians of Thessalonica were experiencing suffering and persecution for their worship of Jesus as Lord rather than worshiping Caesar as "God" or Emperor Octavian as the "son of God." And we think worshiping by livestream or in masks is difficult. Yet, in St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians he shares these words at the end. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

Rejoice always? Give thanks in *all circumstances*? Is that even possible this Thanksgiving? Paul knows there will always be times of trial and tribulation in our lives, but simultaneously we have the promise and hope of new life the resurrection of Christ assures us. It is that Spirit of the risen Christ that dwells in each of us and when we rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances we fan the flame of the Spirit rather than quench in sorrow or despair.

So this Thanksgiving I rejoice in the marriage of my daughter, Brie, to her best friend and husband, Jared Novak. I give thanks for the addition of a "son" in our lives. I rejoice and give thanks for so many friends and family from across the globe that will be able to share in celebrating their wedding day the week before Thanksgiving.

I rejoice and give thanks for being married thirty years in October to Kate. We've come through a lot over those three decades and on this "pearl" anniversary we have come to realize the treasure that often lies inside that which is rough and challenging to open.

I rejoice and give thanks for those who are gathered for worship in person as well as those joining by the livestream. Preaching and leading worship to a church of empty pews was hollowing. Seeing the expressions of your faces, masked and unmasked, is a greater joy than you can imagine.

I rejoice and give thanks always for your generosity in giving of your time, talent, and treasure in the midst of uncertainty. Our Savior's ministry could not be where it is today without your ongoing commitment to the ministry we share.

I rejoice and give thanks for the vibrancy of Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior and the incredible Board of volunteers, staff, and this congregation that made it possible for parents in need of childcare to continue receiving it here. Their parents are so appreciative we took the risk to start it amidst the pandemic.

I could go on, but you get the message. Luther once said if we were to list all our blessings in life there would not be enough ink or paper to contain them all. As you prepare to sit down to a large or small gathering this Thanksgiving I invite you to take the time to at least write a short list of what you can rejoice and give thanks for in your life this year. In doing so your Spirit will not be quenched, it will be stoked as will your faith in our Lord who has promised to be with us always to the end of the age. Happy Thanksgiving!

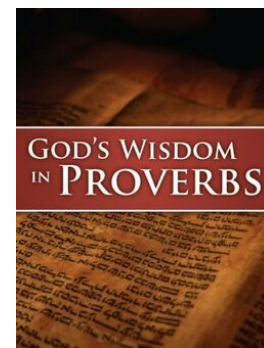
7-Week Bible Study of Proverbs Begins Week of Nov 8/10 – IN PERSON+ZOOM!

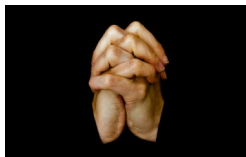
The book of Proverbs is one of the Wisdom writings of the Old Testament and the source of many pithy sayings with a very practical point. Drawn from the everyday life of common people, these proverbs are couched in figurative, poetic speech laced with analogies and similes, which leave a visual as well as verbal impact on the reader.

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
Nov 8/10	Chapters 1-4	Wisdom Is Supreme
Nov 15/17	Chapters 5-9	Warnings Against Folly
Nov 22/24	NO DISCUSSION – PASTOR WAYNE ON VACATION	
Nov 29/Dec 1	Chapters 10-14	Power of Words
Dec 6/8	Chapters 15-19	Relationships
Dec 13/15	Chapters 20-24	Worthy Advice
Dec 20/23	Chapters 25-28	More Relationships
Jan 3/5	Chapters 29-31	Virtuous Woman





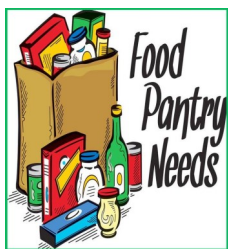
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

Caryl Wallace, Ethel Boyce, *Charles Bakes, Ralph Volpe, Gail Gross, Jay Keller, Samantha, Jack Kain, Rosemary Dougherty, Peggy Miller, Len Keenan, Mark Christman, Caren Kaufman, Colin Lawlor, Amelia Marchese, Albert Kern, Stephen Dempsey, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Kim, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Faith Marum DelPercio, Carmela Crawford, 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

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.



- Cereal
- Canned Carrots & Peas
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Grocery Gift Cards
- Pasta Sauce



Pantry Thank Yous: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. When I receive the gift card and groceries I no longer feel food insecurity. I can't get food stamps because I am \$10 per month over the limit due to my disability check. I am very grateful. God Bless You All!"

Fall Back

Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Sunday.



Saturday, November 6.



God's Love Comes Down,
God's People Turn Inward

What Are We Doing With Everything God Has Given Us?

Last year we looked at the many ways God comes down to us in love. This year we've been introverts, looking inward to discover how God is calling us personally to respond to His bountiful, never-ending love.

We've considered how we use our time and talents. We've looked at what role "stuff" plays in our lives. We've examined how we use our money and if it aligns with our values, for as Jesus said in Luke 12: 24, "...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." There's just no arguing with that statement.

Now it's time to put all that pondering to work. Now we each get to answer the question, "What is God calling me to do to share his love in the world and to help and care for my neighbors?"

Our Savior's annual Stewardship campaign begins on Sunday, October 31. During the week of November 14 you will receive your Stewardship pledge card and supporting materials in the mail. Commitment Sunday will be November 21.

As you consider the enclosures with your pledge card, read how your gifts given locally help not just Our Savior's ministry, but also travel around South Jersey and on to Trenton, Minneapolis and the world, growing as they go. That's certainly sharing God's love to the world, and you play a part in it.

Stewardship is about love. It's about everything we do after we say, "I believe." As you consider your response, ask yourself the question: Doesn't how we respond to Stewardship have less to do with money and more to do with faith?

God's Love Comes Down,
God's People Turn Inward

2022 LCOS Stewardship Campaign Kick Off,
October 31

Watch your mailbox the week of
Nov. 15 for your pledge packet.
Commitment Sunday, November 21

Messenger Mailing Helpers:

Thanks to: Jane Evans, Laura Oakes, Janie Braccio, Millie King, David Foster, Betsy Kuehn, and Deb Hartigan for helping to assemble the Messenger.

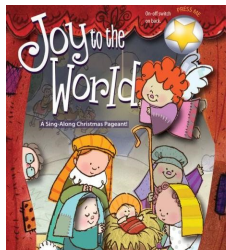


No Oasis November:

We will not be having anything for Oasis in November because of scheduling. Please join us in December for Christmas Decorating on December 5th and a Great Gingerbread Competition on December 19th with the Confirmation Class.

Save the Date!

On December 5th Oasis and Confirmation will be setting up the Sanctuary for Advent. We will be providing dinner and having great fun while putting up the Christmas Trees. Please meet in the Parish Hall at 5:00PM.



A is for Advent!

The Sunday School program is excited for something a little different this year for our Annual Christmas Pageant. We will be doing a sing-along on December 12th at 9:15 in the sanctuary. We will not be able to have our usual brunch but we will still be able to invite the congregation together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. Be prepared to use your singing voice to get us in the Holiday Spirit. If your child is interested in participating in our program, please let Jaime know by November 7th. All parts are very short so all ages can participate.

Can you be a substitute??

We are looking for Sunday School substitutes for 2022. If you are able to help out, please let Jaime know so she can get the schedule put together before she leaves on December 31st.



Christmas Eve already??

Calling all acolytes! Jaime will be putting out a SignUp Genius in the middle of November for acolytes on Christmas Eve. Please keep an eye out and fill it out as soon as you possibly can. Please let Jaime know if you will be out of town!

Mustard Seed Childcare Update

Our summer camp was a success! We had 24 campers and great staff. Many parents expressed their gratitude and thanked us for providing this option for their children.

Our November Camp will run November 1-5, since schools are closed that week. We have several children already signed up.

We currently have 46 kindergarteners in our Kindergarten Extended Day program. All is running smoothly and judging by the comments from the kids and their parents, everyone is having a good time.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Guest Reader for Story Time or a volunteer at lunch time please contact Donna Marie Clancy, 856-669-4491 or director@mustardseedccos.org.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Dine and Donate at Passariello's - October 27

Coach Bag Bingo - November 13 - see insert for details

Thank you for your support!



**November 17 is the November
Fund Raiser Date to Benefit
Our Mustard Seed Community Childcare.**



LCOS September Financial Report

NARRATIVE:

Monthly Revenue and Expense are approximately on Plan producing a monthly deficit of (\$4,737). This result was anticipated as we draw down on our PPP Loan. We anticipate our Year End Revenue and Expense to be slightly above Plan generating Net Income on Plan. Dedicated Account Summary provided below.
(Mustard Seed is starting to increase our insurance and property expenses)

REVISED

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>		<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u>	<u>YEAR END</u>	<u>2021 EST</u>
		<u>PLAN</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
REVENUE						
	Envelopes	412,300	29,675	281,551	417,300	5,000
	<u>Other In-</u>					
	<u>come</u>	<u>57,600</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>51,508</u>	<u>55,600</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
	Total Revenue	469,900	30,800	333,059	472,900	3,000
EXPENSE						
	Salary & Benefits	310,091	25,794	226,816	308,591	(1,500)
	Property	50,000	4,301	38,357	52,000	2,000
	Administration	41,800	3,111	31,813	44,300	2,500
	<u>Program</u>					
	<u>Ministries</u>	<u>68,009</u>	<u>5,101</u>	<u>40,810</u>	<u>68,009</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total Expense	469,900	38,307	337,796	472,900	3,000
INCOME		0	(7,507)	(4,737)	0	0

Congregational Support: January – September 2021

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2019	167	\$ 313,954
2020	208*	\$ 287,951
2021	165*	\$ 281,551

* 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.



November 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	10:00-noon & 1:00-3:00 Adult School Art Class 5:30-8:00 ChildrenSong - Sanctuary 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 6:00-6:45 Adult School Tai Chi - Narthex	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Discussion 4:00-4:45 Children Choir 4:45-5:15 Children Bell Choir	11:00-1:00 Adult School Art Class 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Adult Choir		

November 2021 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Election Day 7:00 Social Ministry Mtg	3 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels-Sanctuary	4	5	6 Peterson Wedding Offsite
7 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends 11:45 W&M Mtg.	8 Financial Plan Due 9:00 Yearly Staff Planning Mtg.	9 2:00 Local Vocal 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters	10 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Sanctuary	11 Veteran's Day Messenger Deadline 12:00 noon Memorial Garden Flag Retirement	12 7:00 Set-up for Mustard Seed Fund Raiser	13 7:00-10:00 Mustard Seed Coach Bag Bingo
14 11:45 Justice and Peace Committee Mtg.	15	16 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters	17 11:00-8:00 Mustard Seed Fundraiser at Passariellos 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Sanctuary	18 Messenger Mailing	19	20 4:00 Zschech/Novack Wedding Rehearsal
21 Christ The King Commitment Sunday 2:30 Zschech/Novack Wedding	22 Last Adult School Art Class	23 7:00-9:00 Toastmasters 12:00 EPIC Group	24 Sandy Off	25 Thanksgiving 	26 Office Closed	27
28 First Sunday of Advent Hanukkah Begins Woodworth Baptism	29 6:30 Congregation Resources Mtg	30				

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

BINGO!



**204 Wayne Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ**

Special
Men's
Coach Bag

Men's Baskets
include: Football
Frenzy - Eagles,
Boozy Basket and
more...

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
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Memorial Gifts Fund Corner



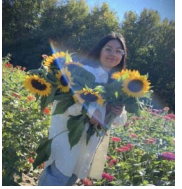
As promised, we will be again highlighting the Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to promising high school graduates from the City of Camden. Below are updates on three students we are supporting through the Lucy Program.



Melissa Rodriguez- Melissa is starting her senior year at Villanova. She expects to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in the Spring of 2022. Early this fall she helped 20 new freshman students through their introduction to Villanova University as an Orientation Counselor. In a recent communication Melissa states- "I am so appreciative of this scholarship, and I can't wait to make everyone proud."



Mala Samol- Mala writes the following- "I changed my major to Psychology, but still hope to pursue medicine - leaning towards the neuroscience, trauma or genetics field". Mala is preparing to take the MCATs in the spring and applying to medical schools soon after. She enjoys playing grass volleyball in her spare time. Mala is a Junior at Jefferson Humanities and Sciences. Mala additionally says- "I also want to thank the Board for believing in me and being there as I continue my education."



Emily Hernandez- Emily begins her sophomore year at Montclair State University and is majoring in Psychology with a long-term goal of becoming a Pediatric Psychologist. Back on campus, Emily states- "I've been busy attending my position as a full time Resident Assistant, while taking 19 credits (6 classes) and pledging a sorority. Emily is a first-generation college student and her going to college is a huge milestone for her family. Emily goes on by saying- "I would like to thank those who made my scholarship possible. I am humbled to have this scholarship to help me continue my studies!"

What a difference we are making in the lives of these young adults. It is what we mean when we say- Be the Change God's World Needs. God's work. Our hands. We hope that in seeing how we are helping to support the young adults highlighted in last months newsletter and the stories shared above that you will be inspired to make ongoing contributions to the Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund for years to come.



In closing, below is an excerpt from a text from Christina Diaz (a scholarship recipient who graduated from St. Joe's in 2020): "I have always been so grateful for the role you and the board played in my education at SJU, so I am thrilled to share with you all that I have officially begun working as a full time Data Integration Analyst at The Center for Data Driven Discovery in Biomedicine located at the Research Institute for C.H.O.P. It is an amazing opportunity and I want to thank you for being apart of my journey and helping me get to where I am today"

Wow!



**Interfaith
Caregivers**

Service Coordinator

Full Time

Description

Responsible for coordinating and supporting volunteer caregiving services to elderly and disabled including coordinating volunteers, volunteer training and client communications.

Key Responsibilities

Receive and process referrals of persons in need of volunteer support services.

Assess client needs investigate their eligibility for volunteer and other services.

Schedule and record volunteer appointments in database.

Maintain client and volunteer records and complete required documentation. This may include but not limited to data entry, activity reports and client and volunteer follow up.

Occasionally drive a client to their appointment.

Handle all incoming calls.

Required Skills

Computer skills (Microsoft Office) current drivers license and means of transportation. Comfortable transporting clients.

Skilled communicator and good listener

Experience working with volunteers and elderly a plus

Excellent telephone manner

Person of integrity and compassion

**WE ARE
HIRING**

To apply please forward your resume and cover letter to Larissa Willison @ lwillison@ifchaddons.org.



Advent Giving Tree Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 14, 2021, the Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the second floor Narthex outside the sanctuary.

If you would like to participate in helping to bring some Christmas joy to people in need, please take a tag. To participate when at church, take a tag from the table in the narthex, sign your name and phone number on the sheet, purchase an item on the tag (\$25.00 limit per tag), and return the gift with the tag attached by December 5, 2021 prior to 11:30am.

An online gift registry will also be available for members that may not be comfortable in returning to church in-person following the coronavirus pandemic. Gifts to be sent to the church. The link to Advent Giving Online Registry will be sent out in an all-member e

-mail. It will also be included thru the church website and Facebook page.

To participate in the online registry:

Select a gift slot from the online registry.

Put your name and phone number.

Purchase the gift(s) or gift card(s), and mail or deliver to church.

\$25.00 per gift or gift card,

Indicate slot # of gift that you selected, this will help with organizing the gift cards for each group.

Some slots may show more than 1 gift card, depends on number of family members. A slot may indicate gift cards to more than 1 store

All gift cards must be labeled with the amount, if pre-wrapped, please identify gift card.

Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father's House, Urban Promise (for their Christmas Promise Store), Caring Hearts, and our Pantry families.

The tags and envelopes for contributions will be available on Sundays, November 14, November 21, November 28. The gifts must be returned to church no later than December 5, 2021 by 11:30am.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to LCOS, and indicate Advent Giving in memo line and mail to the church at 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Donations for the Advent Giving Tree 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.

Holiday Food Drive 2021 (Betsy Kuehn)



Holiday Food bags and donation envelopes will be available beginning October 24, 2021. Food bags will be available 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 9 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.

ACME GIFT CARDS FOR BRIDGE OF PEACE (Connie Wolf)

Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden is also requesting \$25 Acme gift cards, at least 50. They can be dropped off to Sandy in the church office. Contact Connie Wolf at 856-795-2855 or

conniemattwolf@msn.com with any questions about this.



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.



EPIC

The EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community) Group looks forward to seeing your smiling faces whenever you can join us; we gather again on Tuesday, October 26 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: 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.

Please RSVP to Peggy Hartmann – 856-745-2459



Justice & Peace Committee to Meet Nov 14 @ 11:45 in Parish Hall

The initial meeting of the newly formed Justice & Peace Ministry Committee at Our Savior had twelve adults and two teens in attendance and focused on the basic question of "Where do we begin?" Not surprisingly, the answer is, "We already have!" The group shared the various injustice issues that were of importance to address. Those in italics have been a topic of book studies, ELCA Social Statement forums, or Pride Month observance in the last two to three years.

<i>Racism</i>	<i>Women's Rights</i>	<i>LGBTQIA+ Acceptance</i>	Voting Rights	Gun Violence
<i>Judicial System</i>	Hunger		Housing Inequity	Healthcare
Immigration/Refugee	Environmental Justice		Student Loan Debt	Poverty
Interfaith Acceptance				

Where do we go from here? The group agreed there were basically three to four areas we can begin to focus on before our next meeting on November 14 at 11:45 in the Parish Hall.

- Awareness:** It became clear that Our Savior is already involved in justice and peace actions that range from participating in the Rev. Jehu Jones Bishop's Challenge to providing over \$16,000 in scholarships to Camden youth each year through our Memorial Gift Board. Providing the congregation a greater awareness of the justice and peace work that is already going on in our congregation as well as opportunities through the NJ Synod and/or other Lutheran and local churches needs to be a priority going forward. Check out the various subgroups our synodical Justice and Peace Mission Team has at www.njsynod.org/justice-and-peace.
- Racism:** We will follow up on our relationship with Mt. Olivet and their endeavor to establish a youth drop-in center called the Dunamis House that would involve the renovation and repair of their parsonage next door to the church. With Pastor Wayne Zschech also being one of the leaders for the synod's Transforming White Privilege workshop and another round being held in early 2022 this may also be a natural next step for members to participate in racism awareness.
- LGBTQIA+:** Next steps will include participating in and being a sponsor of the Collingswood Pride Parade in 2022, and determining how to make those in the LGBTQIA+ community aware that the Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a safe and welcoming community of faith for them.
- Water Fountains:** Pastor Zschech shared that years ago the NJ Synod Assembly passed a resolution for congregations to refrain from using bottled water at their ministry events and functions to minimize the amount of plastic bottles in world. One way to increase the use of refillable water bottles is to change our current water fountains to ones that allow for water bottles to be filled in addition to the regular water fountain spout.

Interested in joining the Justice & Peace Ministry Team? If any of the above injustice areas are of interest to you or you are already involved in one or more of them through another group we enthusiastically invite you to attend the next meeting of the Justice and Peace Committee on Sunday, November 14, at 11:45 after the late worship. We will finish by 1:00 at the latest. Hope to see you there.



Younger LCOS Choirs to Join Forces With ChildrenSong
LCOS has been the residence for ChildrenSong, a fantastic local choral music education program, for the last several years. ChildrenSong consists of three choirs (elementary, middle, and high school choirs grades 3 through 12) and is led by Polly Murray. They give several concerts throughout the year and have performed in countries such as Italy, Iceland, England, as well as across the U.S. on their summer tours. Our children and youth

choirs have the exciting opportunity to join ChildrenSong the winter season! We will sing at LCOS' Lessons & Carols on December 19th at 10:30, as well as an event for Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January. The first rehearsal together will be the morning of November 13th. If your child is interested in joining, please contact Pauline. Friends are welcome and you do not have to be an LCOS member to sing.

Join the Choir for Lessons & Carols!

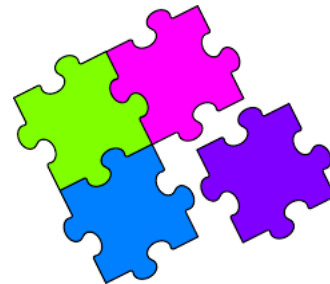
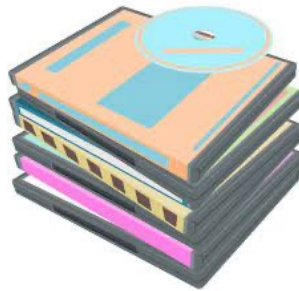
Love singing and wish you were doing more of it? Join the choir as we prepare our Lessons & Carols program! We will host an open read through rehearsal on October 30th 10:30-11:30 to kick off our Lessons & Carols preparation. Following, the first 45 minutes of each choir rehearsal will be dedicated to Lessons & Carols anthems (Thursdays 8-8:45pm). We will have a final rehearsal December 18th 9-11:30 before the Lessons & Carols service on December 19th. Join us and feel free to bring a friend! Contact Pauline if interested.



Thanksgiving Community Worship Suspended Again Due to Covid

Due to the continued limitations the Coronavirus continues to impact on worship at this time, as well as several churches in the midst of pastoral transition, the clergy in the Haddonfield Council of Churches have decided to postpone the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship again for 2021. They look forward to a robust return of this annual worship celebration of Thanksgiving in 2022. Until then we give thanks for the many blessings our congregations and communities have experienced throughout this pandemic.

Our Savior's Library



Something for Everyone

When you step into the library, you will find numerous genres such as
Children, Teens, Parents, Family/Children DVDs, Christmas/ Advent,
Easter/ Lent, Living Out Our Faith, Devotions, Prayer, Bereavement,
Life Changes, Women's Issues, Biography, Fiction,

Martin Luther/ Reformation, Bibles and Bible Stories, LCOS History, and oodles of Jigsaw Puzzles

~ The Library Ladies



Environmental Happenings



For God's People and God's Planet and God's Animals Watch your waste !!

For the items that you may be throwing away may contaminate the soil and water for thousands or millions of years. Our community has special disposal procedures for items such as batteries or used oil. Contact: Camden County - sworaski@camdencounty.com 856-858-5211; <http://www.camdencounty.com/recycling>
Used ink cartridges can be taken to the store in which you purchased them so, that they be properly recycled. And many of the new super efficient lightbulbs contain mercury so, proper disposal is crucial. Again, check with the store in which you purchased the bulbs

Be the CHANGE God's world needs !! Have the faith and make a CHANGE !!

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