



The Parish *Messenger*

JULY/AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



“Tree of Healing” Theme for Vacation Bible CAMP July 25-29; 1:00-4:00

Children age 3 to grade 5 are invited to attend this year's Vacation Bible Camp under the theme, “Tree of Healing” that focuses on the passage from the Book of Revelation on the tree in the middle of the garden that is for the “healing of the nations.” Camp costs only \$30 per camper of which \$25 of the fee will go toward a donation to Lutheran World Relief: Ukraine in honor of the Ukrainian refugee family of seven Our Savior is hosting through Pastor Wayne and Kate at the parsonage.

Camp begins at 1:00 each day and goes to 4:00 in the afternoon. There will be Large Group Openings and Closings, as well as five rotation stations including Bible/Story Time, Music, Crafts, Games, and Snack. Registration forms can be found online at Our Savior's website, or in print at various locations within the church and on page 8 of this Messenger. Return them to the church office for registration or submit online.

We haven't had in-person Vacation Bible Camp since 2019 and we hope the children are looking forward to a week of fun, faith, and fellowship. Invite your friends to attend as well as everyone is welcome under the Tree of Healing in God's Kingdom.

Volunteers are Needed! Please contact our Director of Youth and Family Ministries,
Sabrina LaBelle@smgvasta@gmail.com or 856-429-5122

Follow The Link on our website to register and to pay on-line: www.oursaviorhaddonfield.org



Youth Summer Mission Trip Returns to Winston-Salem Habitat for Humanity

As of the writing of this article there are three youth and four adults who will be attending this year's Habitat for Humanity Youth Summer Mission Trip in Winston-Salem NC. The group will leave on Saturday, July 9, and return by the following Saturday, July 16. They will stay overnight at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on the way down and will reside at the Habitat Volunteer Lodge while in Winston-Salem. While the work schedule has not been created, past work has included rough framing, insulation work, sheathing and siding a home, as well as constructing handicap ramps. All meals are provided by Habitat and local volunteers or restaurants in the area. When they aren't working in the hot, humid North Carolina sun the group will likely relax playing miniature golf, bowling, catching a minor league baseball game or swimming in a lake at a recreational park.

Why the low number compared to previous years? Several contributing factors played a role.

1. The Coronavirus pandemic prevented LCOS from hosting a travel mission trip in 2020, and 2021, which had a big impact on the annual trip's momentum as well as took a big toll on the vibrancy of our own Oasis Senior High Ministry.
2. Habitat requires participants to be age 16+ so the last group to attend are now sophomores in college and there hasn't been a group to build up enthusiasm for those who are in their first or second years of high school.

Hopefully, the trip will grow back to the pre-pandemic size of 15-20 youth each year over the next few years and the youth attending this year will have such a great experience they will excite and inspire current 15- and 16-year-olds to attend in 2023.

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.



“Rip Tides and Sunday Schedules – Fighting Them Is Counter-Productive”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Summer is here and frolicking in the ocean has returned to the Jersey shore. And while many may enjoy jumping the waves, or body surfing, or boogie boarding into the shallows, one of the dangers of the waves and tides are rip currents. Rip currents are fast moving, long, bands of current that can pull swimmers far away from shore and out into the ocean. When caught in one your first instinct is to swim against it to get back to shore. However, the rip tide is usually so strong that many swimmers become easily fatigued and wind up unable to swim to shore after the current takes them out past the

breaking waves.

The solution to surviving a rip current is first, stay calm. Don't freak out and feverishly try to swim back against the current. Second, against one's instinct, float out with the current. Rip tides don't drag you under – they drag you out, and often only about 100 yards. Finally, when you begin to swim to shore do so either parallel or diagonally to the shoreline until you're out of the current. Either way will get you out of the current and back to safety. Fighting the rip tide by swimming directly into the current is counter-productive and even deadly.

In our current culture it seems as if Sunday morning activity schedules have become a “rip tide” that worship and children's faith formation activities are caught in. Sports games and tournaments, dance recitals, play practice, choir rehearsal, and even birthday parties are now scheduled at times that in previous years was “sacred” for those who attended worship and Sunday school. As hard as some parents swim against this rip tide current of activity scheduling, trying to allow their children to participate in such activities while simultaneously raising them in the Christian faith and practice their efforts, and that of the church, seem futile at times.

Our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Sabrina LaBelle has already spoken with these families and the consistent message she kept hearing from them was, “If church just started earlier it wouldn't force us to choose between church and our children's activities. If we could be finished by 11:00 we'd have enough time to make the noon early games.” This “current” situation is not going to change. It is strong, like a rip tide. So maybe the response should mimic how we survive the ocean rip tides. First, stay calm. Don't freak out. Second, go with the flow of the current...for the moment. Accept that the strong current cannot be easily overcome and embrace it...for the moment. Then swim parallel to it.

The staff and Congregation Council have begun contemplating possible responses to the parents' comments and our “current” culture of Sunday morning activities. One that is prominent is to consider flipping the middle Reflections worship with the later traditional worship that features choirs and Faith Stepping Stones blessing rites during worship. If the late service with Sunday school were now the middle service that would end no later than 10:45 would that impact a parent's ability to have their family participate in both worship and Sunday school while also having sufficient time to get to the noon time activity? There are a lot of details the staff and Council will be working on before coming to a recommendation for action so please keep us in your prayers. What we all acknowledge and accept is the reality that swimming against the “rip tide” of Sunday morning activity schedules is as fruitless as doing so in the ocean. We will have to take a different course of action if we are to navigate both safely.

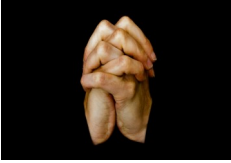
If you have any input or questions please know my door and phone line are always open. I would rather hear your concerns during the planning process than complaints once a decision has been made. Thank you for being the dedicated congregation toward making disciples of our children you have been for decades as we navigate the current culture on Sundays. Have a blessed and restful summer vacation as well.



Ukrainian Refugee Family Update – Summer Jobs Requested

Our Savior's congregation has been an incredible support to the Zhara/Derets/Chastukhina family since their arrival at the parsonage on March 20. The three women have all submitted their Temporary Protective Status applications and the children are next. They are also working on their English to be better capable of landing a job once the work permits come through. And while most of the children are under minimum working age they are all eager to earn a bit of spending money. The two oldest boys, Nick and Kyrlo, have learned how to cut lawns and with Mark also know how to wash cars (to the level that passes Pastor Wayne's approval). Sonia loves to water plants and work in the garden and all four have bonded so well with Greta they may even be able to help with watching pets for those on vacation this summer.

With this in mind if you are in need of someone to provide such services, or if you are a teenager or young adult willing to provide them as well, please let the Church Office know as we do get inquiries about such services periodically in the summer. Thank you again for all your support as this family continues their journey to living in the United States.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Matula Family, Charlotte Needham, Clive Crosby, Doris Rell, Dick Wilson, Randi Gordon, Shirley Stambaugh, Caryl Wallace, Lee Sargent, *Shuvanon Shabid Eric Kelly, Julia MacNamara, Shellee Conley, Steven Alutore, Brenda Jarger, Dale Runge, Lois Cummins, the people of Ukraine, Barbara Riper, Suzanne Ferguson, Rich DeBella, Ralph Volpe, Charles Bakes, Samantha, Jack Kain, Peggy Miller, Rosemary Dougherty, Caren Kaufman, Colin Lawlor, Amelia Marchese, Albert Kern, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Kim, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Carmela Crawford, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Connie Verner, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Mazzeika, Saunders Family, Ed Miller, Barbara Kerrane, Sandy Ferguson, 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, Chuck Atkinson, Sophia Campos, William T family, David Wenck*



Pantry

The LCOS Pantry is Going Green!

The times, they are a changing! Like the rest of NJ, the Pantry is transitioning to using reusable grocery bags, and we can all help. The first step in this process is asking you to donate new or used re-usable grocery-sized bags. Just place your bags in the shopping cart in the foyer when you bring in your food donations.

Please do your part to help Our Savior reduce its carbon footprint. Thank you in advance for supporting the Pantry and for being a dedicated steward of our earth and our neighbors.

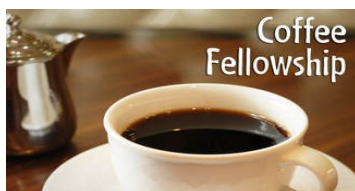


- Canned fruit, peas, carrots, mixed
- Tuna & Canned Meat
- Cereal, TP
- Rice Packets, paper towels
- Gift Cards & Monetary Donations

Pantry thank you: Just wanted to say how thankful my family and I are for the generous pantry and gift cards we have received. It has helped us dramatically. I am most grateful. Please extend my thanks to the church.

Coffee Hour Schedule

We will have an informal Coffee Hour through the summer. Please join us when you can and if you would like to bring a treat please do.



The new Coffee Hour Schedule will come out in August. The Committee Chairs will receive a copy and it will be printed in the September Messenger.

Council Synopsis For June

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the Council of Our Savior Lutheran Church met virtually from 7 - 9 pm. The following important items were discussed and decided:

- We welcomed our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Sabrina LaBelle
- We discussed how to reinvigorate our Youth and Family Ministry and will continue to explore various options
- Expenses and offerings are currently on plan



Help Feed Hungry Children at Bridge of Peace

Bridge of Peace VBS will be the week of July 25-29. Several of our children have said that VBS week is the one week of the summer when they are

not hungry since we serve breakfast, lunch, and snacks. You can help by providing:

- individual packages of: goldfish, Cheeze-its, and pretzels
- Cookies
- Pudding
- fruit snacks
- granola bars
- Individual fruit cups and applesauce
- large boxes of low sugar cereal: Cheerios, Kix, Rice Krispies, Lucky Charms
- Lemonade mix
- or any other snacks you think kids would like

You can leave them in the Bridge of Peace bins across from the office. Cash donations to cover fresh fruit can be sent to: Connie Wolf – 310 Portsmouth Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Contact Connie at conniemattwolf@msn.com with questions. Thanks!



Kitchen Towels Needed

Do you have any extra kitchen towels that you don't need? The LCOS kitchen could really use some more kitchen towels. We used to have a bunch of them but the supply has slowly been depleted. If you have any you could spare just leave them on the butcher block in the kitchen. Thank you!



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

LCOS will host a blood drive on: Wednesday, August 10, 1:30-6:30
Please visit the Red Cross website to register.

A Fresh Breath Of Air at Summer Conferences

A few Sundays ago we celebrated Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came among us like a breath of fresh air and fire! Pentecost anthems and hymns focus on the life and breath that we get from God. After 2.5 years of different levels of pandemic music making, I am excited to get back to a semi-normal summer full of life and lots of music making, at several music conferences, and at LCOS and singing freely through this summer.

Most annual church conferences I've been to are in remote locations that allow you to commune with nature as you are learning and relaxing with other church musicians. 48 hours after writing this article, I will be driving to Montreat, North Carolina to join many other church musicians at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. I genuinely enjoy music conferences and am excited to finally attend one in person again, and one in such a beautiful location as the North Carolina mountains. There is something about deepening your skills, knowledge, and faith, while surrounded by verdant nature. A week after returning from Montreat, I will be hopping on a plane to attend the American Guild of Organist conference in Seattle - a rare treat that only happens every 3 years or so, and has to be in a big city in order to have concerts played on beautiful organs throughout the city. Two in person conferences in one summer will feel like luxury after 3 years of continuing ed that consisted of Zoom and books, and I am grateful for the support from the church and especially our Worship & Music committee to be able to go to these conferences for my continuing education.

In between learning with grown ups, I will also get to make music with kids! We still have four singalong movies left for the summer, if your children or you want to join:

July 10, 6:30pm: *Mary Poppins*

July 31, 6:30pm: *Frozen*

August 7, 6:30pm: *Moana*

August 28, 6:30pm: *The Greatest Showman*



And of course, our VBC - finally back in person after 3 years - will be full of songs!

I hope that your summer will also include enriching experiences, be it for work or for play. May your mind both relax and be strengthened this summer, may you breathe deep breaths with the Holy Spirit (maybe even in song!), and may you find joy in the beautiful creation that surrounds us. *Pauline*



Reading is fun and can take you on many adventures !! You are invited in to check out books, puzzles, and DVDs !!

~The Library Ladies



Congregational Support: January – May 2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2020	255	\$ 177,535
2021	195*	\$ 166,902
2022	187*	\$ 173,078

* Since March 2021, when church reopened, the in-person attendance at all services is added to the livestream Facebook numbers to get the total number in attendance for any given week. Livestream 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.

Thank You for Being Stewards of God's Love

Thank you to all those who put their offering envelopes into the plate in person, mail them to the church office, or give electronically. Our Savior's faithful givers are sharing their blessings so that others may know God's love.



Ordinary Time

Well, if it is not Christmastide or Lent, Eastertide or Advent, it can only be one thing—ordinary time. Now the annals of history tell us that the “ordinary” of ordinary time comes from “ordinal”; as in, the ordinal numerals by which the weeks of ordinary time are numbered. But certainly the connotation “common” befits, just the same. Since, of course, before our eyes is neither the white or gold of Christmas or Easter, nor the purple or blue of Lent or Advent, but ordinary green. And if we look beyond the altar and observe our world at this time of year, we are seeing a lot of ordinary green, aren’t we? The dormancy of winter is over, the blooms of spring have come to full and we are wrapped in gorgeous green. How extraordinary is ordinary green?! An ordinary miracle, like a vibrant

sprout bursting forth from a bare seed sown in mud.

The book of nature, it seems to me, might be suggesting that we take a second look at “ordinary time”. For this book whispers: the miracle is in the drops of dew on the blades of grass that we miss. The miracle is in the dancing dirt that is an ant colony, thriving. The miracle is in a community garden where a cat and groundhog live as companions, breaking the bread that unsuspecting humans plant.

So maybe the miracle for us is starting to suspect, and then suspecting, that there is more to ordinary than meets the eye—so look close, and look a while. There’s a bird singing a song for you. There’s a migrating band making a breeze. It’s all grace and a dance, and there’s a step for you to learn.

So heed nature’s whisper, and I’ll see you in worship, where Jesus comes to us in the “extraordinary ordinari-ness” of bread and wine. Where Jesus comes to us, and stops us, slows us down, returns us to look deeply into the here and now, into the miracle that is the present moment. And from a little bit of bread, and a whit of wine, grace comes and we dance, out into the streets, to proclaim the good news of our healing, the green, ordinary news, of God’s goodness.

Yes, this is ordinary time, and its good a time as ever, to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Thanks be to God. **Vicar Tom**



Housing Needed For Cross Roads Day Camp Staff

Bridge of Peace Church is seeking housing for 4-5 Cross Roads Day Camp Staff members from **Sunday, July 24 through Friday, July 30**. Staff members will be running Vacation Bible School at Bridge of Peace as they have done so well in the past. Due to COVID, Cross Roads is requiring housing without a host family.

If you will be away for that week and would be willing to share your home, please let us know. The amazing staff members are responsible and respectful and will treat your home with kid gloves! Or do you know of an apartment/house that is empty for the week?

Please help us to share the love of God with our kids through VBS this summer! If you can help with housing or have any ideas, contact Connie Wolf at 856-795-2855 or conniemattwolf@msn.com.



LCOS Celebrates Pride: A Reflection

*God of earthquake, God of thunder, Shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord.*

We sang these words of a popular Pentecost hymn (ELW 400) on Sunday morning just a few days before marching in Haddon Township's Pride Parade. After tie-dyeing our shirts (made for us locally by Camden Printworks) for the parade at our kick-off event, we met in the Westmont PATCO parking lot in our colorful shirts and got ready to march. It felt like the Holy Spirit was marching along, as the hymn pleads, shaking us loose from the lethargy we often experience when we don't act. Our banner proclaimed "All are welcome. You are welcome." as we walked down Haddon Avenue, receiving both excited and shocked looks. A woman excitedly shouted "Yes! That's what Jesus would do!" as she saw us and a teenager holding a sign that said "You can't pray away gay" smiled when they saw us.

You may think that marching in the parade is not necessary as our church is not against the LGBTQIA community, but many people outside of the church don't know that. With the evangelical church being the most vocal church in the US, the main message many hear is one of non-acceptance, so they assume that they do not belong in church or to God. Our theology of a loving and affirming God must be loud and clear against messages like that, so marching in the parade was one way to proclaim our faith in a God who loves and welcomes all - as the hymn states, crumbling the walls that still divide us.

Our third event was the discussion of Emmy Kegler's memoir "One Coin Found." We shared how we saw ourselves or friends we knew in Emmy's story and discussed what had propelled us to participate more actively in the work of justice and peace in the church. Her frank discussion of mental health was also an important one that we felt like the church needs to speak about more. We also decided that to be truly inclusive, our embrace and celebration of the LGBTQIA community must be active all year round, and not only in June - though we rejoice with the celebration and the education that comes with Pride month and will continue participating in it until we are truly made one in Christ our Lord.



Stewards of God's Love: God's People Reach Out, Even in the Summer



Summer time, and the living is easy. This year especially with the relaxation of Covid restrictions, many of us are looking forward to resuming our usual summer activities and past-times, and putting aside demands on our schedules and resources. Travel, family events and Sunday activities draw us away from regular worship attendance and maybe from keeping up with our giving. However, just like the expenses at your house, the bills still arrive in the church office in July and August, and the commitments Our Savior has made to help our neighbors in need don't take a vacation. As you enjoy your summer, please remember how your gifts to LCOS matter.

Also, this year Congregational Resources has been presenting many ways that God's people can reach out on their own beyond their gifts directly to Our Savior. We've tried to answer these questions: How is God calling us to love our neighbor? How is God calling us to share the abundance He has entrusted to us? How is He calling us to be stewards of His justice? Summer is traditionally when many charities and helping groups see a big demand on their services, but a drop in their income. Please continue reaching out to help these groups and the vulnerable communities they serve. Please continue reaching out with God's love.

Mustard Seed Community Childcare KED (Kindergarten Extended Day) Program



We are finished our first year of the KED Program on a high note! The children had a Disney Day and went virtually to Disney World, there was an end of the year Pizza Party, and the last three days were Fun Days with lots of games and outside fun. Each child received a beach bucket with a beach ball that they all signed for each other and a frisbee. The teachers and I have watched them grow through the school year not just in height but emotionally, socially, and academically. We have lived out the Mustard Seed vision of "Nurturing the smallest into the greatest." We will miss them, but we are getting ready for September and the new group that will be attending.... all 80 of them!!!

Summer Camp

We will be welcoming 54 campers over the 8 weeks of camp. Our Head Camp Counselor has fun and exciting days planned, even a Game Truck one afternoon. There will be themed weeks; Ocean Week, Sports Week, Dinosaur Week just to name a few and Special days such as Carnival Day, Tie Dye Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and more!

Job Opportunities

We are looking to hire two more Teachers and Teacher Assistants for the fall. If you or know of someone who is interested, please have them contact Donna Marie Clancy at 856-669-4491 or director@mustardseedccos.org. With 80 children we will be opening two more classrooms!

July 2022 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship & 10:30 Facebook Live 9:15 AM Reflection Zoom & in-person	Minister's Musings 4:30-8:15 PM Jess in Choir room	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM Jess in Choir room	3:00 PM Tai Chi 7:30-8:30 PM Jess in Choir room	Theological Thoughts 6:00 PM Jess in Choir room		

July 2022 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5 7:00 PM Toastmasters Sandy	6 Vacation	7 7-5 to 7-7	8	9
Pauline Continuing 7-1 to 7-5	Ed. – AGO	Convention	7-3 to 7-8			Sabrina vacation Mission
10 Summer Bells 6:30 PM Mary Poppins Sing-a- long	11 10-12, 1-3, 7-9 Haddonfield Adult Art Class	12 7:00 PM Toastmasters	13 Bob	14 Vacation	15	16
Sabrina vacation	Until 7-16				Until 7-20	
Trip	7-9 to 7-16					
17	18 10-12, 1-3, 7-9 Haddonfield Adult Art Class	19 7:00 PM Toastmasters	20	21	22	23
Bob	Vacation					
24	25 1:00-4:00 VBC	26 1:00-4:00 VBC	27 1:00-4:00 VBC	28 1:00-4:00 VBC	29 1:00-4:00 VBC	30
					Sabrina Vacation	Until 8-6
31 Summer Bells 6:30 PM Frozen Sing-along Sabrina Tom vacay until 8-6						

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

August 2022 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 & 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship & 10:30 Facebook Live 9:15 Reflection Zoom	Minister's Musings 4:30-8:15 PM Jess in Choir room	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM Jess in Choir room	3:00 PM Tai Chi 7:30-8:30 PM Jess in Choir room	Theological Thoughts 6:00 PM Jess in Choir room		

August 2022 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10-12, 1-3, 7-9 Haddonfield Adult Art Class	2 7:00 PM Toastmasters	3	4	5	6
	Sabrina vacation	Until 8-6				
	Tom	Vacation	Until 8-6			
7 6:30 PM Moana Sing-a-long	8 10-12, 1-3, 7-9 Haddonfield Adult Art Class	9 7:00 PM Toastmasters	10 Blood Drive	11 Messenger Deadline	12	13
	Pauline vacation	8-8 to 8-21				
14	15 Last Mustard Seed Summer Camp	16 7:00 PM Toastmasters	17	18 Messenger Mailing	19	20
				Pastor vacation	8-18 to 8-21	
Pauline vacation	Until 8-21					
21	22 5:30-8:30 PM Childrensong Summer Camp – Choir Room	23 5:30-8:30 PM Childrensong Summer Camp – Choir Room	24 5:30-8:30 PM Childrensong Summer Camp – Choir Room	25 5:30-8:30 PM Childrensong Summer Camp – Choir Room	26	27
Pastor vacation						
Pauline vacation						

28 Summer Bells 11:45 AM Worship & Music Mtg. 6:30 PM The Greatest Showman Sing-a- long	29 6:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	30	31 10:00-noon Singing Angels – Choir room	
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Lutheran Church of Our Savior
July 25-29, 2022, at 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Open to 3-year-old to 5th grade. Tuition is \$30 per camper.

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade Completed: _____

Name of parents: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Home and Cell Phone: _____

Home church/faith community: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Can we take pictures of your children? _____

Contact Director of Youth and Family, Sabrina Labelle
smgvasta@gmail.com if you would like to be a volunteer. You
must be in 6th grade or older.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: MAY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT**NARRATIVE**

(Note: Director of Youth & Family salary & benefits expense does not start until later in the year)

May Envelop Offering of \$30,380 was below plan of \$32,520, generating an anticipated year end estimate of \$1,000 over plan.

Generous Matching Funds above plan helped generate an anticipated year end revenue of \$3,800 over plan.

Expenses were slightly lower than anticipated generating a Net Income forecast of \$5,800 over plan.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>		2022	MAY	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR END	ESTIMATED
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>YE VARIANCE</u>
REVENUE						
	Envelopes	418,000	30,380	173,080	419,000	1,000
	<u>Other Income</u>	<u>69,412</u>	<u>5,042</u>	<u>34,227</u>	<u>73,212</u>	<u>3,800</u>
	Total Revenue	487,412	35,422	207,307	492,212	4,800
EXPENSE						
	Salary & Benefits	310,312	23,034	116,501	310,962	650
	Property	54,600	3,851	21,289	54,600	0
	Administration	47,900	3,809	19,269	47,900	0
	<u>Program Ministries</u>	<u>74,600</u>	<u>5,918</u>	<u>30,232</u>	<u>72,950</u>	<u>(1,650)</u>
	Total Expense	487,412	36,612	187,291	486,412	(1,000)
INCOME		0	(1,190)	20,016	5,800	5,800

Social Ministry Is Collecting Personal Care Items This Summer

Social Ministry Committee assists Caring Hearts families that are seen by Cooper Hospital's Pediatric Infectious Disease Practice. We usually support the seasonal holiday parties by providing baked goods and refreshments as well as a collected item (underwear, baby wipes, socks, deodorant, and gifts from Advent Giving Tree) and provide assistance at these parties. We also support Caring Hearts with a monetary donation in March and a special Christmas donation. All in-person events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. So far, no in-person events have been held in 2022.

Thank you to LCOS members for a successful collection of personal care items for the families served by Caring Hearts this Spring. Social Ministry Committee will continue the collection of personal care items thru the summer including full size toothpaste (not the little sample toothpaste) and toothbrushes, men's and women's deodorant, and bars of soap, at least 2 dozen of each. The toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, and deodorants will be included in tote bags containing personal care items to be given to the families. Caring Hearts is hoping to hold an in-person Back-to-School event in mid-August, date and location to be announced. These items will be delivered to Caring Hearts in two batches. The first batch will be included in tote bags to be delivered to Cooper in early summer to be given to families at appointments. The second batch would hopefully be given out at the Back-to-School event.

A collection box for Caring Hearts is available on the shelves outside Parish Hall for your donations. The deadline is August 10, 2022. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Contact Betsy Kuehn or Eva Shaw for more information.

Caring Hearts Collection for Camp Bright Feathers: In addition to the collection of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, men's and women's deodorant) to be included in tote bags for the families, Caring Hearts is also requesting items to be donated to Camp Bright Feathers. This is a week-long summer camp in Medford, NJ for children affected by HIV/AIDS to be held August 21-26, 2022. Requested items for Camp Bright Feathers are: 20 tubes toothpaste (full size), 10 bottles shampoo (regular size), and 10 bars soap (regular size).

For more information on Camp Bright Feathers, go to: www.campbrightfeathers.com.

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Greetings! I am so excited to be a part of the community of Lutheran Church of Our Savior as the new Director of Youth and Family Ministries. My first few weeks here have been filled with a lot of introductions (please forgive me if you have to tell me your name again!). I've been focused on knowledge-gathering as we on the staff, the council, and the church try to conceptualize what youth and family ministries might look like in the near future (this fall), as well as for the longer-term future of the church. To that end, I have been trying to reach out to the parents of elementary-age children and to Sunday School teachers to understand what works well with our Sunday School program and how we might serve the needs of our families even better. I have also been reaching out to high school students

and their families as we look toward an end-of-summer planning meeting for next year to redevelop and rethink what Oasis (the high school youth group) can be and wants to be. And then there is Vacation Bible Camp, which is returning to in-person at LCOS for the first time in three years! What a summer it will be.

From my early discussions with Sunday School teachers and parents, I have begun to learn some interesting things. First and foremost, the Sunday School program at LCOS is a valued faith formation opportunity for young children. Parents love that it takes place within the church service itself, allowing separate time for parents to listen and focus on the sermon while children get age-appropriate lessons and activities. The Sunday School teachers themselves are a treasure of kindness, caring, and love for the children of LCOS whose time and talents are very much appreciated by the church community as a whole, as well as by the children themselves.

But there are also challenges faced by parents in this new age in which we are all living, including increased extra-curricular and sport activities taking place on Sunday and the general busy schedule that all parents must keep. The starting time for the later service on Sunday mornings was cited as often problematic because it ran into other activities taking place that the children were also involved in, for instance.

As we look toward planning youth and family ministry for the fall, my goals are to be flexible, to increase intergenerational opportunities for socializing and for learning, and to be aware of and responsive toward the needs of families, both children and parents, who have been under a great deal of stress even before the pandemic began, but certainly exacerbated by the pandemic. I am looking at Sunday School curriculum that is thematic and may include opportunities to learn stories through storytelling, science, art, and drama, as well as planning opportunities for parents to socialize (without their children!) and to learn and to get to know one another better in our community.

The most immediate dates to remember include Vacation Bible Camp, July 24 – 29 from 1pm – 4pm for all children PreK – 5th grade. Older children are welcomed and encouraged as helpers!

Also, please save the date for Rally Sunday, September 11, which will include an opportunity to register your child for Sunday School and learn about the new curriculum, to meet the teachers, to meet the other parents, and there will also be a Ministry Fair, which will be an opportunity to learn about other ministries at LCOS if you are looking to get more involved in this amazing community. Perhaps most importantly of all, Mr. Softee will be on the property so that everyone can have a special treat!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any feedback, questions, or concerns. I want to make sure that whatever is planned for youth and family ministries at Lutheran Church of Our Savior is truly what is best for the children, for the older youth, and for their families! *Sabrina LaBelle, Director of Youth and Family Ministries*



Sunday School volunteers needed. We are looking for a few additional Sunday School teachers to volunteer on a rotational basis (not every Sunday). The curriculum and all training and materials will be provided. No special knowledge needed! Parents, if your child is attending Sunday School, please consider volunteering, even just occasionally. For non-parents, this is a great opportunity to get to know the next generation at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. If you are interested in more information, please email Sabrina LaBelle, Director of Youth and Family Ministries: smgvasta@gmail.com.



My Father's House- Summer Volunteers Needed! Volunteers are urgently needed to make and take meals to 16 women who are in counseling for addiction recovery at MFH in Gloucester City. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845a4af2ba31-myfathers> to sign up, or contact Kathy and Amelia Wright at 856-325-0496 for more information.

Snack Sacks for My Father's House If you'd like to get involved in making Snack Sacks for the clients who aren't at MFH on meal-delivery day, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caaa82aa0f9cf8-snack> or contact Amelia Wright at ameliaewright11@gmail.com.

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God within me, God beyond me
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