



# *The Messenger*

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER  
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR



**LCOS & MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CHILDCARE  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US RAIN OR SHINE ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022, FROM NOON—3:00 PM  
THE TAPROOM BAR & GRILL—BACKYARD  
427 W. CRYSTAL LAKE AVE., HADDONFIELD  
\$20 PER PERSON, \$60 PER HOUSEHOLD**

**FOOD: HOT DOGS, BRATS, SAUERKRAUT, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, PRETZEL BITES,  
MAC & CHEESE, GREEN SALAD, DESSERTS, SODA INCLUDED, CASH BAR**

**GAMES: BOUNCE HOUSE, CORNHOLE, HORSESHOES, OKTOBERFEST BINGO, AND MORE...**

**DJ: SPINNING YOUR FAVORITE POLKA, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND  
70'S, 80'S & 90'S MUSIC**

**CRAFTS: ADULTS & KIDS CRAFT TABLE**

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN! PLEASE RSVP TO: <https://tinyurl.com/zau9sddn>  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 856-429-5122. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!**

**PLEASE PAY BY CHECK DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO  
BRING YOUR PAYMENT TO THE EVENT.**

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL!**

*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.*

## “Celebrating 95 Years of Spreading God’s Word of Grace” By Pastor Wayne Zschech



Do you remember your first Bible? Mine was the Story Bible complete with pictures that as I think back still are vivid in my memory of some of the famous stories of the Bible; Adam and Eve, Noah and The Flood (complete with drowning people and animals trapped on rocks as the rain and waves of the flood threatened all around them!), Moses and the plagues (I can still see the gnats and frogs), as well as, Sampson destroying the temple after being blinded. Looking back now I realize just how violent was my first introduction to God’s story of salvation found in the Bible. No wonder they changed the pictures!

Then came my first *real* Bible. I think it was a King James Version given to me in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when we attended Bethany Lutheran Church in Palmyra. I was so glad to have a real Bible with everything Jesus ever said in it written in *red letters*! Sadly, it was pouring rain that day and as we were getting into the car the Bible fell into the stream that was raging down the gutter and the onion skin pages were forever puckered after that, never closing flat again when it dried. Yet, it was the Bible I remember at age 10 reading voraciously after my dog died as I tried to find in its pages the answer to why God would let my beloved collie, Dutchess, of only 3 years, die so young. I didn’t make it past all the genealogy “begetting” portions in Genesis so my search was delayed.

In confirmation I got a Good News Bible (the Contemporary English Version translation) and was back to enjoying some of the depictions in the pages and easier text to read than the KJV that was now thoroughly falling apart. This would be the Bible that would take me through not only confirmation classes but also high school Bible studies on Sunday mornings with Mae Eakin who knew her Bible so well she would simply start class by asking, “What do you want to talk about?” We’d ask a question and she’d quickly reply, “Turn in your Bibles to…” and we were off!

Seminary required the Oxford Revised Standard Version Study Bible that got filled with annotations in the margins and highlighted passages left and right. Seminary also required the purchase of the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament, but I couldn’t read those today if you paid me. New English Version. New International Version. New American Standard Bible. The Message, which is a paraphrase of the Bible intended to get people reading the salvation story of God and God’s people and intended to make scripture more relatable (like the Living Bible paraphrase did for my mother and so many born before 1965). And finally, the Lutheran Study Bible in the New Revised Standard Version that I use today for all my Bible studies and sermon preparation work.

What Bible do you use? Is it a Women’s Devotional Bible, or a Men’s? Do you read it in the morning or before you go to bed at night? Is it a family Bible that sits in a prominent place in your living room, but may rarely be used? Or is it so worn from pages being turned you think of getting a new one but realize it won’t have all the notes and highlights that represent years of reading God’s Word and reflecting how it echoes your story of faith in the God we have come to know in Jesus? Bibles are meant for disciples to read and digest like a fine wine, a gourmet meal, or any other experience that deepens our sense of meaning in this world.

On Reformation Sunday Our Savior will be providing our Third Graders with a Sparkhouse Bible that is meant to not only be relevant in their elementary years, but also through their teens (although in confirmation they will get a Teen Study Bible all the same). Parents fulfill the baptismal promise they made to “place in their [child’s] hands the Holy Scriptures” and Director Sabrina LaBelle will offer a blessing that God’s word become a part of their daily life of faith and discipleship. Most importantly, I pray they realize that with at least this Bible they will always have access to the God of love and life revealed in the stories of faith contained in its pages. I pray parents and children will read them together and talk about what they mean for them. On Reformation Sunday we celebrate Martin Luther’s rediscovery of God’s word of grace, forgiveness, and salvation in God’s Word. I pray we all might discover the same no matter what version we may have on our nightstand, coffee table, or bookshelf.

### From Beginning to End: 6-Week Study in Revelation Topic Runs Through October

For many in the church, Revelation is a confusing book. Martin Luther himself thought the images in Revelation were incomprehensible and found the book’s meaning unclear. It is a book that disturbs us and, especially given many popular (and incorrect) interpretations, frightens us.

The bizarre, confusing images, however, have inspired poets and artists, musicians and moviemakers. They also offer us glimpses into who Jesus is and who we are called to be in response. The 6 sessions in this Bible study explore the following images of Christ found in Revelation.

Oct 3/5	The Cleansing Jesus	Rev 7:9-17
Oct 10/12	The Renewing Jesus	Rev 21:1-6
Oct 17/19	The Enlightening Jesus	Rev 21:10, 22-22:5
Oct 24/26	The Coming Jesus	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Participants are welcome to attend either the Monday night discussion group that meets in Room 112 from 7:30-9:00 PM or the Wednesday morning group in Room 112 from 9:30-11:00 AM. Each participant will receive a Learner Guide for the course that will enhance their discussion experience. Pickup your copy in the church office.





### Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Betty Hermann, Sam Lee, Noelle Corressel, Clive Crosby, Doris Rell, Dick Wilson, Shirley Stambaugh, Caryl Wallace, *Kody Schneider, Frank*

*Nardone, Baby Sheamus Joseph Kinnarney, Mike DiMartinis, Shuvanon Shabid, Eric Kelly, Julia MacNamara, Shellee Conley, Steven Alutore, Brenda Jarger, Dale Runge, Lois Cummins, the people of Ukraine, Suzanne Ferguson, Rich DeBella, Ralph Volpe, Charles Bakes, Jack Kain, Peggy Miller, Rosemary Dougherty, Caren Kaufman, Colin Lawlor, Amelia Marchese, Albert Kern, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Carmela Crawford, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Connie Verner, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Mazeika, Saunders Family, 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, Chuck Atkinson, Sophia Campos, William T family, Ryan Roberts, Ed Miller, David Wenck*



### Pantry

Pantry Re-usable Grocery Bags: A big THANK YOU to the congregation for your overwhelming gift of re-usable grocery bags. We were able to start the process this summer and have enough bags when the current ones are no longer useable. THANK YOU!

Thank Yous from Pantry Families: "Thank you so much for the gift card and groceries. Thank you for delivering the groceries while I cannot pick them up myself, it is so generous of you. I read *Christ in Our Home* every night, it is such a comfort. Bless you all."



- Canned peas, corn, carrots
- Canned mixed veggies
- Cereal
- Canned chicken, tuna
- Acme or Shop-Rite Gift Cards
- Monetary Donations



### Coffee Fellowship

### Coffee Hour Schedule

With our new Sunday morning format for worship, we will begin a new Coffee Hour format, too. Coffee Hour will be right after the 8:00 worship. With this change also

comes a change in who will be setting up, providing the treats and cleaning up. The church will be providing treats for coffee hour and if anyone would like to contribute please feel free to bring whatever you would like. Fruit and Cheese would be helpful since they will not be a weekly item. If you can lend a hand every once in a while with clean-up Sandy would be most appreciative!

*Many Hands  
Make Light Work*



### We're getting an early start on making this year's ornaments. Please join us!

Sisters in Spirit invite the women of the church to join us for a potluck luncheon in Parish Hall on Sunday, Oct. 16 at

noon. Come for the lunch and socializing and stay to help us make this year's Christmas ornament. SIS is dedicating the proceeds from the ornament to help the Ukrainian family being hosted by Pastor and Kate, so we're thinking a sunflower-themed decoration will strike just the right note.

There will be plenty of space to spread out, and plenty of time for eating and making new friends. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome. Not a crafter? You're not alone. Come anyway. There are always ways for unskilled hands to help.

Please RSVP to Millie King, [mmking0105@gmail.com](mailto:mmking0105@gmail.com)

### Blessing of Pets/Animals on Oct 2 at 5:30

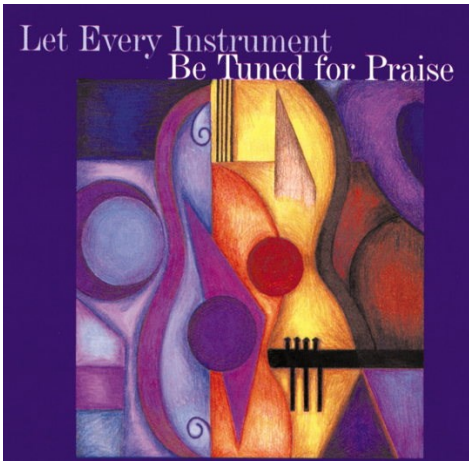
St. Francis of Assisi has long been associated with being the patron saint of animals whose commemoration as a renewer of the church is observed on October 4. As a way of remembering this Saint of the Church and our calling by God to care for creation and its creatures **The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 2, 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.** 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.





Let Every Instrument  
Be Tuned for Praise



Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise,  
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise:

### LCOS Choirs Update

I had never been excited about encountering a problem until Thursday night a week ago: at our music theory session for adult bell and vocal choirs, we completely ran out of chairs! We scrambled to get more, had a few people stand, a couple share the piano bench and made it work, but there was an excitement in the air as it was happening - we finally were at the point where we were all together again, learning about and making music! Oh what glorious sounds are coming out of the choir room and sanctuary now when over 20 adults raise their voice in song or a dozen bell ringers ring and mallet their bells! What a joy it has been to experience this musical return. If you have been thinking about joining **Adult Bells** or the **Adult Choir**, don't hesitate to let me know, we would love to welcome you!

Our **Tween Choir** also had a great first rehearsal where they learned a whole new song in just one session and made great progress on their bell piece. They will be meeting Tuesdays 5-6:15pm. Our **Cherub Choir** (ages 4 through 3rd grade) will be kicking off their rehearsals on September 25th, right after worship - 10:40-11:10am. Should there be interest, I would be happy to start a group for younger kids aged 3-4 for play and music similar to what we do for Vacation Bible Camp - if you are interested, please let me know.

Additionally, we are mixing things up a little bit for the youth! After a traditional choir hasn't been able to pick up for several years, we'll be trying to do more contemporary music and have a mix of a **Youth Choir and Band**! If your child plays an instrument and/or loves to sing, let me know! We're hoping to start rehearsals in October. *Pauline*  
Have a wonderful start to this fall and I hope I will hear your voice this fall and going forward:

*Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise, let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, and may God give us faith to sing always:*

*Alleluia!*

(ELW 851)

### Our Savior's Library



Come in, come in .....

Our Savior's Library is open !!

There are many books to read, jigsaw

puzzles to work on at home, and also family-friendly DVDs to watch from the comfort of your sofa !!

~The Library Ladies



### Memorial Gifts Fund Corner



All Saints Day (Nov 7<sup>th</sup>)- A day on the Christian calendar where we remember and celebrate the lives of the saints who have come before us (all known and unknown). We remember those congregational members who have passed in the last year with a service on Sunday (Nov 7<sup>th</sup>), starting with a brief remembrance of each individual taking place out and around our Memorial Garden at the start of the service. The Memorial Garden was established to create a space on our property where individuals can find their last resting place and mem-

bers can visit for reflection and prayer in a quiet space. The Memorial Gift Board has established a Memorial Garden Fund to allow members of the Congregation to support the administration, care, improvement, and maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Come join us on All Saints Sunday, as we celebrate and remember those congregational members who have passed away in the last year. Also, please consider a Memorial Gift to the Memorial Garden in honor of a saint in your life that you would like to remember and celebrate on this special day. As always, any questions concerning this fund or any of the other funds administered by the Memorial Gift Board- please reach out to any member of the board.



## Trick-or-Treating and Telling the Story

Since at least the 60's, certain Christian groups have propagandized that Halloween is horrible, rather than holy. There are reasons for this ideological insistence. For these groups, during that time and today, the concern was that Halloween marked both the moral decadence and the waning cultural hegemony of Christianity in America. Accusations of devil worship abounded, especially in the 80's (see *Stranger Things* Season 4, for example).

Such ideas were in the air then, and earlier. In fact, a decade earlier, Jerry Falwell mounted an "evangelistic makeover" of Halloween called *Scaremare*. He renovated the classic haunted house into a pedagogical device for his theology: a dreadful, dramatic confirmation class ensued. Falwell's fix for

Halloween was to confront young people with the reality of evil in the world, by thematizing "death and preparation for eternal life" by challenging the youth with the question, "If I die tonight, where will I go?" The real horror was not the frivolous frights of a haunted house, but a life haunted by the fear of death. Think of those billboards along some highways which place "Heaven" on one side and "Hell" on the other, and then offer the antidote to the anguished indecision: Just Choose Jesus. That's the idea here.

Such a soteriology, a theory of salvation, occludes a Christian history of ideas in which death is allegorized—almost always—as sin/wickedness (the pursuit of vice rather than virtue) or the embodiment of such viciousness, Satan/the Devil/Beelzebub, while life is allegorized as virtue: honesty, courage, kindness, philanthropy (love of humanity), piety (reverence/love of God). The well-educated in antiquity were taught that nothing matters but the pursuit of virtue and so they allegorized death and approaches to a death, such as mourning and funerary norms. For example, Augustine (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) coopted a funerary custom for the sake of practicing virtue. Instead of leaving food and drink at the grave as offerings to the dead, he asserted that one ought to give those grave goods to those living in grave circumstances: the poor. Accordingly, mourning was transmogrified into philanthropy.

Now we can locate the meaningful coordinates of the origins of one of Halloween's favorite pastimes, trick-or-treating. It can be traced back to a medieval practice done during the vigil of All Saints' Day. Children who were experiencing poverty would canvas their neighborhood, collecting what were called "soul cakes", while reciprocating prayer for the dead of the household. This practice was called "souling". Trick-or-treating therefore originally connected rather than eclipsed the pursuit of virtue with the remembrance of the dead.

Aforementioned fear-based theologies misidentify the allegorizing of death with the realities of it, they confuse and conflate failing to be good with failing to live forever. They would have us think it is a choice whether to be good or bad and a choice whether we live or die! But our Scriptures are clear in the clarifying insight of the Psalmist: "You have made my days a few handbreadths." Seeing through the ambivalence of allegory, we know that we are made finite, children of God. We remember this reality every time we mourn, commemorate. Mourning is remembering. Remembering is the embrace of love. We know how precious life is.

So at the center of the Scriptures, the linchpin of our Lutheran life, the heart of Halloween and our commemoration of loved ones the following All Saints' Day, is not the hollow horror of hell. The tomb is empty. We know that we are captive to vice and cannot free ourselves. We know that we are saved from such wickedness by God, the only one who is good. We know, therefore, that only by God's good Spirit do we remember our neighbor in need. And so, All Saints' Day, and its vigil, might really be representative of the flavor of our faith: for trusting in God's promises, we are empowered to, in the words of Sirach, "not fear death's judgment; remember those who came before you and those who will come after you." No choice between heaven and hell: just light, just grace and gratitude. Just Jesus. Ours is a love-based theology. Thanks be to God.



## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2022 (Betsy Kuehn)

Holiday Food bags and donation envelopes will be available beginning October 23, 2022. Food bags will be available inside the sliding doors, on the table outside the 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 10 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 13, 2022. Please return to the area to the right of the 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/>. Go to link to donate to the Holiday Food Drive. Contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or [betsy406@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:conniemattwolf@msn.com) with any questions about this.



## Thank You, LCOS Stewards of God's Love!

Thanksgiving doesn't come until November, but it's not too early for the Congregational Resources Committee to give thanks for our LCOS community. Over these last few years of pandemic, quarantine, uncertainty and change, you have lovingly shared the financial blessings God has given you and faithfully supported your church. Because of you, Our Savior has been able to carry on its ministry with no disruptions in programs or services. Even during the first year of COVID when churches had to close their doors, we were able to provide equipment and staff to pivot quickly to online worship. Our Savior's

online presence provided a lifeline to normalcy and an electronic community that helped us get through those lonely, unprecedented times.

Every one of your gifts, no matter how large or small, made a difference. Because of you, Our Savior continued its support of the ELCA at the state and national levels and our support of an overseas missionary. We are still a mission partner with Bridge of Peace Community Church in Camden. Sharing God's blessings locally, we have been able to continue our financial support of the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council, the Haddonfield caseworker, My Father's House, and Caring Hearts Ministries. Within the congregation, we have helped support the Mission Quilt group, the food pantry families and the Advent Giving Tree. We have kept the lights on and bought Sunday School supplies. And we have been able to host a seminary student and hire a new Youth and Family minister.

All of this because of you, and the Congregational Resources Committee members think all of that is worth celebrating! We're proud to be part of this community of believers who generously share God's blessings and love with their neighbors, not only in the good times, but also in the uncertain times.

To show our thanks, we've named October LCOS Appreciation Month, and we'll be hosting Coffee Hour on October 30, so please stop by for some treats and say hello.

### AND THANK YOU FOR BEING STEWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE!

Congregational Resources Committee,

Jeanne Coleman-Jones

Carol Maniaci

Laura Oakes

Millie King, Chair

Shannon Foskett

Linda Nelson

Pastor Wayne

### Justice and Peace Committee: Looking Behind the News

Improving the environment benefits all of us, but especially our poor and disadvantaged communities, which are often most directly affected by the dangerous impact of pollution. Many thanks to LCOS member Fred Stine, Citizen Action Coordinator of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, for his insights here on the importance of the Federal Clean Water Act, observing its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. And thank you, Fred, for your work in this vital area.

#### The Clean Water Act...Something to Celebrate!

The horn blasts, muscles tense and pull, and crowds cheer. From March through November, students from Haddon Township, Haddonfield, Cherry Hill East and West, and more than 50 others, as well as many adults from those same communities, row the 2,000-meter Cooper River rowing course. What's even more amazing than the strength, endurance and determination that it takes to row on these teams is what it took to make the water quality of the Cooper River healthy enough to even consider going near it, let alone get in a boat and get splashed by it. Today the Cooper rowing venue between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Blvd. is considered a world-class venue. But only a few decades ago the Cooper River was considered one of South Jersey's most contaminated waterways. That transformation in the surface water quality of the Cooper—and waterways across the country—is largely the result of the 1972 Clean Water Act (CWA).

The CWA started out as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948, the first major U.S. law to address water pollution. But those laws and regulations did not go far enough to stop the continued environmental degradation of our waterways. For example, the Cuyahoga River (Ohio) was known as one of the most polluted rivers in the United States. So choked with industrial chemicals and other pollutants, it caught on fire—not the piers, not the boats...the river! There was so much pollution in the Delaware that there was an ecological "dead zone" 25 miles long, from Marcus Hook to Philadelphia. Migratory fish like the American shad, could not survive swimming up the Delaware to spawn. In Philly airline pilots could smell the river from the air, and dock workers would pass out from the fumes rising from the river.

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*Igniting citizen action - 1952 Cuyahoga River fire (Ohio). The Cuyahoga River was known as one of the most polluted rivers in the United States. Since 1868, it caught fire 13 times. Photo: Cleveland State University Library*



## October 2022 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
<b>8:00 &amp; 9:30 AM</b> <b>Sanctuary Worship</b> <b>&amp; 9:30 AM</b> <b>Facebook Live &amp; Reflections</b>  <b>9:00 AM Coffee Hour</b>  <b>10:40-11:00 AM</b> <b>Cherub Choir</b>  <b>6:30 Confirmation &amp; Oasis</b>	10:00-3:00 AM Haddonfield Adult Art Class  4:30-8:15 PM Jess in Choir Room  5:30-8:30 ChildrenSong - Sanctuary  6:30-8:30 Possibility Players - PH  <b>7:30 PM – 9:00 PM</b> <b>Bible Discussion</b>	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope  <b>2:30 PM Staff Meeting</b>  <b>5:00-6:15 PM Tween Choir</b>  5:30-6:30 PM Jess in Choir Room	<b>9:30 AM – 11:00 AM</b> <b>Bible Discussion</b>  7:30-8:30 PM Jess in Choir Room	11:00-1:00 & 7:00-9:00 Haddonfield Art Class  6:00-7:00 PM Jess in Choir Room  <b>6:45-7:45 PM Bell Choir</b>  <b>7:45 PM Music Theory</b>  <b>8:00 PM Adult Choir</b>		

## October 2022 Special Events

31	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		.				1 8:00-11:00 AM ChildrenSong
2 Jones Baptism  10:45 W&M Mtg.  12:00 Noon Oktoberfest  5:30 Animal Blessing	3	4 <b>Yom Kippur</b>  7:00 Social Ministry Mtg  7:00PM Toastmasters	5	6 9:00 AM Fix-It Team  9:30 AM Mission Quilts  12:30-7:30 Blood Drive	7	8
9 Youth Pumpkin Painting@3:00 PM	10 <b>Columbus Day</b>  No Art Class  	11 3:30-5:00 PM Girl Scouts  7:00 PM Church Council  7:00 PM Toastmasters	12 10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Choir Room	13 <b>Messenger Deadline</b>  9:30 AM Mission Quilts	14	15 Haddon Fire Mystery Bingo
Pastor	Vacation					
16 10:45 AM Justice & Peace Mtg.  12:00 PM S-I-S Potluck	17	18 7:00- PM Toastmasters	19	20 <b>Messenger Mailing</b>  9:00 AM Fix-It Team	21	22 Warren Wedding
23 10:45-2:00 Newcomer Class  Confirmation Adult Huddle	24 Last Revelation Bible Study  6:30 Congregation Resources Mtg.	25 12:00 EPIC Group  3:30-5:00 PM Girl Scouts	26 Last Revelation Bible Study  10:00-12:00 Singing Angels – Choir Room	27	28	29 9-12 AM Choir Rehearsal
30 <b>Reformation</b>  First Bibles Rcvd  New Members Rvd	31 <b>Halloween</b>  No Possibility Players  No ChildrenSong  					

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

Enough was enough! Public awareness, concern and community action for controlling water pollution led to sweeping amendments of the Pollution Control Act that in 1972 became commonly known as the Clean Water Act. The CWA was a game changer:

- Establishing the basic structure for regulating pollutant discharges into the waters of the United States.
- Giving the EPA authority to implement pollution control programs, such as setting wastewater standards for industry.
- Maintaining existing requirements to set water quality standards for all contaminants in surface waters.
- Making it unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters, unless a permit was obtained under its provisions.
- Funding construction of sewage treatment plants under the construction grants program.

Recognizing the need to address the critical problems posed by nonpoint source pollution (i.e. stormwater runoff). (<https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/history-clean-water-act>)

**What has the CWA meant locally?** According to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA), “Before the Regional Wastewater Treatment System (required under the CWA) was constructed, 45 million gallons (170 million liters) per day of inadequately treated sewage was discharged into the lakes and streams of Camden County. Local municipal treatment plants, some 50 years old, were handling more flow than they were designed for.” It was not uncommon after a heavy rain to see human excrement floating in the river. When the Cooper was dredged 10 years ago, approximately 50% of the dredge material was sewage sludge.

**There is still more work to do.** The section of Newton Creek between Cuthbert and Lees Lane was dredged about 15 years ago because it was so choked with accumulated sediment. Chemical analysis showed elevated levels of heavy metals and hydrocarbons. The Newton is being dredged again now, and that same section has been choked with high levels of those same contaminants.

Less than 20% of New Jersey’s waterways meet their surface water quality standards. The biggest source of pollution today is no longer the factory or sewer treatment plants. Our biggest pollution source, as we are seeing in the Newton, is storm water runoff from parking lots, roof tops, roads, golf courses and front lawns. Pollutants in that runoff include gasoline, oil, antifreeze, heavy metals and lawncare chemicals.

As in the 1960s and 70s, there are many people, organizations, agencies and even some government officials working to take the next big step after 50 years. The impacts of Climate Change have put more pressure and a shorter timeline on the need for action. Communities across the nation, including New Jersey, continue to be unfairly harmed by environmental degradation—despite a well-developed system of environmental laws providing important protections to our water, air and communities, while at the same time improving public health, supporting good jobs and solid economic values.

**What can we do?** One of those many efforts is an attempt to change the Federal and states’, including New Jersey, Constitution so that the constitution recognizes and protects the rights to pure water, clean air, a stable climate, and healthy environments (<https://forthegenerations.org/the-green-amendment/>).

While the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clean Water Act is truly worth celebrating, let’s include in our celebration what actions we can all take in our homes, our communities, watersheds and country to ensure that future generations might not only row in the Cooper, but maybe even swim and be able to safely eat the fish caught there.

Fred Stine, Citizen Action Coordinator of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network;  
Office (215) 369-1188 ext. 113; [fred@delawareriverkeeper.org](mailto:fred@delawareriverkeeper.org)



*Nichols Pond, located off Bettlemood Ave in Collingswood has the accumulated sediment dredged and sent to a hazardous waste landfill. The sediment contains substantial amounts of hydrocarbons and heavy metals from automobiles, lawn care chemicals and other non-point pollutants. Thanks to the Clean Water Act, the flow of pollutants now must be limited, monitored and managed. The challenge is stopping the pollutants at their source before they flow into our waterways. Studies have shown that \$1 invested in prevention saves \$6 in environmental remediation.*



## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: AUGUST 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

### NARRATIVE

August Envelop Offering of \$26,326 was below plan of \$28,382, generating an anticipated year end estimate of \$3,000 above plan.

Other Income is slightly above plan as a result of Matching Funds, generating Total Revenue to be estimated \$5,500 over plan.

Expenses are anticipated to be above plan by \$6,500 due to the negotiated salary of the Director of Youth & Family,

Continued Ed and Administrative expenses above our initial plan. Therefore, we anticipated a Deficit of \$1,000 by year end.

We have resources from the Dedicated Accounts to fund any year end Deficit if needed.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	2022	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR END	ESTIMAT- ED YE VARI- ANCE
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	
REVENUE					
Envelopes	418,000	26,326	258,016	421,000	3,000
<u>Other In-</u>					
<u>come</u>	<u>69,412</u>	<u>5,299</u>	<u>50,338</u>	<u>71,912</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Reve-					
nue	487,412	31,625	308,354	492,912	5,500
EXPENSE					
Salary &					
Benefits	310,312	28,399	203,310	315,812	5,500
Property	54,600	6,082	33,527	54,600	0
Administra-					
tion	47,900	2,950	30,483	48,900	1,000
<u>Program</u>					
<u>Ministries</u>	<u>74,600</u>	<u>3,570</u>	<u>43,922</u>	<u>74,600</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Ex-					
pense	487,412	41,001	311,242	493,912	6,500
INCOME	0	(9,376)	(2,887)	(1,000)	(1,000)

### **Congregational Support: January – August 2022**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2020	213	\$ 261,399
2021	166*	\$ 251,876
2022	168 *	\$ 258,019

\* 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.



Join us at Bridge of Peace Community Church (2755 Tuckahoe Rd., Camden) on October 20, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 to learn more about Domestic Violence, hear from a survivor, and discover how churches can respond to Domestic Violence through their ministries.

Do you know that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in her lifetime? October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

More than a black eye, domestic violence is defined as a pattern of abusive or coercive behavior used to gain and maintain power and control over another person. This includes emotional abuse, financial control, intimidation, pet abuse, sexual coercion and so much more. And it happens everywhere, in all communities. Become aware and informed; this is vital information that could save a life.



Ladies Auxiliary Haddon Fire Company #1  
Saturday, October 15th

Doors Open at 6PM; Games Start at 7PM  
\$35.00 Includes Admission, Game Sheets & Snacks  
Lutheran Church of Our Savior  
No Alcohol Permitted  
Must be 18 Years or Older to Play

### It's Easy to Volunteer

Do you have a spare hour here or there to engage in a rewarding and fulfilling activity? Interfaith Caregivers is looking for volunteers to help expand the number of senior citizens and people living with disabilities that it serves in our neighborhoods.

Interfaith Caregivers relies on community support and volunteers to provide essential services, free of charge, including transportation, shopping, and companionship. This support enables residents to remain in their homes, maintain their independence, and get where they need to go.

Volunteering is easy – there are no minimum hours and volunteers take assignments that fit into their personal schedules. This generous donation of time makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our neighbors.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, please call Interfaith Caregivers at 856-354-0298 or visit [www.ifchaddons.org](http://www.ifchaddons.org).



### Singing Angels Seeks New Members

If you're retired, semi-retired, or a stay-at-home parent that enjoys singing, why not consider joining the Singing Angels?

The Angels are seeking new members to sing at nursing homes, assisted living, and retirement homes, as well as, AARP and senior groups. The choir rehearses on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (Sept. thru Dec), (Feb thru June) at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior from 10:00 AM—noon in the choir room.

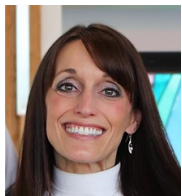
For more information call Carol Bodenschatz at 856-701-7638

Upcoming rehearsal dates are: Oct. 12 & 26. No dues



It is with thankfulness and humility I write to, my choir and church family, as well as, Pastor Wayne for your prayers and well wishes toward my dad, Samuel Lee. As he recovers from surgery and faces health struggles and rehabilitation, your prayers have strengthened him and given great joy to both of us. All praise and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Caralyn Baine



## From the Director of Youth and Family Ministries

The program year for youth at Lutheran Church of Our Savior started off with a bang on Rally Sunday. We had 32 youth attending Sunday School and Mr. Softee was kept quite busy after the service serving up yummy treats (despite the drizzle)! After a lot of summer planning, the teachers, the parents, and the youth all appeared to enjoy the new Sunday School curriculum. During the first four weeks, the Sunday School classes will be studying the story of Creation through storytelling, art, music, drama, and even science lessons!

As we look forward to October, there is so much more to come! Sunday School will continue each Sunday at 9:30am. The theme will resolve around the story of Adam and Eve. In addition, planning will start to take place for a fellowship event for parents of young children, which will take place in early November. Stay tuned for more information on that. The main event for families – and for the whole church – will be Oktoberfest, of course, on October 2 from 12 – 3pm at the Tap Room in Haddonfield. Families can enjoy outdoor games for their children, a bounce house, great food, music, and prizes!

High School Youth are invited to participate in their first event in October – a joint event with confirmation students – pumpkin painting! BYPO (bring your own pumpkin) to the church on Sunday, October 9 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm and all other paints and decorating materials will be supplied. We will decorate pumpkins, eat yummy fall foods (think apple cider donuts), and get into the Halloween spirit! We will also talk about service events for the fall.

After a somewhat relaxed summer (albeit with a lot of planning) it has been so nice to see the energy and excitement for youth and family ministries as fall begins. I look forward to more activities and planning additional fun family and inter-generational events throughout the rest of the fall. *Sabrina LaBelle, Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

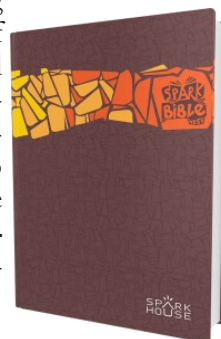


## Pumpkin Painting Event for Confirmation and High School Youth

BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin) and get ready to decorate it for Halloween. Confirmation and high school youth are invited to a pumpkin painting party on Sunday, October 9 from 3 – 4:30pm at the church. Bring a pumpkin and all painting and decorating supplies will be provided. There will also be apple cider donuts, cold cider, and other fall treats to munch on.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade First Bibles Bestowed on Reformation Sunday, Oct 30

All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to a 60-minute Faith Stepping Stone class “Stepping into God’s Stories” on Sunday, October 9 immediately following worship from 10:30-11:30. The focus of the class is on the importance of studying God’s word of the Bible in a disciple’s daily life. Parents and children will highlight key passages in each book of the new Spark Bible (NRSV) the children will be receiving each night using the FAITH5 model for Family Home Huddles. Parents will also write a dedication to their child inside the Bible. The Spark Bible was chosen for its focus on teaching children how to read, understand, and reflect on God’s Word WHILE they are reading the Bible. Those participating are asked to confirm their attendance by calling or emailing the **Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Sabrina LaBelle** at 856-429-5122 or [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com). The youth will receive a blessing on Reformation Sunday, October 30, at the 9:30 service.



## EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community)



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 25 at noon for another enjoyable lunch and afternoon of cards, Mexican Train, and fellowship. Each month we will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, unless otherwise noted in blue, on the schedule below. Invite your friends of all ages to join us, the more the merrier! The schedule for the year is: Oct. 25, **Nov. 29, Dec. 20**, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27



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. **Please RSVP to Peggy Hartmann – 856-745-2459 or [mama-hart16@comcast.net](mailto:mama-hart16@comcast.net)**

We are asking each person to make a one-time donation for the year, up to June of 2023, 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.

Once again, we look forward to seeing you soon!



## Environmental Happenings



### 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 Ups. Avoid Products Containing Microbeads, Spread the Word of how our marine animals, plant life, and birds are being harmed.

### Be The CHANGE God's World Needs !!

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**Worship 8:00 AM Traditional in Sanctuary, 9:30 AM in Sanctuary + Facebook Live**

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