

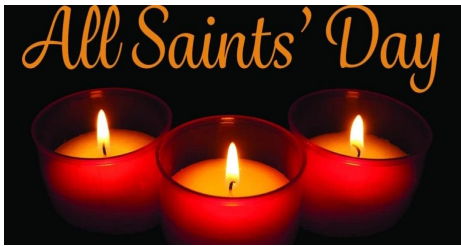


# The Messenger



NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR



## Our Savior Saints Remembered on All Saints Sunday, Nov 6; Worship Begins in Memorial Garden

We continue the tradition for All Saints Sunday begun in 2016 of beginning the 8:00 and 9:30 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 2021. Worshipers 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. Unfortunately, there is no way to begin the livestream outside and then transition to inside using the church cameras so livestream worshipers will only be able to participate once the congregation moves inside.

The saints we will be remembering in the Thanksgiving for Saints of Our Savior and including in a bookmark keepsake that day include; **Don Wallace, Ethel Boyce, Veronica Coleman, Joe Hartmann, Arlene Stolarick, Sandra Cheesman, Wayne Bancroft, Tracey Stiefel, Walt Haswell, Mary McDaniel, Betty Herrmann.**

## Farewell Reception for Vicar Tom to Be Held Nov 20 Between Services

It's hard to believe a year has gone by since Vicar Tom Natalini began his internship at Our Savior and Bridge of Peace Community Church, but on November 13 he will celebrate his ministry with the congregation at The Bridge and the next week at Our Savior. A farewell reception is planned in the Parish Hall between the 8:00 and 9:30 services where Vicar Tom will be honored as well as presented with some gifts from the congregation from donations received for the occasion. Vicar Tom has appreciated his time at Our Savior and all he has learned about the realities of leading parish ministry at both Our Savior and The Bridge. His experience has been unique given our congregations have different styles of ministry be it from leading worship to teaching children in confirmation and Vacation Bible Camp as well as the adult Bible Discussion Group or Bible Study. Vicar Tom has been recommended and approved to be trained as a mission developer for his first call and he looks forward to using the experiences he had in both congregations to shape his ministry leadership in his first call. If you wish to contribute toward Vicar Tom's farewell gift, please send your donation to the church office with checks made payable to "LCOS" with "Vicar's Gift" written in the Memo line. Then join the congregation in celebrating his ministry with us and say farewell at a reception held in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:00 with cake and coffee.



## Quilt Blessing to Occur Nov 13 During Worship



On Sunday, November 13, at both the 8:00 and 9:30 Sanctuary worship services, over 25 quilts made by the women in our Mission Quilts ministry will be blessed by the congregation before being transported to the Lutheran World Relief distribution center in New Windsor, MD. These quilts are a labor of love that truly make a difference in the lives of those living in Third World countries. In addition to keeping one warm in bed they also serve as a protection from the sun and wind, a room partition, ground cover for eating and sleeping, as well as a way to wrap up multiple items as "luggage" when traveling from one place to another.

Led by Cheryl Hastings and Millie King, the Mission Quilts ministry at Our Savior meets on the first and second Thursdays of the month in the Conference Room 112 from 9:00-11:30 AM sewing together the fabric squares that are then sewn to the backing with batting in between. Then comes the community building part when all three are sewn together with pieces of yarn that secure the batting to both sides of the quilt. It must be a lot of fun because you can hear the laughter throughout the first floor whenever they meet. There is plenty of room around the table for more quilters so check them out on a Thursday in the beginning of the month to join in the joy and fun of making a difference in the lives of people bound together in the body of Christ by love.

*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.*



## “This Land Is Your Land”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

True confession. I'm a Bruce Springsteen fan. And anyone who enjoys the music of The Boss knows he was a big fan of Woodie Guthrie, one of America's greatest folk singers. One of Guthrie's greatest songs he ever wrote and performed was “This Land Is Your Land,” written in the time of the Great Depression after Guthrie had arrived in New York City after traveling across our depressed and economically downtrodden country. I remember being taught this song in elementary school in Cinnaminson.

*This land is your land and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me*



While Guthrie wrote the song as one of both protest and hope for a country that was divided between those in abject poverty and the ultra-wealthy, I wonder if in a month where we remember and honor the Indigenous Peoples of these United States we also might remember that before this was the land of white Northern European conquerors and colonizers it was the land of The Peoples.

I grew up in Cinnaminson. I remember reading the historic plaque on Route 130 that stated the town was founded by Swedish settlers back in some date I no longer remember. I also remember its true origin that a quick Google search refreshed my memory. The Lenni-Lenape Tribe came to the Cinnaminson area from somewhere west of the Mississippi long before the Swedes ever showed up. Lenni-Lenape means “original people” which to Cinnaminson they were. They named their hunting grounds Cinnaminson, which meant Sweetwater (now you know why the main diner is called Sweetwater Café). One ancient spelling of Cinnaminson was Senamensing; this name belonging traditionally to a trail from the Delaware River through Moorestown and Mount Laurel to the seashore.

Cinnaminson was my land, the land I grew up in. But it was also the Original People's land, although in my entire time living there I never met anyone who claimed Lenni-Lenape ancestry. My dad and I joined the Indian Guides (along one of our members, Bob Heinze) and we were in the Choctaw Tribe. Ironically, I would decades later discover, my fourth-great-grandfather was the Choctaw Nation's last chief before they became a democratic federation.

I ramble on about all this to point out we often have a fascination about the Indigenous People who originally lived on the land we know as New Jersey and these United States but we rarely take the time to learn their history and how this land was their land first and continues to be their land and ours today.

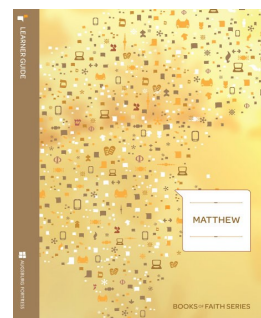
This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. Children will re-enact a meal shared between Pilgrims and the people of the Wampanoag Tribe in elementary school plays across the nation. Maybe we can do more this month. Maybe we can check out the history of the Indigenous Peoples who lived in our area of New Jersey. Maybe we can discover what happened to them after Elizabeth Haddon and other “founders” of our towns settled on these same lands and displaced them from the land that was also theirs and now also ours. Maybe we can pay attention to how their descendants are still being displaced and what we can do about advocating for equity and justice on their behalf. After all, this land is their land and this land is our land, from the Delaware River to the Atlantic Ocean, from the lofty mountains to the Pine Barren forests. God made this land for all the peoples. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

## 8-Week Bible Study of Matthew Begins Week of Dec 31/Nov 2 – IN PERSON+ZOOM!

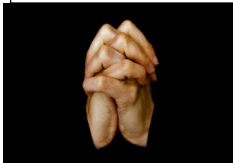
In Advent the Church begins Lectionary Year A in which we hear the gospel according Matthew on most Sundays. Throughout history Matthew's gospel has played a prominent role in Christian worship and practice, and to this day retains a central place in most people's experiences of the New Testament and the Christian faith. Matthew's gospel speaks well to church communities today, identifying the church founded by Jesus and issuing practical instructions for practicing community. Matthew envisions the church as made up of sinners and doubters who struggle with faith, temptation, and forgiveness, but ultimately reflect the ministry and presence of Jesus.

Join the growing Bible Discussion Group for Daily Living in the Conference Room 112 on either Mondays from 7:30-9:00 PM or Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 AM for a lively discussion. Participant books can be obtained in the church office and a \$10 donation will greatly defray the cost of the books. The topics for each date are below.

Oct 31/Nov 2	The Birth of the Messiah	Matt 1:18-2:12
Nov 7/9	This is My Son, the Beloved	Matt 3:13-4:11
Nov 14/16	You are the Salt of the Earth	Matt 5:1-48
Nov 21/23	You of Little Faith	Matt 14:13-36
Nov 28/30	Who Do You Say that I Am?	Matt 16:13-17:13
Dec 5/7	Where Two or Three are Gathered	Matt 18:1-35
Dec 12/14	My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?	Matt 27:32-56
Dec 19/21	I Am With You Always	Matt 28:1-20







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

Louise Bader, Sam Lee, Noelle Corressel, Clive Crosby, Doris Rell, Dick Wilson, Shirley Stambaugh, Caryl Wallace, Joe Melchiorre, Angela Melchiorre, Frederick Kluck, Gene Richards, Kody Schneider, 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 Mazzeika, 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, 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! Lynn Block

Thank Yous from Pantry Families: "I am very thankful for all that you do. God bless the Lutheran Church of Our Savior and all who support the pantry."



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

### Thanksgiving Community Worship Suspended

Due to so many new clergy, clergy vacancies, and scheduling issues, the clergy in the Haddonfield Council of Churches have decided to postpone the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship again for 2022. They look forward to a robust return of this annual worship celebration of Thanksgiving in 2023. Until then we give thanks for the many blessings our congregations and communities have experienced throughout this pandemic.



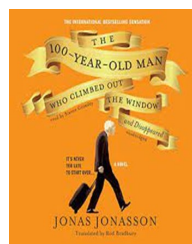
### Join Sisters in Spirit in Getting Into the Christmas Spirit... Yes, Already!

It's never too early to start preparing for Christmas, and this year Sisters in Spirit are offering a new way to help the folks at Bridge of Peace provide a happy holiday for their children. From October 30 to November 20 Our Savior members and friends can donate stocking-stuffer items for children and youth. Bridge of Peace prepares gift bags for their parents to share with their children on Christmas morning. The church serves over 50 young people—a few preschoolers, children ages five years to nine, and youth ages 10-17. The bags are distributed on December 6. To give Santa's helpers at Bridge of Peace time to prepare the bags, we need to wrap this project up by Thanksgiving week.

Need ideas for what to buy? The possibilities are numerous. Be creative!

Little toys for young children    body wash  
Toothbrushes    other grooming items  
Fun toothpaste    Lip balm/gloss colored pencils & markers, erasers, etc.  
Nail polish    packaged sweet treats  
journals & diaries (no notebooks)

Place your items in the decorated collection box in the narthex beginning on October 30, and get in the Christmas spirit. Thanks for your help! Linda Nelson



### LCOS Book Club to Read "100-Year-Old Man..." in November

November 2nd at 6pm, our LCOS Book Club will be reading "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas

Jonasson. Goodreads describes it as follows:

*After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health. A big celebration is in the works for his 100th birthday, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his alcohol consumption), so he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: he has not only witnessed some of the most important events of the 20th century, but actually played a key role in them. Quirky and utterly unique, The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared has charmed readers across the world.*

Everyone is invited to our discussion!

Any questions can be directed to Linda Nelson, lnelson824@gmail.com, 908-400-2413 or Laura Oakes, lauraaoakes102848@gmail.com, 609-238-9186



## ***An Invitation to Lessons and Carols!***

Many don't realize that a music director's planning is usually months ahead - in July, I was choosing Advent pieces, and August, our first Lessons & Carols and Christmas music was picked. Despite it really not feeling like winter yet (though perhaps more than it did in July or August!), our Lessons and Carols music has been finalized for a while now and I cannot wait to get to work on what is probably my favorite program yet. I hope you will mark December 18th on your calendar and will join us - as an attendee, a reader, or a singer. As every year, any parishioner is invited to join the choir for our Lessons & Carols program. We will hold an open rehearsal on October 29th, 10:15-11:30am to introduce all pieces. After that, every Thursday night choir rehearsal will have its first part dedicated to L&C anthems, so those only participating on December 18th can leave after. Sound file links will be provided for further practice as well, but those participating are asked to attend at least 4 rehearsals before the performance. If you have any questions, please let me know! Music making with LCOS is always a joy, especially during the Advent and Christmas season - I hope you will join us with your spirit, body, and voice! *Pauline Worusski*

## **Our Savior's Library**



Our Savior's Library has a plethora of Chicken Soup for the ..... Soul!

Books for Kids, Teenagers, and Adults!  
There are also oodles of Jigsaw Puzzles!

We, the Library Ladies, would love for you to come in and take a few out!

*Beth Hill, Judy Caravelli & Barb Standke*



## **Memorial Gifts Fund Corner**

In anticipation of a change to the Memorial Gift Fund bylaws at our next Congregational Meeting which will be held in January 2023- members of Memorial Gift Board felt it would be appropriate to highlight why the Memorial Gift Fund was established and some of the rules that govern the operation of the Memorial Gift Fund. (hereafter referred to as the FUND)

First, the purpose of the FUND is to receive, hold, manage, invest, reinvest, and dispose of all special gifts, devises, bequests and memorials received by the CHURCH or the FUND and apply such funds and income from the FUND to provide for the support and maintenance of the CHURCH or for

some religious, charitable, benevolent or educational object of purpose conducted or connected to the church.

Second, the use of principal and income is restricted. No portion of the income generated by the FUND shall be used for the annual operating budget of the church except as provided by the bylaws.

Third, the FUND is required to establish multiple SUBFUNDS. The largest SUBFUND is the Louis Dunkle Mission Endowment Fund. The Endowment Funds purpose is to provide a vehicle whereby persons may present gifts and be assured that these monies will assist in the future work of the church. In the establishment of the Endowment Fund, it is the intention of this Church to create a vehicle whereby all principal amounts so designated for this Fund will be retained and only the spendable income derived will be available for distribution.

Board of Trustees (elected by the congregation) and consisting of the current Vice President of Church Council, the Treasurer of the Church and seven (7) elected additional members of the Board are responsible to administer the FUND and SUBFUNDS of Memorial Gifts. It requires a majority vote of the nine (9) voting members to pass any motion or resolution. Church Council and Memorial Gift Board have worked together over the years to provide for an open dialog between the two organizations to properly administer the funds and carryout the mission of the church.

In January, at the Congregational Meeting we will be looking at the section of the bylaws that refer to the dissolution of the church and how the Memorial Gift Fund would be handled if those events would take place. Next month's article will focus on what changes are being proposed and why.





## Thank You

As my time as Vicar comes to an end, I am brimming with gratitude. My cup overflows. My journey in seminary education began in 2016, when, after a year-long internship experience at Unity ELCA Church in Milwaukee, WI, just after graduating college, I started studies at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Now, after six years of enriching and enlivening learning, I am on the cusp of graduation, and God-willing, ordination.

It probably took longer than it had to—I took the scenic route, no doubt. I arrived at Our Savior in November of 2021, rather than at a usual start time of August. After years of a lot of thinking and wondering about ideas, it was time to walk the walk. And I'm so thankful for how it all turned out. Indeed, if my wandering was all to lead me here, I'll take it.

I was connected with Pastor Wayne through the seminary's field education office, and he creatively imagined an internship experience between Our Savior and Bridge of Peace. Here I was, coming in late, out of sync, and I was blessed from the start. I remember him saying, "It would be a really unique experience!" And looking back over this year, I realize that that was an understatement.

My time with you feels short, but perhaps that is so because I wish it would be longer. I have loved my time with you and have loved Our Savior. The qualities of this community are worthy of praise, and I experienced them throughout my journey as Vicar. Allow me to recount a few of these qualities that I was fortunate enough to encounter.

Our Savior is a community that is deeply rooted in this area. There are families that make up this community that have come here for generations, and are proud of that continuity. They remember when Our Savior met at Tony's Pizza, they remember Pastors come and gone, they remember faithful members, they remember baptisms and weddings and important life passages. That deep-rootedness has a family tree effect where you feel a deep sense of relatedness to each other.

Our Savior is a community that is profoundly capable of adaptation and innovation. Here I came to you, basically from out of the blue, and you were able to not only accommodate me, but to embrace your role as a teaching and supporting community. Recently, this community has changed its worship times to adapt to family schedules, recognizing the fruit of doing so. Change was embraced for the good it would bring.

These two qualities of both deep-rootedness and openness to change are amazing in themselves, but to have them together affords the final quality I would like to mention: energy! There is always something happening at Our Savior, whether in worship, or simply in the building! Our Savior is a community that is alive and vibrant, and so it attracts, it draws in, it is magnetic. Our sacred treasure is the Gospel of new life in Jesus Christ, and Our Savior embodies this energy of the Resurrection.

So, thank you, Our Savior, for welcoming me this year. I have been blessed. I have been a witness to a church that inspires me, that heartens me, with hope for the future of the Church. I will miss Bible study, and Sunday morning worship, and those chance encounters in the hallway or in the kitchen. I will miss being a part of this deeply rooted and deeply innovative community, and surely as I leave I will lovingly carry these qualities wherever I go.



## October Council Meeting Highlighted by Funding 2023 Financial Plan for Ministry

At the regular meeting of the Congregation Council in October most of the discussion focused on the concern for funding the anticipated 2023 Ministry Plan. In addition to the congregation's generous envelope giving, in 2021 Our Savior received a PPP loan and in 2022 the Memorial Gift Board provided financial support of the General Fund ministry that enabled the congregation to end each year without being in the red. In 2023 those resources will not be as readily available. **Without those resources the anticipated shortfall will be about \$62,000.**

Given the current economic climate that seems like a big challenge – until you break it down per giving household. Currently 206 households have contributed in 2022 toward God's work in the world through Our Savior's ministry. **If each household were to increase their 2023 offering by just \$1 a day, or \$7 a week, or \$30 a month the total offering income would increase by over \$74,000!** The gap would be eliminated with additional funds for more ministry. The Congregation Resources ministry will factor this information into their fall campaign that culminates with Commitment Sunday on November 20.

The Council recognized that while this would be a significant increase to overall envelope giving, they noted that the ministry our current staff and programs provide have resulted in an increase in Sunday school and Vacation Bible Camp participation, online and in person worship, and support of outside social ministry agencies. However, the ability to afford this caliber of ministry does not come without necessary financial support, and the Council is confident the congregation will rise to the challenge during the Fall Stewardship Appeal with the results on Commitment Sunday and following weeks.



## 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 Friday, 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 look forward to this being an annual event to honor our veterans as well as retire and replace our Memorial Garden flag.



## Stewardship Begins With God, Not With Us

It's human nature to think that life is all about us. We look at the many blessings that God has given us and somehow feel that we deserve it all, that we've earned it ourselves and it's ours to do with as we like. We approach decisions about giving from the view point that we are the drivers, that we're in control. However, if we flip that attitude around, we realize that stewardship begins with God. God is the center of the world, not us. What God wants should be what drives our decisions.

And what does God want? The Bible, repeatedly tells us that God wants us to share his blessings with those in need and to reach out with His love to our neighbors near and far. God gives in abundance so that we may share in abundance.

Making giving commitment decisions too often becomes about ownership. It helps to ask ourselves: do I own my blessings or does God?

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

It may be time for the annual Stewardship Campaign, but at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior stewardship isn't just a fall focus. Stewardship has happened here all year round, and we thank you for reaching out and sharing the blessings that God first shared with you this year. We recognize the devotion, faith and love that has gone into your offerings.

Congregational Resources Committee,

Jeanne Coleman-Jones  
Shannon Foskett

Carol Maniaci  
Linda Nelson

Laura Oakes  
Pastor Wayne

Millie King, Chair

**God's Love Comes Down, God's People Reach Out**  
**2023 LCOS Stewardship Campaign Kick Off, October 30**  
**Please watch your mailbox for your pledge packet.**  
**Commitment Sunday, November 20**

## EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community)

The EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community) Group looks forward to seeing you whenever you can join us; we gather again on Tuesday, November 29 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: **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 [mamahart16@comcast.net](mailto:mamahart16@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! *Peggy Hartmann*





## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2022

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. *Betsy Kuehn*

## 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. *Connie Wolf*



## ADVENT GIVING TREE

### Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 13, 2022, 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 4, 2022 prior to 10:30am.

An online gift registry will also be available for members not able to be in church, or that may still 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 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 the Pantry families including the Ukrainian family living with Pastor Wayne and Kate. Many of the recipients prefer gift cards as it gives them the dignity to be able to purchase gifts.

The tags and envelopes for contributions will be available on Sundays, November 13, November 20, November 27. The gifts must be returned to church no later than December 4, 2022 by 10:30am.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to LCOS, and indicate Advent Giving Tree 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/>. Then go to link to donate to the Advent Giving Tree. Contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or [betsy406@comcast.net](mailto:betsy406@comcast.net) with questions.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or [betsy406@comcast.net](mailto:betsy406@comcast.net). *Betsy Kuehn*



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

### NARRATIVE

September Envelop Offering of \$34,514 was above the plan of \$29,511, generating an anticipated year end estimate of \$6,000 above plan.

Other Income is slightly above plan as a result of Matching Funds, generating Total Revenue to be estimated \$8,800 over plan.

Expenses are anticipated to be above plan by \$8,800 due to the negotiated salary of the Director of Youth & Family,

Administrative & Utility expenses above our initial plan. We anticipated a balanced Budget by year end with the MGB support.

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

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>		2022	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR END ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED YE VARIANCE
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>ANCE</u>
REVENUE						
	Envelopes	418,000	34,514	292,530	424,000	6,000
	Other Income- Ex MGB Support	37,652	3,180	32,345	40,452	2,800
	Memorial Gift Board Support	<u>31,760</u>	<u>2,647</u>	<u>23,820</u>	<u>31,760</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total Revenue	487,412	40,341	348,695	496,212	8,800
EXPENSE						
	Salary & Benefits	310,312	28,761	232,078	316,804	6,492
	Property	54,600	5,891	39,409	55,798	1,198
	Administration	47,900	3,437	33,922	48,610	710
	<u>Program Ministries</u>	<u>74,600</u>	<u>5,785</u>	<u>49,706</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>400</u>
	Total Expense	487,412	43,874	355,115	496,212	8,800
INCOME		0	(3,534)	(6,420)	(0)	(0)

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

#### **Average YTD Attendance**

#### **Total General Fund Offerings**

<u>Year</u>		
2020	208	\$ 287,951
2021	165*	\$ 281,551
2022	167*	\$ 292,533

\* 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.







## Justice and Peace Committee: Looking Behind the News

### Recognizing Our New Jersey Native American Neighbors

National American Indian Heritage Month began in the early 1900s as American Indian Day.

Dr. Arthur C Parker, a Seneca Indian and Director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, New York, persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans.” In 1915 the annual Congress of American Indian Association formally approved a proclamation to call upon the country to observe an American Indian Day, the first appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens. Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915 he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments to the White House, but there is no record of such a national day being proclaimed. American Indians finally became citizens in 1924 in honor of the many who enlisted in World War I.

Over the years several states sporadically dedicated a day to honor Native American Indians. At one point the day after Thanksgiving was used, as was Columbus Day. In 1990 President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as National American Indian Month. Similar proclamations occurred annually until 2021, when it was officially designated a nationally recognized month.

Haddonfield is located on land that is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape. The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some remained. Three thousand current New Jersey citizens belong to the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe.

There is a plaque at the corner of Kings Highway and Chews Landing Road stating “King’s Road laid out in 1681 over a portion of the trail of the Lenni-Lenape Indians running from Perth Amboy to Salem. Chews Landing Road used by the early New Jersey Colonists. This stone commemorates the spirit of humanity and kindness existing between the colonists of New Jersey and the Unalachtigo Lenape Tribe, the original owners of this land.” Chief Shawuskukhkung stated in a memorial to the New Jersey Legislature, “Not a drop of our blood have you spilled in battle; not one acre of our land have you taken but by our consent.”

Lenni means “genuine, pure, real, original.” Lenape means “real person” or “original person.” The ELCA New Jersey Synod “acknowledges the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgement of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to the land as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon and stars shine.” *Lynn Block*

## Mission Quilts at LCOS

What: Make utility quilts for distribution by Lutheran World Relief or for local needs

When: The first and second Thursday of the month from 9:30 to about 11:30 AM

Where: Room 112 at LCOS

**NO** special skills needed! We will teach you simple steps.

Attend when you can. No penalty if you can only attend occasionally!

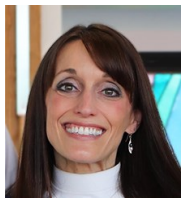
Support us by donating materials we can use for the Mission Quilts

Fabrics from a quilter or sewer’s “stash” - preferably cotton—solids or prints

Cotton curtains, draperies (we can remove linings), or cotton tablecloths

For information contact Cheryl Hastings by email: [chasti626@gmail.com](mailto:chasti626@gmail.com). Call or text: 856-617-7033





## From the Director of Youth and Family Ministries

What's to stop us from praying all the time? Why not say "thank you" throughout the day? When we say thank you, in prayer, silently, to someone else - a friend or a stranger - it doesn't mean that we have forgotten that there are real needs, real pain, and real suffering in our world or in our lives. What it does mean is that we become more aware of God at work, in the midst of both the good and the bad that we encounter on a daily basis.



This November, the focus for Sunday School and for our youth ministries will be living out our thanksgiving in our daily life. Sunday School will continue every Sunday in November with the theme of Noah's Ark and thanking God for the gift of the rainbow – a sign of God's power and God's promise to be with us always. The last Sunday of November is also the First Sunday of Advent, so there will be a special Sunday School lesson that day. During the season of Advent, there will be fun and interesting take-home resources for Sunday School youth and their families to help celebrate the season. They will be handed out on November 27 during Sunday School or you can contact me to receive one.

Living out our thanksgiving will also be a theme for the high school youth this November. First, there will be an emphasis on Senior High Ministry in Motion. What is that, you ask? Parents, does your high school child have a football game? Or a play? Or a cross-country meet? Whatever your children are doing, that's what we will be doing! If your high schooler has an event they would like a cheering section for, email Sabrina at [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com).

In addition, senior high youth are invited to participate in a special November service event, making snack sacks for My Father's House on Sunday, November 6 at 11:30am in the church kitchen.

What a great way to show our thanksgiving in words and actions during this month when we celebrate our gratitude to God! *Sabrina LaBelle, Director of Youth and Family Ministries*



### **Fellowship Parents Group (FPG – the name is still being workshopped)**

Parents of youth children at LCOS are starting a fellowship group! We don't yet have a name for it (suggestions are welcome!). Our first meeting will be a meet and greet with some general brainstorming about what we want to do on Sunday, November 6 at 10:30am right after the 9:30 service. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on one side. On the other side will be games and things to entertain the children. We are also looking for some high school youth to help watch the children. Email Sabrina if you are interested in taking part in this group: [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Pageant**

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 service. Rehearsals for the pageant will be held on November 27 and December 4 after the 9:30 service at 10:30 for 30 minutes. If your child plans to participate in the pageant, please email Sabrina, Director of Youth and Family Ministries: [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com). We are also in need of confirmation students to narrate the pageant this year. If your child is able to participate, please let Sabrina know. Parents are also needed to help with directing the children where they need to go and putting them in their costumes. All congregation members are invited to attend the service that day. There will be music, costumes, and general cuteness, so please join us!



### **High School Youth News**

There will be an opportunity in November to give back as we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving. On November 6 at 11:30 am, senior high youth are invited to make snack sacks for My Father's House. We will be making 24 sacks for teens and adults receiving addiction counseling.

In addition, I would love to start getting a group of high school youth together to celebrate one another's outside interests. High Schoolers: Do you have a sporting event or concert or play? Feel free to email me your events and maybe we can get a group to provide a cheering section: Sabrina at [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com).

## Environmental Happenings



Sustainability refers to the capacity for the biosphere and human civilization to coexist without depleting our resources.

Our challenge: Reuse.

You don't have to use an item just once.

What disposable items in your life could you replace with a reusable option? Do you use cloth napkins or paper? Do you have a reusable water bottle or disposable? Do you use cleaning wipes or cloths? Do you pack your lunch in plastic bags or in reusable containers? *Beth Hill*

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

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