



# The Messenger



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

## One 9:30 Worship Service at Challenge Park on June 11 Followed by Church Picnic

As a way of celebrating the end of our church program year the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold one worship service at Challenge Grove Park in Cherry Hill (just off of Brace Road) beginning at 9:30 to be followed by a Church Picnic. Here are the details.

**9:30 Outdoor Worship at Challenge Grove Park Pavilion:** Bring a camp or folding chair as we create our own worship space at the pavilion at Challenge Grove Park. Songs will be accompanied by acoustic guitar and the style will be more akin to camp songs of faith. Holy Communion will be provided by intinction. Wear appropriate clothing for the picnic to follow.

**10:30 Church Picnic & Outdoor Games:** Grilly Cheese will be our lunch caterer for the event and will provide a grilled cheese or hot dog, a side, and a beverage for each participant with the option of going back for another side and beverage. The church-subsidized cost is \$10/person and participants are encouraged to pay in advance by June 4 so staff can have a reasonable figure for total participants. Please see Sandy DeDonatis for payment. However, you can still pay the day of the event so don't stay home just because you missed the deadline.

In addition to eating there will be plenty of outdoor games to be played including lawn bocce, cornhole, wiffle ball, and a variety of group outdoor games coordinated by Sabrina LaBelle. The fun ends when the last family leaves so stay as long as you like and we hope to see as many faces, young and not-as-young, come out for our end of year celebration.



## 11 to Affirm Baptism at Confirmation, June 4 at 9:30 Worship

After two years of catechetical faith formation ten youth from the congregation will affirm their baptismal faith in the rite of confirmation. There will be a brief reception in the narthex at 9:00 and a class photo in the sanctuary at 9:15 before the youth will process into the worship with the other worship leaders. They will profess their faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. They will affirm their ongoing participation in the work and life of the Church with the help and guidance of God. Moreover, we will offer our affirmation of the same to them as well as to God.

As our Confirmands prepare for their big day on June 4 they have participated in a "Courage" pre-confirmation workshop, reviewing the promises they will make during the rite. Pastor Wayne asks you keep these youth in your prayers as well. God bless **Chase Adams, Juliana DeNinno, Robert DeNinno, Ryan Ewing** (to be confirmed at a later date), **Jack Fetter, Addison Gebhart, Aliana Miller, Sophia Pineiro, Sarah Simpkins, Evan Turner, and Aiden Visconti** as they approach this momentous step in their lifelong journey of faith.

## Donuts With Dad on Father's Day, June 18

Homer Simpson isn't the only dad who likes donuts! On Father's Day, June 18, the coffee time from 9:00-9:30 will feature a variety of donuts for the dads in worship and their family. If you like cream-filled you need to come before Pastor Wayne has his share as they are his favorite. While you're at it, invite a dad you know to join you that Sunday. Yummo!



## Graduating Senior Blessing and Afghan Rite on June 18 @ 9:30 Worship

Graduating high school seniors from Our Savior will be able to participate in the Graduate Blessing Service that includes the presentation of an afghan with the Serenity or Lord's Prayer on it. Each senior participating will have their confirmation verse and initials embroidered on the afghan that is presented by their parents prior to parents blessing their child, followed by their child blessing them. We look forward to celebrating this final *Stepping Into Adulthood* Faith Stepping Stone with our graduating seniors. We wish the best and bless the following graduating seniors participating in this final blessing rite as well as those who were unable to do so. Those receiving their blessing are: **Brooke Warren, Logan Gebhart, Amelia Wright, Allison Baxter, Peyton Rhodes, Jack Turner, Emily Marin Demers**

*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.*



## “Living With a Holy Curiosity”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

As I spoke with Jamie Brueschoff, our Pride Month speaker on Transgender Advocacy to be held on June 22, I expressed my biggest concern. “I just don’t want people to show up who have a predetermined agenda that shuts down questions from participants. I want this to be a ‘safe-ish’ space that allows people the freedom to ask questions.” She had a wonderful reply. “We want to encourage people to attend who have a ‘holy curiosity’ about the topic of transgender identity.”

A holy curiosity? What a wonderful way to express how a disciple of Christ ought to live out our lives! Imagine if the original disciples did not have a “holy curiosity.” Would Peter have been willing to change his position on how the Gentiles were to be included in the newly forming community of The Way that originally was comprised and led by Jews proscribing all members must abide by Jewish law? Would Luther have been open to the concept of priests being able to marry? Would the Lutheran Church have been willing to change their position on the ordination of women in 1970? Having a holy curiosity seems to be a part of a healthy Christian’s discipleship DNA from the very beginning until now and beyond. The challenge, of course, is by having a holy curiosity it also means one must be willing to change one’s mindset and behavior in the presence of new information or change in reality. I know I did. In 1999 the ELCA created a draft Human Sexuality Statement that did not pass at the Churchwide Assembly. At the time I was thankful because I was opposed to the prospect that I would be required to officiate publicly accountable lifelong monogamous same sex marriages. But in 2003 we had a lesbian exchange student whom we loved as our own for the eleven months she lived with us, and continue to relate to her as our daughter. She has been married for ten years and we have a grandson by her as well. Between my relationship with her, updated scientific studies, and increased biblical scholarship and theological reasoning my position has changed completely. I’ve even officiated some weddings for those in the LGBTQIA community. But it would never have occurred if I didn’t first maintain a “holy curiosity” when it came to this issue from the beginning.

Having a “holy curiosity” is similar to having a “beginner’s mind” that participants in this year’s Lenten Midweek study of the book “Prayer: a Primer” discovered. In it the author reminds readers, and us, that a “Beginner’s mind is a state of mind that is open, curious, not intimidated by seeming contradictions and paradoxes, eager to explore possibilities, at home with mystery.” In other words, to have a “beginner’s mind” or “holy curiosity” means we acknowledge we don’t have all the answers or are the expert on any topic or issue. We can always learn something new and may change our mind or perspective on an issue because of that new information. The church has always adapted to a changing culture to share, proclaim and reveal the truth of the gospel through word and deed. As we celebrate Pride Month in June, I hope all of us can embrace a “holy curiosity” or a “beginner’s mind” as we discover what it means to be advocates and allies of God’s children in the LGBTQIA community.



### North Carolina Mission Trip Cancelled. Local Mission “Trip” Open for Grades 6-12

This year’s Youth Mission Trip won’t be just for those age 16 and up. **Youth entering sixth grade through graduating seniors will be able to participate in local mission daytrips to address landscaping, painting, and small repairs at homes of those who cannot afford or are physically unable to do such work.** Pastor Wayne Zschech will solicit potential job sites from Pastor Giselle Coutinho at Bridge of Peace in Fairview as well as other area pastors for parishioners and neighbors who need either cosmetic or structural home improvement and/or repairs. Any interested rising middle schooler or high schooler should contact Pastor Wayne by June 11 if they are interested in participating so sufficient adult supervision can be provided. Contact Pastor Wayne by email ([wzschech@yahoo.com](mailto:wzschech@yahoo.com)) or phone (856) 429-5122 at the church and leave a message if he is not available.

When the pandemic shuttered the Senior High Youth Mission Trip to work with Habitat for Humanity in Winston-Salem it also squashed the momentum the trip had established for over 15 years. With only two youth having expressed interest in the NC trip Pastor Wayne made the decision to make the trip a local one and to expand the age requirement for participants. “The success of the trip in past years was largely due to the excitement and hype provided by past participants,” said Pastor Wayne “With an age requirement of 16 by HFH and two years of pandemic-related shuttering all the past participants had graduated, leaving no one to talk up their experience to potential new mission-trippers. It was no wonder we only had three youth last year and only two this year. A local trip including youth of a larger age range will hopefully bring back the momentum we once had to return to NC and working with Habitat for Humanity.”





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

Paula Horner, Bob Heinze, Mike Stolarick, Lee Sargent, Carolyn Malecka, Louise Bader, Noelle Corressel, Clive Crosby, Doris Rell, Dick Wilson, Shirley Stambaugh, *Savannah Martin Fox*, *Jessica Foster*, *John Leach*, *Marie Lattanzi Morris*, *Mary & Wesley Stoops*, *Wesley Roche*, *Pamela Ilves-Goldberger*, *Shellee Conley*, *Debbie Hodulik*, *Dolores Littleton*, *Kelly Mosteller*, *Maggie Koehler*, *Angela Melchiorre*, *Baby Sheamus Joseph Kinnarney*, *Mike DiMartinis*, *Shuvanon Shahid*, *Eric Kelly*, *Shellee Conley*, *Steven Alutore*, *Brenda Jarger*, *Dale & Maureen Runge*, *Lois Cummins*, *Rich DeBella*, *Ralph Volpe*, *Charles Bakes*, *Peggy Miller*, *Rosemary Dougherty*, *Colin Lawlor*, *Amelia Marchese*, *Albert Kern*, *Michelle Mavis*, *John Rell*, *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*, *Bette Roncace*, *Nicholas Juele*, *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: We are serving 11 Families: 32 People: 18 Adults, 11 Teens and 3 Children

Pantry Thank You: "Just a little note to thank the congregation for their very generous contributions to the food pantry. I really appreciate all of the assistance I get from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. It's a good feeling to know people care. I've been using the Acme gift cards to buy meat and dairy products. The organic items I get in my bags from the church are particularly helpful since I have so many allergies and sensitivities to food additives. The home goods (paper towels, trash bags, foil, Kleenex, etc) are great too because those items are all still ineligible for purchase with SNAP funds. Thanks very much again, I really appreciate everyone's kindness and generosity."



- Acme or Shop-Rite Gift Cards
- Monetary Donations
- Tuna/canned meat
- Canned fruit
- Rice packets
- Paper Towels



### Final Piggy Bank Collection

Thank you to all who put their spare change, paper money and checks into your Lenten piggy banks. Thanks to you we will be sending a check to Lutheran World Relief for \$1,136 to be earmarked for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. Our members always rise to the occasion!

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



### New September Date for the Philly Mural Arts Tour

The last-minute forecast of possible lightning storms canceled the Center City Philly Mural Arts walking tour scheduled for April 30. We've rescheduled this event for Sunday, September 17, 1:30 p.m., and **we've reopened registration**. So far we have one full tour group, and we're working on filling a second. **Registration is open to LCOS members, friends and spouses.** The 90-minute tour begins in front of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (Lenfest Plaza next to the Paint Brush sculpture, 128 N. Broad St) and costs \$25, which includes a tip for the guide. Please contact Linda Nelson ([lnelson824@gmail.com](mailto:lnelson824@gmail.com) or 908-400-2413) if you'd like to join us. **The deadline to register is Aug 24.**



### Outreach Committee

"Outreach" at LCOS is reaching out to each of our members and visitors to find out how they are doing spiritually, mentally and physically. It is **showing** that we are truly concerned for them, **missing** them when they are not in church, and **making sure** they know and feel that they are an important part of our church family. **Let's show them we do care!** Please contact me - Kristine Monsen cell # (856) 669-7160 [kemlmm@aol.com](mailto:kemlmm@aol.com) - if you are interested in participating on the Outreach Committee. Looking forward to hearing from you!



# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: APRIL 2023 REPORT

## FINANCIAL NARRATIVE

April Envelope and Congregational Challenge offerings of \$39,663 slightly exceeded the Plan of \$39,446. We are estimating Year End Envelope offering to exceed Plan by \$7,000 and Congregational Challenge offering to be below Plan by \$2,000.

Other Income is estimated to be below Plan by \$4,000 as a result of Matching Funds not being received as expected. Expenses are estimated to be below Plan by \$500 as a result of Property Expenses lower than expected and Administration expenses higher than Plan.

It is still early, but we are expecting Income of \$1,500 by Year End based on the above estimates.

The Dedicated Account Summaries have a total balance of \$104,506.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	2023	APRIL	YEAR TO		
			DATE	YEAR END	ESTIMATED
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>YE VARI- ANCE</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Envelopes	451,250	39,663	161,421	458,250	7,000
Other Income- Ex					
MGB Support	59,700	3,170	16,896	55,700	(4,000)
Congregational					
Challenge	5,000	0	479	3,000	(2,000)
Memorial Gift					
Board Support	0	0	735	0	0
Total Revenue	515,950	42,833	179,531	516,950	1,000
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Salary & Benefits	343,515	28,678	115,143	343,134	(381)
Property	66,625	3,178	19,291	64,625	(2,000)
Administration	48,297	4,220	16,889	50,628	2,331
<u>Program Ministries</u>	<u>57,513</u>	<u>7,130</u>	<u>19,117</u>	<u>57,063</u>	<u>(450)</u>
Total Expense	515,950	43,206	170,440	515,450	(500)
<b>INCOME</b>	0	-373	9,091	0	1,500

## Congregational Support: January – April 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance*</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2021	199	\$135,321
2022	200	\$142,700
2023	207	\$161,932

\* 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 Your Faithfulness in Being Stewards of God's Love

Thank you to all who put their offering envelopes into the plate in person, mail them to the church office, or give electronically. Thanks very much for sharing your blessings so that others may know God's love.



**Justice & Peace Round Up:** *June is busting out all over, as the show tune goes, with opportunities at LCOS to learn about and show your support for justice efforts in a variety of areas.*

### Nationally Recognized Author & Advocate to Speak at LCOS on June 22

Local resident and Lutheran pastor's wife Jamie Brueschoff will discuss what Christians can do to be allies and advocates with the LGBTQIA+ community. A nationally-known speaker, award-winning LGBTQ+ advocate, and a heartfelt writer, Jamie, her family and their advocacy work have been featured by media outlets and organizations around the world, including Disney, NPR, *Good Morning America*, *USA Today*, *The Today Show*, CBS News, *Parents*, *EducationWeek*, Human Rights Campaign, and The Trevor Project. Jamie holds an M.A. in Religion from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She has testified before Congress and most recently has been appointed to a White House Task Force studying transgender issues. Her presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. in the LCOS Sanctuary.



### Other Pride Month Events

- **June 8 (rain date June 10), HT PATCO parking lot, 5:45 pm:** For the second year LCOS is marching in the Haddon Township Pride Parade. A limited supply of adult tee shirts are available in the church office. Children's colored tee shirts also are available by contacting Jeanne Coleman-Jones ([rmj2708@gmail.com](mailto:rmj2708@gmail.com) or 856-912-6565).
- **June 15, LCOS Rm 112, 7:00 pm:** Book discussion, *Melissa*, by Alex Gino. **Thank you to Inkwood Books for donating 20 copies of this book!** Please contact Nancy Gulick or Jeanne Coleman-Jones to find out if any copies are still available.



**National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2 & Wear Orange Weekend, Jun 2-4**  
**From the *Wear Orange* Website:** "On January 21, 2013 Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later Hadiya was shot and killed on a Chicago playground. Soon after Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year. We honor the communities shattered by gun violence, as well as the 120 people who are shot and killed, and hundreds more who are wounded, *every day* in our country. Together, we call for meaningful action to save lives."



**Juneteenth** (June 19<sup>th</sup>) is the Federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Once again this year at LCOS we are observing this important date by displaying Juneteenth flags at the entrances to our church during the week leading up to this historic date. Keep an eye out starting June 11 for the red and blue flags with a starburst that represents the state of Texas, where slaves in the most remote part of the Confederacy learned of their emancipation on June 19, 1865.



### LCOS has gone a little greener!

Hopefully by now everyone has seen the new green recycle bins located throughout the LCOS building. The bins mean that we are following the Camden County Single Stream Recycling standards. Please place paper products, glass, #1 & #2 plastic bottles, jars and jugs, and metal containers in these bins. Be sure to first empty and rinse all containers. When in doubt, consider the item trash, and instead place it in a lined trash can. Thank you for helping us save the earth, one small step at a time.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Be



Secure guns in your homes and vehicles



Model responsible behavior



Ask about unsecured guns in other homes



Recognize the risks of teen suicide



Tell your peers to be SMART

**THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE WILL BE SPONSORING THE "BESMART CAMPAIGN" AT OUR SAVIOR ON MAY 24 AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.** Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America launched this educational safety program which focuses on a common-sense approach designed to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions to prevent child gun deaths and injuries. Whether you own guns or not, everyone has a role in this conversation. Questions? Contact: Bob Dempsey 856-246-8543, [robertdemp@verizon.net](mailto:robertdemp@verizon.net). All are welcome! *Bob Dempsey*





## Stewards of God's Gifts...gifts of time and talent

Stop me if you've heard this one before. Stewardship is NOT only about money. In the time-talent-treasure trinity, money is outnumbered two to one by time and talent, and it's that season of the year again, folks. Let's talk time and talent. You're probably thinking, "Let's not. I'm too busy as it is." Aren't we all? In today's busy world it sometimes seems that time is harder to share than money. But stop and consider what gifts God gives to us.

This year at Our Savior we're focusing on the five spiritual gifts God bestows on us through our baptism and again whenever we reaffirm our faith. The first two of these gifts—to live among God's faithful people and to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper—are inner gifts. We receive them personally and are cared for and nourished by them. When we share our time and talents, we convert our inner gifts to outer gifts for the world. We ourselves become gifts to others.

As Lutherans, we know that we're not obliged to "do" faith practices or to master a skill in order to earn an "A" in faith from God. Far from it. We do not "have" to practice our faith. There are no "oughts" in our faith response. Instead we respond freely in thankfulness to God's love made known in Christ. Thus, we get to:

- Use our God-given talents and abilities in his service
- Put our faith into practice
- Share God's love with our neighbors

### How is God calling you to share your time and talents?

Please watch both your electronic and your real mailbox in early June for the LCOS Time and Talent materials. Your responses returned to the church by June 18 will be dedicated at worship that morning. Thank you for your faithfulness.



### My Father's House Update

After much thought, prayer, and discussion, the Social Ministry Committee has decided to make some changes to the My Father's House ministry. Due to the increasing challenge of finding volunteers to make meals each week, along with the changing needs and numbers at MFH, we will transition from sending weekly meals to providing MFH with snacks and beverages. We believe

this change will be a better fit for our volunteer base, and will enable LCOS to serve a greater number of MFH clients. Anyone who has already signed up to send a meal or who wants to continue to make and deliver meals beyond this transition period is welcome to do so.

Moving forward, we are asking the congregation to donate boxes of individually wrapped, non-perishable snacks (granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, etc.) along with cases of single-serve drinks (water, soda, Gatorade, iced tea, etc.). Donations can be left on the designated shelves just outside of Parish Hall. Kathy and Amelia Wright, along with Gabby Berrios, who will be taking over as coordinator of this ministry, will deliver the food and drinks to My Father's House.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have contributed to the long term success of the Father's House ministry over the years. If you have questions or would like to help deliver donations, please reach out to Gabby Berrios ([mrsbee8123@outlook.com](mailto:mrsbee8123@outlook.com))

### Deodorants and Soap Collection for Caring Hearts

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, 2021, and 2022 due to the coronavirus pandemic. So far, no in-person events have been planned yet for 2023. But, Ilyse Janove is hoping that Caring Hearts can have a Back-to-School party in late August.

LCOS has been asked to collect men's and women's deodorant, and 3-packs of soap, at least 20 of each. The deodorants and soaps will be included in tote bags along with other personal care items to be given to the families. A collection box for Caring Hearts is available on the shelves outside Parish Hall for your donations. Items to be delivered to Ilyse Janove of Caring Hearts in mid-June. Contact Betsy Kuehn for more information.





## Ukrainian Refugee Update; Dental Work and Summer Jobs

As many members know Tanya Zhara, Natalia Derets and her son Mark, and Iryna Chastukhina and her three children, Nick, Kyrylo, and Sonya moved out of the parsonage on March 18 to the two-story apartment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Wezner House owned by First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield. Many thanks to all who donated furniture and assisted in the moving process! Here's where the family stands today.

**DENTAL WORK:** Due to the high stress related to the refugee experience the three women have experienced significant dental issues that have been initially addressed by Monokian Family Dentistry of Haddonfield at a discount and the remainder paid from funds provided by the congregation to the Refugee Fund. **While this has addressed certain severe issues there are still significant issues left to address that may cost thousands of dollars.** Pastor Wayne and Kate Zschech are working with various resources to determine how the family can get Medicare or Medicaid to address the costs going forward.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Ira has a full-time job at Pizza Crime in Haddonfield and in the summer Natalia will be the Director for the Girl Scout Summer Camp program at one of the South Jersey camps with Ira working as her assistant. They will rely on bus transportation to get to and from work. They continue to seek full-time employment with a more permanent employer.

**SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES:** Both Nick and Kyrylo continue to participate in the Concert Band and attended the Sophomore Dance at HMHS. Mark runs track at the Haddonfield Middle School and placed second in an online international chess competition. Sonya sings with the ChildrenSong group that rehearses at Our Savior and will have a concert on May 21 at 4:00 at LCOS.

**FUTURE CONCERNS:** As the women secure more permanent jobs there is the reality that those jobs may require independent transportation. That will require a vehicle, NJ driver's licenses, and insurance. Until they can afford a car and insurance they will continue to use public transportation, but in the meantime the two mothers will be preparing to qualify for a NJ driver's license as well as begin saving for insurance and a car, unless one is donated.

**FINAL THOUGHTS:** The generosity of the congregation of Our Savior enabled Pastor Wayne and Kate Zschech to house the family of seven for the year they lived in the parsonage without severe consequence. While they no longer live in the parsonage, Our Savior's commitment to walking with them in their journey to stability to citizenship has not ended. Please know any contributions to the Refugee Dedicated Fund are greatly appreciated and used judiciously to meet the most pressing needs of the family. Gift cards to Acme are still needed and appreciated. Pastor Wayne will continue to update the congregation on how the family is doing.



## Mustard Seed Community Childcare at Our Savior Taking Summer & Fall Registrations

Mustard Seed Community Childcare is currently accepting applications for their Summer Camp program for children entering Kindergarten through those having completed Fifth Grade. Camp runs from June through August from 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday with daily activities and a "travel camp" during one of the weeks.

Applications for their Kindergarten Extended Day Program (EDP) in the fall are also being accepted.

There are already 40 students already enrolled with openings in both their morning and afternoon sessions. Dates and tuition details for both the Summer Camp and Kindergarten EDP can be found on their website ([www.mustardseedccos.org](http://www.mustardseedccos.org)) or contact their Director, Donna Marie Clancy, for more information (856-669-4491).





## Communication Survey Results



Thank you for completing the Communication Survey “How do you get your church information?” distributed on Easter Sunday. We received 84 responses, which gave us a good indication of the congregation’s preferences.

85% Sunday Bulletin  
85% Monthly *Messenger*  
71% Pastor’s Sunday Announcements  
50% Group Emails  
49% LCOS Website

36% Facebook  
33% Group Voicemails  
24% Annual Report  
14% Bulletin Boards  
5% TV in Entry Way

A clear majority of respondents use several methods to get their information.

Church Council and Committees/Teams will be utilizing this information to improve communication with the congregation.

If you would like more specific information, including parents of 0-18 year old responses and written comments, please email Lynn Block at [blockstar59@hotmail.com](mailto:blockstar59@hotmail.com).

## EPIC (Experienced Persons in Community)



We gather again on Tuesday, May 23 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. Invite your friends of all ages to join us, the more the merrier!

- The schedule for the rest of the year is: May 23, June 27

It would be helpful for me if you would RSVP a week before the scheduled date so that there will be enough food and drinks for everyone. **Please RSVP to :** Judy Caravelli Text/Call: 609 471-5830 Email: [2006jac@comcast.net](mailto:2006jac@comcast.net)  
Peggy Hartmann



## BEWARE SCAM ARTISTS POSING AS PASTOR WAYNE!

To any and all who may occasionally receive a text message or an email from what appears to be Pastor Wayne Zschech that asks you to provide financial assistance to a person in need, **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THE EMAIL OR TEXT**. This person is a scam artist trying to fool you into purchasing gift cards or other monetary products that they can steal from you in Pastor Wayne’s name.

**PLEASE NOTE: PASTOR WAYNE NEVER MAKES REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PARISHIONERS FOR THE SAKE OF MINISTRY BY EMAIL OR TEXT.** When Pastor Wayne makes a request for ministry financial support it is always to the entire congregation and is done in worship, by letter, or through The Messenger. Thank you for your generous support through these difficult and challenging times toward the ministry we share and beware the “wolves” who approach you in “sheep” clothing.

## New Members Received on June 25

As of the printing of this newsletter the following adults and children will be received into the congregation of Our Savior on Sunday, June 25, by affirmation of faith. Their pictures will be taken and uploaded to our Instant Church Directory application for smartphones as well as posted in the Narthex in the large picture frame display. Make the effort to get to know your newest siblings in Christ as Our Savior!

**Rudolph Clark:** Affirmation of Faith

We will also have new members who will be taking the Newcomer Class on May 21.






## June 2023 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
<b>8:00 AM Sanctuary Worship, 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship &amp; Facebook Live, 9:30 AM Reflections Worship in Parlor</b>  <b>9:00 AM Coffee Time</b>	10-12, 1-3, 7-9 Art Classes  4:30-6:30 PM Jess	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope  <b>2:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>	<b>3:00 PM Tai Chi</b>  7:00-9:00 PM Jess			

## June 2023 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>9:00 AM Fix-It Team</b>  <b>9:30 Mission Quilts</b>	2	3
4 <b>9:00 AM Confirmation Reception</b>  <b>9:15 AM Confirmation Photo</b>  <b>10:45 W&amp;M Mtg.</b>	5 <b>Last Bible Discussion</b>	6 <b>5:15 AM-8:30 PM Primary Election</b>  12:00 District Cluster  <b>7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg.</b>  7:00 PM Toastmasters  <b>7:00 PM Church Council</b>	7 <b>Last Bible Discussion</b>	8 <b>9:30 Mission Quilts</b>  12:45-3:15 PM SJ Singers	9	10
11 <b>Last Sunday School</b>  <b>9:30 AM Worship/Picnic at Challenge Grove Park</b>	12 11:30-2:30 AM HGC	13 <b>Flag Day</b>  7:00 PM Toastmasters	14	15 <b>Messenger Deadline-July &amp; August</b>  <b>9:00 AM Fix-It Team</b>	16	17
18 <b>Father's Day</b>   <b>Senior Blessing</b>  <b>Donuts with Dad</b>	19	20 7:00 PM Toastmasters  <b>7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg.</b>	21	22 <b>Messenger Mailing-July &amp; August</b>  12:45-3:15 PM SJ Singers	23 8:00 AM Lifeline Screening	24
25 <b>New Members Rcvd.</b>	26 Mustard Seed Summer Camp Begins  <b>No Art Class</b>	27 <b>12:00 EPIC</b>	28  Sabrina vacation	29  Until 7-5	30	

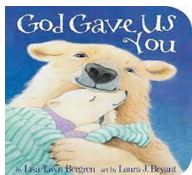
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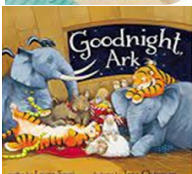
### Summer Reading List

With summer around the corner, I thought it might be nice to suggest some potential summer reading material based for kids of all ages to read on their own or with a parent. And I snuck in a couple of books for adults, too!



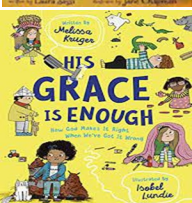
#### For babies:

***God Gave us You*** by Lisa Tawn Bergren and Laura J. Bryant – a beautifully illustrated book with a message about the love of parents everywhere (human and animal alike)!



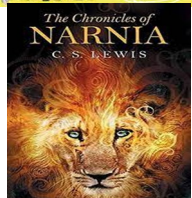
#### For toddlers:

***Goodnight, Ark*** by Laura Sassi – Geared toward children (specifically toddlers), this is a wonderful message of God's protection and it's a great way to tell the story of Noah's ark to young children in a way they might always remember. As a plus, the illustrations are gorgeous!



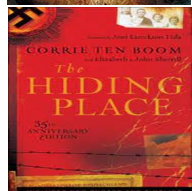
#### For young elementary children (5-8 years):

***His Grace Is Enough: How God Makes It Right When We've Got It Wrong*** by Melissa Kruger – a rhyming books with great illustrations that drives home the most important point kids need to know (and adult also need to remember): God's grace is enough. It is a book about how we can turn to Jesus whenever we mess up.



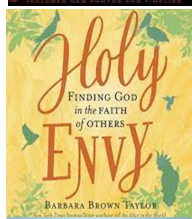
#### For older elementary/middle school:

***The Chronicles of Narnia*** series by C.S. Lewis – A classic that never goes out of style. This series is filled with faith and fantasy, a winning combination. It checks all the boxes: a wicked witch, a talking lion, and plenty of reminders of the power of sacrifice.



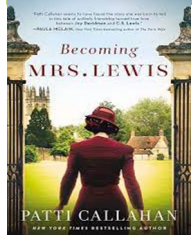
#### For high school:

***The Hiding Place*** by Corrie Ten Boom – A true story about a family who chose to risk their own lives to shelter Jewish people during World War II in the Netherlands, and how she, the author, was able to find healing even after her family was reported and punished.



#### For adults:

***Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*** by Barbara Brown Taylor – a reading list would not be complete without a book from my favorite (and luckily very prolific) author. Recently published, this could not be more relevant with its emphasis on love, respect for people from all over the world and the way they worship. We can all learn a lot!



***Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C. S. Lewis*** by Patti Callahan - I love reading through C.S. Lewis, from his more fantasy and sci fi novels to his very deeply spiritual books. This particular book chronicles the true story of the relationship between C.S. Lewis and Joy Davidman, which began as a friendship and then ended in a short marriage, preempted by Joy's death. It's a beautiful story mostly from the perspective of Joy, but also interlaced with glimpses of C.S. Lewis' life and faith.



### Vacation Bible Camp

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is open on the church website! The theme this year is ***Hero Hotline: Called to Serve God Together***, which comes from Romans 14:19: "So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Vacation Bible Camp will take place July 24 – 28 from 1:00 – 4:00pm and is open to all children (members and friends) ages 4 years – 5th grade. Cost is \$25 for materials.

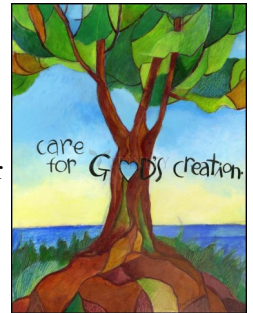
We are also looking for volunteers to help with crafts, snacks, games, and to be group leaders. Confirmation and high school youth are especially encouraged to volunteer! But we do need adult leaders, as well. Please email Sabrina for more information: [smgvasta@gmail.com](mailto:smgvasta@gmail.com).



## For God's People and God's Planet and God's Animals

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. Amen

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