



# The Messenger



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR



## Stewards of God's Gifts...answering God's call to share

When we are baptized and again whenever we affirm our faith, we make some pretty big promises. We promise to continue in the covenant God made with us in holy baptism to:

- Live among God's faithful people
- Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

We promise to live, hear, proclaim, strive, and share in the name of Christ. In return God promises to nurture us through his gifts, and we promise to share those gifts with the world by saying, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us." Responding to the yearly Stewardship appeal gives us a specific way to respond to God's love and gifts by agreeing to share his blessings with his church and out into the world. *After all, it's what we've promised to do!*

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

At the Lutheran Church of Our Savior stewardship isn't just a fall focus. Stewardship happens 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, Carol Maniaci, Laura Oakes, Millie King, Chair, Shannon Foskett, Linda Nelson, Pastor Wayne

**Stewards of God's Gifts**  
**2024 LCOS Stewardship Campaign Kick Off, October 29**  
**Please watch your mailbox for your pledge packet.**  
**Commitment Sunday, November 19**



## Veterans Sunday Coffee Time & Flag Retirement Following Worship, Nov 12

Our Savior will be expanding our tradition of retiring and replacing the United States flag that flies above our Memorial Garden by establishing a "Veterans Sunday" on the second Sunday of November. Members who have served in the United States Military are asked to provide a 5x7 photo (if possible) of themselves in uniform (if available) to the church office by November 5 so they may be displayed in frames during Coffee Time from 8:50-9:30.

Following the 9:30 worship congregants are invited to join Pastor Wayne at the flagpole by the Memorial Garden for the retirement of our current flag and replacing it with one donated by a member of the congregation. The short ceremony is mostly taken from the Boy Scouts of America rite used when a flag is retired.

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.



*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.*



## “Feasting On God’s Word Regularly”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Thanksgiving is a day for many things. Football for some. Parades for others. Family and feasting for just about everyone as we gather around a table to give thanks for the blessings in our lives. The meal is more than take-out or quick recipe options we create during the regular week. It’s a day we pull out the recipe box and recreate dishes that have been cooked, baked, and roasted for generations and share stories of the lives who made them before us; great-grandma, nana, pop-pop and mom. Thanksgiving is a day of feasting and storytelling and remembering God’s goodness in our lives over the last year.

Did you know that every Sunday when we gather for worship we gather for Thanksgiving as well? That’s what the Eucharist, Holy Communion, is. It literally means “thanksgiving.” And when we gather for worship, we are feasting not only on the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sin and new life, but also feasting on God’s word proclaimed in Scripture, sermon, and congregational song. We digest God’s word of love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and hope as the stories of previous generations of God’s people are read from Scripture and how our stories echo theirs in the sermon. The songs and hymns we sing are the stories of God’s engagement with God’s people of Israel and the body of Christ, the Church, throughout the ages and even now in our time. Every time we worship, we feast on God’s Word and grace offered in Scripture, sermon, sacrament, and song.

But what if one cannot join in the feast? How is your faith relationship with God in Christ fed if you aren’t able to gather for worship? Have some found themselves out of the habit of “dining” at the Lord’s Table on Sunday? If so, how is your faith being fed? Maybe the daily devotionals in the Christ In Our Home booklet are “snack” to tide one over, but are they the feast God prepares for us each week through His Church, the people of God gathered around pulpit, font, and table where grace and new life is offered and received?

I can’t eat a Thanksgiving feast every evening, but without regular healthy meals each day my physical health is compromised. I feel the same way when it comes to worship. Not every Sunday can be Christmas or Easter, with all its special anthems, hymns, and pageantry. But each Sunday is a Thanksgiving where we get to feast on God’s Word regularly without getting too “stuffed.” In worship I am drawn close to God through his word and sacrament and by the mutual conversation and consolation of the saints as well. I look forward to dining with you this month and in the months ahead. I am so Thankful to serve as your pastor and for the blessing we are to and for each other. Happy Thanksgiving.

### Church in Waiting Advent Bible Discussion Begins Nov 13/15 IN PERSON+ZOOM!

As the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, the one aspect of life we don’t ever seem to have enough of is...TIME! Keeping time according to the church year is a grace, not a requirement. The grace of Advent is best received in community. These sessions offer an opportunity to awaken the gift of time provided by the celebration of Advent. Join the discussion in November and December in this 4-week discussion of the Church in Waiting: Together in Faith on either Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM or on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 AM in Room 112 if joining in person or clicking on the Zoom link from Our Savior’s website home page to join virtually from home.

Nov 13/15	Be Enriched and Strengthened
Nov 20/29	Wait Patiently
Dec 4/6	Repent and Prepare the Way of the Lord
Dec 11/13	Glorify God through Jesus Christ



### Thanksgiving Community Worship Returns on Nov. 19 at First Presbyterian Church

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will reinstitute the Community Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield on King’s Highway. The traditional worship celebration giving thanks to God had been on hiatus during the pandemic and clergy and choirs look forward to its return on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Local clergy will lead the worship, with the newest, Rev. Marvin Lindsey of First Presbyterian, providing the sermon.

Plentiful parking is available behind the church off of Chestnut Avenue adjacent to the Haddonfield Middle School. The offering at the service will go to the Haddonfield Community Caseworker who administrates over \$15,000 in assistance each year from Haddonfield congregation contributions.







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

Peg Riley, Bob Heinze, Gail Hoffman, Jay Wallace, Jon Batchelor, Lee Sargent, Carolyn Malecka, Clive Crosby, Doris Rell, Shirley Stambaugh, Daniel Reilly, Family of Gil Pineiro, Charles Coffey, Dottie Kelly, Ann (Paulus) Warner, baby Mavis, Suzanne Tracy, Mikael Eliassen, Terri Meibling, Savannah Martin Fox. John Leach, Marie Lattanzi Morris, Pamela Ilves-Goldberger, Shellee Conley, Debbie Hodulik, Kelly Mosteller, Angela Melchiorre, Sheamus Joseph Kinnarney, Mike DiMartinis, Shuvanon Shabid, Eric Kelly, Shellee Conley, Steven Alutore, Brenda Jarger, Dale & Maureen Runge, Lois Cummins, Rich DeBella, Ralph Volpe, Peggy Miller, Rosemary Dougherty, Colin Lawlor, Amelia Marchese, Albert Kern, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Larry Thatcher, Scott Hansen, Abby Phelps, Carmela Crawford, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Connie Verner, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Maziuka, Saunders Family, 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

**Please keep us updated with the prayer list. If anyone should be removed or added, please let us know. Sandy—lcossandy@gmail.com**

### Pantry

**Pantry:** We are currently serving 12 Families: 35 People: 20 Adults, 11 Teens, and 4 Children. *Lynn Block*



- Acme or Shop-Rite Gift Cards
- Monetary Donations
- Canned: meat, chicken, tuna
- Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta
- Cereal
- Paper Towels



Dear Altar Guild & Members of LCOS,

Thank you for your kindness to me these past few years. Your constant love and thoughtfulness always made my "heart happy".

Thanking you also for the beautiful flowers you gave me from the altar.

Lovingly,  
Peggy Hartmann



**November 5, 2023**



### Get Into the Christmas spirit Early and Help Bridge of Peace Youth

It's never too early to start preparing for Christmas, and once again this year Sisters in Spirit are helping the folks at Bridge of Peace provide a happy holiday for their children. From October 29 to November 19 Our Savior members and friends can donate stocking-stuffer items for children and youth. Bridge of Peace prepares gift bags for Santa to share when he visits. 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 5. 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
Fun toothpaste ( <b>no</b> toothbrushes)	Nail polish
Other grooming items	Lip balm/gloss
Journals & diaries (no notebooks)	Stress balls
Colored pencils & markers, erasers, etc.	
Packaged sweet treats	Pop its
Fidget Spinners/other fidget toys	

Place your items in the decorated collection box in the narthex beginning on October 29, and get in the Christmas spirit. Thanks for your help!

### Our Savior Saints Remembered All Saints Sunday, Nov 5; Worship Begins in Memorial Garden

We continue the tradition for All Saints Sunday with 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 2022. Worshippers will process from the Memorial Garden into the sanctuary during the Gathering Hymn. Those with mobility concerns can gather in the narthex alcove that overlooks the Garden before walking into the sanctuary and avoiding the stairs. Unfortunately, there is no way to begin the livestream outside and then transition to inside using the church cameras so livestream worshippers 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; **Sam Lee, Janis Rice, Jaime Fallon, Jean Schroeder, Dick Wilson.**



## The Sound of Silence

While I usually write about music and the sounds that we hear, today I am writing about silence. We often think of silence as the absence of everything, but how many thoughts and emotions are in our head in moments of silence?

What are moments of silence that you remember? The one I remember the most vividly from this year is the moment between my doctor saying "We have a baby!" when Amelia was born and when I finally heard my baby's first cry. I remember the deafening silence of an empty church, as Pastor Wayne and I led worship after worship into a camera during the Covid-19 lockdown. I always look forward to the short silence between the singing of *Silent Night* in the magical darkness of a candlelit church and hearing the final blessing. There is the blessed silence of going to sleep after a long day. Many musical pieces silence the accompaniment of piano, organ, or orchestra to show the power of the human voice (such as *Mother God, You Gave Me Birth*, the anthem I chose for Millie's baptism, or *The Dream Isaiah Saw*, an anthem from last year's Lessons and Carols) or have moments of silence all together.

Silence can be full of desperation, gladness, exhaustion, gratitude, power, and prayer. In the story of Elijah, he meets God in the silence, after looking for God in the earthquake and in the fire. Thousands of years later, it is harder than ever to find silence in a world full of noise, technology, and busy schedules. How can you find a moment of stillness and silence? What thoughts will be in that moment?

In our hymnal, there is a hymn (ELW 460) we don't sing too often (but maybe we should change that!) that describes how moments of silence, of the "now" ultimately lead us to God:

*Now the silence,*

*Now the peace,*

*Now the empty hands uplifted;*

*Now the kneeling,*

*Now the plea,*

*Now the Father's arms in welcome.*

May our days have moments of silence filled with peace and welcome.

*Pauline Worusski*

**sound of silence**

### ***Sabrina LaBelle, Director of Children and Family Ministries***

#### **Christmas Pageant**



The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 10 during the 9:30 service. Rehearsals for the pageant will be held on November 26 and December 3 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 Children 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!

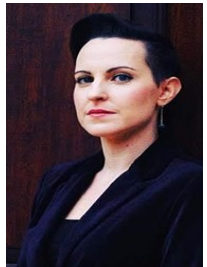


#### **Jess Arnold Hired as Youth Ministry Developer**

For several years Jessica Arnold has been Our Savior's "go-to" supply organist whenever Pauline Worusski has been out, especially during her maternity leave following the birth of her daughter. She even provides music lessons for children and youth at Our Savior during the week. Her connection to this congregation is so close she even admits, "This is my second church home!" Now she will add another reason to call Our Savior "home" as she begins serving as Our Savior's newly created Youth Ministry Developer.

"The Covid 19 pandemic really decimated our senior high youth ministry when holding regular meetings and being able to participate in the summer mission trips was not a possibility," shared Pastor Wayne. "It's not about renewing our youth ministry program. It will be more about redeveloping it from the ground up, and that is what we hope Jess will be able to organize and implement over the next few years." When offered the position Jess replied, "I feel like this is God's response to my sorrow about leaving my church when I was just getting to work with teens and affirming that this is what I'm supposed to do and called to do."

At the time of this article Jess had just begun her position so no definitive plans or events have been scheduled. However, with a Feed My Starving Mobile Pack event on November 18 and the Christmas holidays around the corner there are sure to be opportunities for Our Savior's junior and senior high school youth to engage in both service and social ministry activities.







## Justice and Peace Round Up

### Justice & Peace Looks Behind the News: Protecting the Right to Vote in New Jersey

New Jersey has long supported voting by its citizens. In fact, the 1776 State Constitution, adopted days before the Declaration of Independence, declared that “all inhabitants of the colony of full age and worth fifty pounds . . . shall be entitled to vote.” New Jersey was the first and only colonial state that allowed women and Blacks to vote. Research shows that women and Blacks exercised that franchise. Of course, it did not last, and in 1807 the New Jersey Legislature prohibited women and Blacks from voting. That right was not restored until passage and ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution in 1870 and 1920 respectively.

Unfortunately, voting and elections have become contentious in the past few years. The Covid pandemic resulted in many states enacting laws to make it easier to vote by mail, which previously had only been available to voters who could establish a “reason” for voting by mail. Some states, but not NJ, sent mail ballots to every registered voter. In 2022 some of those laws were rescinded, but other states moved to make voting by mail the preferred method. Even though voting by mail increased voter turnout, critics claimed that it resulted in fraud. Attempts to prove the fraud claims have been summarily rejected by the Courts.

Although recent elections were impacted by changes brought about because of the pandemic, there also are other actions at play. In 1965 Congress enacted the Federal Voting Rights Act that prohibited racial discrimination in voting. Many believe the Voting Rights Act to be the most effective piece of civil rights legislations ever enacted. The law provided nationwide protection from states and local governments imposing rules abridging the right to vote. It outlawed literacy tests, poll taxes, property-ownership requirements and similar devices historically used to disenfranchise minorities. A core provision prohibited certain states from implementing any change affecting voting without further receiving pre-clearance from the Justice Department that the change would not discriminate against protected minorities. In 2013 the Supreme Court declared the pre-clearance provision unconstitutional. (*Shelby County v. Holder*). Following that decision, many states have rushed to enact restrictions and limitations on voting that have disenfranchised minorities. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act seeks to restore the Voting Rights Act, but passage in the current Congress is unlikely.

To address the inequities, six states have enacted state laws to protect voting rights. Currently, the New Jersey Legislature is considering the New Jersey Voting Rights Act, NJVRA. The bill would reinstate pre-clearance, provide new legal tools to fight discriminatory voting rules, expand language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency, include strong protections against voter intimidation or obstruction at the polls, and instruct state judges to interpret election laws in a pro-voter way whenever possible. Further information can be obtained at <https://njvra.org>

***Thank you to J&P Committee member Elaine Williams for sharing her legal background and knowledge in writing this month's article.***

**Interested in learning more?** Join us in person or by Zoom for the next meeting of the Justice and Peace Committee on November 19, 10:45 a.m. in the LCOS Parlor. Please contact Lynn Block, committee chair, to get the Zoom link (blockstar59@hotmail.com). *Justice & Peace Committee*

## Senior Game Day



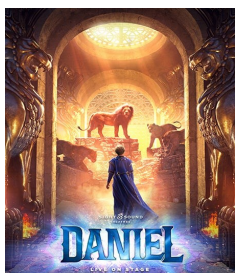
We gather again for Senior Game Day on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at noon for another enjoyable lunch and afternoon of cards, Mexican Train, many other games and fellowship. Each month we will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday unless as indicated\*. Invite your friends of all ages to join us, the more the merrier!

- The schedule for the rest of 2023 into 2024: Nov. 28, **Dec. 19\***, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26, Apr. 23, **May 21\***, June 25.



A one-time per new season of \$30 for LCOS members and \$40 for non-members is requested to help defray the cost of the lunch. You may also pay as you go: \$5.00 per week. Checks may be made out to “LCOS”. If the cost is a burden please talk to me.

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)



**Save The Date: Tuesday, March 19 2023—Bus Trip to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster to See Daniel.** More details will be in the December Messenger. This trip is a collaboration between Senior Game Day and the Fellowship Committee. Members, Friends, Relatives; All are welcome to join us!



## Holiday Food Drive 2023 Celebrating Blessings While Helping Those in Need

As we celebrate our many blessings this November, consider sharing with those who are in need. There are people right in our communities who do not have enough to eat, and you can help change that.

Holiday Food bags and donation envelopes will be available beginning October 22, 2023. 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 12 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 12, 2023. Please return to area to the right of doors to Parish Hall.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to LCOS, and indicate Holiday Food Drive in memo line and mail to the church at 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Donations for the Holiday Food Drive can also be made online thru Simply Giving at <http://oursaviorhaddonfield.org/simply-giving/>. 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*



## Advent Giving Tree: Bringing Christmas Joy to Those in Need Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 12, 2023, 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, and return the gift with the tag attached by December 3, 2023 prior to 10:30am. Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father's House, Urban Promise (for their Christmas Promise Store), Caring Hearts, and the Pantry families.

New for 2023, Urban Promise will have an Amazon Wishlist to order any of the suggested gifts for their Christmas Promise Store to be held in mid-December. You can scan the QR Code on the flyer available on the Sundays the Advent Giving tree is in the Narthex, or click this link: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/OOV4QHWJT62X>.

An online gift registry will also be available for members not able to be in church. 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.

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

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

The tags and contribution envelopes will be available on Sundays November 12, November 19, and November 26. The gifts must be returned to church no later than December 3, 2023 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.

Questions? Need more information? Please contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or [betsy406@comcast.net](mailto:betsy406@comcast.net).

## My Father's House Update



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. Gabby Berrios, 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))





## Quilt Blessing to Occur Nov 12 During Worship

On Sunday, November 12, 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 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 Millie King and Cheryl Hastings, 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-Noon 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 sewed 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.



## Reducing World Hunger One FMSC Manna Pack at a Time – Nov 17-18

“A growling belly cannot hear.” That was a quote Pastor Wayne shared back in 2015 after he and a group from First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield went to Haiti to witness the impact that the Manna Packs have made in the lives of schoolchildren. The Manna Packs are made up of soy, rice, vitamins, and dried veggies that were packed at mobile packs around the United States by the non-profit group, Feed My Starving Children. Prior to the pandemic, the Haddonfield Council of Churches sponsored mobile pack events in the spring or fall with the goal of volunteers packing up to half a million packs over the course

of a weekend at their peak.

“It is amazing to realize how many meals a team of 8-10 people at a table can pack in 90 minutes and even more amazing how many children it will feed for a year!” one packer shared back in 2019 when the last mobile pack event was held. “I couldn’t believe how much fun I had the whole time we were scooping the different ingredients into the bags, weighing, and sealing them before packing them into boxes. The FMSC people kept our enthusiasm up with the music and cheers as well.”

Want to be a part of this year’s Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event? Our Savior has a “Pack With Pastor” group created on the Mobile Pack website from 3:00-5:15 on Saturday, November 18. Go to the Mobile Pack Event website, [2311-229MI Haddonfield, NJ Haddonfield Community MobilePack - Campaign \(fmsc.org\)](https://www.fmsc.org/), and click on the VOLUNTEER button and follow the directions to volunteer under LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR group. We have 25 spots available and hope to fill two tables. If you can’t donate your time and talent, you can always donate financially where \$106 will feed a child one meal a day for an entire year. Either way we hope you can join in the joy of feeding the hungry of the world before feasting five days later on Thanksgiving.



## Memorial Gifts Fund Corner



Memorial Gift Board would like to once again highlight the Patterson-Plotzke Fund which provides scholarships to local Camden students through Urban Promise and Lucy programs for higher education. As the Fall semester began, it was time to present scholarship checks.

Pictured is Nancy Gulick and Deb Hartigan presenting a scholarship check to one of the students at Urban Promise. Her name is Janasia White, and she is majoring in nursing at Eastern University. She is on their cheer team and is on the marketing team for the Student Activities Board. She is grateful for the support provided by LCOS through the Patterson-Plotzke Scholarship Fund. More pictures and stories from scholarship recipients in future newsletter articles.

What a wonderful ministry the Lutheran Church of Our Savior can provide due to the thoughtful gifts of Jean Patterson and Bernadine Plotzke in creating this fund to provide scholarship opportunities for Camden youth. Please continue to help this ministry grow with a gift or memorial to the Patterson-Plotzke fund. 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. *Rich Windle*

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR:

## SEPTEMBER 2023 REPORT

### FINANCIAL NARRATIVE

September Envelope and Congregational Challenge offerings of \$28,497 were below expectations of \$32,576. We are estimating Year End Envelope offering to meet Plan and Congregational Challenge offering to be

above Plan by \$3,000. Other Income is estimated to be below Plan by \$1,865 as a result of Matching Funds not being received as expected.

Expenses are estimated to be below Plan by \$2,300 as a result of Salary and Benefits below Plan by \$10,800 as a result of the Director of Youth & Family Ministry change.

Property Expense estimate has been increased due to the recent storm damage and need.

We are estimating a Year Net Income of \$3,435.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>		2023	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO	YEAR END	ESTIMATED
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>YE VARIANCE</u>
REVENUE						
	Envelopes	451,250	28,132	313,328	457,750	6,500
	Other Income- Ex					
	MGB Support	59,700	3,775	40,730	57,835	(1,865)
	Congregational					
	Challenge	5,000	365	992	1,500	(3,500)
	Memorial Gift					
	Board Support	0	0	2,435	0	0
	Total Revenue	515,950	32,272	357,485	517,085	1,135
EXPENSE						
	Salary & Benefits	343,515	24,586	249,905	332,715	(10,800)
	Property	66,625	8,310	48,448	69,625	3,000
	Administration	48,297	4,562	37,348	52,297	4,000
	<u>Program Ministries</u>	<u>57,513</u>	<u>3,533</u>	<u>37,430</u>	<u>59,013</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	Total Expense	515,950	40,991	373,131	513,650	(2,300)
INCOME		0	(8,719)	(15,646)	3,435	3,435

### **Congregational Support: January – September 2023**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance*</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2021	165	\$281,551
2022	165	\$292,535
2023	167	\$314,320

\* 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.





## November 2023 Regular Events

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
<b>8:00 AM Sanctuary Worship, 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship &amp; Facebook Live, 9:00-9:20 AM Reflections in Parlor</b>  <b>9:00 AM Coffee Time</b>  <b>10:40-11:00 AM Cherub Choir</b>	10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00 PM Adult Art Classes  <b>4:45-5:45 PM Tween Choirs</b>  5:30-8:30 ChildrenSong – Choir Room  6:30-8:30 Possibility Players - PH  <b>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Bible Discussion</b>	10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope  <b>2:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Discussion</b>  3:00-4:00 PM Tai Chi	11:00-1:00 & 7:30-9:30 PM Adult Art Classes  <b>6:30-9:15 PM Tai Chi</b>  <b>6:45-7:45 PM Bell Choir</b>  <b>8:00 PM Adult Choir</b>		

## November 2023 Special Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 PM MGB Mtg	2 9:00 AM Fix-It Team  9:30 AM Mission Quilts	3 6:00-9:00 PM Mustard Seed Spaghetti Dinner	4 8:00-9:30 AM ChildrenSong
5 All <b>Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>  Jones Baptism  10:45 AM W&M Mtg.  6:30 PM Confirmation	6 Financial Plan Due  6:00-10:00 PM HP&P -3 <sup>rd</sup> fl.	7 <b>Election Day</b>  7:00 PM Church Council  7:00 PM PM Toastmasters 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	8 6:00-10:00 PM HP&P-PH	9 <b>Messenger Deadline</b>  9:30 AM Mission Quilts	10 <b>Veteran's Day</b>	11 Mission Quilt set-up
12 Veteran's Appreciation/Flag Retirement  Oakes Baptism  Quilt Blessing  10:45 AM Fellowship Mtg.	13	14 2:00 PM Local Vocal  7:00-9:00 PM Toastmasters	15	16 <b>Messenger Mailing</b>  9:00 AM Fix-It Team	17 FMSC Mobile Pack-HMS	18 FMSC Mobile Pack HMS  8:00-9:30 AM ChildrenSong  1:00-2:00 Mabel Kay Thanksgiving - PH
19 Commitment Sunday  10:40 AM Advent Workshop  10:45 AM J&P Mtg.  6:30 PM Confirmation  7:00 Thanksgiving Community Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	20	21 7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg  7:00-9:00 PM Toastmasters	22 Bo Bible Discussion  Sandy & Pastor Off	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b>    Pastor Off	24 <b>Office Closed</b>  Until	25 11-26
26 <b>Christ the King</b>  10:45 AM Outreach Mtg  No Confirmation  Pastor Off	27 No Bible Discussion  6:00 PM Congregation Resources Mtg  No Possibility Players	28 12:00 noon Senior Game Day	29	30		

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

## Fellowship Ministry Committee

**Thank you to everyone who attended Oktoberfest at Eclipse Brewery in Merchantville!** A special thank you to Eclipse Brewery for allowing LCOS to enjoy their beautiful grounds and wonderful beverages! Beth and Chris Mattern, owners of Eclipse Brewery, are related to Cathe Barre (sister and brother-in-law)! Thank you to our culinary chefs; Pastor Wayne, Kate Zschech, Gabby and Angel Berrios! The menu was filled with authentic German delights! Our chefs also honored dietary restrictions when planning the menu. Thank you to Gabby and Angel Berrios who treated everyone to a Bavarian soft pretzel (some gluten free, too!) from our local A&A Bakery, vegan brats and vegan potato salad. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes shopping, decorating, serving and planning to make Oktoberfest a success; thank you Sandy DeDonatis, Jeannette Jelonek, Stacey Shaw, Nancy Dempsey, Betsy Kuehn, Nancy Gulick, Jeanne Coleman Jones, Jane Evans, Kristine Monsen and Linda Powell! What fun and great fellowship! Enjoy the Oktoberfest pictures on display during Coffee Hour on October 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Mark your calendar for LCOS' Advent Intergenerational Workshop on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 12:15.** This event is for children and adults. Three activity stations will be set up in the fellowship room including; cookie decorating, wreath making for Advent and pipe cleaner tree ornaments. All directions and materials will be provided. We'll be preparing the way for Christmas! You know there will be fun and excitement!

Look for the Advent Workshop insert within this newsletter for more details and a pre-registration slip.

**You still have time to find that great recipe for the Chili Cook Off on January 20, 2024!** More details will follow regarding this event.

**Fellowship Committee would love to have you join this small, but mighty committee!** Our next meeting is Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 – 11:40 in the library. Email Ruth Fisher at [rfisher11253@gmail.com](mailto:rfisher11253@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive an agenda for the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER



**And  
Game Night**

**Friday, November 3, 2023**

**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior Hall**

**Cost - \$25 per family**

**Family Games  
Silent Basket Auction**

**For Tickets Contact:**

**Donna Marie Clancy [director@mustardseescos.org](mailto:director@mustardseescos.org) 856-669-4491**



**Coffee Time at LCOS** (8:30 am - 9:30 am) is supported by Fellowship Ministry and LCOS' committees. LCOS leadership and committee chairs have been assigned a Sunday to bring treats to the church kitchen by 8:15 a.m. Please take a moment to stop by Coffee Hour for coffee, tea, juice, fruit, cheese, bagels and some really tempting desserts! Best of all, come for the Fellowship! *Ruth Fisher*

### November Coffee Time Schedule

Nov. 5- Ushers

Nov. 12- Fellowship Committee

Nov. 19- Worship & Music

Nov. 26- Lay Readers

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

**Interactive Reflections Worship 9:30 AM in Parlor + Zoom**

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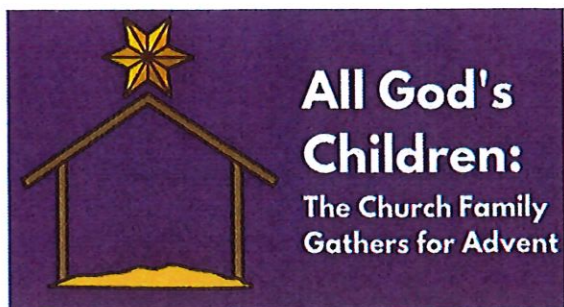
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Nov 8	Rosemarie Krauss	Nov 19	Kim D'Auria	Nov 26	Janie Braccio
Nov 9	Sharon Monti	Nov 19	Thomas Grimes	Nov 27	Danielle Deery
Nov 10	Aidan Bell	Nov 19	Christy Marciano	Nov 27	Robert Ely
Nov 10	Leila Russomanno	Nov 19	Brendan Oakes	Nov 29	Ann Frost
Nov 10	Patricia Swan	Nov 19	Devin Oakes	Nov 29	Theodore Howard
Nov 11	Weston Schaeffer	Nov 20	Lynn Block	Nov 30	Carol Larro
Nov 12	Deborah MacBride	Nov 20	Olivia Meyer	Nov 30	Peighton O'Pella



## Advent Intergenerational Workshop

**Sunday, November 19, 10:40 – 12:15**

**Please pre-register** for LCOS' Advent Intergenerational Workshop **by Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please complete the attached form and place in the offering plate or hand to Sandy DeDonatis.

On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:40 am and concluding at 12:15 pm., Fellowship Ministry will offer an Advent Intergenerational Workshop. Each participant will be able to engage in making Christmas decorations, decorating a homemade sugar cookie and creating an Advent wreath craft.

Lunch will be provided for the adults and children. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be accepted.

We will be in the Fellowship Room following the 9:30 service on Nov. 19th. Tables will be set up with all materials required for each craft. Volunteers will be available to assist, if needed.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 – 12:15. Lunch will include pizza (gluten free will be available) or sandwiches for children and adults. Coffee, water or lemonade will be available. A basket will be available for a free will offering.

**Pipe Cleaner Ornaments:** Children may make large and/or small sized ornaments. Ornaments to be made include: candle, wreath, manger, evergreen tree and/or a star. A sample of each ornament will be provided with a note offering the symbolism for each ornament.

**Cookie Decorating:** Sugar cookies will be homemade for each child to decorate. The cookie may be taken home or enjoyed as dessert following lunch.

**Advent Wreath:** An Advent wreath activity will be completed along with devotions.

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**We are eager to attend the Advent Intergenerational Workshop!**

**ADULT'S NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of CHILD(REN )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Indicate if there is a food allergy** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Volunteers Needed!**

I /WE. \_\_\_\_\_, WILL NOT BE BRINGING CHILDREN, BUT WOULD  
(NAME)

**ENJOY VOLUNTEERING AND STAYING FOR LUNCH. Thank you!**



# K-LOVE Faith and Family Night

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 7:00PM



**All Faith & Family Night Tickets include a Flyers K-LOVE t-shirt!**

- Lower Level Tickets starting at \$65
- Upper Level Tickets starting at \$45



We're trying to get a head count so we can order tickets. If you would be interested in going, please let Sandy know, [lcossandy@gmail.com](mailto:lcossandy@gmail.com), 856-429-5122. Also, tell us which tickets you would prefer, lower or upper level.