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Lutheran Church of The Savior, Bedford, MA



CELEBRATING 52 YEARS OF WORSHIP

“On The Other Hand”

It is January and, wow, it is cold. On the other hand, it happens to be a bright day with a beautiful blue sky. Fortunately, I am also sitting near a window and feel the warmth of the sun on my shoulder and back. Life is very much like that, a series of things that are fortunate and unfortunate.

There is always “the other hand”. When something is unfortunate, we must always remember “the other hand.” So it is that we use that phrase “on the other hand” to express something very important about successful spiritual living. When something bad happens, and it does, our faith calls us to look at the other hand... that which is fortunate about our circumstances. There always is “an other hand” and, in fact, it holds great blessings from God.

As we begin to list what is fortunate about our current misfortune, we will begin to see that the “other hand of God’s blessings” is bigger, stronger, and holds more than the unfortunate hand. It doesn’t negate the bad thing that has happened, but it balances it and, eventually, overcomes it.

Whether it is the weather, a relationship, a difficult circumstance, an accident, an illness, or any other bad thing that can come and park in your driveway, look to the “other hand of God’s blessings” and it will tip the scale toward healing and hope, and help restore your strength and perseverance.

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that God has reached out His hand to us in the person of His Son. He reaches out to all and desires all to come to know the truth of His love and presence in every circumstance of their lives, whether fortunate or unfortunate. His hand is the “other hand.”

*Under the Cross,
Mark R. Oien, Pastor*

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven.*

– Ecclesiastes 3:1

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

God encourages us to be in His Word daily. There are a variety of opportunities to join mid-week fellowship groups. If interested, please contact the individual group leaders listed below or call the church office at 781-275-6013.

Heart-to-Heart/Penny Pinchers

Ernie & Jeanette Weinschenk 781-275-0845

Adult Singles Group

Patricia Connery (contact) 781-275-6013

Couples Bible Study

Wayne & Charity Floyd 978-392-1812

The "Bifocals" Group

Scott Cyphers 781-275-5960

HEART-TO-HEART/PENNY PINCHERS —

This group typically meets the second Sunday of each month at the church for lunch and a special program. At this time there is a meeting planned for Sunday, January 10th at 12:30 PM at church... bring a bag lunch; drinks provided. If you are new to church and want to participate, contact Ernie Weinschenk at 781-275-0845.

ADULT SINGLES — Join us for Bible study on Friday, January 15th. Bring your own dinner and come at 6:00 PM for fellowship or come at 6:30 PM for the study — "When You Need to be Heard" based on Psalm 34:15-17. If you need a copy of the study, email Tricia Connery at secretary@lcsavior.org or call 781-275-6013.

COUPLES GROUP — This group meets monthly in a member's home. The group will meet next on Sun, Jan 10th at the Bolling's home in Quincy. If you wish to be added to the e-list, please call the Floyds at 703-727-3492 or the church office at 781-275-6013.

THE "BIFOCALS" — This group meets about every two weeks on Saturdays at 6:30 PM and is studying "Isaiah". Over the years the children have grown so this group is for families with high school teens and/or college students. The name indicates a "dual focus" for the group as the adults have Bible study while the youth have their own activities/devotion. Then, the group breaks for goodies. This is also when we usually decide when and where to meet next. Contact Scott or Michelle Cyphers, 781-275-5960, for more information.

PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN is a new group that just formed and plans to meet again in the new year and invites new families that are interested to call the church office at 781-275-6013 or send an email to secretary@lcsavior.org. Child care provided for these get-togethers.

WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM in Luther Hall for a one-hour Bible study along with coffee and fellowship.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP
BUT NOT SURE WHICH ONE IS RIGHT?
CALL THE CHURCH AT 781-275-6013
AND WE'LL FIND THE BEST FIT FOR YOU!**

A Message
from the
Congregation President



I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and that the new year brings you much joy and happiness! With Christmas behind us and having the newness of Christ's birth still fresh in our hearts, it's time to continue our mission of bringing Christ to the world. To do this, we first all need to come together at a special congregational meeting on Sunday, January 24th at 12:30 PM. Our December congregational meeting was not well attended, so no action could be taken on issues like the church budget. We also need to discuss the results of our stewardship campaign. These are important issues and we need a large turnout for discussion and prayer.

From an activity point, the church continues to be blessed and busy. The CFM Christmas party was a huge success. There was beautiful music on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from the choir, worship band, instrumentalists and soloists. Both youth groups enjoyed a Christmas celebration with Yankee Swaps. January brings another round of Tables of Eight, another Red Cross Blood Drive, Square Dancing, and many other opportunities to become involved in some way.

— Happy New Year 2010, Doug Burns

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THUR, JANUARY 28th • 2:00–7:00 PM

in the Family Life Center here
at the Lutheran Church of The Savior

If you are at least 18 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more, you are eligible to be a blood donor! It's easy to give blood, and they make you eat cookies when you are through! Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) to schedule your appointment. Volunteers sign up on bulletin board in narthex.

SQUARE DANCING & DESSERT

Saturday, January 30th

Come one, come all... come entire families!!!
Join us for Square Dancing and Dessert on Saturday, January 30th. Doors to the Family Life Center open at 6:45 PM for an evening of western square dancing that will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

Bring a dessert to share. Coffee and cold drinks provided. Donation of \$5/person to help cover the cost of the professional caller. Sign up on bulletin board in narthex.

LCS WOMEN'S MINISTRY



CHRISTIAN ARTS

Opportunities to Learn, Serve, and Proclaim!

The vision of this ministry is “to assist each woman of LCS to grow in faith and to affirm her relationship with our Triune God; and to provide opportunities for her to use her gifts in ministry to others.”

*Mark these dates on your calendar.
To volunteer to organize one of these events,
contact Dianne Carey, Nancy Kelly or
MaryBeth Stevenson who are
heading up Women's Ministry.*

TUESDAY MORNINGS - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The group meets weekly for Bible study in Luther Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Come early for a time of fellowship and conversation.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009 - UFO NIGHT

Join us at 7:30 PM at the home of MaryBeth Stevenson in Carlisle as we come together for devotions, fellowship and great desserts while working on those projects we just do not seem to get to at any other time of the year. All types of projects are welcome. We have scrap bookers, quilters, card makers, needleworkers, knitters and sewers. For more information or directions call Dottie Sparks at 781-275-8179.

If you have an idea for an event and need help getting started, the leaders of the LCS Women's Ministry program are here for you — just ask!

*MaryBeth Stevenson,
Nancy Kelly & Dianne Carey*

Thank You Musicians!

A great big hug and thank you to all the singers and musicians who made the sounds of our Christmas worship a beautiful and worshipful experience. There was something for everyone in the pre-service concert on Christmas Eve with music from the 13th century to the present. The brass, as well as instrumental solos, and the combination of the Concert Choir with the Worship Band made the evening one to remember. Our Concert Choir and Worship Band shared texts that helped to bring us to the heart of the true meaning of Christ's birth.

A special thanks to Gina and Dan Persson as well as Vianna Pilkington for providing leadership throughout a very wintry rehearsal season. Their efforts are always appreciated.

Thursday Club /Savior Singers

A Big Hug of thanks to all the Thursday Club Gang and Confirmands — you did a great job on your Christmas play “**Christmas: FAQ**”. Everyone who attended appreciated your efforts in acting and singing. Some adults told me they really liked finding the answers to questions they've had for years. So a big WELL DONE for all of you! We will take a Christmas break and will not meet together again on Thursday, January 7th. We will not be singing in church this month but will return the second week of February. We are in the process of planning a sledding party but cannot yet give the Thursday date until we know weather conditions. Be sure to always bring appropriate clothing for outdoor fun on Thursdays. Thursday Club is open to all young people Grade 1 through Grade 8... come out and join the fun!

Drama Team

Have you made your reservation yet for our annual drama retreat? It's at Alton Bay Retreat Center in New Hampshire the weekend of January 8th–10th. It will have 2 nights, 5 meals, Bible study, and a new play to work on and lots of FUN all for just \$103/person. If you feel unsure, just talk to anyone who has been to one of our drama retreats and I'm sure they'll talk you into attending this weekend. You need this winter break, so come join us!

Choir Mission Trip to Hungary

Are you always the last one to hear about something new? Here is your chance to be on the ground floor of a very different mission trip. There will be an informational meeting about a mission trip being planned for late June and early July of 2011 for at least 40 people. The group will also make their presentation in Vienna, Austria. If you would like to know more, please come to the informational meeting on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM in the blue rehearsal room in our education wing. See you then.

Communion in Liturgical Worship —
1st and 3rd Sunday each month
Communion in Contemporary Worship —
2nd and 4th Sunday each month

JANUARY 2010

MONTHLY PLANNER

*Lutheran Church
of the Savior*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 NO GRACEBOOK	4	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Council 7:00 PM	6	7 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	8 UFO Night 7:30 PM (Carlisle) DRAMA RETREAT / ALTON BAY, NH	9
10 Name Tag Sunday Host Training 12:30 PM Couples Group 1:00 PM (Quincy)	11 Bedford VA Hospital Visit 7:00 PM <i>(note date change)</i> OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ON VACATION	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Guild 7:00 PM	13 Informational Meeting for 2011 Hungary Choir Mission Trip 7:00 PM	14 Sr Luncheon 12:00 PM Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	15 Adult Singles Bible Study 6:30 PM	16 Drama 10:00 AM TABLES OF EIGHT 6:30 PM
17 Middle School Youth Sledding Event 12:30-3:30 PM Senior High Youth GraceBook 4:30 PM-7:00 PM	18	19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Fellowship/Outreach Meeting 7:00 PM LCS World Mission Board Mtng 7:15 PM	20	21 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	22	23 Drama 10:00 AM
24 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING w/ LIGHT LUNCH 12:30 PM	25	26 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	27	28 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	29	30 Drama 10:00 AM SQUARE DANCING AND DESSERT 7:00 PM doors open at 6:45 PM
31 Senior High Youth hosting coffee hours in support of the 2010 NYG	1	2 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Council 7:00 PM	3	4 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	5	6 Drama 10:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Liturgical Worship — 8:30 and 11:15 AM
Contemporary Worship — 10:00 AM
Sunday School — 10:00 AM
Adult Bible Study — 10:00 AM and 11:15 AM

CONFIRMATION CLASS

for 7th and 8th graders
Sunday mornings at
10:00 and 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays — 10:00 AM and 11:15 AM
Tuesdays, Women's Bible Study — 9:30 AM
Small Group In-Home Studies, *call church for details*

WORSHIP SERVANT SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2010
PLEASE CALL THE CHAIRPERSON IF YOU CANNOT SERVE AS SCHEDULED. THANKS!

Altar Flowers Linda Ballenthin 781/862-4179
Altar Guild Ruth Scheyder 781/275-6719
Pianist/Organist Gina Persson 978/356-4249
**Choir Director/
 Christian Arts** Vianna Pilkington 978/948-7935
**Office Administrator/
 Epistle Editor** Patricia Connery 781/275-6013



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Ushers 8:30 AM John Ballenthin 781/862-4179
 10:00 AM Harry Gennis 978/369-8784
 11:15 AM Ken Scheyder 978/692-3951
Nursery Michele Strobel 978/692-4919
Hosts & Visitation Patricia Connery 781/275-6013
**Sunday School
 Coordinator** Wayne Floyd 978/392-1812

JANUARY 3RD

FLOWERS
 D. Hagopian
 DeHart Family
NURSERY
 8:30 Deb Thiboutot
 10:00 Beth Helfter
USHERS
 8:30 Bob Browne &
 Bill Clements
 10:00 Bill MacLeod &
 Thorsten Dieckow
 11:15 Stephen Scaer
 & Dave Hopkins
COMMUNION SERVANTS
 8:30 Paul Gierke &
 Patrick Gordon
 11:15 Bob Lamprecht
 & Bill McGrath
HOSTS
 8:30 Roger & Peggy Fix
 10:00 Colleen Tank &
 John DeBruzzi
 11:15 Jim & Lori Eggert
**VISITATION
 COORDINATOR**
 Karen Hergert
ACOLYTES
 8:30 Isabel Garbayo
 10:00 Rosemary Blair
 11:15 Jasmine Long

JANUARY 10TH

FLOWERS
 V. & S. Ross
 D. & E. Hopkins
NURSERY
 8:30 Erin Jordan
 10:00 Dale Hernquist
USHERS
 8:30 Dick Sparks &
 Patrick Gordon
 10:00 Don Rodgers &
 Betsy Sylvia
 11:15 Nancy Kelly
 & Bill McGrath
COMMUNION SERVANTS
 10:00 Don Rodgers &
 Patrick Kenneally
HOSTS
 8:30 Dianne Carey &
 Connie Hashem
 10:00 Roger Parker &
 Janet Davis
 11:15 Dave & Karen Hergert
**VISITATION
 COORDINATOR**
 Karen Hergert
ACOLYTES
 8:30 Preston Gordon
 10:00 Gregor Dieckow
 11:15 Bailey Orr

JANUARY 17TH

FLOWERS
 V. & M. Letourneau
 K. & W. Davis
NURSERY
 8:30 Karen Prussing
 10:00 Cathie Peterson
USHERS
 8:30 Bob Browne &
 Mark Struss
 10:00 Sunny Thompson
 & Sharon Cummings
 11:15 David Draper &
 Tim Ceteras
COMMUNION SERVANTS
 8:30 Dan Hagopian
 & Chris Jones
 11:15 John McGuire
 & Doug Cook
HOSTS
 8:30 Janet Guenther &
 Martha Hill Sackett
 10:00 Chris & Cathie Petersen
 11:15 Linda Ceteras &
 Sunny Thompson
**VISITATION
 COORDINATOR**
 Karen Hergert
ACOLYTES
 8:30 Tyler Hoyt
 10:00 Seth Persson
 11:15 Rachel Marsh

JANUARY 24TH

FLOWERS
 J. & E. McGuire
NURSERY
 8:30 Deb Thiboutot
 10:00 Diane Fonseca
USHERS
 8:30 John Ballenthin
 & Alex Jordan
 10:00 Joe Helfter &
 Bill Hurley
 11:15 Dale Hernquist
 & Dick Anderson
COMMUNION SERVANTS
 10:00 Roger Parker
 & JJ Sakey
HOSTS
 8:30 Gwen Paquette
 & Beth Smith
 10:00 Charlotte Rodgers
 & Paul Gilpin
 11:15 David & Cheryl Draper
**VISITATION
 COORDINATOR**
 Karen Hergert
ACOLYTES
 8:30 Daniel Parker
 10:00 Amy Russes
 11:15 Emily Scheyder

JANUARY 31ST

FLOWERS
 F. Mohn/A. Bydekarken
NURSERY
 8:30 Bonnie Walker
 10:00 Cheryl Burke
USHERS
 8:30 Carl Froebel &
 Ernie Hollis
 10:00 Stanley Muncherian
 & Glenn Miller
 11:15 Stephen Scaer
 & Doug Pilkington
HOSTS
 8:30 Lori Miller &
 Hermayne Gordon
 10:00 Patrick & Andrea
 Kenneally
 11:15 Andrew & Katie
 Leonard
**VISITATION
 COORDINATOR**
 Karen Hergert
ACOLYTES
 8:30 Derek VanderBrug
 10:00 Eneida Alicea
 11:15 Neesa Severance

PARTNERS IN MISSION...

LCS SENIOR LUNCHEON

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season now behind us, come enjoy a relaxing time of good Christian fellowship and food on Thursday, January 14th. Join us at noon in lower fellowship hall to hear a brief musical presentation by the Open Arms preschoolers, enjoy a timely devotion led by one of our LCS staff, and partake of a warm, hearty meal prepared with *you* in mind. We hope you'll come and be a part of our noontime event — no reservation or RSVP is needed.

BEDFORD VA HOSPITAL VISITS

Normally this group meets at the Bedford VA at 7:00 PM on the third Monday of the month. However, due to holidays in both January and February, we will be doing our visits on Monday, January 11th and Monday, February 8th. All are welcome to join us. For more information, if you have questions, or if you wish to meet up with the group on your first visit, please call Margaret Letourneau at 978-256-2167.

Central Food Ministry (CFM)

The holiday seasons are always a busy time at Central Food Ministry in Lowell. With the economy still trying to recover, our clients struggle even more. We were grateful to those of you who donated turkeys and canned goods over Thanksgiving. Once again, we registered close to 250 children for our annual Christmas party and the LCS congregation carried the lion's share purchasing gifts for these children... we thank all of you who shopped. We also welcomed shoppers from Goodrich for the second year.

Volunteers are still needed to help cover the food line, Tuesday–Thursday from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM. We urgently need help with the morning pick ups at Hannaford. John McGuire had generously donated his time doing the pick ups but will now be traveling for work and is no longer able to do this. Rod Sundet is helping on Mondays, but we need drivers for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You can pick up the mission van at CFM in Lowell to go and do the pick up at Hannaford. If interested, please call Jude DeHart at CFM at 978-453-4920 or at home at 781-271-1184.

Again, thank you all for your commitment to our mission work in Lowell.

CFM Soup and Chili Benefit Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 7th

Our annual Super Bowl Benefit for the Central Food Ministry in Lowell will be held here at church on Sunday, February 7th. A variety of delicious soups and chili will be available for take-out after each service followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to make soup and chili plus desserts. A sign up sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Contact Karen Clements, Box #23, 978-663-3103 or Dianne Carey, Box #19, 978-256-4937, with questions.

STEWARDSHIP

God's promises are true and find their "Amen" in Jesus. Throughout the Old Testament, God inspired His prophets to write down many promises of a Savior. The faithful people of God believed His promises and were saved by that faith even though they had not seen the Savior with their own eyes. They lived before Christmas and we live after Christmas. We likewise have not seen Jesus with our own eyes and yet, by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, we believe that on that first Christmas, Christ took on our human form, kept the law perfectly, preached the good news of salvation, performed countless miracles and then offered Himself up as the precious Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – our sins included!

Happy New Year! Isn't it great to be able to start all over with a new year! It gives us the opportunity to put troubles and failures of the past behind us and look forward to a new year with joyful anticipation. This is especially true for us as God's children. The late Jaroslav Vajda, former LCMS pastor, author, and editor known as "the dean of hymn writers in North America," translated these words of a New Year's hymn:

Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

(Lutheran Service Book 896:1,7)

As God's stewards we are reminded that we don't get a fresh start only on the first day of a new year. Instead we get a fresh start every day knowing that in Christ all that is wrong has been forgiven and with the power of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to move forward in our free and joyous management of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. What we include in all of life and life's resources is described by the 1800s hymn writer Frances Havergal with these memorable words, familiar to many of us:

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.

(The Lutheran Hymnal 441; Lutheran Service Book 783:1,4,6)

These verses from that beloved hymn remind us that our whole life – in the New Year and beyond – is to be dedicated to God so that we use our time, talents and financial resources in ways that bring honor to Him and produce many blessings for those around us.

from LCMS Congregational Services (ed by A. Lietzau IV for Stewardship Committee)



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday, January 12 – 7:00 PM

This month come and be inspired, enlightened and delighted listening to and seeing testaments of faith shared by your LWML sisters in Christ. Many of us have a story to tell about our own spiritual journeys — sometimes there is an object in that story. This program will feature the stories of several LWML members including items of inspiration — sort of a “show and tell” of faith. Come, join us and hear our stories and witness our personal inspiration. All women of the congregation are invited and welcomed as part of our group. Babysitting is provided, please Call Peggy Wang at 978 369-4660 to make arrangements in advance.

Devotions — Beth Smith

Hostess(es) — Susan Hollis and Ruth Scheyder

Mission Donation of the Month — Package of 10-15 needles for hand sewing and/or spools of thread for the sewing kits for Lutheran World Relief. (*As part of the Women's Guild ongoing mission efforts, we ask that each woman bring to the meeting the suggested mission donation of the month.*)

COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

NO QUILTING DAY CIRCLE THIS MONTH

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEB 17TH

Keep in mind that Lent is early this year and the LCS Women's Guild hosts the first Soup Supper in Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Please mark your calendars and be prepared to sign up at the January meeting to help when the time comes.

MAY BASKET DONATIONS

At a future meeting, the Women's Guild will be assembling gift baskets for the residents of a nursing home in the area. Many items are needed to fill the baskets. Donations of sample size shampoo, hand lotion, toothpaste, and soap as well as small packages of facial tissue, greeting cards, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the Women's Guild drawers in the narthex table as you enter the church. Thank you for your continued support of the mission work of the LCS Women's Guild.

**REMEMBER YOUR SECRET PRAYER PAL
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR!**

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

The fun continues into the new year! It's been great fun so far this year with our monthly *GraceBook*, our service events, our fundraising activities and our fun activities. All Senior High Youth are invited to come to any and all activities... hope to see you in the new year!

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 3rd

Second payment of \$125 for the 2010 National Youth Gathering is due. Please make checks payable to “LCS” with “NYG 2010” in the memo line and place in the church secretary's mailbox. Do not place them in the offering plate or give them to the youth leaders. The office needs to record your payment for our records before submitting it for deposit. Any questions, call the church at 781-275-6013. THANK YOU!

Sunday, January 3rd

NO *GraceBook* THIS EVENING... postponed to 1/17.

Sunday, January 17th

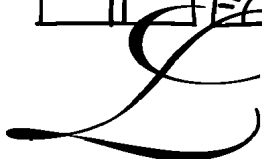
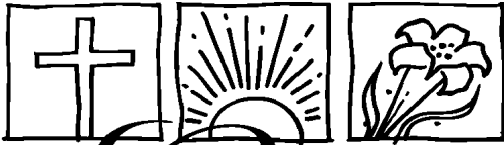
GraceBook Bible Study 4:30–7:00 PM
Our Bible study on teenagers in the Bible will continue. Dinner and activities will precede the Bible Study.

Sunday, January 31st

The Senior Youth will be hosting coffee hours between services. Please bring something for the table — cookies, brownies, fruit, cheese/crackers, bars — anything that doesn't need a fork to eat it! This is an opportunity to help raise funds for the 2010 National Youth Gathering. Your help will be needed from 9:30 to 10:00 AM; 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:15 to 12:45PM to host tables. The youth leaders will be passing around a sign up sheet sometime soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 17th... the Middle School Youth group will enjoy an afternoon of winter sledding fun nearby. Join us after third service... bring a bag lunch and drink. Dress warmly and appropriately for outside fun and bring a sled if you have one. Parent driver volunteers may be needed depending on the response. Sign up on the youth bulletin board in Luther Hall so that transportation can be arranged... drivers, too! Please, one line per lane. Questions? Call Wayne and Charity Floyd at 703-727-3492.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Begin Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Many, many years ago, the Lenten Soup Suppers were started to provide a time for fellowship prior to the Lenten Worship Service and also as a convenience for those coming directly from work. Over the years, these popular meals have grown from approximately 30 in attendance up to 100. Due to this great blessing in attendance, it is no longer possible for one small group to host and provide the meal.

A team of 6-8 volunteers with one team leader is needed to host each of the soup suppers on February 17th, 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 14th, and 24th. The LCS Women's Guild will host the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 17th. General congregation participation in providing soups and desserts is also needed! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex on the bulletin board on January 3rd. Please speak to the office administrator, Patricia Connery, if you have any questions. A free-will offering will be taken at each soup supper.

Questions? Call Peggy Wang (Box #144) or the church office at 781-275-6013.

Average Attendance is 90-100 per supper
Dinner 6:00 PM / Worship 7:00 PM

Host(s)

1-2 groups needed to set up and clean up

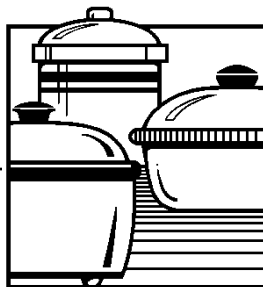
4:45-6:00 PM — Set tables with place mats, bread baskets, butter plates, salt/pepper.

Set out bowls, soup spoons, knives and napkins. Provide butter, milk/cream and punch or some cold beverage; prepare coffee. Responsible for all clean up.

Soups

Congregation participation needed!

8 pots of soup (8+ quarts each)
 Soup providers should see that soups arrive **HOT** and ready to serve by 5:45 PM or arrange with the host group to warm if brought earlier in the day.



Desserts

Congregation participation needed!

5-6 batches (3 dozen each)
 Suggestions: bars, cookies, cupcakes, etc. Please, finger desserts only for ease of serving. Thanks!



Congregational Meeting • Sunday, January 24th at 12:30 PM

Downstairs in Fellowship Hall... a light lunch will be served!