

# The Epistle

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Lutheran Church of The Savior, Bedford, MA



CELEBRATING 53 YEARS OF WORSHIP

## COOPERATION

This is a fairly old typewriter, but it works quite well except for one of the keys. I've wished many times that it worked perfectly. It's true that there are forty-one keys that function well enough, but just one key not working makes the difference.

Sometimes it seems that congregations are like this typewriter – not all of the keys work properly. As one of them, you may say to yourself, I'm only one person; I don't make or break the church. But it does make a big difference, because a church, to be effective for the Savior, needs the active participation of every person.

So the next time you think you are only one person, and that your efforts are not needed very much, remember the broken typewriter and say to yourself, I am a key person in the congregation, and my Lord needs me very much.

Also, remember when this problem of the broken typewriter is multiplied by many times, the whole thing just does not make much sense.

I don't remember where I first read the above article about the broken typewriter. It caught my attention because the analogy with the church is pertinent at any time, especially during a time of transition. The Lutheran Church of The Savior needs the cooperation of every member in order to accomplish our purpose as a congregation, which we pray is also God's purpose.

While each key of the typewriter keyboard is unique and individual, by itself it remains one letter. Only when used together with all the other keys is a word, a phrase, a sentence and paragraph possible to communicate a message.

Similarly, the uniqueness and individuality of each member of LCS is valued and contributes to the mission and ministry of the whole congregation. Identifying that mission and ministry, committing to it, and then planning for it to happen is key to looking ahead.

As we cooperate in charting our future, may God guide and bless us as we work together.

*Pastor Teske*



**COME, GIVE THANKS TO GOD!**  
**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**  
**Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> • 7:30 PM**

# LCS WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

*Ladies of LCS... there are some exciting events coming up in the next few months. Mark the dates down on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!*

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY SMALL BITES SOCIAL

Join us Saturday, November 4th at 7:00 PM at the home of Carolyn Cook in Billerica. Please bring something Savory or Sweet (bite size, appetizer size) to share. This small bite should describe you in an edible morsel. We're going to have fun with this so be creative. Keep what you are making quiet. Everyone will have to guess the "bite" that describes your uniqueness. Contact Dianne Carey or Carolyn Cook.

### MOMS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP

Join us Friday, November 11th at 10:00 AM in the church nursery for a mom's playgroup. Whether you are a new mother or an experienced mother, let's get together and compare notes while our children play. Please let Tricia know in the church office if you can make it by calling 781-275-6013 or sending an email to [secretary@lcsavior.org](mailto:secretary@lcsavior.org).

### SCRAPBOOKING

Join us Friday, November 11th from 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the home of Jennifer Gierke. Come to work on your scrapbook or get inspired to start your scrapbook or finish your scrapbook. Please RSVP to Jennifer at [jenngierke@verizon.net](mailto:jenngierke@verizon.net)

### CHRISMON-MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us Sunday, November 27th after third service to make Chrismons for your tree. Please sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Questions, see Mary Beth Stevenson.

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*Ladies, only a short time until Advent by Candlelight!*

Join us on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM) for this annual program. We need you to set a table, make desserts and serve as hostesses. Would you like to set a table but need the "stuff" — we have extra dishes you are welcome to use. Like to cook but not set — we can pair you with a table setter. No time for prep work but available that night — you can be a hostess! There are jobs for all if you are interested please see Jennifer Gierke. You can also just COME and ENJOY!! Registration begins Sunday, November 6th.

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

September 28–30, 2012 — Annual Women's Retreat ... MARK your calendars now so you do not miss out on this faith-building event. A fabulous time was had this year and expected next year as well!

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*

### Tuesday, November 8th – 7:00 PM

What is Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and how does our LCS Women's Guild fit into the picture? Lynn Batchelder, President of the LWML–New England District, will be the guest speaker this evening and will briefly explain the structure of the LWML and how we are connected to the big picture by church, district, nationally and globally. This is one of those meetings that you do not want to miss — if you ever wanted to find out what we are all about then here is your opportunity. Lynn has a fun-filled evening planned with information, gifts and surprises prepared for us. Hope that you will come and enjoy hearing about our Christian sisters and what they are doing in the district. All women are welcome. Child care can be arranged by calling Peggy Wang at 978 369-4660 in advance.

**HOSTESSES:** Peggy Wang and Beth Smith

**DEVOTIONS:** Beth Smith

### COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

**Mission Donation of the Month** — metal nail clippers (with or without file) to be used in Health Care Kits being sent to Lutheran World Relief. Other items being collected for 2011-2012 for these health care kits include light-weight bath towels 52" X 27", sturdy wide-tooth combs and toothbrushes.

### AND, REMEMBER YOUR SECRET PRAYER PAL!

**Walking by Faith**

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*  
(2 Cor 5:7; NASB)

November 13:  
**God's Measured Commitment**

Materials will be mailed Nov 7 for  
**Commitment Sunday, Nov 13**

*Pray for God's blessing on our congregation  
as we discover His plans for our future ministry.*

**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**Sunday, December 11th following  
third service downstairs in  
Fellowship Hall... a light luncheon  
will be served prior to the  
start of the meeting**



# CHRISTIAN ARTS

*Opportunities to Learn, Serve, and Proclaim!*

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Every year this always seems much too early for the announcement for these rehearsals, but here we are making our Christmas preparations. If you would like to sing with the Christmas choir on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day you may come to one of two weekly rehearsals offered — Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM beginning November 10th or Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM beginning November 12th — both rehearsals are one hour in length. Come to the one that suits your schedule best; we'd love to have you join us.

## "NO ORDINARY NIGHT"

Our Christmas musical has begun rehearsals but you can still be part of the fun. Elementary students rehearse every Thursday from 4:30 until 5:30 PM. There is a make-up rehearsal on Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM for elementary students. Middle School and High School students rehearse on Saturdays at 11:00 AM. Make-up rehearsals for teens are Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM. There will be no rehearsals on Thanksgiving or that weekend. New comers welcome until November 12th. Come out and enjoy the fun!

## DRAMA TEAM

It's that time of year again when we start to turn our thoughts northward to Alton Bay. Please set some time aside for our annual retreat January 6th-7th to work on possibly two plays, a Lenten Drama and a comedy for the spring. We have an open reservation with the good

people of Alton Bay, but I would like to have a count for them as soon as possible. No checks needed at this time. If you are new to our congregation, you are quite welcome to join us, just speak to Vianna. Thanks.

## THURSDAY CLUB

We will meet every Thursday in November except Thanksgiving. This month's highlight will be making a centerpiece for our Thanksgiving tables. A hike at Great Meadows is planned for November 17th, weather permitting. We will continue work on "No Ordinary Night." Please read announcement to left for details. Savior Singers will sing Sunday, November 13th so meet Vianna in the library at 9:00 AM wearing your white tops and dark bottoms with church sweaters. If you do not have a sweater talk to Vianna and she will make sure you have one for that Sunday. Thursday Club meets every Thursday from 3:00 until 5:30 PM and is open to all students from Grade 1 through Grade 8. Join us any week.

## BANNERS

The sanctuary banners will be changed three times in November. All changes occur Saturdays at 8:30 AM. The first is on November 5th to put up the "All Saints" banners of which there are four. Your help is needed. The next is November 19th to take down the "All Saints" banners and put up "Christ the King" banners. Finally, on November 26th the Advent banners will go up. If you are available any of these Saturdays we can always use the volunteers... just come!!

## "Transforming this Christmas beyond our circumstances"

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (audio version available 11/27)**

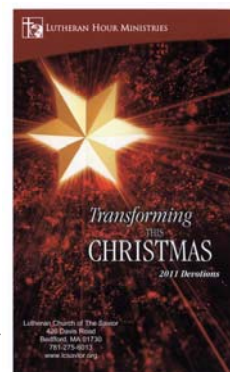
God's unfailing love at Christmas is a source of strength in all seasons. But what if you're picking up the pieces from a disaster that wiped out everything — or you can't find work — or your marriage is on the rocks — or you've lost a loved one?

Wouldn't it be great if you could find again the joy and peace that Christmas is all about? In *Transforming This Christmas*, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Theological Writer/Editor, Pastor Wayne Palmer shows how God can raise you above it all as He transforms this Christmas for you.

In *Transforming This Christmas* you will find that every year we hope this will be a Christmas to remember — a time of true joy and peace. But how can it be if you're picking up the pieces from a hurricane, tornado, fire or drought — if you're still unemployed after months or years of searching — if your marriage is disintegrating — if you're living with constant health problems — if you lost a dear loved one this year?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this Christmas we could rise above the turmoil in our lives? Wouldn't it be great if you could really find joy and peace despite all the burdens you carry and the mad, hectic preparations for Christmas? Join us for our Christmas devotions and watch God raise you above it all as He transforms this Christmas for you.

**SIGN UP FOR A COPY today in the narthex or go to [www.adventdevotions.net](http://www.adventdevotions.net) to have daily devotions emailed directly to you from Lutheran Hour Ministries**



# NOVEMBER 2011

*Lutheran Church  
of the Savior*

Communion in Liturgical Worship —  
1st and 3rd Sunday each month

Communion in Contemporary Worship —  
2nd and 4th Sunday each month

## MONTHLY PLANNER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30 REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> Banners after church <b>MISSION DINNER!</b> 6:00 PM	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Council 7:00 PM	<b>2 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b> 2:00–7:00 PM Couples' Bible Study 7:00 PM (Stewart–Billerica)	<b>3</b> Thursday Club 3:00 PM Christmas Rehearsal 4:30–5:30 PM Bedford Community Supper 4:30–6:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>4</b> Women's Ministry Small Bites Social 7:00 PM (Cook–Billerica)	<b>5</b> Men in Prayer 7:30 AM Banners 8:30 AM Concert Choir 9:00 AM Christmas Rehearsals Children 10:00 AM Teens 11 AM OR 1 PM
<b>6 ALL SAINTS DAY</b> CFM Board Meeting 12:30 PM GraceBook 4:30–7:00 PM	<b>7</b> Board of Elders 7:00 PM Corn Toss 7:00 PM Family Life Center	<b>8</b> Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Guild 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> Couples' Bible Study 7:00 PM (Stewart–Billerica)	<b>10</b> Senior Lunch 12PM Thursday Club 3:00 PM Christmas Rehearsal 4:30–5:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> Moms and Tots Playgroup 10:00 AM Scrapbooking 7:00 PM (Gierke–Billerica)	<b>12</b> Concert Choir 9 AM Christmas Rehearsals Children 10:00 AM Teens 11 AM OR 1 PM <b>"TABLES OF 8"</b> 6:30 PM
<b>13 COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Fellowship/Outreach 7:00 PM	<b>16</b> Couples' Bible Study 7:00 PM (Stewart–Billerica) Sunday School Teacher Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> Thursday Club 3:00 PM Christmas Rehearsal 4:30–5:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> Adult Singles Bible Study 7:00 PM (or bring dinner for 6:30 PM)	<b>19</b> Banners 8:30 AM Concert Choir 9 AM CFM Work Day 11:30 AM Christmas Rehearsals Children 10:00 AM Teens 11 AM OR 1 PM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Open Arms Thanksgiving Lunch Bedford VA 7:00 PM Corn Toss 7:00 PM Family Life Center	<b>22</b> Open Arms Thanksgiving Lunch Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	<b>23 THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>24 GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY!</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Banners 8:30 AM Concert Choir 9:00 AM Christmas Musical Rehearsals Children 10:00 AM Teens 11 AM OR 1 PM
<b>27</b> Chrismon Making Workshop for Moms and Daughters (5th grade and up) after church	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	<b>30 ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT</b> (doors open at 7:00 PM) <b>7:30–9:00 PM</b>	<b>1</b> Thursday Club 3:00 PM Christmas Rehearsal 4:30–5:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Christmas Choir 8 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Men in Prayer 7:30 AM Concert Choir 9:00 AM Christmas Musical Rehearsals Children 10:00 AM Teens 11 AM OR 1 PM

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Liturgical Worship — 8:30 and 11:15 AM

Contemporary Worship — 10:00 AM

Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study — 10:00 AM

High School and Adult Bible Study — 11:15 AM

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays — 10:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Tuesdays, Women's Bible Study — 9:30–11:00 AM

Small Group In-Home Studies, *call church for details*

**WORSHIP SERVANT SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2011**  
**PLEASE CALL THE CHAIRPERSON IF YOU CANNOT SERVE AS SCHEDULED. THANKS!**

**Altar Flowers** Linda Ballenthin 781/862-4179  
**Altar Guild** Deb Thiboutot 603/891-0533  
**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 Bill McGrath 781/756-1414  
 10:00 AM Harry Gennis 978/369-8784  
 11:15 AM Ken Scheyder 978/692-3951  
**Nursery** Katharine Wellner 978/250-9561  
**Host & Visitation** Patricia Connery 781/275-6013  
**Sunday School**  
**Coordinator** Nancy DeLory 850/517-6406

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 S. Thompson  
 K. Schnitger  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Erin Jordan  
 10:00 Tara Veneracion  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Roger Fix &  
 Carl Froebel  
 10:00 Betsy Sylvia  
 & Bill MacLeod  
 11:15 Ken Scheyder &  
 Dale Hernquist  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Steve Roller &  
 Dan Carey  
*acolyte* - Jacob Gierke  
 11:15 Andrew Leonard,  
 Frank Hills &  
 Dave Hergert  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 John DeBruzzi  
 & Beth Smith  
 10:00 Roger Parker &  
 Janet Davis  
 11:15 Rod & Gaylet Sundet  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 S. & L. Horner  
 R. & K. Russes  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Karen Clements  
 10:00 Cathie Petersen  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Bill McGrath &  
 Alex Jordan  
 10:00 Glenn Miller &  
 Bill Hurley  
 11:15 Stephen Scaer &  
 Sean Carpenter  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 10:00 Bill MacLeod  
 & JJ Sakey  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Lori Miller &  
 Hermayne Gordon  
 10:00 Chris & Cathie Petersen  
 11:15 Andrew & Katie  
 Leonard  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 C. Rand  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Diane Fonseca  
 10:00 Katharine Wellner  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Bill Clements &  
 Chip VanderBrug  
 10:00 Thorsten Dieckow  
 & Don Rodgers  
 11:15 Doug Pilkington  
 & Dave Draper  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Dick Sparks &  
 Mark Struss  
*acolyte* - Emily Nadler  
 11:15 Doug Cook,  
 David Draper,  
 and Mike Cebry  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Roger & Peggy Fix  
 10:00 Carole Friedman  
 & Bette Hoyt  
 11:15 Jim & Lori Eggert  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 W. & B. Smith  
 J. & B. Sforza  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Laura Koehn  
 10:00 Bette Hoyt  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Paul Strobel &  
 Doug Stevenson  
 10:00 Drew Vernalia &  
 Sunny Thompson  
 11:15 Dick Anderson &  
 Ken Scheyder  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 10:00 Paul Gilpin &  
 Don Rodgers  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Gwen Paquette &  
 Martha Hill Sackett  
 10:00 Paul Gilpin &  
 Colleen Tank  
 11:15 Dave & Karen Hergert  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**Come, Give  
 Thanks to God!  
 THANKSGIVING  
 EVE WORSHIP  
 Wednesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 7:30 PM**

If you wish to volunteer  
 to usher for this special  
 service, please call  
 the church office at  
 781-275-6013. THANKS!



# STEWARDSHIP

November is a popular month for many Americans. In the farm belt most of the crops have been harvested and stored safely away. In other areas snow has already fallen and skiers are anxious to head for the hills to get an early start on the new season. Sports fans are treated to a large number of college and professional football games. But perhaps the best thing about November is **THANKSGIVING DAY**.

Christians love to join together with fellow Christians and sing hymns of harvest and thanksgiving like:

*“Come, ye thankful people come;  
raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home.”* (TLH, 574, v 1)

Christians, and Lutheran Christians, in particular, recall how Dr. Martin Luther explained the meaning of the petition *“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Luther said that *“God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all wicked people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”* He then went on to explain what is meant by daily bread with these words: *“Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”*

That’s quite a list of things for which to be thankful.

We enjoy these many blessings because two things that God delights in doing are *“loving and giving.”* This is stated so clearly in the well-known words of John 3:16 (NIV): *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned these words in Romans 8:31-32 (NIV): *“He [God] who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”*

A suggestion for Christians each morning is to pray, *“Thank You, Lord, for the gifts of life, health, work, family, friends, home, daily bread and this new day. Bless and protect us this day in all our activities, travels, work and play.”*

One of the best benefits that comes with **thanksgiving** is **thanksLiving** which appears as we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. That is Christian stewardship in the best sense of the word. Happy Thanksgiving!

*from LCMS Congregational Services  
(edited by A. Lietzau IV for LCS Stewardship Committee)*



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Calling all Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) and their friends, too...

### Sunday, November 20th

*Annual Pie Baking Event* (12:30 to 3:30 PM)

Meet after third service for pizza before getting into baking pies for the Central Food Ministry to give out to their clients for Thanksgiving. Approximate parent pick up time is 3:30 PM. Please sign up on youth bulletin board so we can plan accordingly... you need bring nothing but yourself and a friend if you wish!!

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The October Yard Sale was a huge success. Thank you all for coming out to help sort and sell! We hope you’ll be able to join us for these November events, and remember, friends are always welcome!

## NOVEMBER

**Sun, Nov 6th** — *GraceBook* (4:30–7:00 PM)

Come for an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and Bible study! We’ll be getting together to hang out, play some games, share a meal, and study the Bible together. This is a great way to grow in your faith and to spend some time with friends.

**Saturday, November 19th**

*CFM Service Event* (11:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Reuse those sorting skills from the yard sale and come help the Central Food Ministry get ready for Thanksgiving. Meet at church at 11:30 AM to head up to Lowell, have some pizza, and get CFM all stocked up for Thanksgiving with a return to church of 4:00 PM for pick up. CFM is an incredible ministry and Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year — come help serve your community! Sign up on youth bulletin board so we can plan out drivers.

Join us for one or both of these events. Mark your calendars for these December events...

Dec. 4th — *GraceBook*

Dec. 18th — Progressive Dinner

*(PS: If you can tell Alex at GraceBook how many times the word “sort” was used in this announcement, you’ll win a prize...)*

Dear Members of LCS

*I am now nearly three months into my vicarage at Our Savior Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Mo. I wanted to give you an update to keep you posted. Things are going well.*



*I am certainly learning a lot about day-to-day ministry and have been challenged in many respects. I continue to enjoy preaching and teaching God's word, and I've been able to help out occasionally with the Confirmation program as well.*

*We started an after school playgroup for working moms whose children attend our preschool as a way to reach out to those in our community. Praise God we have made contacts with some unchurched families and have been able to dialog with them concerning Jesus. Our church continues to seek a permanent pastor. This church has been vacant for a year and a half, but currently has a Call out to a pastor who will notify us in November as to whether or not he accepts. Just like at LCS, times at my vicarage congregation are anxious as well as they transition to the future!*

*As for our family — we are doing well. Jacob enjoys half-day preschool four days a week, and Kayla is in a parent's day out program one day a week. Angela continues to work a couple of evenings a week doing massage therapy. Most importantly, we are all healthy, after having a month of illnesses. I have enjoyed the break from reading and tests, but certainly look forward to my last year of coursework next year. Please pray for us we continue to serve our vicarage congregation for the remainder of this year and into the summer months. Our hope is that we can be a blessing to those we encounter.*

*— In Christ, Mike Fieberkorn*

## **SPECIAL THANKS...**

...to the congregation for the wonderful donations which made the SHYG Yard Sale such a success with just over \$2,100 raised at the sale and with another donation of about \$700 from Thrivent, the grand total will be about \$2,800!

*All those attic and garage treasures raised much needed funds for our youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2013.*

*Kudos to all the parents and high school youth that spent hours sorting, pricing, moving and organizing displays for the sale.*

## **ACTIVITIES ABOUND AT LCS**

with Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone of All Ages

### **CORN TOSS AT LCS**

Come join in fellowship over some games of Corn Toss! We plan to gather to play the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Family Life Center at 7:00 PM (Nov 7 and 21). The equipment will be provided (game boards and corn bags). The suggested age range is high school and up.

*Don't worry if you don't know how to play* — it's not much more than the bean bag toss games you played as a kid! Although it is meant to be a friendly fellowship, we want to have a little competition too! The intention is that actual games will be played and game statistics will be kept, so you can see how you are doing compared with everyone else.

### **NAME TAG SUNDAY (AND PHOTOS!)**

*Let's continue to help Pastor Teske get to know the congregation*

How easy it is for each of us to remember our new pastor's name, Rev. Martin Teske... imagine how much harder it is for Pastor Teske to remember ALL of our names and faces? To help him to get to know the LCS congregation please grab a name tag the second Sunday of each month so he can put names and faces together. Also, Patricia is always around with her camera to take updated and new family/individual photos so we can flesh out our photo board to help pastor get to know our congregation faster. *Thank you for you help!*

### **FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOURS**

The Fellowship committee typically hosts coffee hours between services on the second and fourth Sundays of every month unless another group requests a date. Volunteers provide goodies, help with set up and serving, or help with clean up. There is always a sign up sheet available either on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also indicate your interest by calling the office at 781-275-6013 or sending an email to [secretary@lcsavior.org](mailto:secretary@lcsavior.org) with the dates you can volunteer.

### **SUNDAY GREETERS**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for just one Sunday to come to church about 20 minutes early and stand at the door to welcome all who enter — members and non-members alike, guests and visitors, too!! It's very easy to do and all we ask is a warm smile along with a warm welcome. Sign up on bulletin board in narthex even for just ONE Sunday!!

*This committee is always looking for volunteers. You can either serve on the committee which meets monthly or you can simply volunteer to help organize or plan a Fellowship or Outreach event here at LCS. If interested, speak to Colleen Tank, chairman; Patricia Connery; Lori Eggert; Nancy Kelly; or Gwen Paquette.*

# LCS WORLD MISSIONS...

## *Here, There and Everywhere!*

**LCS SENIOR LUNCHEON** — Join us at noon on Thursday, November 10th for wonderful food and Christian fellowship. Whether you've come before or not, join us — no RSVP needed!

**BEDFORD VA HOSPITAL VISITS** — This group meets at the Bedford VA at 7:00 PM on the third Monday of the month. Join us this month on Monday, November 21st. 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.

**SERVE AT BEDFORD'S COMMUNITY TABLE** — Join other volunteers from LCS to serve a home-cooked dinner at the Bedford Food Pantry at the Town Center. LCS is scheduled to serve Jan 19, Mar 15, and May 17, 2012 (Thursday evenings). Volunteers help from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. A great opportunity to help others with a small time commitment! Interested? Contact Lesley Sakey at 781-275-2754 or call the office at 781-275-6013.

## **CENTRAL FOOD MINISTRY, LOWELL, MASS.**

The holiday season is on our doorstep. There is frost on the pumpkins and that means the clients at CFM will now have the added stress of heating bills. The Central Food Ministry served close to 20,000 individuals, 50% of whom were under the age of 18, for the year ending June 30, 2011. Numbers will be slightly higher this fall as each week it continues to be busy. There is also an increased demand of "emergency" food requests from some of the families which are allowed to come every 30 days for a food order. More and more of them are calling after just 14 days to see if they could possibly receive emergency assistance. Because of this the food supply is moving out the doors more quickly than usual!

For the Open Van Sunday program in November, CFM will be collecting canned food items such as baked beans, tuna and tomato products. When doing your regular grocery shopping, just grab a couple of extra cans to place in the mission van or the CFM bin at church. At this time of year, canned pie fillings and boxed pie crust mixes are a treat for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The congregations participation in this program is a blessing to CFM.

The annual Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at St. Casimir's in Lowell just down the road from CFM. As in the past, 250 children will be registered to attend the party and receive gifts from the generous donations of the congregation. Please watch for the "CFM Adopt-a-Family" display in the narthex on Sunday, November 6th and several weeks following. You can adopt a family of 1, 2, 3 or more children for which to purchase gifts that they will receive at the party. There will also be volunteers needed to bake and help on the day of the party. Watch for sign-ups on the bulletin board in the narthex.

As always, volunteers are needed all three days Tues., Wed and Thurs. between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM (as well as Thurs. evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM). Please consider giving an hour or two a month, serve as a back-up when coverage is needed, or become a regular volunteer. Just call Jude DeHart, CFM Director, in Lowell at 978-453-4920 or at home at 781-271-1184 or send an email to [jude.dehart@comcast.net](mailto:jude.dehart@comcast.net). You will quickly find that volunteering o help those in need not only helps them but is quite rewarding and uplifting for the volunteer, too!!

Thank you to the congregation for recent donations of personal care products, blankets, etc. for the homeless clients. These needs are constant and will be in greater demand when the colder weather arrives. Hats, gloves, coats and warm socks will be needed over the next few months. Remember to shop at yard sales and consignment stores to find gently-used items at reasonable prices.

Finally, Central Food Ministry is also looking for individuals who would like to serve on the Board of Trustees. Members of the Board over see various aspects of the running of CFM. The CFM Corporate Officers are elected from the Board of Trustees. If you interested or want to learn more, please speak with Daniel Carey.

### **CFM OPEN VAN SUNDAYS**

*Thank you for your ongoing support of this very important and rewarding program!*

#### **NOVEMBER**

*Canned food such as baked beans, tuna, tomato products as well as pie filling and boxed pie crust mixes for the holidays!*

