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Lutheran Church of The Savior, Bedford, MA



CELEBRATING 53 YEARS OF WORSHIP

## Challenges

Challenges are nothing new to us. Students are challenged by teachers, peers and new learning situations. Athletes are challenged by coaches and competition. Businesses are challenged by the economy and changes in society. Voters are challenged by issues and candidates. Citizens are challenged by local, national and international affairs and events. Yes, we know something about challenges.

In our personal lives, Christians are challenged to be and to do all that our Lord intends for His people, for His church. God offers His grace and blessing so we are able to rise to the occasion as we live for Him and serve Him.

Lutheran Church of The Savior is in a time of transition during which we will explore our vision for ministry and enlist the commitment of each member as we look to the future. As a congregation, our Lord makes it possible for us to see events and happenings as opportunities, not obstacles. Challenges, in the best sense of the term, are those experiences through which we can take advantage of the situation and use our God-given abilities to reach our potential in service to God and others.

A prayer from the liturgy of Morning Prayer aptly describes the attitude that needs to characterize our congregation during this time.

**Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrod- den, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

I offer my pastoral encouragement as we face challenges together. May the Lord be with each of you and bring much blessing to LCS and through us to many.

Peace and joy, in the Lord,

*Pastor Teske*

**“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.” — Hebrews 12:2 (TEV)**



## A Message from the Congregation President

Greetings in Christ. I pray that your walk with God has been blessed this past month in time spent with Him in praise, trusting the path He has placed before you, and working with all your heart to accomplish His plan.

As I read through the Epistle last month, I turned to the front page to read the prayers and verses I had planned to share – and turned the page, and turned the page ... but I'll come back to that later. First, please walk with me for a while.

This new year brings many beginnings that fill our Epistles with the wonderful things happening by God's grace at His church and through His people. In the area of education, I have been sitting in on the confirmation class as the students learn about the 10 Commandments and how we are to keep God first in our lives. One of the class exercises was to make a list of the things that are important and meaningful in our lives. At the end of the exercise, the students were told that we should put God at the top of the list, to which one student innocently replied, "I don't have room at the top of my list." While this was just due to a lack of real estate at the top of their page, it spoke volumes of the culture and world within which we work and live that so often fills our lives and "lists" with many things – both Godly things, and some much less so. This reminds me of another Paul, so many years ago who, through the Spirit, wrote to Timothy and so clearly to us also today.

**2 Timothy 4:1-4** — "[1] *In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: [2] Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. [3] For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number*

*of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. [4] They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*"

But our God is a God of grace and truth and love that is ever ready to lead us through these distractions that Satan and the world so cleverly put in our paths – things like change, transition, too many activities and events, job pressures, financial ups and downs, ... the list at times seems endless. It takes energy and purpose to turn page after page to find a story, to "turn over a new leaf" in transition, to seek God's Will for our lives so He may lead us. It takes little energy and requires no real purpose not to do so.

So where were we going? It seems that too soon we get there but we do not know where "there" is. But as promised, our God is true and shows us the path forward – with energy, purpose, and His plan.

**Hebrews 12:1-2** — "[1] *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, [2] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*"

So on our journey together in worship, Bible study, and our daily lives, with God's ever present help, let us seek Him in prayer. Let us turn the pages, make room at the top of our list, remove the many obstacles, barriers, and excuses that so often get in our way – continuing in prayer and remaining in the Word – so that we clearly see and seek first what God has for us to do as part of His plan as individuals and as a Church. May God bless us each day with His peace as we walk together.

— Paul Gierke, Congregation President

## Walking by Faith

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

### Plans for the fall Stewardship Program at LCS are unfolding.

Three special worship services are being prepared for the following dates with the respective themes:

October 9: *Effective Stewardship*

October 16: *What Really Matters*

November 13: *God's Measured Commitment*

Materials will be mailed to all families on November 7 to prepare for

**Commitment Sunday on November 13.**

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

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is off and running. On Sunday, September 25th the children and those in adult Bible study had the first ever fire drill which went off without a hitch. Now, should the unexpected alarm go off at least the teachers, students, and adults will know what to do and in which direction to head. Did you read the special mailbox insert about what to do and where to go if the fire alarms go off?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS** also had their first presentation on Sunday, September 25th. Linda Ballenthin spoke to the younger grades about bringing in candy for the two church members who are serving overseas. For more details, see the write-up on this page!

**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is also up and running currently doing the study "Divine Design: a 40 Day Spiritual Makeover". What fun it is to relate clothing and accessories to God's plan for each and every one of us. Does this have you intrigued? Well, come join the ladies on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM to find out or contact Jennifer Gierke for more information.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** had a recent adventure down the Concord River!! Ask Cheryl Draper or Andrea Hoyt about their trip (or was it a tip?). Sure would have liked to have been there to see it as all the visitors to the North Bridge did. Upcoming events include a Retreat at Camp Calumet in October, Pie Baking in November, and the Living Nativity in December. Details elsewhere in this epistle. Parents – these are wonderful activities to get your youth involved in and a great way to build relationships. Most are also very family-friendly. For more information talk to Dave or Cheryl Draper, the Middle School Youth Group leaders.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** had a fun-filled day at Crane Beach and a delicious BBQ at the Pilkington's home. There were a number of youth and an adult that actually braved the waters for a swim — remember how cool it was on Rally Day!! CRAZY!! Upcoming events for the Senior High Youth include the Yard Sale in October ([much help needed to make this successful](#)), a service day at CFM in November, and the ever popular Progressive Dinner in December. There is also *GraceBook* the first Sunday of each month with games, food, fellowship, and Bible study. Details elsewhere in this epistle. Parents – don't miss these events. What a wonderful opportunity for teens to gather with their church friends and build their relationships and to also invite their friends, too!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS

**MISSION TO MONROVIA** — For four months we have been collecting new and gently used Christian children's books to send to the 300 children who attend Sunday School each week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Monrovia, Liberia. We exceeded our goal of three hundred books and last week 305 books were delivered to the Liberian Shipping Lines in Providence, R.I. for transport. Also shipped were excess Christian curriculum materials, craft supplies, and (to arrive just in time for Advent!) 300 Advent calendars for their Sunday schoolers.

**MISSION TO OUR SERVICEMEN** — Our first Sunday School Mission project this fall will be a collection of Halloween treats to send to Paul Gordon and Brandon Luna, both of whom are currently serving in the Middle East. Brandon and Paul both attended Sunday School here at LCS and the yellow ribbons on our altar rail are in their honor, so it is a special joy to be able to remember and support them during this time in their lives.

The treats we send can be anything non-chocolate: candy, gum, pretzels, granola bars, trail mix, nuts, etc. Paul is partial to hard candy and gum, while Brandon loves Skittles. Both young men will be grateful for whatever we send them, and we know the treats will be shared with those with whom they serve.

Donations of treats and monies for shipping costs will be collected in the Sunday School classrooms on October 2, 9, and 16. If you would like to contribute to either collection, please visit a classroom or speak with a student or teacher.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS OR WILL CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS PROGRAM.**

## OPEN ARMS PRESCHOOL

What a wonderful first month back kicking off a new school year. It has been fun re-acquainting with returning students and families and getting to know new children and their families. The children are making new friends and enjoying time spent in the classroom and on the playground, too!

This month is the annual trip to Parlee Farms for a hay ride, apple picking, choosing a pumpkin and having lots of fun on the farm. This is a requested trip each year and everyone is eager for it. Children will make apple sauce, apple muffins, apple cake and more from their pickings.

Monthly meetings with Vianna for chapel time will begin too and the children will sing at the Senior Luncheon. Children and teachers alike look forward to seeing all who come for a delicious meal.

School photos will be taken this month as well. Children, parents, and teachers all look forward to seeing the finished product as the photographer always takes fantastic pictures of the children.

An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. If you are interested in checking out the preschool, call Nancy at 781-271-1148 for a tour time or for more information. Pass this information along to your friends as well.

September was the month for blue days and at the end of October it will be orange days when everyone will wear orange, make an orange craft, read about the color orange and have an orange snack.

Once again, the staff of OACP would like to put out the request to anyone who may be interested in spending time with the children in the classroom for whatever amount of time you like to share a craft, read a Bible story or book, prepare a snack or whatever your interest may be... just let Nancy or Tricia in the church office know of your interest.

— *Enjoy the fall; stay healthy and warm; and God bless*

# LCS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*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!*

## MOMS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP

Join us Friday, October 14th and Friday, October 28th at 1:00 PM in the church nursery for a mom's playgroup. Whether you a new mother or experienced mother let' 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, October 14th from 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the home of Jennifer Gierke. Her basement is ready for you to get to work on your scrapbook. Join us for a short devotion and then an evening of working on completing your scrapbook. Please RSVP to Jennifer at [jenngierke@verizon.net](mailto:jenngierke@verizon.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

*Mark your calendar and watch for details in the weekly announcements and on the Women's Ministry bulletin board in Luther Hall.*

**Friday, November 4th** — a girls' night out with faith building and fabulous food!!!

**Sunday, November 27th** — a Chrismon-making workshop for ladies and daughters (5th Grade and up) after third service

**Wednesday, November 30th** — Advent by Candlelight  
A favorite event to begin the Advent Season for ladies of the congregation as well as teen girls (Grade 8 and up). Hostesses are needed... please email Jennifer at [jenngierke@verizon.net](mailto:jenngierke@verizon.net) if you are interested.

**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*

## A REMINDER

*For the sake of the ministry at LCS and to avoid scheduling conflicts, please be sure to check the master calendar with the church office before scheduling your group events and activities.*

**THANK YOU!**



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

### Tuesday, October 11th – 7:00 PM

The program for this evening is yet to be determined. The expected guest was to be Cindy Jordan who was unexpectedly called out of town. All women are welcome and expected — come once a year or every time we gather which is generally the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Babysitting is available but arrangements need to be made with Peggy Wang at 978 369-4660 in advance.

*Devotions: TBD*

*Hostesses: Carole Friedman and Kathy Schnitger*

*The mission donation of the month: Sturdy comb*

Next month our special guest speaker will be former LWML-NED President, Lynn Batchelder, who will show us how our Women's Guild fits in the LWML picture. Another important time not to be missed! As she says there will prizes and gifts, how can you go wrong!

### Thursday, October 13th – 9:30 AM

Come and help to assemble simple quilts for third-world countries or other disaster relief areas by Lutheran World Relief. Serve the Lord by helping others with this very simple task for which you only need to know how to tie a knot... yes, it's that easy! Assembled quilts that need machine stitching around the edges are placed on the coat rack shelf in the narthex. If you have a sewing machine, consider taking a quilt or two home. Return completed quilt (and pins) to the shelf when done.

## LWML-NED FALL RETREAT

**October 28-29, 2011**

Join the ladies of the LWML-NED at the Holiday Inn in Enfield Conn. (please call hotel for reservation given on registration form). The theme this year is "Chocolate Boutique" connecting chocolate extravagance with the extravagant love of God thru His Grace. Enjoy meaningful devotions, chocolate-y activities and lots of sweet fun with your sisters in Christ from all over New England.

Registration opens at 4:30 PM on Friday with dinner on your own. Program begins Friday evening at 7:00 PM and ends at 3:00 PM on Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$45 which includes Saturday lunch. See Peggy Wang for registration forms or go to [www.lwml-ned.org](http://www.lwml-ned.org) to download them. First-timers get \$5 off the registration fee! For the retreat ingathering, you are asked to bring men's underwear briefs, adult incontinence wear and/or sock for the Veterans' Home in Holyoke, Mass.

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**AND, REMEMBER YOUR SECRET PRAYER PAL!**

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# CHRISTIAN ARTS

*Opportunities to Learn, Serve, and Proclaim!*

## Thursday Club

Thursday Club will venture to the Topsfield Fair October 6th leaving church at 3:30 PM and returning at 7:00 PM. Drivers needed for this adventure. Children will need \$15–\$20 for rides and food at the fair. Entrance fee will be provided. **Savior Singers** will sing on Sunday, October 9th during offering at 1st service and then again at beginning of 3rd service. They may leave immediately after singing in third service. Meet Vianna in the library at 9:00 AM the morning of the 9th. If your child does not have a maroon sweater, speak to Vianna. If your child has outgrown their sweater they should turn in the old one for a new one. There was an informational letter given to parents on the first day of Thursday Club. If you did not receive yours you may get one off the coffee table in the Christian Arts office.

## “No Ordinary Night”

“No Ordinary Night” is this year’s musical. Rather than doing one in May, we are doing one at Christmas. This musical is for teens and children exclusively. Children’s rehearsals (1st thru 7th grade) are either Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 PM beginning October 20th **OR** Saturdays — October 22nd only from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, all other Saturdays following from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Choose the rehearsal that fits your schedule the best. Teen rehearsals (8th grade and up) begin Saturday, October 22nd, 1:00 to 2:00 PM; all other Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The musical will be on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 PM. Come out and join the fun this heavenly story, “No Ordinary Night”.

## Banners

Banners are repaired, steamed, and changed on Saturday, October 29th at 8:30 AM. They will be taken down following the third service on the 30th. At that time the “All Saints” banners will come out to see what repairs and additions need to be added to them for the following Sunday. If you would like to help or learn how this work is done please join us by just coming to help at the times listed above. Thank You!

## What Happened in Hungary?

If you would like to know what happened in Vienna, Austria; Sárvár, Hungary; or Budapest, Hungary this past June, we’ve got a mission dinner for you! The 47 who went there would love to tell you all about it. Set aside the evening of October 30th at 6:00 PM for a dinner, a DVD and presentations about the Hungary mission. Find out what happened last summer and the future of LCS’ involvement in the Hungary mission field.

## Worship and Concert Choir

Because of two special services back to back there will be two optional extra rehearsals at 9:00 AM on Sat, Oct 29th and Sat, Nov 5th to shore up the Reformation and All Saints music. The Saturdays following in November and December will be dedicated to Christmas music. These are strictly note-punching rehearsals. If you can read music, Thursday evenings are probably sufficient. To God be the glory!

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## MID-WEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

God encourages us to be in His Word daily and LCS offers several small group studies. If interested, please contact the individual group leaders listed below or call the church office at 781-275-6013.

**ADULT SINGLES** — This group meets the third Friday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church library. Come early with your dinner at 6:30 PM if you like. Join us on Friday, October 21st for “*The Means of Grace*” — four sessions to review the means of grace in the simple things of life: words, water, bread, wine, and most importantly, human flesh. Gain a greater appreciation for the significance of God’s acting in grace by using the “ordinary” things of this world. For more information, call the church office at 781-275-6013 or email [secretary@lcsavior.org](mailto:secretary@lcsavior.org).

**COUPLES GROUP** — will meet in Billerica at the home of David and Melanie Stewart, Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 978-362-8897 or email, [stewart.dm@comcast.net](mailto:stewart.dm@comcast.net).

**THE “BIFOCALS”** — This group meets about every two weeks on Saturdays at 6:30 PM. 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.

# OCTOBER 2011

Communion in Liturgical Worship —

1st and 3rd Sunday each month

Communion in Contemporary Worship —

2nd and 4th Sunday each month

## MONTHLY PLANNER

*Lutheran Church  
of the Savior*

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 2<br><b>SR HIGH YOUTH</b><br>"GraceBook"<br>4:30–7:00 PM  | 3<br>Board of Elders<br>7:00 PM   | 4<br>Women's<br>Bible Study 9:30 AM<br>Church Council<br>7:00 PM       | 5   | 6<br>Thursday Club 3:00 PM<br>(Topsfield Fair)<br>Choir 7:30 PM   | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br><b>YARD SALE DROP OFF</b><br>8:00 AM–1:00 PM<br>use lower doors; bring<br>items to back room<br>by Tricia's office | 10                                | 11<br>Women's<br>Bible Study 9:30 AM<br>Women's Guild<br>7:00 PM       | 12  | 13<br>Quilts 9:30 AM<br>OACP Open House<br>9:30–11:30 AM<br>Senior Lunch 12:00 PM<br>Thursday Club 3:00 PM<br>Savior Singers 4:30 PM<br>Choir 7:30 PM | 14<br>Moms and Tots<br>Playgroup 1:00 PM<br>Yard Sale Prep 6:00 PM<br>Scrapbooking 7:00 PM<br>(Gierke–Billerica)<br><b>MSYG OVERNIGHT RETREAT</b> | 15<br><b>YARD SALE BENEFIT</b><br>9:00 AM–2:00 PM<br>(proceeds to SHYG trip<br>to NYG 2013)                                 |
| 16<br><b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b><br>after third service<br>light lunch provided                                      | 17<br>Bedford VA Visit<br>7:00 PM | 18<br>Women's<br>Bible Study 9:30 AM<br>Fellowship/Outreach<br>7:00 PM | 19<br>Couples' Bible Study<br>7:00 PM<br>(Stewart–Billerica)  | 20<br>Thursday Club 3:00 PM<br>Savior Singers 4:30 PM<br>Choir 7:30 PM  | 21<br>Adult Singles' Bible<br>Study 7:00 PM<br>(or bring dinner and<br>come at 6:30 PM)   | 22<br><b>PARENTING SEMINAR</b><br>9:00–11:30 AM<br>Christmas Musical<br>Rehearsals<br>Children 12–1 PM<br>Teens 1–2 PM      |
| 23  | 24                                | 25<br>Women's<br>Bible Study 9:30 AM                                   | 26<br>Couples' Bible Study<br>7:00 PM<br>(Stewart–Billerica)  | 27<br>Thursday Club 3:00 PM<br>Savior Singers 4:30 PM<br>Choir 7:30 PM  | 28<br>Moms and Tots<br>Playgroup 1:00 PM<br>(church nursery)  | 29<br>Banners 8:30 AM<br>Concert Choir 9:00 AM<br>Christmas Musical<br>Rehearsals<br>Children 10–11 AM<br>Teens 11 AM–12 PM |
| 30<br><b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b><br>Banners after church<br><b>MISSION DINNER!</b><br>6:00 PM                            | 31                                | 1<br>Women's<br>Bible Study 9:30 AM<br>Church Council<br>7:00 PM       | 2<br><b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b><br>2:00–7:00 PM<br>Couples' Bible Study<br>7:00 PM<br>(Stewart–Billerica) | 3<br>Thursday Club<br>3:00 PM<br>Savior Singers 4:30 PM<br>Bedford Community<br>Supper 4:30–6:00 PM<br>Choir 7:30 PM                                  | 4<br>Girls' Night Out<br>(Cook–Billerica)<br>details to come  | 5<br>Concert Choir<br>9:00 AM<br>Christmas Musical<br>Rehearsals<br>Children 10–11 AM<br>Teens 11 AM–12 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 only — 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 – OCTOBER 2011**  
**PLEASE CALL THE CHAIRPERSON IF YOU CANNOT SERVE AS SCHEDULED. THANKS!**

**Altar Flowers** Linda Ballenthin 781/862-4179  
**Altar Guild** Carole Friedman 978/851-7936  
**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

**OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 E. & R. Scheyder  
 H. & A. Hoyt  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Karen Prussing  
 10:00 Tara Veneracion  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Steve Roller &  
 Dave Sanderson  
 10:00 Drew Vernalia &  
 Thorsten Dieckow  
 11:15 David Draper  
 & Doug Pilkington  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Patrick Gordon,  
 Roger Fix, and  
 Chris Jones  
 11:15 Frank Hills,  
 Dave Hergert, &  
 Bob Lamprecht  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Bob & Peggy Browne  
 10:00 Patrick & Andrea  
 Kenneally  
 11:15 David & Karen Hergert  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Tricia Connery

**OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 V. & S. Ross  
 T. & J. Benson  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Karen Clements  
 10:00 Bette Hoyt  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Doug Stevenson &  
 Vinnie Cammarano  
 10:00 Bill MacLeod &  
 Glenn Miller  
 11:15 Sean Carpenter  
 & Dick Anderson  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 10:00 Harry Gennis  
 & Frank Clare  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Lori Miller &  
 Connie Hashem  
 10:00 Carole Friedman  
 & Bette Hoyt  
 11:15 Rod & Gaylet Sundet  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Tricia Connery

**OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 K. & T. Abbott  
 S. Thompson  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Laura Koehn  
 10:00 Katharine Wellner  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Chip VanderBrug  
 & Roger Parker  
 10:00 Bill Hurley &  
 Thorsten Dieckow  
 11:15 Ken Scheyder &  
 Stephen Scaer  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Bob Reid &  
 Bill McGrath  
*acolyte* - Vivian Cook  
 11:15 Doug Cook,  
 David Draper,  
 and Mike Cebry  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Roger & Peggy Fix  
 10:00 Roger Parker &  
 Janet Davis  
 11:15 Andrew & Katie  
 Leonard  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Tricia Connery

**OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

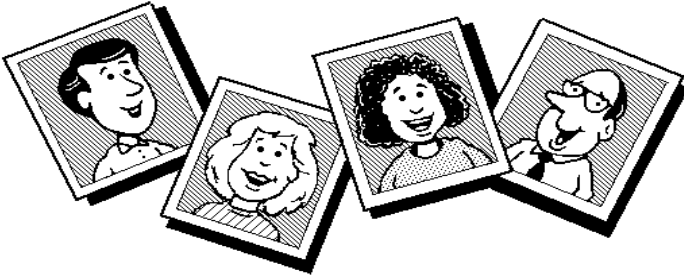
**FLOWERS**  
 D. & M. Stevenson  
 P. & A. Kenneally  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Peggy Wang  
 10:00 Dale Hernquist  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Ernie Hollis &  
 Patrick Gordon  
 10:00 TBD  
 11:15 Dale Hernquist  
 & David Draper  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 10:00 Roger Parker  
 & Scott Cyphers  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 John DeBruzzi &  
 Gwen Paquette  
 10:00 Paul Gilpin &  
 Colleen Tank  
 11:15 Jim & Lori Eggert  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Tricia Connery

**OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 G. Paquette  
 H. & A. Hoyt  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Diane Fonseca  
 10:00 Beth Parker  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Bob Browne &  
 Paul Strobel  
 10:00 TBD  
 11:15 Doug Pilkington  
 & Dave Hopkins  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Martha Hill Sackett  
 & Hermayne Gordon  
 10:00 Sunny Thompson  
 & Doug Pilkington  
 11:15 David & Karen Hergert  
**VISITATION**  
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## PASTOR'S ADULT CLASS

It may seem a bit early but mark your calendars now... Pastor Teske will facilitate an Adult Information class on Monday evenings beginning January 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for approximately 8 to 9 weeks. The sessions are a way to explore the teachings of the Christian faith. They also may serve as a review of the teachings of the church for members as well as preparation for membership. A sign up will be posted in early December for anyone who is interested. Volunteers may also be needed for child care those weeks if any of those who wish to take the class have small children. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please let Patricia know at any time and you will be contacted when the time comes.



## PHOTO BOARD UPDATES

To help facilitate the process of Pastor Teske getting to know the congregation, please have your family/individual photo updated. The photo board provides a wonderful tool for putting together names and faces both for those who have worshipped here since day one as well as those who are new to worship here. Many of these photos are in need of updating and there are some new folks who have been worshipping here regularly whose picture we need to add. Tricia has her camera ready at a moment's notice every Sunday morning and will be on the lookout. If you are new to the congregation, please ask someone to point her out and have your photo taken to be added to the board. You don't have to wait till you become a member of the congregation. We would love to have as many couples, families and individuals who worship regularly here at LCS represented as possible so people can identify you and greet you by name!

## CFM OPEN VAN SUNDAYS

Your donations of these items will help those in need to stay clean and healthy from head to toe!

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

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Proteins such as baked beans, vegetarian beans, other beans, tuna, etc.



## PARENTING SEMINAR: REGISTER NOW!

# Avoiding Power Struggles

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**  
9:00 am to 11:30 am here at LCS

**Facilitated by**

Mara J. Briere, MA CFLE  
*Family Life Education Specialist*

**Avoiding Power Struggles** is for those parent who are tired of fighting with their children over... anything! Why do they hook us into fighting? Why do we go there with them??? How can we step out of the battle? How can we be more effective with our children?

Children of all ages are in the process of discovering who they are as separate from their parents. They often do this through random acts of resistance which tend to hook parents and children in (mostly) avoidable power struggles.

Through this seminar you will learn what purpose power struggles may serve. You will pick up three strategies for unhooking yourself from these power struggles. And, you will learn how to put the fun back into parenting!

Suggestion donation is \$10/family.  
Child care will be provided if needed.

Invitations were mailed to those in the congregation with children age 2 through 18. Please RSVP by Monday, October 17th via phone (781-275-6013) or email ([church@lcsavior.org](mailto:church@lcsavior.org)) indicating how many adults will be attending, the ages of your children, and whether or not you need child care.

*Sponsored by the LCS Fellowship/Outreach Committee and possibly the first in a series of parenting seminars if there is enough interest!*



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

In September, 14 adults and youth enjoyed a fun afternoon on a canoe trip on the Concord River. The Lord blessed us with sunshine and moderate temperatures. After a leisurely paddle down the river to the Old North Bridge, folks went ashore to enjoy lunch in the park area near the bridge. A group photo from this location is posted on the youth bulletin board in Luther Hall. After lunch, it back to the canoes and off to the Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge where the group turned around and returned to the starting point. Thanks to Ken Scheyder and Boy Scout Troop 194 for lending the canoes for the trip.

### Overnight Retreat at Camp Calumet

*Friday, October 14 thru Saturday, October 15 2011*

*Calumet Lutheran Camp, Ossipee, NH*

All of the Middle School youth (Grades 6-8) are invited and encouraged to sign up for the overnight retreat at Calumet Lutheran Camp, Freedom, New Hampshire located on beautiful Lake Ossipee. The theme for the retreat is "Overcoming Obstacles". Depart Friday at 5:00 PM from LCS and return Saturday night to LCS about 9:30 PM. Cabins are heated. The cost is \$35/person. Forms are available from Vienna. Payment and forms are due by Sunday, October 9th. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends but cannot bring any electronic devices with them. Once registered, youth and parents will get a list of what to bring and what not to bring.

### And, mark your calendars...

...for pie making for CFM clients on Sunday, November 20th from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Details to come!

...for "Journey to Bethlehem" — the Living Nativity at Faith Ev. Church in Acton, Mass. on Sunday, December 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Details to come!

## QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 16th following  
third service downstairs in  
Fellowship Hall... a light luncheon  
will be served prior to the  
start of the meeting**

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*What a great time was had at the beach in September, and now with October in the air, it's back to the regular schedule. Please be sure to set aside time on the first and third Sundays of the month to come to GraceBook and the fellowship and service events! Remember, friends are always welcome.*

### Sunday, October 2

*GraceBook (4:30 to 7:00 PM)*

Come to this signature event which starts with some fun and games, followed by dinner, and then studying God's Word together. This is a great way to grow in your faith and have a great time with other teens.

### Sunday, October 9

*Yard Sale Drop Off (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)*

### Friday, October 14

*Yard Sale Sorting, Pricing and Set Up (6:00 to 9:00 PM)*

### Saturday, October 15

*Yard Sale (8:30 to 3:30 PM)*

This is one of the big fundraisers to help with expenses related to the National Youth Gathering trip in Texas in July 2013. Lots of help is needed to make this happen. Jude DeHart is organizing this event and the volunteers for each of these days. To sign up, contact her directly at 781-271-1184 or via email at [jude.dehart@comcast.net](mailto:jude.dehart@comcast.net). There will also be some special sorting days/times posted the week of October 10th.

### Sunday, November 6

*GraceBook (4:30 to 7:00 PM)*

Come to this signature event which starts with some fun and games, followed by dinner, and then studying God's Word together. This is a great way to grow in your faith and have a great time with other teens.

### Saturday, November 19

*CFM Servant Event (11:30 AM)*

Head up to the Central Food Ministry in Lowell, Mass. to help get ready for the Thanksgiving rush! This is a great way to serve your brothers and sisters in need!

## YARD SALE DONATIONS

*The Senior High Youth will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 15th. All proceeds to help offset the cost of the National Youth Gathering in 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.*

The youth need items to sell and are looking to the congregation for donations. Drop off donations Sunday, October 9th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please, nothing too large and be sure that any electronics/small appliances donated are in working order. **ALSO...** tell all your friends and family to join us for the Yard Sale. There will be lots of great items for sale... the Family Life Center will be overflowing with good stuff, cheap!

*In 2013, we may have over 20 youth interested in attending the National Youth Gathering which hosts more than 30,000 youth from all over the country every three years! Help support this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!*

# STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is the **free and joyous** activity of the child of God and God's family – the church – in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Some folks may argue that Christian stewardship is more about following laws, rules and instructions than it is about a **free and joyous** activity.

Historically, believing and living as Christians has been more about laws, rules and instructions about a **free and joyous** way of living. On October 31, we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating the 494th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In the years leading up to the Reformation, some serious false teachings had crept into the basics of the Christian life and faith so that people felt like **slaves** to a host of rules and regulations. Christianity was not very **free and joyous**. The good news of being saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our salvation, was in danger of being hidden from God's people. Jesus died so that we might have life and have it abundantly and joyfully. One of the key passages that opened Martin Luther's eyes to the true way of salvation was, of all things, from an Old Testament book, Habakkuk 2:4a: ***"The just [righteous] shall live by faith!" [NIV]***

This discovery led to a new and refreshing way to look at the contents of the Bible. It's easy to find all sorts of laws, rules and commandments and get the idea that if you want to be right with God you must obey all of these laws, rules and commandments. The problem is that because of our sinful natures we are not able to keep all these laws, rules and commandments and are pretty much left with the options of either trying harder or giving up. Neither of these options leads to a life that is **free and joyous**.

The Bible does contain laws, rules and instructions for our Christian living, but these laws, rules and instructions are not written for the purpose of saving us. Rather, they drive us to the good news of salvation through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Forgiveness of our sins frees us from past failures and opens up a new way of living. ***"Don't you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*** [Romans 6:3-4 NIV]

Through Christ we gain a refreshing freedom and joy for us to live godly lives not in order to be saved, but because we have been saved.

***Truly, God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."***

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

# PARTNERS IN MISSION

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** — Join us at noon on Thursday, October 13th for our monthly Senior Luncheon. No reservation or RSVP is needed – just a hearty appetite for good food! Please come!!

## **BEDFORD COMMUNITY SUPPER** —

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 Nov 3, 2011; 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.

## **BEDFORD VA HOSPITAL VISITS** —

This group meets at Bedford VA at 7:00 PM the third Monday of the month — October 17th. 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.

## **CFM OPEN VAN SUNDAYS** —

For the month of October, the collection will be protein items particularly baked beans, vegetarian beans (or other beans), and tuna fish. Items can be placed in the back of the CFM van in the church parking lot or in the CFM donation bin downstairs by the elevator at the church.

## **UNITED WAY/CENTRAL FOOD MINISTRY**

Does your company support the United Way? Did you know that you can direct your United Way contribution to Central Food Ministry, Inc.? CFM is currently the recipient of United Way donations made by several LCS members. If you will be making a decision soon to participate in your company's United Way campaign, please consider designating Central Food Ministry, Inc. as the recipient.

## **CENTRAL FOOD MINISTRY**

Thank you to those who shopped for personal care items for the clients of Central Food Ministry. These "perks" are always appreciated and the clients frequently ask for them. Since there have already been some cool evenings, please think of the homeless camping down by the Merrimack River. Some do not own tents and attempt to keep dry using tarps. Should anyone have an old two-man tent to donate there is one gentleman in great need at this time. Ongoing need for blankets, comforters and/or sleeping bags. Remember they could use small personal care items that they can easily carry in a bag — shavers, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, toilet paper and items to help them such as can openers.

CFM Open Van Sunday donations for October will be proteins (baked beans, vegetarian beans or other beans, and tuna fish). Donations can be placed directly in the back of the van or in the mission bin downstairs at church. Please note that the van is usually in the church lot after 4:00 PM daily so that donations of any kind may be dropped should you be at church for meetings, choir, etc. You don't have to wait until Sunday morning.

# ACTIVITIES ABOUND AT LCS

## with Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone of All Ages

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Welcome Back! Hope you had a terrific summer and are relaxed and refreshed with the joy that only our Lord can provide. Did you know that we hosted two Red Cross Blood drives in the Family Life Center this summer? A HUGE thank you to those that have been volunteering their time for these events.

If you are at least 18 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds, 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 will be needed to help with the blood drive. Sign up on bulletin board in narthex.

Questions? Call Anne McGrath at 781-756-1414.

### TABLES OF FELLOWSHIP

NOV 12, JAN 21, MAR 10, MAY 19

This casual fellowship activity

members open their homes one Saturday evening to break bread with other members of the congregation and to get to know more people. Each team of two will host once

and visit three of the four evenings which start in November. The dates have been determined already and a sign up will be available soon with all the details. Both singles and couples are encouraged to sign up. Singles can find a friend to make a "twosome" or one will be assigned to them. This is a great way to get to know more of your church family. A table display will be set up starting Rally Day in the narthex with more details and a sign up sheet.

will have the congregation



### Fellowship Coffee Hours



Once again the committee will be hosting coffee hours between services on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Volunteers are needed to provide goodies and to help with set up and serving throughout the morning.

There is always a sign up sheet available either on the bulletin board or on the tables during coffee hours. 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 15 to 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.

### Do You Have Your LCS Window Decal?

LCS window decals (our free gift to you!) are available from the church secretary's mailbox.

Please limit yourself to TWO decals per family and help advertise the church to friends, family and even strangers!

*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, chairperson, Patricia Connery, Lori Eggert, Nancy Kelly, or Gwen Paquette.*

# Epistle

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## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

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| <b>Liturgical Worship</b><br>with Choir  | <b>8:30 AM</b>  |
| <b>Contemporary Worship</b><br>with Worship Band                                   | <b>10:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b><br>for all ages — children and adults | <b>10:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Liturgical Worship</b>  | <b>11:15 AM</b> |
| <b>High School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>   | <b>11:15 AM</b> |