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**JOIN US FOR  
RALLY DAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18**

**COME AND  
WORSHIP  
AND STUDY  
HIS WORD!**

Lutheran Church of The Savior, Bedford, MA



**CELEBRATING 53 YEARS OF WORSHIP**

## Which Way?

Living as a Christian is a blessed experience! Jesus died and rose again. Because Jesus lives, He promises the full and abundant life for us today and forever.

Life in Christ, however, is not without its tests and challenges. So during the next months, what is the best way to meet those tests and challenges at Lutheran Church of The Savior [LCS] – in the life of each person; in each family; in our relationships; and in and through our congregation's ministry?

Shall we look to the past? All of us have our own memories of past years. Our experiences and resulting feelings range from one end of the spectrum to the other – both good and bad. With all its strengths and weaknesses, we learn from the past and benefit from it. But we don't live in the past.

What about the present? What happens now? What about the current issues facing you in your life; in the life of LCS? What about intentional interim ministry? What does it mean for the congregation? Experiencing change and adjusting to change, any change, can be difficult, sometimes extremely demanding. Yet the only time frame God gives us to live and work in is the present, one day at a time. We do want to make the best use of the present.

And the future? Of course, the future is unknown. We don't know what will happen, but it is full of promise, God's promise of great blessings and wonderful experiences in store for us. We always live with the hope for a brighter tomorrow.

So which way is the best? People who live by faith in the crucified and risen Lord always look to Him for direction. The Psalmist expresses a prayer for guidance that could be the prayer of LCS.

*To you, O Lord, I offer my prayer; in You, my God, I trust. ... Teach me Your ways, O Lord; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to Your truth, for You are my God, who saves me. I always trust in You. Remember, O Lord, Your kindness and constant love which You have shown from long ago. Forgive the sins and errors of my youth. In Your constant love and goodness, remember me, O Lord. (Psalm 25:1, 4-7)*

With determination, we take the best of the past, recognizing the accomplishments of dedicated, committed people of previous years. There are many, and we are grateful. Then we address the present, taking an honest look at our ministry together, mobilizing the efforts of everyone to do our very best. And we look to the future, knowing that in Christ Jesus our hope is well placed. We can and will proceed with confidence and joy.

So which is the best way? Is it the past, present or future? YES! Appreciating, respecting and learning from the past; realistically accepting the challenges and opportunities of the present; filled with hope for the future – all under the love and mercy of our Lord!

I look forward to working with you in the ministry and service of Lutheran Church of The Savior.

— Peace and joy, in the Lord, Pastor Teske

# WELCOME BACK!

## *Christian Ed Programs Resume*

### **FROM THE CHRISTIAN ED CHAIR**

This summer has breezed right past and here we are already in September preparing to kick off Rally Day. Not only is summer on its way out, and school just beginning, a multitude of activities within our own church are starting up again. I pray that everyone finds ways to be actively involved in our church community.

Let me just mention a few of the past summer events, and also highlight some of the fall happenings. Please be sure to read this entire Epistle so you don't miss some great opportunities for your and your family.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** was tremendous success with over 140 children in attendance on average each day! A very large number of children were from the community. Thanks to everyone who had a helping hand in this wonderful summer mission. Mark your calendar next year's VBS — July 23-27, 2012. Many hands make the job light. Please prayerfully consider getting involved NOW with this outreach effort. Having the date set early, means prepping and recruiting can begin earlier for an even bigger and better event.

**RALLY DAY** kicks off the start of Sunday School and adult Bible study on Sunday, September 18. Teachers have been preparing for another year of sharing God's love and grace with children age 2 through adult. Please encourage your children to have regular attendance in this important ministry. This year we welcome some new teachers to the team — Pam Cohen (1st QTR ages 3-5), Mark DeLory (1st QTR Grades 1/2), Vince & Sue Ross (Grade 7), Dave Stewart (1st QTR High School). Many thanks also to our returning teachers — Peggy Wang (age 2), Bill & Anne McGrath (ages 3-5), Chip & Wendy VanderBrug (substitutes ages 3-5), Sean Carpenter (2nd QTR Grades 1/2), Lori Eggert and Lori Miller (team teaching Grades 3/4 for the year), Ellie McGuire and Mike Guenther (team teaching Grades 5/6 for the year), John and Chris DeBruzzi (3rd QTR team teaching High School). Thanks to Nancy DeLory for serving again as Sunday School Superintendent and to Vianna Pilkington and the LCS drama team for their continued theatrical explanations of familiar Bible stories each week. Thank you to all our teachers and substitutes for their dedication to our

children. Please prayerfully consider getting involved and teaching during 2nd or 3rd QTR (approx. 12 week commitment) or serving as a substitute for 1st QTR. For more information, please contact Nancy DeLory, Lois Scheyder, or call the church office.

We too, as adults, need to hear and study God's Word. Check out the **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** article on the facing page for ways in which you can join in fellowship and small group study on Sunday mornings. Contact Dave Hergert if you have any questions.

**TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. They will be starting off this year with a study entitled "*Divine Design: 40 Days of Spiritual Makeover*". Please join them any Tuesday morning in Luther Hall. For more information, contact Jennifer Gierke.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** (grades 6-8) will kick off the year with a canoe trip down Concord River (for details check out "*Youth News*" elsewhere in this epistle). Welcome back to Dave and Cheryl Draper as they continue to serve as leaders this year. Watch for future articles with a calendar of events.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** (grades 9-12) kick off their year with their annual Last Beach Party of the Season (for details check out "*Youth News*" elsewhere in this epistle). Welcome back to Alex and Erin Jordan as they continue to serve as leaders this year. Watch for future articles with a calendar of events.

Our **CRADLE ROLL PROGRAM** continues to run faithfully thanks to Carole Friedman who silently supports new parents from the baptism of their child through their entering our Sunday school program.

Our **COLLEGE ROLL PROGRAM** continues to run again this year. Thanks to Sage Veino for pairing up families with college freshmen for a year of Christian encouragement and support.

As you can see, the opportunities before you and your family are endless — so find a way to get involved. I pray that you feel "moved by the Spirit" to join in one or more of these groups. Feel free to speak with me if you are looking for other opportunities not mentioned here or if you have questions about any of the Christian Ed programs mentioned offered at LCS.

*Lois Scheyder, Christian Ed Chairperson*

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### **2 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL**

This program is only offered at 10:00 AM and we would like to remind families with 2 year olds that...

- Children who will be 2 before December 2011 are invited to start on Rally Day, September 18.
- Children who turn 2 after December 2011 must wait till September 2012 to enroll in the class.

We ask parents who feel their 2 (or almost 2) year old is not ready for class this September to plan on waiting until next fall to enroll them in Sunday School.

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# SUNDAYS IN THE WORD AT LCS



## **10:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPTION #1**

*beginning Sunday, September 18, 2011*

**“Faith Conversations” —**

*facilitated by Patrick Gordon and Bob Reid*

This study is a discussion of the sermon and lessons appointed for the day as well as their application to every day life. If you haven't been with us in a while for adult Bible study on Sunday morning, this study will be a perfect time to rejoin. Each study stands alone from week to week so you can float in and out as your schedule allows. Grab some coffee from Luther Hall and then join us downstairs in the room next to the Family Life Center.

## **10:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPTION #2**

*beginning Sunday, September 12, 2010*

**“The Spirituality of the Cross – The Way of the First Evangelicals” —**

*facilitators will include Jim Eggert, Paul Gierke, Dave Hergert, Steve Roller, and Stephen Scaer*

This will be a 7-week class taught by the five amigos (last year's 6 amigos sadly minus Wayne Floyd). For those that were not with us last year, each week a different leader gave us a rich and unique look at the topics. There will be an introduction on the first week so you can make up your mind if you want to participate for another 6 weeks. Please, this will be a marvelous study of what we, as Christians and Lutherans, believe. SO everyone — bring your Bibles, grab some coffee from Luther Hall, and join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall on September 18 and following.

## **11:15 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*beginning Sunday, September 12, 2010*

**“Hope, Harmony and Heart-ease” — *facilitated by Scott Cyphers***

This year's theme will be Hope, Harmony, and Heartsease (peace of mind). Discussion will be centered on the weekly lessons as well as I & II Corinthians, Romans, and I & II Timothy. Each week will be self-contained so please feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Grab some coffee from Luther Hall and then join us downstairs in the room next to the Family Life Center.

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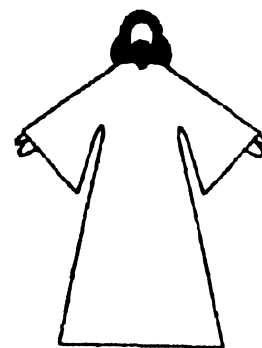
## **OPEN ARMS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

We at Open Arms hope you have all had a safe, relaxing summer. Every year it seems to go by faster and faster.

We will be back in school starting on September 7 to set up the classrooms for the children's arrival for Orientation on the 9th. We have all had a great summer and are ready to get back to the daily routine, meeting old and new students and interacting with the children.

Our classrooms will be full and we have opened another Preschool 4 class. It is filling fast! We do have a few remaining slots for 4s for the start of the school year and possible Preschool 3 slots for January. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy at 781-271-1148.

We know how happy the guests at the Senior Lunch are to enjoy the children singing for them. So, we would like to give YOU the opportunity to spend a little more time with the children. Members of the congregation are invited to spend some time with the children in the classroom. Many students have grandparents living out of state and there are probably a few grandparents in the congregation with grandchildren living out of state. What a great way to bring these two groups together and to share the love of Christ through fellowship and friendship. You could join the children in the classroom for a one-time visit or on a regular basis for a short time each month to read, sing, help with a craft project, tell a Bible story or whatever else might be of interest to you. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please let Nancy know (781-271-1148) and we can arrange a convenient time that works with your schedule for you to come to Open Arms.



# YOUTH NEWS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### Fall Kick-Off: Canoeing on Concord River

*Sunday, September 18, 2011 • 12:30 to 3:30 PM*

Enjoy a scenic afternoon canoeing on the Concord River. The group will leave church at 12:30 and proceed to the Concord River for canoeing. Bring a bag lunch. After paddling for awhile, the group will stop to enjoy lunch near the Old North Bridge. Parent pick up at church at 3:30 PM. Youth and parents who wish to drive or participate, please sign up on the youth bulletin board in Luther Hall so that plans can be made accordingly. If you have questions, please contact David or Cheryl Draper at 781-276-7628.



### Parent, Youth and Youth Leader Meeting

*Sunday, September 25, 2011 • 12:30 to 1:30 PM*

Parents of Middle School Youth and their kids are invited to this informational meeting. This is your opportunity to meet Middle School Youth Leaders, David and Cheryl Draper. The schedule for the first half of the year will be reviewed and their vision for the program will be shared. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and this is also where parents can make suggestions and volunteer to assist in the program.

### MSYG Overnight Retreat

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

*Calumet Lutheran Camp, Ossipee, NH*

Start planning for the Middle School Youth Overnight Retreat at Calumet Lutheran Camp on beautiful Lake Ossipee. Campfire on Friday night. Low ropes and climbing wall on Saturday along with workshops and lots of fun. Reserve the date. Cost will be \$32/person. More information to come.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Well, it's hard to believe summer is almost over. There is a silver lining, though... the return of Senior High Youth Group! Some awesome stuff is already planned for the fall and the youth leaders are excited for YOU to be there and be involved!!

### Sunday, September 18

*Last Beach Party of the Season (12:30 to 7:00 PM)*

Last Beach Party of the Summer! The youth will head to the beach and then to a cookout at the Pilkington house. Meet at church with a bag lunch, beach gear, and a side dish or dessert to share for dinner.



Pick up back at church at 7:00 PM. Please sign up on the poster on youth bulletin board in Luther Hall so that transportation can be arranged depending on the number of youth signed up.

### Sunday, September 25

*Fall Kick-Off Meeting with Parents and Teens (12:30PM)*

Come and meet the youth leaders, hear about what's planned for the year, and get your questions answered. The youth leaders would love to meet each and every one of you — returning youth and the new freshmen and their parents, too!

For the rest of the fall, plans are to get together the first Sunday of each month for *GraceBook* from 4:30 to 7:00 PM (meal included) and the third Sunday of each month for a fellowship or service event typically after third service. Other events will include some fundraising activities to prepare for the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. Make a space in those busy calendars — you won't want to miss what God has in store for you this year!

## YARD SALE DONATIONS

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

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** The youth need items to sell and are looking to the congregation for donations. Call church office at 781-275-6013 to arrange a time to drop off your donations. 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!*



# CHRISTIAN FINE ARTS

*Opportunities to Learn, Serve, and Proclaim!*

## ...AND WE'RE BACK!

There were many lessons learned on the recent mission trip to Hungary. Both for the 47 who went and the many people with whom they worked in Sárvár. One of the most important lessons was that every person in a congregation should make an offering of their talents and abilities. This was a very foreign concept to the people of Sárvár as it sometimes is to each of us. The Hungarians really felt that they were not "good enough" to present anything. The team quickly learned that they were indeed "good enough" and in some ways superior to them. When people feel inferior they back away from doing anything out of fear. Then nothing is accomplished, the Gospel is not proclaimed, and Satan wins. Let's have a year where each and every one takes Paul's words seriously, *"I can do everything through Him (Christ) who strengthens me."* Phil 4:13. Please take time to look at the opportunities to serve not only on this page but throughout this entire epistle and jump in! There are no sign-ups or auditions for anything on this page. Just come to the first meeting or rehearsal listed or talk to Vianna Pilkington personally.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Thursday Club is an afterschool program for youngsters in Grades 1 through 8 that meets every Thursday starting September 22 from 3:00 PM until 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Young people arrive any time from 3:00 until 3:45 PM depending on when their school gets out. Together the youngsters do crafts, enjoy snack, read Bible stories, play outdoor games, participate in music, have homework help, and go on field trips. Part of the music program includes Savior Singers which is the LCS youth choir. They sing the second Sunday of every month starting in October. There is no cost for this program. Your children are very much invited and welcome to participate as often as their schedules allow.

## WORSHIP CHOIR

Worship choir sings in first and third services weekly. Many participants sing in both services but you can sing in one or the other. Rehearsals are every Thursday night at 7:30 PM beginning September 8. All voices will be joyfully accepted but more first sopranos are really needed this year. Three have moved away this summer. Each year begins with a cookout, so bring a dish to share and meat to grill at 6:00 PM to Fellowship Hall (in the event of rain) or the All Saints courtyard (if the sun is shining!). To start things off, there are two important services right out of the box so be sure to come on the 8th. See ya there!

## CHOIR ORIENTATION NIGHT

If you are considering joining the choir but have never before sung in a choir or it has been many years since you've tried, please come Wed, Sept 7 at 7:30 PM to the blue rehearsal room downstairs. There will be a chance to get to know each other and learn a little about music. This is not an audition and no one will be asked to sing alone. All those who came last year did indeed join the choir and have enjoyed serving their church through music ever since. Hopefully the same will be true for you, so please come and see what choir is all about.

## DRAMA TEAM

Hi gang... hope you've had a wonderful summer, but it's time to get back to work. It's an "ALL CALL" meeting for Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 AM downstairs in the blue rehearsal room. Vianna will write the first skits for Rally Day, September 18. Partners will be chosen for the Sunday School puppet skits and first quarter materials will be distributed. There are also a couple of plays planned for later in the year which will be discussed. New thespians who would like to be part of this merry little group should come on the 17th... it would be great to have some new characters and faces!

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## TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Imagine that you have participated in a fashion makeover. You look beautiful, polished, and radiant. Cries of "You look amazing!" and "I can't believe it's you!" reach your ears—and you feel fantastic. Oh, yes, it's exciting, but that kind of transformation doesn't last long. By next week, the manicure will be chipped. By next month, the shoes will look scuffed. The elegant dress will last a little longer, but by next year, it will be out of date.

**Divine Design: 40 Days of Spiritual Makeover** will lead you through a different kind of transformation: an alteration of attitude. Your journey through these pages will, by God's grace, enable you to experience a spiritual makeover that will transform your heart. This renovation of character will not become chipped, scuffed, or passé. Through God's free gift of faith in Jesus, you possess the garment of salvation: the robe of righteousness and eternal life with God. He has begun a spiritual makeover in you! This eight-week Bible study contains true stories and encouragement that will change you, transform you, and make you new!

Join the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group beginning Tuesday, September 6th for a brunch and time of fellowship. Books will be distributed that day and the study will begin September 13th. For more information or to sign up so that there will be a book for you, contact Jennifer Gierke at 978-667-8717 or [pgierke@verizon.net](mailto:pgierke@verizon.net).

# SEPTEMBER 2011

*Lutheran Church  
of the Savior*

## MONTHLY PLANNER

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 <b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> 8:30 and 10:00 AM <b>SECRETARY ON VACATION</b>	5	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Council 7:00 PM	7 Preschool Classroom Set Up Choir Orientation 7:30 PM	8 Preschool Set Up Quilts 9:30 AM Senior Lunch 12:00 PM Worship Choir Potluck 6:00 PM	9 Sprinkler Inspection 8:00 AM Preschool Orientation 9:30–11:45 AM	10 Women's Guild Brunch 10:00 AM
11 <b>INSTALLATION SERVICE / RECEPTION</b> 10:00 AM	12 First day of Preschool	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	14	15 Worship Choir 7:30 PM	16 Adult Singles Bible Study 7:00 PM (or 6:30 PM and bring your dinner)	17 Drama Team 10:00 AM
18 <b>RALLY DAY</b> 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 AM worship Senior High and Middle School Activities	19 Bedford VA Hospital Visit 7:00 PM	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Fellowship/Outreach 7:00 PM	21	22 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Worship Choir 7:30 PM	23	24 <b>OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK</b> for the entire family 6:30–9:00 PM
25 <b>CFM CORPORATE BOARD MEETING</b> <i>after third service</i> Senior High and Middle School Meetings	26	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM	28	29 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Worship Choir 7:30 PM	30 Henning/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM <b>WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT</b>	1 Henning/Johnson Wedding 3:00 PM
2 Senior High Youth GraceBook 4:30 PM <b>WOMEN'S RETREAT</b>	3	4 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Council 7:00 PM	5	6 Thursday Club 3:00 PM Savior Singers 4:30 PM Worship Choir 7:30 PM	7	8

### 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

Post-Confirmation 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 AM

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

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

**Altar Flowers** Linda Ballenthin 781/862-4179  
**Altar Guild** Peggy Browne 781/275-1785  
**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

**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  
**Hosts & Visitation** Patricia Connery 781/275-6013  
**Sunday School**  
**Coordinator** Nancy DeLory 850/517-6406

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**SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 P. Connery  
 The Gierke Family  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Christine DeBruzzi  
 10:00 Katharine Wellner  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Chip VanderBrug  
 & Vinnie Cammarano  
 10:00 Bill MacLeod &  
 Harry Gennis  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Dan Hagopian,  
 Steve Roller,  
 Sean Carpenter  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Carole Friedman  
 & Bette Hoyt  
 10:00 Sunny Thompson  
 & Bette Hoyt  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 M. & D. DeLory  
**NURSERY**  
 10:00 Dale Hernquist  
 Katharine Wellner  
**USHERS**  
 10:00 Bob Browne,  
 Patrick Gordon,  
 Sunny Thompson,  
 & Ken Scheyder  
**HOSTS**  
 10:00 John and Linda  
 Berlinghoff  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert  
**ONE SERVICE ONLY  
 AT 10:00 AM  
 WITH INSTALLATION  
 OF REV. TESKE**

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 J. & K. MacLauchlan  
 JJ & L. Sakey  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 Christine DeBruzzi  
 10:00 Beth Parker  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Carl Froebel &  
 Paul Strobel  
 10:00 Sunny Thompson  
 & Bill Hurley  
 11:15 Dave Hopkins  
 & Ken Scheyder  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 8:30 Paul Gierke,  
 Dan Hagopian,  
 & Mark Struss  
 11:15 Tom McCormick,  
 Andrew Leonard,  
 & Mike Cebry  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Janet Guenther  
 & John DeBruzzi  
 10:00 Roger Parker &  
 Janet Davis  
 11:15 Andrew & Katie  
 Leonard  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**FLOWERS**  
 C. Friedman  
**NURSERY**  
 8:30 LoriAnn O'Brien  
 10:00 Cathie Petersen  
**USHERS**  
 8:30 Richard Sparks  
 & Mark Struss  
 10:00 Betsy Sylvia &  
 Sharon Cummings  
 11:15 Dale Hernquist  
 & Stephen Scaer  
**COMMUNION SERVANTS**  
 10:00 Patrick Kenneally  
 & Don Rodgers  
**HOSTS**  
 8:30 Bob & Peggy Browne  
 10:00 Chris & Cathie Petersen  
 11:15 Jim & Lori Eggert  
**VISITATION**  
**COORDINATOR**  
 Karen Hergert

**SPECIAL  
 SEPTEMBER  
 SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 11th**  
 one combined service  
 only at 10:00 AM with  
 the installation of the  
 new Intentional Interim  
 Pastor, Rev. Martin Teske  
*Luncheon reception to follow  
 in the Family Life Center*  
**Sunday, June 18th**  
 Rally Day /  
 Education Sunday  
 resume three-service  
 schedule with  
 Liturgical worship  
 at 8:30 & 11:15 AM  
 and Contemporary  
 worship at 10:00 AM  
*Sunday school and adult  
 Bible study at 10:00 AM*  
*High school and adult  
 Bible study at 11:15 AM*

# A Message from the Congregation President



Greetings in Christ. This summer I had the privilege of traveling to Sárvár, Hungary as part of the Hungary Mission Team where we spent many hours in the Word, in prayer, and in song.

**Psalm 108:3** *“I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.”*

Each morning began with devotions and prayer and it is fitting to begin this month in the same fashion. As a congregation we look forward to new opportunities this coming year with a new pastor to walk with us in working through the transition that God has planned for us. The constant in this journey is God — just, true, and good with His plan already set in place. That is not to say that it will not be without its challenges as change often is. As with everything, we seek God in prayer. My prayer is that each of us...

**Proverbs 3:5-6** *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

With our trust in God and our hearts turned toward Him, we are freed and enabled to do whatever tasks are placed before us. Our spirit should reflect the Spirit of God within us.

**Colossians 3:23** *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”*

And God will indeed bless this congregation in ways we cannot even imagine. My challenge to the mission team and now also to you is to live each day in the Word and in prayer — to follow the example laid out in these passages from Scripture and live wholly to God every day. As you daily walk God’s path for you, be always mindful to circle back to the beginning passage and praise the Lord — to then start the cycle again. And God will bless us all as we walk these paths together — in His way, in His time, and with His strength.

— Paul Gierke, Congregation President

## A Note from Our Seminary Student

Dear Friends at LCS:

Whew! That’s what I’m thinking after a busy summer! School was out at the end of May, and shortly after celebrating Kayla’s 2nd birthday in early June, it was out to Boston for Air Force Reserve duty. It was wonderful to be with you and be able to preach before heading home for the beginning of July. After the 4th, we headed to Michigan to visit my family, and while there I preached at my childhood congregation in Sturgis, Mich. We were back in St. Louis for a week, celebrated my birthday, and it was back to Boston for a couple of weeks. My family and I enjoyed seeing everyone, and I was so blessed to be able to be there and be with you all for Pastor’s Oien last weekend.



Unexpectedly, my trip back home was accelerated a bit. With a flight planned for Friday evening, I was receiving calls from Angela that Kayla had been in and out of the Emergency Room most of the day Thursday with severe stomach pain. A late night call brought news that they had discovered a larger tumor on her ovary (which may or may not have been the source of the pain) and they were going to perform emergency surgery that evening. Another late night phone call brought word that the surgery would wait until Friday afternoon.

Thankfully, I was able to get on the first flight back to St. Louis Friday morning and make it in time for the surgery. They successfully removed a softball-sized tumor from Kayla’s tiny two-year old belly, and told us that while it didn’t appear malignant, they couldn’t know for certain until the oncology results were back in a week. A few days prior to my writing this note, we heard the most beautiful word parents can hear when facing this situation: the tumor was “benign.” This was certainly a huge relief and an answer to our prayers. Please pray for Kayla’s and our family’s continued health!

We made it home from the hospital the day before Angela’s birthday and are happy to report Kayla is bouncing back quickly. She’s having a few issues, but each day is better and she’s nearly back to her old self. We recently celebrated Jacob’s birthday with some of his friends at Chuck E. Cheese’s and he had a blast. As I write this, tomorrow will be August 15th and I will start my vicarage at Our Savior Lutheran in St. Charles, Mo. We are very excited about this ministry opportunity in the coming year and pray it is filled with great blessings. We also wish you all the best and thank you again for your support.

— In Christ, Mike Fieberkorn

# STEWARDSHIP

Next to January, September is probably one of the biggest and busiest start-over months in the year. Summer, which often brings a natural slowing of the pace of life, is over. A number of congregational ministries which may have been on a summer break, start-up again. A new school year begins. It is interesting to note that September opens with Labor Day, a time when you each pause to thank God for honest and fruitful labor. Perhaps that's appropriate since things pick up after vacations and other summer activities and many often feel as though they have more opportunities for service.

September also marks the beginning of autumn which may bring a welcome change for many people who this past summer were impacted by a record number of tornados, serious flooding, heat and drought that broke many records, along with wild fires that caused so much destruction.

In spite of all these natural disasters, God still richly blessed much of our country with seasonable weather so that seedtime and harvest prevailed, and the activities of agriculture, commerce and transportation continued. The earth was fruitful and yielded its bounty to supply food for all of God's creatures. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

God's stewards appreciate new opportunities to start over again after life has become like a long, hot summer. In September God's faithful stewards can get involved with new and exciting volunteer activities in their churches and communities. In September students can begin their next best year of learning. In September churches and schools can get involved with some of the most exciting ministries in their history. A fresh start is always appreciated. The past is behind you; the future is in front of you; but the present is where you do your work as God's stewards. God has some great things in mind for you as His stewards. He wants us you to use your talents, your time, your resources and your relationships in ways that honor Him and bring blessings to those around you.

Sometimes you may feel like you just can't get started! You may feel inadequate to take on new challenges. You may remember when you have tried a bold venture before that perhaps didn't quite work out. Chase those negative thoughts away by remembering words like these from a well-known hymn:

*Let none hear you idly saying,  
"there is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying  
and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me." (LSB 826)*

The work of the Lord takes many forms. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities to put your time, talents and resources to work for the Lord and His people, and when those opportunities appear before you, ask the Lord for guidance and **GO FOR IT!**

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

# CENTRAL FOOD MINISTRY (CFM)

The summer has flown by at the mission in Lowell and many of the clients continue to struggle to put food on the table and pay their bills. Recent statistics released report that 20% of families are unable to afford enough food and that children are the most vulnerable to food insecurity. CFM is working hard to help these families in the Lowell community and throughout the region.

CFM was truly blessed with summer help from a range of children from the LCS congregation to college students to grand-children to nieces and nephews and more. They each loved "working the line" which is putting the food orders into boxes to distribute to families. They also enjoyed sorting and displaying all the wonderful donations that come from church. CFM was also blessed with an abundance of school supplies and backpacks from the children who attended VBS this summer as well as the congregation. A total of 130 backpacks have been distributed as of the printing of this epistle but materials still keeping coming so it's not the end!

With fall in the air thoughts turn to the needs of the homeless clients. A stock of blankets and comforters (or old sleeping bags) will be extremely helpful to them as the weather cools down. These clients are also in need of basic personal care items so if you can stop by the Dollar Store, or watch your local flyer, the volunteers can put together small bags for the homeless with items like soap, small shampoos, disposable razors, small shaving cream, tooth-brushes, toothpastes, combs, socks and can openers (small size items are perfect).

Let's keep the personal care item theme going and ask for shampoo, conditioner and soap for the CFM Open Van Sunday donations for the month of September. All donations may be placed in the back of van directly or in the mission bin downstairs at church.

As always, if you would like to volunteer at Central Food Ministry, please do not hesitate to call Jude DeHart, director, at 781-271-1184 (home) or 978-453-4920 (CFM).



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League / LCS Women's Guild

*Join these Lutheran Women in Mission who are... in the Word, of the Word and walking with the Lord.*

### QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thursday, September 8 • 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM • Fellowship Hall  
Calling all hands to lay out, pin and tie as we assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. When? Before the Senior Luncheon on Thursday, September 8 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Thanks to Joyce Krouse and Carolyn Cook, many quilts were put together during the winter months. This summer, Amelia Moritz, Carole Friedman, Sam Hagman, Bette Hoyt, Sheila Gillen and Carolyn Lawson made two quilts for the homeless at CFM and three for World Relief but there is more to be done for the need is great. Quilts are used for clothing, sleeping, room dividers, shrouds. Your hands can also do God's work in helping others... it's very easy! Contact Carolyn Lawson 781-894-6243 or Amelia Moritz 781-942-1961 for information or just show up on Thursday, September 8!

### ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD BRUNCH

#### ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

Saturday, September 10 • 10:00 AM • Fellowship Hall  
Please come for a wonderful brunch to kick off the year... the theme of this year's brunch is "Every Apron Has a Story". Come, bring and share your apron story or just come to listen as others tell how a special apron has been a part of their history — some are used in their profession, such a baker, while others were received as a gift from someone they loved, such as a mother, grandmother, favorite aunt, sister or friend. Don't worry if you do not have an apron or a story to tell, there are plenty of other reason to come — to enjoy good food, fellowship, and time spent with other sisters in Christ!

Devotions: Kathy Schnitger  
Hostesses: The LWML Board

Mission donation of the month is toilet paper (*as part of an ongoing mission effort, we ask each woman to bring the suggested mission donation of the month*) to be sent to the Central Food Ministry.

### 2011-2012 MISSION PROJECT

This year's mission project will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. Each kit contains one bath towel 52" x 72" (preferred dark), two bars of bath soap, one sturdy comb, one toothbrush and one metal nail clipper (with or without attached file).

### LWML-NED FALL RETREAT

This year's LWML-NED Fall Retreat will be held at the Holiday Inn, Enfield, Conn., October 28-29, 2011. The theme is "Chocolate Boutique" where women taste and see that the Lord is good. Registration fee is \$40.00 if postmarked by 9/27/11; late registration from 9/27/11 thru 10/28/11 is \$45.00. See Peggy Wang for more information and registration form or go to [www.lwml-ned.org](http://www.lwml-ned.org).

## PARENTING SEMINAR: SAVE THE DATE!

### 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.

More details and registration information will be mailed to parents' home later this month.

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

# PARTNERS IN MISSION

## *Here, There and Everywhere!*

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** — Join us at noon on Thursday, September 8th as we resume our monthly Senior Luncheon. Since Open Arms will have not have started the year yet, we won't be hearing from the little ones. However, we will have a short devotion prepared and given by our new Intentional Interim Pastor, Rev. Martin Teske. 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 volunteers are scheduled to serve the following Thursday evenings — September 22 and November 17 this year and January 19, March 15, and May 17 next year. Volunteers help from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to help others with a small time commitment! Interested volunteers should contact Lesley Sakey (781-275-2754) or call the church 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 — September 19th. 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 September, the collection will be donations of shampoo, conditioner and soap. 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.

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## Concordia College to Host LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison and Other Notable Speakers in November Events

Concordia College-New York is pleased to welcome LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison and a host of important voices in our Church to its campus on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, 2011. Both events will be held in the Sommer Center for Worship and the Performing Arts on Concordia's campus, located at 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, N.Y.

The Friday, November 4th event will feature a Town Hall meeting hosted by President Harrison, who will speak and address questions from audience members. Attendees who wish to come and meet President Harrison are encouraged to bring along questions. The Town Hall event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to all interested people.

The headline event, a full-day, "One-Day Seminary", is Saturday, November 5. Join a distinguished panel of Lutheran scholars as they address provocative topics in an academic setting. This is a great opportunity for audience members to meet and engage the speakers in dialogue.

The One-Day Seminary will run from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes lunch. There is a \$25 Conference fee for adults and admission is free for college-age and younger students.

### Featured Speakers and Topics

- Rev. Matthew Harrison - President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
*"Is the LCMS thriving, or just surviving?"*
- Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer - President, Concordia Seminary - St. Louis, Mo.  
*"What's a Church to do in a pluralistic culture?"*
- Rev. Dr. David P. Scaer - Chairman of Systematic Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary - Fort Wayne, Ind.  
*"What side of the bed should the Church get up on? The Tea Party or The New York Times?"*
- Rev. Dean Nadasdy - Senior Pastor, Woodbury Lutheran Church - Woodbury, Minn.  
*"Does what happens in the pulpit make a difference in the pews?"*
- Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor - Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Bronx, N.Y.  
*"Can a Christian be a Socialist?"*

For more information or to register for these events, please contact Rev. Greg Dwyer, Director of Church Relations, at 914.337.9300, x2198 or email [gregory.dwyer@concordia-ny.edu](mailto:gregory.dwyer@concordia-ny.edu). To register online, visit <http://concordiaevent.org/ods>.

# ACTIVITIES ABOUND AT LCS

## with Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone of All Ages



### OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The first major fellowship event of the season will once again be an Oktoberfest Potluck on Saturday, September 24th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Take a break from yard work and bring the whole family to enjoy some great pot luck dishes, listen to German “oompah” music, possibly bob for apples, and drink fresh root beer from a keg (ice cream for root beer floats, too!!) or bottled birch beer for those who prefer. Nothing says fall quite like an Oktoberfest — a great time of fellowship and fun! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please indicate how many are coming and what you are planning to bring — main dish, side dish or dessert. The food can either be German or your fall favorite!!

## 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 will have the congregation 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.



## 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.

*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, Nancy Kelly, or Gwen Paquette.*