

The joy is in the journey!

◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

April, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

ABLAZE is an initiative to ignite 1,000,000 hearts with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The target date is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation—2017. Over the next 12 years, a world-wide effort is being made by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and 33 of its partner churches around the globe. A visit to the ABLAZE web site shows that so far 74,072 hearts have been touched by the Gospel.

There is good news from Kenya. Scott and Miriam Yakinow have started the newest Mission Training Center (MTC) in East Africa. It has just opened in Rupbuot, a small village near Nasir in the Eastern Upper Nile region of Southern Sudan. Christians in Sudan have been under severe persecution by the Moslem government in the north. It is important that church buildings be constructed so that the people know the church is there to stay. All the building supplies were transported on January 19, 2005, to the region in the company of Evangelist Simon Gatluak Geng, who will be the MTC leader in the region and who has been working with us for three years. This is an exciting new region for expansion of the work, and it is already reported that almost 20 new Lutheran congregations have 'sprung up.' Pray that these will become well-rooted congregations that do not 'wither under the heat of the sun'.

Our Savior's Way will be joining this world wide effort by reaching out in our own community and supporting mission efforts overseas. Two important opportunities in which you can take part are coming soon. We invite you to attend the following training sessions: "Crossing Cultures—Reaching the People of Our Community" will be held on April 9, 23, and May 7 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield, Virginia. The presenters are Marck Joeckel and Lloyd Gaines. The registration fee is \$150 per person and the **registration deadline is March 31**. "SG2—Strategic Growth for Small Groups" will be held on May 20 and 21 at Prince of Peace in Springfield. The Presenter is Dwight Marable. The cost to attend the live location at Prince of Peace is \$100 per person plus \$70 per congregation for the manual. The cost to attend one of the off-site locations is \$50 per person plus \$70 per congregation for the manual. **The registration deadline is May 10.**

If you are a small group leader or a member of a small group, I especially

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—Today's Sunday School Lesson
- Women's Bible Study—*A Woman's Journey Through Psalms*, led by Sally Mann
- Parent Support Group, led by Rob Worrell;

Shared Interest

Kids Play Group

Meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in the homes of the participants. Contact Traci Benedict at 703-729-7256

Dinner Out Once-a-Month

This group meets for dinner and fellowship once a month at a local restaurant.

Bible Breakfast Group

Meets for breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study at 9:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Sponsored by the Board of Elders.

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In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Karen Van Bremen, at the death of her brother-in-law; Leigh Adair, at the death of her father; Jim Elliott, at the death of his mother; Cindy Reed, Shirley Brown and Scott Vivian, recovering from surgery; Ginny Holmes; Shirley Jackson, Terry Ramey's aunt diagnosed with cancer; Randal Schoppa, as he prepares to move to Texas; Cliff Olsen (LCEF Laborer for Christ), undergoing cancer treatment; Kathy Policaro; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Barb Tanner; Larry Havener; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; Ryan Holt; mother and mother-in-law of Chadney Grant; mothers of Nat Kidder, Henry Wessell, Angela Rabena, Carol Tanner, Joe Kumke, and Teresa Lopez; fathers of John Breese, Veronica Brett, Bonnie Stith and Claudia Hernandez; sister of Carolyn Nulf; uncle of Liz Sitter; Esther Grant, with serious heart problems.

Would you like to be included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Jean Kayden at PrayerChain@oswlc.org

recommend the training sessions on small groups. I plan to attend. Please let me know if you would like to come along.

In His love,
Pastor Bill Mann

Futures Committee

The Congregational Meeting in March gave the go-ahead to the Futures/ Building Committee to continue the design phase of the new building. Over the next two months, the basic floor plan that has been worked out will be further refined and lighting, sound, electrical, heating and air conditioning plans added.

The plans include:

- Sanctuary with seating for 450-500
- Preschool with 4 rooms and office
- Basement with additional education rooms and meeting space
- Elevator connecting upper and lower floors

The Futures Committee has set up the following time schedule:

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| Jan-May '05 | Design Phase |
| May-Dec '05 | Building Permit & Site Plan Review |
| Sept-Oct '05 | 3-Year Capital Fund Drive Begins |
| Jan-Apr '06 | Bidding by Contractors |
| March '06 | Construction Begins |
| Spring '06 | Occupancy Permit |

One issue that keeps coming up is the need for a larger kitchen and fellowship area. These are not included in the plans presented by the Futures Committee. Here is why:

- The September Congregational Meeting gave the Futures Committee the primary assignment of designing a sanctuary.
- Since the Great Room will become the fellowship area, it does not make sense to locate a large kitchen next to the sanctuary.
- The present kitchen can only be expanded and made larger at the expense of a classroom.
- A classroom which is being used for ministry every day of the week seemed to be a better use of space than a large kitchen that would be used several times per year.
- A large kitchen can be included in future plans for remodeling and expanding the fellowship area.

The Futures Committee values the input from all members of the congregation. We invite you to attend any Building Committee meeting.

Clean-Up At Leesburg Mission Property

Bob Stith is organizing a cleanup party for the Leesburg Mission property on Rt. 15 by Woodlea Manor on **April 16th**. Work will **begin at 8:30 am**. So far Bob has several volunteers and the commitment of one tractor with a bucket and a bush hog. At least one to three more tractors and lots of able-bodied individuals are still needed. If you have some heavy equipment or if you want to volunteer to help, please email Bob at: bsnav@adelphia.net or call him during the day at (703) 907-1990 or in the evening at (703) 669-0625. After a hard day's work, everyone is invited back to the Stith's house for hot dogs and hamburgers. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Tuesday AM Bible Study

This study of Paul's second letter to Timothy continues through April. Join us each Tuesday at **10:00 AM** in the Conference Room at church.

The Gospel Of Luke

Join us on the **first and third evening of the month at 7:30 pm** as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome.

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Study and Support

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the church on the **first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion. Current study: *The Book of Luke*.

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario on the **second & fourth Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion. Current study: *The Power of We*.

Additional Small Groups are meeting at the homes of:

Dave and Rhonda Labuhn in Leesburg. Call 703-737-0323 for more information. John and Judith Tyson in Sterling. Call 703-444-4584.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

For more information, talk with Bob Stith (703-669-0625) or Lee Hubert (703-726-8192).

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Group

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Current Study: 2 Timothy

Bulletin Folders

Volunteers fold Sunday's bulletin every Friday morning at 10:30 am.

Garden Club/Work Day

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at church from 9:00 am until noon to do gardening and repair work around the church.

Altar Guild

Preparation of the altar for Sunday Worship. Groups of three serve together.

Couples Small Group

Come for friendship, discussion and support as we gather to share our faith and discuss its application to daily life. Right now the group is starting a video-based series called "The Power of We." Meet at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario on the **second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm**.



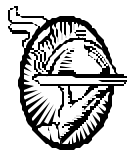
ANNIVERSARIES
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/2 Robert and Sol Vega
- 4/5 Bill and Karin Appel
- 4/6 Bruce and Lynn Granger
- 4/8 Craig and Stephanie Buckley
- 4/12 Ralph and Eunice Wiechmann
- 4/13 Dave and Debi Lair
- 4/15 Scott and Jana Meisinger
- 4/17 Peter and Stacey Danielson
- 4/17 Lee Hubert and Jane Missel
- 4/26 Harry and Janice Butts

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Andrew McMinn
- 4/1 Laura Worrell
- 4/2 Mark Harding
- 4/2 Jared Lupia
- 4/3 Keagan Bragg
- 4/4 Lance Sitter
- 4/5 Cailey Oswald
- 4/5 Laura Zanardi
- 4/6 Evan McMinn
- 4/9 Sydney Huth
- 4/9 Phil Schneider
- 4/9 Marilyn Tousley
- 4/10 Linda Jessup
- 4/10 Paul Mitchell
- 4/11 Quincy Cuthbert
- 4/13 Jordan Pohl
- 4/14 Sherri Battershell
- 4/14 Justin Fadgen
- 4/14 Lauren Germinario
- 4/15 Matt Gordy
- 4/17 Daphne Becker
- 4/17 Robert Vega
- 4/18 Stephanie Rolf
- 4/18 Rachel Schneider
- 4/19 Amy Hart
- 4/19 Joe Lupia
- 4/19 Lexy Slone
- 4/20 Lynn Kruelle
- 4/21 Jeff Nulf
- 4/21 Robert Zschoche
- 4/22 Kyle May
- 4/22 Phillip Yocom
- 4/23 Bailey Looney
- 4/23 Heather Novak
- 4/24 Heather Ketron
- 4/25 Meredith Scarborough
- 4/26 Christopher Isakson
- 4/26 Amy May
- 4/26 Doug Stowell

Adult Dinner Out Group



The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet on **Sunday, May 1st, at 5:30 pm.** See the bulletin board for details and the sign-up sheet.

Overnight Housing Needed

On **April 15th** at Our Savior's Way, the Concert Choir of Lutheran High Northwest, from Rochester Hills, Michigan will be performing a concert of sacred music under the theme of "All that Hath Life & Breath Praise Ye the Lord!" The choir is composed of 51 students from grades 10-12. The group has toured to Chicago and New York in past years and is looking forward to coming to Washington, DC. Homes are needed to house choir members for Friday night. As a host your responsibility would be to bring the student or students home with you after the concert Friday night, feed them breakfast on Saturday morning and deliver them back to the church. If you are interested in being a host family, call Pat Morales at 703-724-0797

Ladies' Day Out In Lancaster, PA
Saturday, September 17th

Schedule:
 9:00 am Depart from church on bus
 1:00 pm See "Ruth" at Sight & Sound Theatre
 4:00 pm Dinner at Good & Plenty Restaurant
 9:00 pm Return to church
 Cost: \$68
 Only 15 adult tickets available. Call Sally Mann to reserve (703-729-2286). The 15 tickets will go to whoever pays Sally first. Checks payable to Sally Mann for \$68.

- 4/26 Laura Van Dyke
- 4/29 Brett Kreyer
- 4/29 Nicole Reiter

Call the church office at 703-858-9254 if your special date is missing from the birthday/anniversary lists.

April 15th Concert at OSW

On Friday, April 15th, at 7:30 pm you are invited to a FREE CONCERT at Our Savior's Way! Dessert will be served after the concert. The concert will be performed by a 50-voice Lutheran High School Choir from Michigan as part of their Spring Tour. This is a concert of sacred music called "All That Hath Life And Breath Praise Ye The Lord!" Come and bring your friends and neighbors.



March Baptisms

Natalie Elizabeth Sitter
McKinley Elizabeth Vincent

Bikes For The World

Do you have a bike that is taking up space in your basement or garage? Bikes for the World will be collecting bikes for distribution to third world countries on Sunday May 1st at Our Saviors Way. More details will follow in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

Darrell Scott Is Coming!

Mark your calendars! Darrell Scott, devout Christian and father of Columbine victim Rachel Scott, will be at OSW on Sunday May 22nd. Darrell is a phenomenal speaker and he will be sharing "Rachel's Story" with us. You will not want to miss this riveting presentation!! More details to follow.

Sunday AM
Women's Bible Study

This group **begins a new study, A Woman's Journey Through Psalms,** on **Sunday, April 10th at 9:30 am.** The group meets in Pastor Mann's office.



March

Michael and Barbara van der Biezen
Taylor and Jenna
From Living Savior Lutheran Church
Fairfax Station, VA

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Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

Open Arms Adm. Assistant

Christine McKinny

Bookkeeper

Carol Heuple

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Ed Yarbrough

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Mark Anton Mark Harding
Dave Labuhn Greg Lynch
Jim Merkle Peter Oswald
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Doug Stowell Johnnie Stubbs
Henry Wessell

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Barb Yarbrough, Rhonda Labuhn

Music Director

Sally Mann

Children's Music Director

Sara Carlin

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Celina Pass

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Finance

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Dave and Heather Ketron

Outreach Board

Corrado Dugo and Jim Sheehy

Properties Board

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Social Ministries

Mary Miller

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Worship

Terry Ramey

Youth Board

Bruce and Lynn Granger

Stephen Ministry

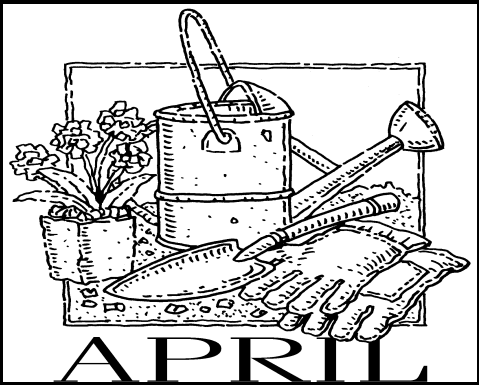
Carol Stowell

Volunteer Coordinator

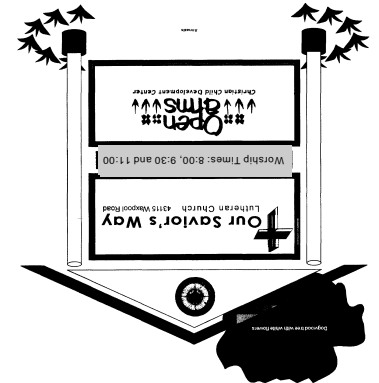
Denise Meyer

How to Become a Member of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church

- 1) Worship with the people of Our Savior's Way on Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am.
- 2) Participate in one of the Sunday School classes at 9:30 am on Sunday.
- 3) Transfer from another Lutheran Church by having a transfer letter sent from your former church.
- 4) If you are a new Christian, please speak to one of the Pastors about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 5) If you have questions about the life and ministry of Our Savior's Way, please phone the church office at 703-858-9254.



Come Worship with us Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

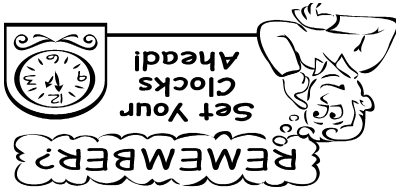


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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2:00 am Sunday, April 3rd



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Read Through The Bible

We challenge you to continue to read your Bible every day! You will be ætounded by the spiritual strength you will receive from the Word of God.

APRIL

- 1 Isaiah 25:1-9; Romans 1—3
- 2 Ps. 114; Romans 4—6
- 3 Ps. 115; Romans 7—9
- 4 Ps. 116; Romans 10—13
- 5 Ps. 117; Romans 14—16
- 6 Ps. 118; 1 Corinthians 1—3
- 7 Ps. 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4—6
- 8 Ps. 119:9-16; 1 Corinthians 7—9
- 9 Ps. 119:17-24; 1 Cor. 10—11
- 10 Ps. 119:25-32; 1 Cor. 12—14
- 11 Ps. 119:33-40; 1 Cor. 15—16
- 12 Ps. 119:41-48; 2 Cor. 1—4
- 13 Ps. 119:49-56; 2 Cor. 5—7
- 14 Ps. 119:57-64; 2 Cor. 8—10
- 15 Ps. 119:65-72; 2 Cor. 11—13
- 16 Ps. 119:73-80; Galatians 1—3
- 17 Ps. 119:81-88; Galatians 4—6
- 18 Ps. 119:89-96; Ephesians 1—3
- 19 Ps. 119:97-104; Ephesians 4—6
- 20 Ps. 119:105-112; Phil. 1—2
- 21 Ps. 119:113-120; Phil. 3—4
- 22 Ps. 119:121-128; Col. 1—2
- 23 Ps. 119:129-136; Col 3—4
- 24 Ps. 119:137-144; 1 Thes. 1—3
- 25 Ps. 119:145-152; 1 Thes. 4—5
- 26 Ps. 119:153-160; 2 Thes. 1—3
- 27 Ps. 119:161-168; 1 Timothy 1—3
- 28 Ps. 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 4—6
- 29 Ps. 120; 2 Timothy 1—2
- 30 Isaiah 25:1-9; 2 Timothy 3—4

Vacation Bible School



Our Savior's Way Vacation Bible School is coming! The Safari Adventure will take place the **1st through the 5th of August**, in an evening program running **from 5 to 8 PM**. We will use an excellent program developed by Concordia for the entire family—younger and older kids and adults—so plan on joining the Adventure with everyone! Christina Henley and Scott Tousley are on the hunt for a couple more master guides, and then all kinds of volunteers for all kinds of opportunities to help with this event. Save this week and come join us as we hunt for the Lord!



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Thanks to everyone who bought books at our Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success! We were able to raise \$3000 as well as provide several books for each classroom! Look for another book fair in the fall.

Looking ahead:

Mark your calendars for **May 6th from 7:00—9:00 pm**. The CDC Board will be hosting a **Family Movie Night** that evening. Join us for popcorn and fun! Bring a blanket to sit on and wear comfortable clothing. Look for a sign up sheet in the next two weeks.

The date for **Apple Fest** is **Saturday, September 24th**. Mark your calendar now so you will be able to join in the fun.

The CDC Board welcomes your ideas and is praying for additional support from OSW members. If you have a spot in your heart for caring for the needs of children, or if you have ideas and experiences on how to support a school and child care environment, please consider taking an hour or two each month to join us at our regular monthly meetings. These meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Our **next meeting is April 21st at 7:00 pm**. Even if you can't make it to our meetings, we hope that you will continue to support our efforts through prayer or by participation in the events that we sponsor. Please contact us if you have any questions about our plans and activities.

Celina Pass
CDC Board Chairperson

You are cordially invited to join the celebration at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's new building at

1133 Old Reston Avenue
Sunday, April 10, 2005 at 3 PM
Please RSVP to 703-437-5020

Parking available at
11579 Cedar Chase Road
across from the building parking lot.

Compassion Sunday

On **April 17th**, Amy Hart will have informational packets available from Compassion International for anyone who would like to sponsor a child living in a poor country anywhere in the world. If you have questions, call Amy at 703-450-6268.

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



K.I.D.S. is a fun and educational program of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The stamp program has been available at OSW since September. Children can buy 25 cent and \$1.00 savings stamps on two Sundays each month. Completed stamp books are sent to Lutheran Church Extension Fund, creating savings accounts in each child's name. K.I.D.S. teaches children the importance of saving and being a good steward while also furthering the Lord's work through LCEF loans for the building of churches, additions and schools. Stamps will be **available in April** on the **3rd and 17th after the 9:30 am service**.

Bring a friend or neighbor to **Friendship Sunday, April 10th**.

High School Virginia Beach Youth Encounter News

Eleven youth and three chaperones made the fantastic trip to Virginia Beach March 4-6, and the experience was a blessing for all. Everyone agreed that the highlight of the trip was our participation in a service project packing food for the "Feed My Starving Children" program. The group we participated with packaged over 12,000 rice meals in the first hour. Total for the day packaged by Youth Encounter was over 100,000 meals. In addition to helping package the food, our youth group gave a cash donation of \$250.00, which was the amount raised from the Valentine's Day rose sale. This project touched all of our hearts so deeply that the senior high youth group has decided to routinely raise and donate money to this cause. What a blessing to see Christ's love shown through our children, and to watch them grow into caring, compassionate and generous young adults. Thank you to the whole congregation for supporting us! Thank you to Pastor Ralph for his constant support (and his great driving skills, even with the tank on empty). We have a celebrity in our midst—Pastor Ralph won an award at the Encounter for having participated in the most Youth Encounter events!! Please continue to keep our youth and the OSW Youth program in your prayers. —Pat Morales and Linda Merkle

"A Labor Of Love"

Lutheran Church Extension Fund's **L**aborers **F**or **C**hrist program combines the construction of church-related facilities with spiritual renewal. LFC consists of dedicated Christian men and women who volunteer a portion of their retirement time to help our churches and schools reduce their construction costs. Since its inception in 1980, LFC has helped more than 650 LCMS organizations nationwide complete their building projects. *"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it."* 1 Corinthians 3:10

New Middle School Youth Activity

A new group for middle school youth is being formed. The group will meet at church on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month to provide an opportunity for youth to share fellowship with their friends. If you would like more information, please contact Lauren Germinario (703-723-0675) or Barb Jones (703-724-4894),

February Birth



Ashley London Westerfeld
February 25, 2005

Outreach Ministry Update

Corrado Dugo has agreed to take on the role of Coordinator for the Care Ministry initiative at OSW. The training on March 4-6 went well, with over 30 members of the congregation in attendance at one of the three training sessions (Church Leader/Team Leader/Team Member). Team leaders practiced their new skills during our Easter services. Team members will begin using their skills on **Friendship Sunday, April 10th**. The Outreach Committee is also putting together some special hand-out bags for first time attendees that Sunday. The committee is still collecting umbrellas in good condition that can be used to greet people on Sundays when we have inclement weather.

At its January meeting, the Outreach Committee defined its role as making evangelistic outreach the first priority of Our Savior's Way. Care Ministry was the first of three initiatives proposed for 2005. The second one is to have our high school youth design a Saturday evening service that would attract their friends and others in their age group. The third initiative is to offer a regular series of Parents' Night Out programs to the community at large. OSW would provide babysitting/child care to parents who would like to take time off. The second and third initiatives will be presented to the Church Council at future meetings.



High School Youth Activities



Friday, April 1st
Deadline for deposit for Service Project trip to Tennessee.

Saturday, April 9th, 7:30-10:30 pm
Lasertag

Leave from church at 7:30pm. Cost: \$11 for unlimited Lasertag. Sign up on bulletin board or call Linda Merkle at 703-669-4546.

Friday, April 15th

Host visiting Lutheran High School concert singers

Middle School Youth Activity

Sunday, April 3, 7:00—8:30 pm
ABLAZE For Christ

Meet at church for pizza and free time fellowship with friends.

For questions about youth activities, contact Bruce or Lynn Granger at 703-669-2644.

Three Isolated Country Preachers

Most of us have heard the story of the three isolated country preachers (all non-Lutheran, of course), who went on a retreat to form a mutual support system. Each one agreed to confess his most difficult and troublesome besetting sin so that the group could offer absolution, encouragement, and support. The first preacher confessed with evident shame that he struggled mightily with greed, and that occasionally he had misappropriated congregational petty cash for his own use. The second preacher confessed to his great shame that he struggled with lust and pornography, and that he had a collection of dirty magazines in his desk drawer. The third preacher, evidently energized by what he heard, confessed gleefully that his besetting sin was gossip, and, he said, "I can't wait to get home!"

