

The joy is in the journey!

# ◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

December, 2005

## FROM THE PASTOR...

Life is full of Good News and Bad News. The Good News of December, of course, is the celebration of our Savior's birth. I pray this Christmas season brings you plenty of Good News and very little Bad News. Here are some Good News/Bad News moments that one of our members sent me on the email:

Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river.  
Bad News: You lost two of them in the swift current.

Good News: The women's group voted to send you a get-well card.  
Bad News: The vote passed by 31-30.

Good News: The Staff Relations Committee accepted your job description the way you wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it that they asked the district president to send a new pastor capable of filling the position.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.  
Bad News: You were on vacation.

Good News: Your biggest critic just left your community.  
Bad News: He has been appointed as your district president.

Good News: The youth of the church came to your house for a visit.  
Bad News: It was in the middle of the night and they were armed with toilet paper and shaving cream.

Good News: The Church Council has agreed to send you to the Holy Land for study.

Bad News: They are waiting for war to break out before sending you.

The Good News at Our Savior's Way is that attendance is up, the church continues to grow and disciples are being made for Jesus Christ. Judging from the pledges that are coming in, the congregation is committed to the building pro-

In Our Prayers We Ask the Lord to Bless

Leo Lemley, father of Susan Thistlethwaite; Sharon Iglesias; Allison Yowell; Sister of Linda Merkle; Kelley O'Dell; Phil Schneider; Sam Grant; Donnie Tiaga; Reid Farmer and Mark Weinrich, deployed to Iraq; Scott Vivian; Kathy Policaro; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; mother and mother-in-law of Chadney Grant; Mothers of Jean Kayden, Karen Rippe, Nat Kidder, Carol Tanner, and Joe Kumke; Fathers of Paul Hawthorne, Andy Wessell, John Breese, Bonnie Stith; Sister of Carolyn Nulf; Esther Grant and the Grant families.

Would you like to be included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Jean Kayden at [Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org](mailto:Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org)

## Tender Loving Care GROUPS

### Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

#### **Bible Classes For Adults**

- Pastor's Bible Study—
- Today's Bible Readings
- Women's Bible Study—  
Current Study: Finding Joy
- Parent Support Group

#### **Shared Interest**

#### ***Kids Play Group***

Meets on Mondays at 9:30 am 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. No meeting this month.

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### **Advent Services**



Midweek Advent Services began Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and will continue each Wednesday at 7:30 pm through December 21st. Come for this meaningful and devotional evening as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Take Christ out of Christmas, and December becomes the bleakest and most colorless month of the year.

A. F. Wells

gram we hope to begin in 2006. The Bad News is that costs are increasing and challenges continue to arise that must be overcome. I would like to say thank you to all of you who have been supporting the Building Program, especially the support we've received from the Building God's Kingdom Cabinet under the leadership of Rick Burtner, the Church Council under the leadership of Ed Yarbrough, the Building Committee under the leadership of Phil Jones and the Board of Elders under the leadership of Joe Carlin. The Good News is that, with God's help, the plans for our new church are moving forward.

As a pastor who has been privileged to participate in three church building programs in the past, I know that the success of a church building program isn't found in the dimensions of wood, brick, or stone. It's found in the solid foundation formed by people working together in harmony and unity toward a common purpose. At Our Savior's Way we are blessed with wonderful people that God has brought to this fellowship. We know the church is not the building, it is the people. And what sets the people of Our Savior's Way apart is this: they are a giving, self-sacrificing people who have an unparalleled commitment to their Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to go the extra mile! I'm proud of you for that!

Thank you for your commitment to the Lord and your willingness to serve Him with your whole heart! That's Good News!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Bill Mann

**Christmas and New Year's Eve Worship Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

**5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service**—This short service is designed especially for families with children.

**7:30 pm Service of Candlelight and Carols**—Join us for a traditional Christmas service which includes the singing of favorite Christmas carols and a candle-lighting ceremony.

**11:00 pm Service of Candlelight and Holy Communion**—With a special communion service set to the music of favorite carols, we will share the communion meal that proclaims Jesus Christ the Savior of the world!

**Christmas Day—11:00 pm only**

**New Year's Eve—5:30 pm**

**Building God's Kingdom**

The Building God's Kingdom Capital Fund Raising Campaign is now in full swing. The purpose of the campaign is to raise the money for beginning construction on a new sanctuary, preschool and youth center. The campaign Celebration Banquet on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> was an exciting time for everyone. More than 150 people attended a wonderful party at Belmont Country Club. On that evening, with 32 families already pledged, a total of more than \$1 million dollars in lead gifts was announced. (Some of these early pledges are from high schoolers in the Youth Group!) Thank you to Vicar Doug and Linda Davis and the Youth Group for providing child care back at the church! Through the last two weeks in November and the first two weeks in December, the campaign volunteers will be gathering pledges from the families of the congregation. Our campaign goal is \$2.25 million. If you would like a visit from one of our campaign volunteers or if you would like a pledge card in order to make a pledge, please call the church office at 703-858-9254.

*(TLC groups—Continued from page 1)*

**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.

***Leesburg Small Group***

Meets the first and third Saturday of each month. Please contact Susan Mohr (703-738-4505) or Dave Labuhn (703-737-0323) for additional details.

***Couples' Small Group***

Meets the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm beginning in January 2006. Contact Martie Dunnett (571-223-1719) for information.

***Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Group***

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Current study—The Beloved Disciple

***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 **8:00 am until noon** to do gardening and repair work around the church. Meets December 4th this month.

***Altar Guild***

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

**\$17,700 THRIVENT Matching Dollars**

Those of you who are taking part in the THRIVENT matching funds program are making a difference. As of the end of October, \$17,700 in matching funds have been received from THRIVENT. That means that you, the members of Our Savior's Way, have donated twice that amount, (\$35,400) through this program. Because of your willingness to participate in the matching funds program, the church has a \$17,700 gift from THRIVENT that will be used for the new building program. If you have not yet participated, it's not too late. Call Marcie Peterson in the church office or check the bulletin board across from the kitchen for more information. Every member 16-years-old and older is eligible to participate!

**Building Committee**

The Building Committee is now working with Miller Brothers Construction Company to finalize the plans for the new building. The goal is to have the new building plans ready to submit to Loudoun County for approval by the end of the year. In November the Lutheran Church Extension Fund approved the loan for our new building. Now we are waiting for the results of the Building God's Kingdom pledge campaign. Our pledge goal is \$2.25 million over the next three years. (As of the writing of this article, just over \$1 million has been pledged in leadership gifts.) If we receive adequate pledges from the members of the congregation during the next two weeks, we should be able to begin construction on the new building in May/June of 2006. We expect construction to take 10 months.

**2005 Budget Report On The New Building**

Here is an account of the New Building related expenses in 2005 through the end of October:

Architect, Civil Engineer, etc.	\$ 181,758.78
<u>Capital Fund Raising</u>	<u>22,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 204,258.78
Amount remaining in Building Fund Account	\$ 9,088.66

**Don't Let This Opportunity Pass You By—  
Last Chance for THRIVENT Matching Funds**

Attention THRIVENT members. There are \$11 million of unclaimed THRIVENT matching funds for 2005. December is your last chance to take advantage of THRIVENT's offer to match 50% of your Sunday offering. One gift from \$50-\$600 can be made by each THRIVENT family member 16-years-of-age and older. THRIVENT will match ½ of your gift. This is a wonderful Christmas gift that you can give your congregation. Forms and instructions are on the bulletin board near the kitchen. For more information contact Marcie Peterson in the church office (703-858-9254).

**Angel Tree Ministry**

For the past eight years, Our Savior's Way has sponsored Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship. Through this program, we have the opportunity to share the gospel with both prisoners and their children. The children of prisoners are also victims of their parent's criminal behavior. They have done nothing wrong, but they have lost not only a parent, but also a provider and, in many respects, their self esteem. They often live with grandparents, aunts, and uncles who provide a home even though they have few resources themselves. Angel Tree not only provides gifts to children in the name of their imprisoned parent, but, more importantly, it sends the children the message of Christ's love in age appropriate Christian material.

Since the children on our tree this year come from rural Virginia in areas too widespread for local distribution, we are asking people who purchase gifts to mail them directly to the children. We also ask that you keep these children in your prayers so that faith in Jesus will live in their hearts and lives forever. We hope that you will take time to put an extra child on your Christmas list this year. The angels are available on the Christmas tree inside the entrance. You will find instructions in a box marked "Angel Tree." Please take the instructions with you and follow them carefully. Remember to fill out a tracking card and place it in the appropriate box. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Kayden at 703-435-9552.

**Need for Advance Gifts**

As the new building program gets underway, there is a lag time between the major bills now starting to come in and when the loan dollars are available to us. To help cover this cash flow problem, it would be helpful if you would accelerate into December 2005 any gifts you plan to make to the Building Fund or the Building God's Kingdom Capital Funding Program.

**Merry Christmas from LCEF**

Your support of the ministry of Church Extension has been a bountiful blessing to so many. Your invested funds provide low cost loans and services to LCMS churches, schools, and professional church workers that wish to share the Good News of Jesus with others. Your dollars do make a difference! Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund! *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you..." Luke 2:11*

**K.I.D.S. Stamp Program**



Stamps will be available in **December** on the **4th and 18th** after the **9:30 am service**.

**Katrina Sponsored Family Update**

Bill and Judy and family have finally received a trailer from FEMA. It is furnished with the very basics, but the Adragna family are thankful just to have a place to call home! They are temporarily located on some family land in Luling, LA. Our Savior's Way has sent them a check for \$5000.00 to purchase an additional car for traveling to work. They want everyone here to know how blessed they are to have us in their lives!



**November Baptisms**

Courtney Faith Norem  
Anna Kate Halligan  
Jackson Robert Sphar  
Jenna Elizabeth Fadgen

**Read Through The Bible**

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

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Luke 1:46-55  
Revelation 1—2
- 2 Ps. 1; Revelation 3—5
- 3 Ps. 2; Revelation 6—8
- 4 Ps. 3; Revelation 9—11
- 5 Ps. 4; Revelation 12—14
- 6 Ps. 5; Revelation 15—17
- 7 Ps. 6; Revelation 18—20
- 8 Ps. 7; Revelation 21—22
- 9 Ps. 8; Isaiah 1—3
- 10 Ps. 9; Isaiah 4—6
- 11 Ps. 10; Isaiah 7—9
- 12 Ps. 11; Isaiah 10—12
- 13 Ps. 12; Isaiah 13—15
- 14 Ps. 13; Isaiah 16—18
- 15 Ps. 14; Isaiah 19—21
- 16 Ps. 15; Isaiah 22—24
- 17 Ps. 16; Isaiah 25—27
- 18 Ps. 17; Isaiah 28—30
- 19 Ps. 18; Isaiah 31—33
- 20 Ps. 19; Isaiah 34—36
- 21 Ps. 20; Isaiah 37—39
- 22 Ps. 21; Isaiah 40—42
- 23 Ps. 22; Isaiah 43—45
- 24 Ps. 23; Isaiah 46—48
- 25 Ps. 24; Isaiah 49—51
- 26 Ps. 25; Isaiah 52—54
- 27 Ps. 26; Isaiah 55—57
- 28 Ps. 27; Isaiah 58—60
- 29 Ps. 28; Isaiah 61—63
- 30 Ps. 29; Isaiah 64—66
- 31 Luke 1:46-55; Mark 1



**Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update**

Thank you to all who helped make our Scholastic Book Fair a success. We earned over \$600 and have been updating classroom materials with our fundraiser money.

Our Christmas programs are right around the corner. The Preschool program will be on December 8th at 7:00 pm. The Full Day classes will perform on December 9th at 7:00 pm. Both are wonderful programs and really speak to the Christmas theme.

We welcome your suggestions and comments and hope that you will continue to support our efforts through prayer or by participation in the events that we sponsor. Our **next meeting is on January 19th at 7:00 pm** in the fish tank room. Please contact me if you have any questions about our plans and activities.

Celina Hutchins, CDC Board Chairperson  
703-729-5539 or celina.home@verizon.net



**Our Savior's Way**  
Elementary Youth Group  
**Little Lutherans**

All elementary age children and friends are invited to join together for some **Christmas Bowling** fun on **Sunday, December 11!** We'll leave Our Savior's Way parking lot at **1:30 p.m. sharp, and return by 4:00 p.m.** for snacks and socializing with our families. **Cost is \$10** per bowler, to include 2 games and shoes. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex as we need to reserve adequate bowling lanes. Any questions, please contact:

Krista Kumke (703) 729-7517 or Sharon Dugo, (703) 724-1122.

**Come Join Us In The Great Room**

On **Tuesday, December 13th, at 10:30 am**, Mr. Don will be back, once again, for a Holiday Music and Movement Extravaganza. Cost is \$3/child.

**Our Savior's Way Cub Scouts Excel In Food Drive**

Scouting for Food is a national initiative of the Boy Scouts of America and encourages all Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops to collect food for the needy. Scouts all over Loudoun County in 30 Packs and Troops collected a record 91,976 pounds of food, most of which will be shared locally through the Holiday Coalition, LINK, and Messiah's Market collection centers. Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church's two Cub Scout packs combined to collect 8895 pounds of food, almost 10% of the overall food collected. Pack 1483, with 4605 pounds of food, gained more food than any other Scouting group in Loudoun county for the fifth straight year and Pack 1484, with 4290 pounds, was third in the county. Our Cubs collected across all of Broadlands, Regency, Carisbrooke, and Brambleton area communities. We can be sure that our Cubs are living the Biblical charge to "feed the hungry". For more information on Cub Scout Packs 1483 and 1484, please contact Ed or Barb Yarbrough at 703-724-1064. While the Packs primarily serve the boys of Hillside, Mill Run, and Legacy Elementary Schools, there are a number of boys and families who are members from around Loudoun County.



**ABLAZE Middle School Youth Group**

Our meetings this month will be held on **Sunday, December 4th** (Scavenger Hunt) and **Sunday, December 18th** (Christmas Celebration), **from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Mark your calendars. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

For more information on meeting content or if any of our wonderful parents would like to get involved, please contact Lauren Germinario (703-723-0675) or Barb Jones (703-724-4894).



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12/1 Chris and Kelley O'Dell
- 12/3 Lauren and Carol Ann Protz
- 12/12 Jim and Carol Nyberg
- 12/20 Bill and Tabatha Bragg
- 12/22 David and Jean Kayden
- 12/22 Jim and Linda Merkle
- 12/22 Mark and Karen Rippe
- 12/28 Jeff and Wendy Huth
- 12/31 Guy and Christy Slone

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 12/2 Bobby Adair
- 12/3 Ashley Reiter
- 12/3 Marie Stephens
- 12/4 Nick Gruntz
- 12/4 Robert Zschoche
- 12/7 Christa Leman
- 12/10 Christy Olsen
- 12/10 Natalie Sitter
- 12/11 Jessica Boysen
- 12/11 Jerry Van Bremen
- 12/13 Mallory Leidinger
- 12/13 Roxie Sullivan
- 12/14 Stephanie Buckley
- 12/14 Ivy Meisinger
- 12/15 Allison Whitt
- 12/17 Andrew Clarkson
- 12/17 Jared Hutchins
- 12/17 Joe Iglesias
- 12/17 Kirsten Looney
- 12/18 Chris Morales
- 12/18 Nicholas Potts
- 12/18 Lori Schneider
- 12/19 Nicholas Boyd
- 12/19 Chris O'Dell
- 12/19 LuAnne Riddle
- 12/20 Elizabeth LeFavour
- 12/21 Alan Henley
- 12/21 Krista Kumke
- 12/21 Michael Mohler
- 12/22 Nicole Ramey
- 12/23 Juliana Clarkson
- 12/23 Lauren Hathaway
- 12/23 Helen Ongman
- 12/26 Mark Bullard
- 12/28 Laura Bues
- 12/28 Paula Looney
- 12/28 Kurt Reiter
- 12/29 Shirley Havener
- 12/29 Carol Heuple

**Ladies' Advent Tea**

Please mark your calendars and join in a special tradition at Our Savior's Way—the Annual Ladies' Advent Tea.

When: **Sunday, December 4, 2005, 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Who is invited:

Ladies of all ages. Invite a friend!

What to bring:

Your favorite tea treat (sweet or savory)

Your place setting (cup, saucer, plate, and flatware)

Tea Service if you have one you would like to share for the evening

Help needed:

Decorations (The Advent theme this year is Stars)

Program

Set -up

Clean-up

Call Jean Hergenroeder (703-444-3896) if you would like to help with any of the above.

**Donate Your Car To  
Lutheran Blind Mission**

Are you thinking of selling or trading in that old car, truck, boat, trailer, or RV? Know someone who is? *Why not donate it instead?* As a charitable contribution your donation could make a **big difference!** Donate your used vehicle to **Lutheran Blind Mission** and **help blind people see Jesus!** We'll arrange to have your vehicle picked up at no charge by a professionally licensed, bonded, and insured towing company. We accept most vehicles, even if they don't run, in all 50 states. Arrangements will be made within four days to conveniently and quickly pick up your vehicle donation at no cost to you. It's easy and convenient, and you may be eligible to receive a charitable contribution deduction on your itemized federal tax return. Consult your tax advisor. **Call Lutheran Blind Mission (1-888-215-2455) to donate your vehicle or for information.**

- 12/29 Christopher Kumke
- 12/29 Kim Leidinger
- 12/30 Kylie Nulf
- 12/30 Matthew Nulf
- 12/30 Dan Trempala
- 12/30 Robin Vander Voort
- 12/31 Joshua Labuhn

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

**Deck the Halls**

Come help decorate the Church for the Christmas Season on **Saturday, December 3rd, from 9 am until noon.** Many hands make light work. We will need to put up the tree, hang the Christmas ornaments and greens, put up the Angel Tree, and the Advent Wreath. We promise plenty of good cheer and Christmas fun for all! Please come!

**Festival Of Lessons And Carols**

On **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm** there will be a Festival of Lessons and Carols. This traditional Christmas service will feature Scripture readers from our own congregation and the music of the Master Singers. Please plan to attend this special holiday event and invite your friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students/seniors(65+). Members of Our Savior's Way may purchase a second ticket at half price with the coupon that is available on the table in the lobby or in the church office.



**November Wedding**

Jennifer Suzanne Willen  
Matthew John Wiechmann

**Pastors**

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

**Open Arms Director**

Lori Schneider

**Church Administrator**

Carol Stowell

**Discipleship Development**

Marcie Peterson

**Open Arms Adm. Assistant**

Christine McKinny

**Bookkeeper**

Carrienne Joback

**President**

Ed Yarbrough

**Elders**—Head Elder: Joe Carlin

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

**Sunday School**

Barb Yarbrough, Rhonda Labuhn

**Music Director**

Sally Mann

**Children's Music Director**

Sara Carlin

**Prayer Chain**—Jean Kayden

**Child Development Center Board**

Celina Pass

**Christian Education**

Scott Tousley

**Fellowship**

Jean Hergenroeder

**Finance**

Rick Burtner

**Missions Board**

Dave and Heather Ketron

**Outreach Board**

Corrado Dugo and Jim Sheehy

**Properties Board**

Leonard Crain and Todd Craig

**Social Ministries**

Mary Miller

**Stewardship**

Stuart Dunnett

**Worship**

Terry Ramey

**Youth Board**

Bruce and Lynn Granger

**Stephen Ministry**

Carol Stowell

**Volunteer Coordinator**

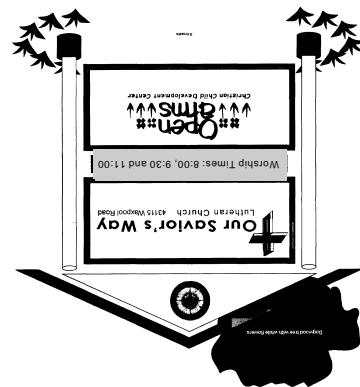
Denise Meyer

**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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