

The joy is in the journey!

◆ *Our Savior's Way* ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

February, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 9th. Some people believe that the 40-day season of Lent is just a "church thing". But the fact of the matter is that Lent is a season to bring home with you. Here are some of the ways in which you can really bring home the saving message of Christ's suffering and death:

Bring the WORD home. Don't throw that bulletin from church away during Lent. Bring it home with you! Use the Scripture readings printed there and the suggested Bible readings for the week as your devotions at home. Lent is also a good time to read from one of the passion narratives recorded in the Bible (Matthew 2-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23 or John 18-19). Listen to the words of Jesus: "One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Matthew 4:4).

Bring FORGIVENESS home. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you," the Bible says (Colossians 3:13). Bring the message of forgiveness home to your spouse, your children, your parents, your brothers and sisters, and all who are in your house. Seek to live in an atmosphere in which the words "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" are sincerely, frequently, and meaningfully exchanged. For at the heart of Lent is the message that Christ died for the forgiveness of sins.

Bring PRAYER home. Prayer was an essential part of Christ's life—even to the very last days of his life when he prayed in earnest in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42). So it is essential to make prayer an important part of your home life this Lent. Pray around the dinner table. Pray when you wake. Pray at bedtime. Pray as you work around the house. As the Bible says, "Pray continually" (1 Thes. 5:17).

Bring SERVICE home. When Jesus washed his disciples feet in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday, he showed the value of serving those nearest and dearest to him. This Lent, therefore, we should follow Christ's example and become a servant in our own homes, humbly caring for the needs of those who live with us or visit us. Simply making a meal, doing the laundry, or cleaning up a room are small ways to say to those in your home, "I care for you and so does Christ."

In His love,
Pastor Bill Mann

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—*Becoming a Woman of Grace*, 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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Prayer for the next four weeks:
"Holy Spirit, empower me to give as Jesus did."

In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Ruth and Bob Pownall, on the birth of Zachary Addison; Glen Quackenbush, at the death of his grandmother; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Barb Tanner; Larry Havener; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Paul and Lil Schoppa (Randal's parents); 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 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

Futures Committee

The Futures Committee has been meeting regularly with Architect Bill Robson. The new building will be located adjacent to the new addition and will face the corner of Waxpool Rd. and Claiborne Pkwy. The new building will consist of:

- 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

A formal worship area (sanctuary) has long been the dream of many members of Our Savior's Way. The new building will provide a dedicated space for worship. One decision facing the Futures Committee involves seating in the new sanctuary—whether to install permanent non-movable pews or a comfortable, but movable chapel chair. Your thoughts and suggestions may be sent to the Futures Committee at the church address. The preschool will expand our ministry to children and their families. We now have two preschool classrooms. The new building will double our preschool capacity. The classrooms currently being used for preschool will be available for all-day care. This expansion will provide an income source to help pay for the new building and ensure that the new space is used for ministry seven days a week. Plans also include a finished lower level (degree of completion depends on cost) under the majority of the new construction. The added space will provide more room and flexibility for our Church and Sunday School programs.

Increase In Attendance

There has been a significant increase in attendance over last year at this time. Comparisons between Nov/Dec 2003 and Nov/Dec 2004 show an average 30% increase in Sunday attendance. Some of this increase can be attributed to the addition of the 9:30 am worship service. Another important change has been the expansion of the music program with the addition of the children's choir, teen choir and praise band. Thank you to Terry Ramey and the Board of Worship for their hard work and to Sara Carlin and Sally Mann for their faithful dedication to the music program. Here are the actual numbers for Sunday morning and Christmas Eve attendance:

Attendance Comparison—2003 vs. 2004

| Date | 2003 | 2004 | % Increase |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Nov. 1 st Sun. | 220 | 281 | |
| Nov. 2 nd Sun. | 252 | 344 | |
| Nov. 3 rd Sun. | 286 | 324 | |
| Nov. 4 th Sun. | 276 | 320 | |
| Dec. 1 st Sun. | 313 | 296 | |
| Dec. 2 nd Sun. | 180 | 315 | |
| Dec. 3 rd Sun. | 264 | 363 | |
| Dec. 4 th Sun. | 164 | 217 | |
| Average Sunday Attendance | 244 | 308 | 30% increase with addition of 3rd Sunday Service |
| Xmas Eve Attendance | 597 | 659 | 10% increase with no change in service schedule |

Church Council Retreat

February 12th, 9:00 am—Noon

Mark your calendars now!

(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. Current study: *The Book of Luke*

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario on **Monday, January 24th only at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion.

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: *Book of 1 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.

Tsunami Relief Donations

A total of \$11,336 was contributed for relief of the Tsunami disaster. These donations will be matched by THRIVENT Financial for Lutherans for a total gift of \$22,672. Thank you for your generosity. Please keep the survivors in your prayers.

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.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Luke 2:29-32; Exodus 1—3
- 2 Ps. 59; Exodus 4—6
- 3 Ps. 60; Exodus 7—9
- 4 Ps. 61; Exodus 10—12
- 5 Ps. 62; Exodus 13—15
- 6 Ps. 63; Exodus 16—18
- 7 Ps. 64; Exodus 19—21
- 8 Ps. 65; Exodus 22—24
- 9 Ps. 66; Exodus 25—27
- 10 Ps. 67; Exodus 28—30
- 11 Ps. 68; Exodus 31—33
- 12 Ps. 69; Exodus 34—36
- 13 Ps. 70; Exodus 37—38
- 14 Ps. 71; Exodus 39—40
- 15 Ps. 72; Leviticus 1—3
- 16 Ps. 73; Leviticus 4—6
- 17 Ps. 74; Leviticus 7—9
- 18 Ps. 75; Leviticus 10—12
- 19 Ps. 76; Leviticus 13—15
- 20 Ps. 77; Leviticus 16—18
- 21 Ps. 78; Leviticus 19—21
- 22 Ps. 79; Leviticus 22—24
- 23 Ps. 80; Leviticus 25—27
- 24 Ps. 81; Numbers 1—3
- 25 Ps. 82; Numbers 4—6
- 26 Ps. 83; Numbers 7—9
- 27 Ps. 84; Numbers 10—12
- 28 Luke 2:29-32
Numbers 13—15



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Our first school directory is finished and every family received a copy! We plan to continue with a new directory at the beginning of each school year.

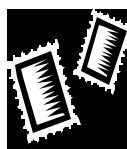
We are selling KidStuff books February 1-18th. These books are filled with special coupons for families. It is like an adult entertainment book, but geared to kids. Some of the coupons include Ashburn Ice House, Best Buy, Jerry's, just to name a few. A sample book will be available at the front desk. KidStuff books may be purchased at the front desk and they will also be available on Sunday, February 6th and 13th. Each book costs \$25.00.

Join us March 6th from 5-7 pm for a Family Game Night. A potluck dinner will start off the evening. Afterwards, we will play games. There will be lots going on for kids of all ages. Join us on this wonderful evening. A sign up sheet will be available by the front desk. Bring a dish to pass and a game to share!

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be in March. Church members will have a chance to purchase books on Sunday March 13th. The fair will run from March 8th to March 15th. Please feel free to stop by at any time to look around. This turned out to be a wonderful fund raiser last fall. I will be posting dates and times for the book fair in February.

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 February 17th 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 Co-Chairperson



K.I.D.S. Stamp Program

Stamps will be available on **Sunday, February 6th and 20th.**

Dental Health Awareness Month

February is Dental Health Awareness Month and a Pediatric Dentist from the Ashburn Pediatric Dental Center will be visiting Open Arms on **Friday, February 18th at 10:00 am** to give an informational talk on dental health and hygiene for children ages three and up. All are welcome.



Wedding

Eva Meier and
Steven Tinkey

Open Arms Re-Enrollment

Beginning in February, Open Arms will be starting its re-enrollment process for the upcoming 2005-2006 school year. If anyone is interested in finding out more information regarding our full time and part-time Preschool Programs, please stop by the Center at any time during the week or call Lori Schneider at 703-729-9144. When turning in an application for registration as an Our Savior's Way Church member, please be sure to make a note of that on your child's form.

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri—age 4

The 6 Basics of Being A Great Dad

Seminar Information:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
7426 Idylwood Rd.
Falls Church VA 22043

Saturday, February 12, 2005
Breakfast: 7:30—8:30AM
(Pancakes & Sausage & Coffee)
Seminar 8:30AM—12:30PM

A QUESTION:
"Do dads have more training in algebra or in fathering?"

Contact Corrado Dugo at
703-724-1122/cdugo@adelphia.net
for more information



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/15 Lance and Liz Sitter

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Leigh Adair
- 2/1 Jessica Gordy
- 2/1 Kathryn Pownall
- 2/1 Derek Rippe
- 2/1 Sunny Worrell
- 2/2 Jessie Cummings
- 2/3 Andrea McGimsey
- 2/6 Carol Tanner
- 2/7 Kevin Bluhm
- 2/7 Rebecca Grey
- 2/7 Kirsten Zanardi
- 2/8 Kelsie Vander Voort
- 2/9 Abby Middleton
- 2/10 Dave Ketron
- 2/14 Eric Tolford
- 2/15 J. D. Harding
- 2/16 Heather Reed
- 2/17 Powell Benedict
- 2/17 Bob Pownall
- 2/19 Emily Cuthbert
- 2/19 Jessica Kumke
- 2/20 Shari Banks
- 2/21 Bill Appel
- 2/21 Daney Carlin
- 2/21 Sharon Dugo
- 2/21 Scott Yarbrough
- 2/22 Paolo Dugo
- 2/22 John LeFavour
- 2/23 Kenny Clarkson
- 2/24 Jim Anderson
- 2/24 Rea Crain
- 2/25 Caroline Battershell
- 2/26 David Thistlethwaite
- 2/27 Ruth Haas
- 2/27 Shari LeFavour
- 2/27 Penny Payne
- 2/28 Jamie Fadgen
- 2/29 Beth Maddens

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



January Birth

Zachary Addison Pownall
January 13, 2005

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This study of Paul's first letter to Timothy continues through the end of February. Join us each Tuesday at **10 AM** in the Conference Room at Church.



January

Roxie Sullivan
From Holy Trinity, Leesburg VA

The Gospel of Luke

Join us on the **1st and 3rd Monday evenings of the month** at 7:30 pm as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome.



January Baptism

Lucas Allen Maycott

Couples Small Group

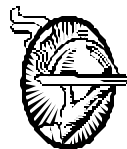
Come for friendship, discussion and support as we gather to share our faith and discuss its application to daily life. Meet at the home of Mike and Lauren Germinario on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.**

Thank You!



Pastor Mann, Pastor Wiechmann, Lori, Christine, Carol Heuple and Carol Stowell would like to say a big thank you to the congregation for all their contributions towards pastor and staff bonuses for 2004. Your generosity is appreciated!

Adult Dinner Out Group



The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet on **Sunday, February 27th, at 5:30 pm.** For details, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Easter is Sunday March 27th.

Project Linus

Be a blanketeeer for Project Linus! The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring this wonderful program that provides security through blankets. All it takes is scissors, a ruler and less than 2 hours of your time to make a blanket. The blankets are given to children at facilities and programs in the metro area. Loudoun Hospital, Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Hospice of Northern Virginia, Hospital for Sick Children, Pentagon Grief Counseling Center and Ronald McDonald Houses are some of the programs and facilities supported by Project Linus. Please join us on **Sunday February 27th, from 2-4 PM** in the Great Room. Contact Mary Miller by phone (703-729-1308) or e-mail (mikemary79@adelphia.net) with questions.

Scout Sunday Is February 13th

If you are a scout and would like to participate in Scout Sunday, please speak with Mr. Yarbrough or Mr. Leman. The scouts will begin the **11:00 am service** with an honor guard and will serve as ushers and greeters on this Sunday.

Visitor Caregiving Ministry

Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church will join with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Reston for a training in a Caregiving Ministry the first weekend in March. This program will involve six teams of eight people each in greeting and following up on visitors to our church. We will need team leaders and members to serve at each service. Please answer yes when the Outreach Board asks you to serve.

What Is A Lutheran?

Pastor Wiechmann will be leading a class in Lutheran Doctrine for those who are interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith. The class will meet on Sunday afternoons at **5:00 pm, beginning February 13th.** Please call the church office at 703-858-9254 if you are interested.

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

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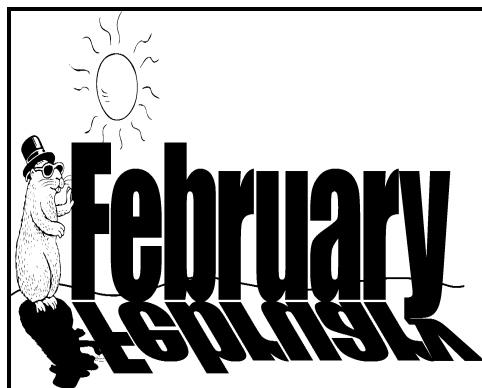
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Volunteer Coordinator

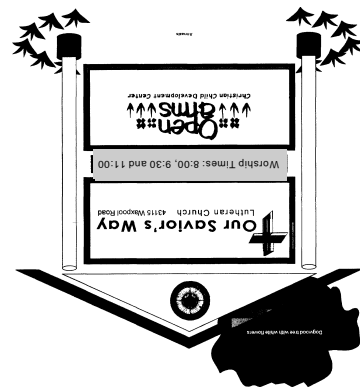
Denise Meyer

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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