

The joy is in the journey!

◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

July, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

I just returned from a preaching trip to southern Indiana. I visited the church I started 20 years ago with my wife Sally, right out of seminary. I was their first pastor and when we got there the congregation was worshipping in a double wide trailer on the top of a hill. The church quickly began to grow and three years later they had built a brand new sanctuary, Sunday school rooms and were worshipping about 125 people on a Sunday. Unfortunately, after I left, the congregation fell on hard times. Over the course of years, poor leadership and factions within the church tore apart a once thriving congregation. Most of the original members left and only a few people remain.

Why did it happen? Perhaps it's an over simplification, but I think they forgot to keep the "main thing" the "main thing." The congregation received a couple of pastors who were more interested in feathering their own nests than in the work of the Holy Spirit. And the leadership of the church divided over questions of whether to build and who would make decisions for the church. The result was a disaster. Last year the congregation averaged only 29 people in worship. But I believe better days are ahead. The church is located in a growing area, and with God's help and some good, spiritual leadership, they can do great things, if they keep the "main thing" the "main thing."

It's important to keep the "main thing" the "main thing." But what is the "main thing?" At the end of his Gospel, John summed up the "main thing" when he said, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31). Here is the "main thing": Jesus is the Son of God. People in our world are living and dying without a Savior and our only hope, their only hope of a new and eternal life is faith in Jesus Christ. Some-

In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Carrienne and John Joback, at the birth of Rebecca Lynn; James Haver, recovering from surgery; Jonathan Labuhn, as he travels overseas to witness of his Lord; Ryan Holt; Scott Vivian; Terri Harding's cousin, John Mutter; Shirley Jackson, Terry Ramey's aunt; Kathy Policaro; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Barb Tanner; Larry Havener; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; 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 Andy Wessell, John Breese, Veronica Brett, Bonnie Stith and Claudia Hernandez; sister of Carolyn Nulf; uncle of Liz Sitter; Esther Grant and the Grant families.

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

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—Discussion of Sunday's Scripture readings
- Women's Bible Study—Meets again in September.
- Parent Support Group—Meets again in September.

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. Meets again in the fall.

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. Next meeting is in September.

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New Service Schedule For July And August

During the two summer months the Sunday morning schedule at Our Savior's Way will change. This is what Sundays in July and August will look like:

Early Bible Class @ 8:30 am
Sunday Schl/Adult Class @ 9:30 am
Worship @ 9:30 and 11:00 am

times we get so caught up in the business and busy-ness of running a church or living our daily lives that we forget to keep the "main thing" the "main thing." Without Jesus and a personal relationship with Him, nothing is truly worthwhile. This summer and for the rest of your life get to know Jesus Christ and remember to keep the "main thing" the "main thing."

In His service,
Pastor Bill Mann

Building Committee

The Building Committee is continuing to meet with Architect Bill Robson on a regular basis. The floor plan of the building has been finalized and the engineers are in the process of designing the heating, cooling and electrical systems. A Decorating Committee has begun meeting alongside the Building Committee in order to choose the colors and inside finishes for the new building. The Decorating Committee will meet with E.J. Potente of Potente Studios on Thursday, July 7, at 6:30 pm. Mr. Potente is a liturgical designer who will give us advice on the color choices for the new sanctuary. His firm helped design Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield, and more recently, St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church on Lawyers Road in Reston. The Futures Committee has set up the following time schedule for the building:

- Jan—Aug '05 Design Phase
- Sept—Dec '05 3-Year Capital Fund Drive Begins
- Jan—Apr '06 Bidding by Contractors
- March '06 Construction Begins
- Spring '07 Occupancy Permit

Three Year Capital Funding Campaign

The leaders of the new Capital Funding Campaign met with Mike Fuchs from Capital Fund Developers for an orientation meeting last month. Under the leadership of Rick Burtner and Rich Olsen the campaign is off to a great start, and those who attended the first meeting were very enthusiastic. Here are the leaders for our Capital Funding Campaign:

- Campaign Chair Rick Burtner
- Honorary Chairs Mark & Beth Anton
Ed Yarbrough
- Campaign Coordinator Rich Olsen
- Resources Chairs Mike Miller
Paul Hawthorne
- Cultivation Chairs Raul Morales
Johnnie Stubbs
- Prayer Chairs Angela Doyle
Paula Yocom
- Arrangements Chairs Terri Harding
Pat Morales
- Leadership Gifts Chairs Lynn Lynch
Sharon Dugo
- Congregational Gifts Chairs Joe Van Dyke
Joe & Janice Lupia

The campaign will begin in the fall. Please pray for these leaders.

June Baptisms

- Harrison Kenneth Scarboro
- Colleen Frances Battershell



June Birth

- Rebecca Lynn Joback
- June 21, 2005

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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 **from September to June.**

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).

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Group

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday from September to June.**

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. **Meets again in September.**

Altar Guild

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

Elders Will Be Making Calls

Members of Our Savior's Way are invited to contact one of the Elders if there are any questions about the Building Program or the 3-Year Capital Funding Campaign. Your Elder will be glad to talk with you and will be trying to contact you over the next few weeks to gather your input and prayer requests.

Confirmation Registration

Parents of new 7th graders should register their child(ren) for confirmation by calling the church office at 703-858-9254.

Read Through The Bible

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

JULY

- 1 Deuteronomy 32:1-4
- 1 Samuel 28—31
- 2 Ps. 28; 2 Samuel 1—3
- 3 Ps. 29; 2 Samuel 4—6
- 4 Ps. 30; 2 Samuel 7—9
- 5 Ps. 31; 2 Samuel 10—12
- 6 Ps. 32; 2 Samuel 13—15
- 7 Ps. 33; 2 Samuel 16—18
- 8 Ps. 34; 2 Samuel 19—21
- 9 Ps. 35; 2 Samuel 22—24
- 10 Ps. 36; 1 Kings 1—2
- 11 Ps. 37; 1 Kings 3—6
- 12 Ps. 38; 1 Kings 7—8
- 13 Ps. 39; 1 Kings 9—11
- 14 Ps. 40; 1 Kings 12—14
- 15 Ps. 41; 1 Kings 15—17
- 16 Ps. 42; 1 Kings 18—20
- 17 Ps. 43; 1 Kings 21—22
- 18 Ps. 44; 2 Kings 1—3
- 19 Ps. 45; 2 Kings 4—6
- 20 Ps. 46; 2 Kings 7—9
- 21 Ps. 47; 2 Kings 10—12
- 22 Ps. 48; 2 Kings 13—15
- 23 Ps. 49; 2 Kings 16—18
- 24 Ps. 50; 2 Kings 19—22
- 25 Ps. 51; 2 Kings 23—25
- 26 Ps. 52; 1 Chronicles 1—5
- 27 Ps. 53; 1 Chronicles 6—10
- 28 Ps. 54; 1 Chronicles 11—15
- 29 Ps. 55; 1 Chronicles 16—20
- 30 Ps. 56; 1 Chronicles 21—25
- 31 Deuteronomy 32:1-4
- 1 Chronicles 26—29

Sr. High Mission Trip

From **July 17th through July 23rd**, the following Sr. High School students will have an opportunity to reach out and minister to residents in the small communities and poor rural areas in the Appalachian Mountains around Gatlinburg, TN: Chrissy Hancox, Amber Hart, Elizabeth Leman, Kyle Lynch, Jon Miller, Melissa Morales, Jessica Odenheimer, Carolyn Olsen and Danielle Trempala. Please keep these students in your prayers as they travel and do the Lord's work.



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Even though summer has just begun, we are already planning for fall events. Here are the highlights:

- Apple Fest—September 24, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Sally Foster Sale—Begins in September
- Original Works—October (in time for Christmas gifts)

Are there other events that you would like the CDC Board to host? Please call or email me with your idea. We are always looking for new and exciting projects!!

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 July 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 me if you have any questions about our plans and activities.

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

Calling All Lions And Tigers And Children, Oh, My!

The Outreach Committee, in partnership with Vacation Bible School and Care Ministry, has scheduled our next **Friendship Sunday** for **August 7th**. The 11:00 am service will be the culmination of our Vacation Bible School activities and VBS participants will be encouraged to bring a friend or two or three with them. The VBS staff is planning to expand the outreach into the community this year and will be promoting VBS at Our Savior's Way in a number of new ways. Planning is already underway to make this the largest and most engaging VBS ever. It's always the right time to invite someone to know Our Lord and Savior, and August 7th is the perfect opportunity to open the door to the Kingdom of Heaven. Make plans to attend the August 7th Friendship Sunday and invite some of the lions and tigers and children that live in your part of the jungle to join us that day.

Vacation Bible School Registration In Progress



Registration forms are available for this year's VBS—Safari Adventure—which will take place on **August 1—5**, from **5:30 to 8:30 pm**. This program is for the **WHOLE** family, so register now. If you want to help or have questions, contact Heather Novak at 703-724-7593 or email her at shnovak@adelphia.net

Also, your prayers are appreciated for our Safari Adventure VBS. Ask God to provide willing helpers, eager to share His love in Jesus.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/1 Jeff & Donna Davis
- 7/2 Ed & Elaine Senft
- 7/5 Matt & Robyn Griffis
- 7/5 Ben & Sarah Scarboro
- 7/6 Mark & Beth Anton
- 7/6 Dave & Rhonda Labuhn
- 7/7 Chuck & Shari Banks
- 7/14 Mike & Mary Miller
- 7/15 Mike & Barbara van der Biezen
- 7/18 Alan & Sherri Battershell
- 7/18 Greg & Lynn Lynch
- 7/20 Joe & Monica Fitzgerald
- 7/20 Jeff & Barb Tanner
- 7/22 Powell & Traci Benedict
- 7/23 Steve & Mary King
- 7/24 Chad & Carrie Mock
- 7/28 Randy & Linda Jessup
- 7/29 Chuck & Terry Ramey
- 7/31 Daniel & Kim Clarkson

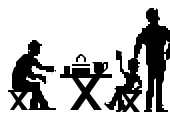
JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/4 Eric Cuthbert
- 7/4 Brian Jones
- 7/4 Bob Stith
- 7/6 Mason Bragg
- 7/6 Chris Gordy
- 7/6 Bryan McMinn
- 7/7 Randy Johnson
- 7/8 Yvette Andersen
- 7/8 Nancy Meier
- 7/8 Michelle Odenheimer
- 7/9 Brandon Potts
- 7/10 Jane Ellis
- 7/10 Guy Slone
- 7/11 Bill Mann
- 7/11 Jack Meisinger
- 7/11 Michael Stith
- 7/12 James Elliott
- 7/12 Andrew Joback
- 7/13 Ed Senft
- 7/14 Caroline Broemmer
- 7/14 Luca Maycott
- 7/15 Jeremy Breese
- 7/16 Elizabeth Griffis
- 7/16 Rhonda Labuhn
- 7/16 Danielle Tolford
- 7/17 Jon Labuhn
- 7/17 Vicky Morales
- 7/18 Sam Boysen
- 7/18 Peter Oswald
- 7/20 Darren Broemmer

Sterling Playmakers Present "Annie"

Three of our OSW members—Abby Middleton (and her friend Kelsey Briel), Carolyn and Scott Tousley—will be performing with the Sterling Playmakers in "Annie." Polly Middleton has purchased a block of tickets for the **2:00 pm** performance on **Saturday, July 30th**. **Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by July 24th**. Tickets are \$10. Please make checks payable to Polly, and give to her, Sally Mann or leave in the church office. Sign up now for this great family entertainment! (If you cannot attend on the 30th, there are also performances July 29th & 31st, August 5-7 and 12-14. Show times are 8:00 on Fridays, and 2:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. The location of the performances is Potomac Falls High School Theatre on Algonkian Parkway. For ticket information call 703-430-6969 or www.sterlingplaymakers.

Family Picnic



Helene and Bill Mann will again host a picnic at their beautiful place in Marshall on **August 7th at 3:00 pm**. Please bring a salad or dessert and your own lawn chairs. Children are welcome. For those who do not drive, Pastor Mann will drive the bus, leaving the church parking lot at 2:00 pm. Thanks a lot, Helene and Bill. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

CPR/First Aid Training

Open Arms is offering CPR and First Aid training on two Saturdays in **July—the 16th OR the 23rd—from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. The cost is \$20 per person. You may sign up on the sheets in the copy room or call the church office at 703-858-9254.

New CROSSWAYS Class

The internationally used and famous CROSSWAYS Bible Study program will begin in September. This is a 60 lesson course, which covers the entire Bible. Everyone reads a section of Scripture and answers questions before class time. The lesson is reviewed in class, pointing out especially the themes that carry through both the Old and New Testaments. This is a great course to increase your Biblical knowledge, as well as grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pastor Wiechmann will be teaching the course. Please call the church office to register for this class.



June Weddings

Delani Holmberg and Matthew Matthias

Laura Denise Koch and Michael Anthony Taylor

Kim Chau Nguyen and Adam Donald Moehnke

- 7/21 Holly Horton
- 7/22 Jean Stockel
- 7/24 Mikey Borchert
- 7/24 Derek Vander Voort
- 7/25 Warren Piotter
- 7/26 Kennedy Novak
- 7/27 Rachel Hill
- 7/27 Linda Merkle
- 7/29 Perry Ply
- 7/30 Helga Rathjen

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



"I work for a non-profit. How do I apply for a tithe-exempt status?"

Outreach Committee Looking for Volunteers



If you can donate just one hour for just one evening in August, the Outreach Committee has the perfect opportunity for you to serve our Lord. As part of this year's VBS on **August 1—5**, the Outreach Committee will be hosting an information kiosk at the front entry to provide information about Our Savior's Way and answer questions about our congregation and facilities for parents who arrive to drop off their children. Hours are **from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**, and we would ask volunteers to arrive a few minutes early. Requirements of the Job: A friendly smile. If you are interested, please contact Jim or Pat Sheehy (571-333-1264), Colorado Dugo (703-724-1122), or Pastor Wiechmann (703-858-9254).

Summer Offerings

Going on vacation or away for the weekend? Please remember to mail your offering envelopes to the church before you go or while you are away. The Joyful Response Program is another option for assuring that Our Savior's Way receives your financial support whether or not you are able to attend church services. See the article in the right hand column for more information.

Giving Plus For 2005

Last year more than \$1,000 in matching funds were received by Our Savior's Way from THRIVENT Financial for Lutherans. This year THRIVENT members again have the opportunity to have their donations matched (\$1 for every \$2).

But there have been some changes since last year:

- Members can donate to two different eligible and enrolled organizations of their choice each year.
- Member donations can be for *any* amount, up to \$600 for each organization per year. No minimum donation amount is required.
- Members can donate whenever they like to reach their desired donation goal (e.g., monthly, quarterly, etc. Just be sure to **include the GivingPlus Member Gift Form** each time, available on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen and also included in this newsletter.)

Who can give?—Any THRIVENT member or any member of Our Savior's Way who is willing to become an associate member (Fill out the membership form available on the bulletin board and also enclosed—OSW will pay the \$10 membership fee, which is good for two years.)

Why give?—You can increase your gift to Open Arms by 50%. That means if you make the maximum \$600 donation, THRIVENT will send the church an additional \$300. And every person in the family 16 years or older can make a contribution. (For example, Pastor Mann's family will make a \$600 gift in the name of Pastor, Sally, Ben and Andrew—all over 16—for a total of \$2400. THRIVENT will send an additional \$1200 to the church.)

There is no reason for every member of Our Savior's Way not to take advantage of this program. Your original donation (**make check payable to Open Arms**) will be counted towards the new building and the expansion of Open Arms. The matching funds from THRIVENT will go into a separate fund for a special project. Our goal is to maximize our contributions so that we can maximize the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Look for the GivingPlus and THRIVENT Associate Membership Forms in this newsletter.

Gone Fishing?



Whether vacationing or just "gone fishing," you can view your LCEF investments online at **MyAccount**. Our Internet financial services allows you to view balances, request fund transfers, order checks or deposit slips, download statements, and more! LCEF's **Joyful Response** program offers the option of making church contributions and/or school tuition payments electronically. Call LCEF today at 1-800-843-5233

Joyful Response Program

Now that summer is here, you might want to consider making your church financial contributions by electronic funds transfer (EFT) via LCEF's Joyful Response Program. Funds may be transferred from your checking or savings account and you can authorize your contributions to be made on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. You can also initiate, change, or stop the automatic withdrawal of your contributions at any time. If you would like to sign up for the Joyful Response Program, contact the church office at 703-858-9254.

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



K.I.D.S. is a fun and educational program of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). 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 July on the 10th and 24th after the 9:30 am service**.

As Seen On A Church Sign

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

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

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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

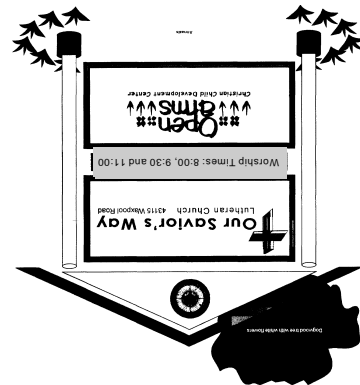
Denise Meyer

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 9:30 and 11:00 am



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