

The joy is in the journey!

◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

June, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

Ten years ago Our Savior's Way began worship services. Our dream was to be a church in mission and ministry in Northern Virginia. By the beginning of June we will have our first estimate of cost for the new building. This is the next step on our journey in making the dream a reality. It is an exciting time for Our Savior's Way and the plans you will see come as the result of a huge amount of time and effort from the members of the Futures/Building Committee. Our goal is a church and ministry center that will be a place where individuals and families can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our church will be a center for Christian discipleship and ministry in Northern Virginia.

The growth in Sunday worship attendance over the last few years prompted the congregation to give the Futures Committee the job of designing a new and larger worship space. In addition, the Open Arms Christian Child Development Center has grown. We now serve 275 children and their families. We expect to have 300 children enrolled in fall of 2005 and the waiting lists for classes are still growing. The new building will house a 500-seat sanctuary in addition to space for a 150-child Preschool Program and a 150-child After School Program. The added classrooms will provide more room for the Sunday School program and additional classrooms for both adults and children. In effect we will be doubling our seating capacity for worship on Sunday morning and doubling the number of spaces we have available for our children's programs on Sunday morning and during the week.

Our purpose is not just to build additional square feet of building. Our goal is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We want Our Savior's Way to be an exciting place where families and individuals can worship their Savior on Sunday morning and learn and serve during the week. A focus of our ministry continues to be our work with children and their families. With so many in our community needing support in caring for their children, Our Savior's Way and Open Arms have found a natural niche. Child care, Preschool, and After School Care are something we have learned to do well. In the past five years, Open Arms has earned a wonderful reputation for excellence in child care. This year we e-

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—Discussion of Sunday's Gospel reading(
- 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 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.

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In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Sherri and Alan Battershell, on the birth of Colleen Francis; Jack Meisinger, at the death of his sister; Ryan Holt; Scott Vivian; Ginny Holmes; 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

ceived certification by the Lutheran Education Association and we expect to be certified soon by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We want to build on these strengths and expand this much-needed ministry.

Those who wanted a larger kitchen and a place for teen and youth ministry to take place were also heard by the Futures/Building Committee. The new building will feature a large area designed around the needs of the youth of our congregation. This added space will help to build on our successful youth ministry. This area will also include a full-sized kitchen for use in fellowship and fund raising events. Look for the updated plans on Sunday morning in the church lobby. And do your part to make the dream of Our Savior's Way into a reality.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Bill Mann

Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis at 117%

The end of May marked the conclusion of our 3-year Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis and Capital Fund Drive. This effort by the members of Our Savior's Way was made to pay for the new building addition (completed in March 2004) and to provide funds to begin the construction of a new sanctuary and education wing. Three years ago the members of Our Savior's Way sacrificially pledged \$715,000, above and beyond their regular Sunday offerings, towards this purpose. As of May 15, 2005 a total of \$837,212.55 has been collected in the Building Fund and the Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis Account. This is 17% more than the original pledged amount. Thank you for your faith and generosity. Thank you to everyone who pledged to this program. Thank you to those of you who have given "Pink Envelope" and "Building Fund" offerings to support our efforts. And thank you to all those who have fulfilled their original pledge and continue to give. I hope you will join me in directing your sacrificial offerings towards the support of our new building efforts through the summer. We are looking at a new Capital Funding Program which will begin in the fall. Our goal is to raise a major portion of the \$6-7 million it will cost to build the new sanctuary, basement and education wing. Please pray that God will bless our efforts with success.

Prayer Requests

Your prayer requests may be made in one of three ways:

- To include your request in the Sunday bulletin insert and the service prayers, please contact the church office.
- To place your prayer request on the Prayer Chain, contact Jean Kayden at Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org.
- Prayer requests made on the sheets provided in the blue attendance books will now be included in the service prayers that Sunday unless you specify otherwise.

All prayer requests will be included in the prayers of the pastors during the week.

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The Gospel Of Luke

Join us on **Monday, June 6th and 27th at 7:30 pm** as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke.

(TLC groups—Continued from page 1)

Study and Support

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the church on the **first and fourth Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion. Current study: *The Book of Luke*. (See below.)

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**. Current Study: *Celebrating Friendship*. (See page 5.)

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.



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.

JUNE

- 1 Isaiah 12:1-6; Acts 15—16
- 2 Ps. 150; Acts 17—18
- 3 Ps. 1; Acts 19—20
- 4 Ps. 2; Acts 21—22
- 5 Ps. 3; Acts 23—24
- 6 Ps. 4; Acts 25—26
- 7 Ps. 5; Acts 27—28
- 8 Ps. 6; Joshua 1—5
- 9 Ps. 7; Joshua 6—8
- 10 Ps. 8; Joshua 9—11
- 11 Ps. 9; Joshua 12—16
- 12 Ps. 10; Joshua 17—21
- 13 Ps. 11; Joshua 22—24
- 14 Ps. 12; Judges 1—3
- 15 Ps. 13; Judges 4—6
- 16 Ps. 14; Judges 7—9
- 17 Ps. 15; Judges 10—12
- 18 Ps. 16; Judges 13—15
- 19 Ps. 17; Judges 16—18
- 20 Ps. 18; Judges 19—21
- 21 Ps. 19; Ruth
- 22 Ps. 20; 1 Samuel 1—3
- 23 Ps. 21; 1 Samuel 4—6
- 24 Ps. 22; 1 Samuel 7—9
- 25 Ps. 23; 1 Samuel 10—12
- 26 Ps. 24; 1 Samuel 13—15
- 27 Ps. 25; 1 Samuel 16—18
- 28 Ps. 26; 1 Samuel 19—21
- 29 Ps. 27; 1 Samuel 22—24
- 30 Isaiah 12:1-6
- 1 Samuel 25—27



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Our Family Movie Night and Logo Wear sale were both a big success. Thank you to all the families who watched “Jonah: The Movie” with us! Look for another Family Night this summer and another Logo Wear sale in the future. We welcome your suggestions for new Logo Wear items that you would like to see offered.

Congratulations to Ms. Lori on being a runner-up for the Loudoun County Woman of the Year in the Education and Young Children category! The Loudoun County Commission on Women held a luncheon on May 3rd at Carradoc Hall to honor women of outstanding achievement for the last year. Pastors Mann and Wiechmann attended the luncheon with Ms. Lori. Check out her certificate in her office.

Open Arms **Graduation Celebrations** will take place on:
Friday, June 3rd, at 7:00 pm for the Center’s classes
Tuesday, June 7th, from 11am to 1pm for Sweet Pea Preschool 3-yr-olds
Wednesday, June 8th at 7pm for Sweet Pea Preschool 4-yr-olds.

Congratulations to all! We are very excited to see everyone all dressed up and singing wonderful songs. The kids really shine at this time!

Is there an event that you would like us to host? Please call or email me with your idea. We are always looking for new and exciting projects!! Our **next meeting** will be **June 16th at 7:00 pm.**

Celina Pass
CDC Board Chairperson

Open Arms Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden has been planted on the big playground in memory of an infant daughter of Jeff and Johanna Bertman, members of the Open Arms family. The garden has permanent plantings, focusing on a Japanese Maple tree, as well as a section for annuals and a vegetable garden which will be planted by the children. The sand box will be a favorite for many. A stone walkway winds its way through the garden. If you would like to purchase a planting for the garden in honor of or in memory of a student or family member, there are the following plants available: arborvitae, luken laurel, spirea, nandina, and boxwood at costs ranging from \$20 to \$60. The perennials section also has plantings (\$9.00 each) that are available; this section will add beautiful flowers during the year. We hope to add benches to the garden area in the future for \$250—\$350 each. If you would like to help complete this project with a purchase of a plant or bench, please see Ms. Christine at the front desk or Ms. Lori.



May Baptisms

- Hunter Alexander Whitt
- Jason Anthony Whitt
- Perry Allen Ply
- Shannan Chiyono Ply
- Dylan Ray Ply
- David Reveles Pellegrini
- Victoria ann Pellegrini
- Zachary Addison Pownall



May Weddings

- Kristen Serafin and Joshua Young
- Renee Littner and Jim Haver



This Safari Adventure will be **August 1—5, 5:30 to 8:30 pm.** Mark your calendars! The program is for the **WHOLE** family. If you want to help or have questions, call Christina Henley at 703-327-4454.

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



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/1 Tod and Kim Hathaway
- 6/1 Charles and Penny Payne
- 6/9 Jeff and Marie Stephens
- 6/12 Bob and Ruth Pownall
- 6/15 John and Carrienne Joback
- 6/16 Phil and Lori Schneider
- 6/18 Jim and Virginia Elliott
- 6/18 Phil and Barbara Jones
- 6/18 John and Shari LeFavore
- 6/19 John and Laura Breese
- 6/20 Dave and Marcie Peterson
- 6/20 Kevin and Terry Primeau
- 6/23 Rob and Sunny Worrell
- 6/29 Dwight and Laura Bues

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Dorothy Agnello
- 6/1 Bob Denecke
- 6/1 David Kayden
- 6/1 David Mann
- 6/1 Sonia Schwandt
- 6/2 Belinda Haagsma
- 6/2 Brad Levergood
- 6/2 Michael Peterson
- 6/3 Lilah Reeder
- 6/3 Christopher Shutler
- 6/3 Barbara van der Biezen
- 6/4 Tanner Bluhm
- 6/4 Ryan Lynch
- 6/5 Zachary Bluhm
- 6/6 Corinne Odenheimer
- 6/8 Kenneth Hergenroeder
- 6/8 Pat Morales
- 6/9 Christian Rippe
- 6/9 Luke Thistlethwaite
- 6/11 Elizabeth Leman
- 6/11 Will Miller
- 6/12 Phil Jones
- 6/13 Alex Iglesias
- 6/14 William Holmes
- 6/15 Cora Christian
- 6/17 Sally Christian
- 6/17 Sara Davis
- 6/17 Julie Oswald
- 6/17 Matthew Yocom
- 6/18 John Benjamin
- 6/18 Nancy Hill
- 6/18 Isabelle Quadt
- 6/18 Pat Sheehy
- 6/18 Eva Tinkey
- 6/20 Andy Hunt

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 Giving-Plus Member Gift Form** each time, available on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen.)

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—OSW will pay the \$10 membership fee, which is good for two years.)

Why give?—You can increase your gift to OSW and 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 four \$600 gifts 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 (made 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. Pick up a GivingPlus form from the bulletin board in the lobby this Sunday.



May Birth

Colleen Francis Battershell

- 6/20 Wendy Huth
- 6/20 Michael Sphar
- 6/21 Andy Haagsma
- 6/21 Nathan Hutchins
- 6/23 Drew VanDyke
- 6/24 Arthur Eichorst
- 6/24 Ginny Holmes
- 6/24 Steven Yarbrough
- 6/24 Richard Zeller
- 6/25 Celina Pass
- 6/26 Amber Hart
- 6/27 Veronika Odom
- 6/27 Chris Zanardi
- 6/28 Greg Lynch
- 6/28 Elizabeth Trempala
- 6/29 Chris Banks
- 6/29 Chrissy Hancox

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- how to locate churches when traveling?
- What the Synod's national budget is?
- Where you can read daily devotions online?

Check out www.lcms.org or call
 LCMS Church Information Center
 1-888-THE-LCMS (843-5267)
Infocenter@lcms.org



May

Irene Knowles
 From Faith Lutheran Church of
 Punta Gorda, Florida



Confirmation Sunday

On **Sunday, June 5th**, the following young people from Our Savior's Way will be confirmed at the **11:00 am service**:

- Andrew Hathaway
- Philip Hawthorne
- Katherine Hayden
- Ryan Lynch
- David Mann
- Amy May
- Ryan Weimer
- Nicole Wessell

Please keep them in your prayers

Youth And Family Canoe Trip

Join us for a Youth and Family Canoe Trip on the Shenandoah River on **Saturday, June 25th**. We will **leave from church at 8:00 am**, travel to Luray, Virginia, for canoeing on the Shenandoah River and **return about 4:00 pm**. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. Bring your friends, too. (Permission slips required.)



Middle School Youth Activity



Sunday, June 5th
7:00—8:30 pm
ABLAZE For Christ

Come and enjoy free time with your friends.

For more information, contact Lauren Germinario (703-723-0675) or Barb Jones (703-724-4894).

For questions about youth activities, contact Youth Board Chairpersons Bruce and Lynn Granger at 703-669-2644.

College Graduates



Eva Meier Tinkey graduated magna cum laude from George Mason University on May 20th. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will be working at Fair Oaks INOVA Hospital in the Surgery Unit.

Kyla Yarbrough graduated from Longwood University, Farmville, VA, in December 2004 with a degree in art education. Her "official" ceremony was May 14th. She is currently working at Open Arms and helping develop an art program for the center, while awaiting news of an art teacher position with the public schools.

Katherine Miller graduated from Susquehanna University with a degree in Biochemistry. She will be working in Northern Virginia for a year before returning to school.

Helpers Needed

Our Sunday School teachers have worked hard all year bringing the Good News of Jesus to the children and youth of Our Savior's Way. **Sunday, June 12th**, will be your chance to let them know you care with a special brunch and break during the Sunday School hour at **9:30 am**. Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board to bring a food item and/or help in the classroom with crafts and games so the teachers can enjoy the brunch. The Sunday School board is located in the classroom wing that leads to the church offices.

High School Graduates



Jessica Boysen is excited to announce she will be graduating from Stone Bridge High School on June 17, 2005. She will be continuing her studies at The College of William and Mary in the fall. She plans to major in English with a future goal of a career in the communications field.

Carolynn Primeau graduated from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate in Winnipeg, Canada. She plans to attend the University of Winnipeg and major in the Arts, Language or both.

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 June on the 5th and 17th after the 9:30 am service**.



Our Savior's Way
Elementary Youth Group
Little Lutherans

Calling all "Little Lutherans"
from Kindergarten through 5th Grade

LET'S GO GOLFING!!

Saturday, June 4,
10:00 am—12:00 noon

(Departing from and returning to OSW parking lot, followed by lunch and more fun!)

Please join us for a trip to Woody's Miniature Golf Range in Herndon, and then back to Our Savior's Way for pizza and fellowship with our families! The cost is \$7.00 per child, payable the day of the event, and there is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board.

If you have any questions, please contact: Julie Oswald at jaimebichons@aol.com or Sharon Dugo at momdugo@adelphia.net

Tuesday AM Bible Study

Join us at **10:00 am on June 7th and 14th** for a Bible Study entitled "Celebrating Friendship." You will appreciate the bonds that form as you join with other women linked together in friendship, prayer, joy, and faith. Everyone is welcome.

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

Open Arms Adm. Assistant

Christine McKinny

Bookkeeper

Carrienne Joback

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Ed Yarbrough

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Dave Labuhn Greg Lynch

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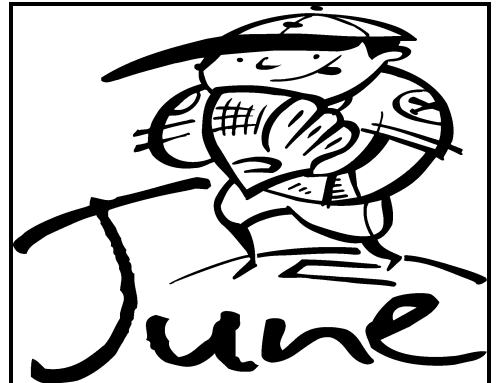
Carol Stowell

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.



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