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◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

March, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

ASHES IN CHURCH HISTROY

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

For nearly 1,000 years these words have been spoken to young and old alike as the sign of the cross is traced on their foreheads with ashes—the Impo-sition of Ashes. During the last half of the 20th century Lutherans have begun to make use of this rite and so many are asking, "Where does this come from and what does it mean?" The Bible contains many references to ashes and dust (Josh. 7:6; 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam 1:2, 15:32; Job 2:12, 16:15 are just a few), but the words of Ash Wednesday are an echo of the Lord's curse on Adam in Genesis 3:19—"Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." These words are echoed by Jesus in Matthew 11:21—"Woe to you Chorazin! Woe to you Beth-saida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Thus, ashes in the Bible are a sign of human mortality and public repentance.

This understanding has been carried over into Church history. By the mid-dle of the 12th century ashes began to be specifically associated with the begin-ning of Lent. Lent was a time for repentance and reconciliation with God. Therefore, the first day of Lent—a Wednesday—became known as Ash Wednes-day. At the time of the Reformation, ashes were a normal part of Lenten obser-vance. For some reason, the Lutheran reformers decided not to keep the prac-tice, and so it has only recently made a reappearance in Lutheran churches. I think it's a good thing. It is a meaningful way to prepare for the confession of sins and a visual reminder of our sin and mortality and our need for our Savior. When we confess our sins, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life with our God in heaven. Here is what one pastor had to say about Ash Wednesday: *On this past Ash Wednesday I imposed the ashes upon fore-heads of all shapes and sizes, under gray, receding hair and on smooth baby skin. I saw how the ashes quieted the agitation of an older woman, her thin body hunched over in a wheelchair. My thumb painted the cross crudely upon the wrinkled forehead of a 100-year-old man. An 18-month-old baby clutched his mother's arm. "Remember you are dust," I said. I moved aside the blonde bangs of a young girl just turning 13, her braces shining as she smiled at what she would later tell her parents was "a weird sensation." The final couple had been married only a few years. "And to dust you shall return," I said. (From*

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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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 13th, 12:15 pm

In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

Cliff Olsen (LCEF Laborer for Christ), undergoing cancer treatment; Sam Grant, recovering from open heart surgery; Kathy Policaro; 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 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

"The Disturbing Ashes of Lent" by Brett Webb-Mitchell). In the ashes of Lent may you see the cross of Christ and the way to salvation.

In His peace,
Pastor Mann

New Building Cost

The cost of the new building is **estimated between \$5-6 million**. This will be a challenge for the membership of Our Savior's Way, but it is a challenge that we, with God's help, can meet successfully. For the past five years, Our Savior's Way has made the ministry of the Open Arms Christian Child Development Center a major part of the work of this congregation in our community. The Church has benefited from the fact that income from Open Arms has helped support our present \$2.5 million mortgage. Last year Open Arms was able to pay the entire mortgage on the present building. However, a majority of the new building will house a 500-seat sanctuary. That 500-seat sanctuary and adjoining support space will be used primarily by the Church. As a result, we the members of Our Savior's Way, will need to "step up to the plate" and join in the effort to pay for our Church. Part of this effort will include a new 3-year giving campaign that will be kicked off in the fall. Please keep all these plans in your prayers. God has set before us tremendous possibilities and opportunities. May he also give us the faith to do his will.

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee has been working with the architect to come up with a floor plan for the new building. This process has been completed for the main floor and sanctuary. Now the architect is drawing the elevations and determining what the new building will look like inside and out. The Building Committee continues to meet with the architect on a bi-weekly basis. The goal is to have a building plan to present to the congregation for approval at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 13th. Of course the plan you will see at the Congregational Meeting will be a work-in-progress. The congregation will probably need to meet again sometime this summer to take a look at the final plans and cost estimates. We would like to thank those members of the congregation who responded to last month's request regarding your preference for pews or chairs. Your input was very helpful, although no final decisions on this question have been made. This month the Building Committee will be looking for additional congregational members to serve on the following sub-committees:

- Fine Arts and Decorating
- Fund Raising
- Landscaping

If you are interested in serving on one of these sub-committees, please contact the church office (703-858-9254).

SGSE Mailing Arrives In Homes

In mid-February a mailing was sent out to all members of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church with an update of the Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis (SGSE), the 3-year capital funding campaign which began in May 2002. Here are the results as of the end of January.

Those giving in 2002: 78 pledges Those giving today: 154 individuals and families
Total 3-year pledge in 2002: \$724,468
Total SGSE funds collected as of 2/7/05: \$648,812
Building Fund Donations in 2002/2003: \$119,789

Although we completed and paid for the building addition last year, many of you have continued to use the "Pink Envelopes" in giving to the SGSE program. Funds collected will be used for building the new sanctuary. Thank you for your generous support of God's work at Our Savior's Way.

(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 the **2nd & 4th Mondays 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: 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.

Read Through The Bible

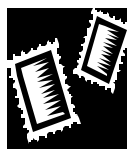
We challenge you to continue to read your Bible every day! You will be ætounded by the spiritual strength you will receive from the Word of God.

MARCH

- 1 Isaiah 64:1-9; Numbers 16—18
- 2 Ps. 85; Numbers 19—21
- 3 Ps. 86; Numbers 22—24
- 4 Ps. 87; Numbers 25—27
- 5 Ps. 88; Numbers 28—30
- 6 Ps. 89; Numbers 31—33
- 7 Ps. 90; Numbers 34—36
- 8 Ps. 91; Deuteronomy 1—3
- 9 Ps. 92; Deuteronomy 4—6
- 10 Ps. 93; Deuteronomy 7—9
- 11 Ps. 94; Deuteronomy 10—12
- 12 Ps. 95; Deuteronomy 13—15
- 13 Ps. 96; Deuteronomy 16—18
- 14 Ps. 97; Deuteronomy 19—21
- 15 Ps. 98; Deuteronomy 22—24
- 16 Ps. 99; Deuteronomy 25—27
- 17 Ps. 100; Deuteronomy 28—30
- 18 Ps. 101; Deuteronomy 31—34
- 19 Ps. 102; Luke 1
- 20 Ps. 103; Luke 2—3
- 21 Ps. 104; Luke 4—5
- 22 Ps. 105; Luke 6—7
- 23 Ps. 106; Luke 8—9
- 24 Ps. 107; Luke 10—11
- 25 Ps. 108; Luke 12—13
- 26 Ps. 109; Luke 14—15
- 27 Ps. 110; Luke 16—17
- 28 Ps. 111; Luke 18—19
- 29 Ps. 112; Luke 20—21
- 30 Ps. 113; Luke 22
- 31 Isaiah 64: 1-9; Luke 23—24

Mr. Don—"The Music Man"

Mr. Don—"The Music Man" will be presenting "An Easter Celebration" of music, dancing, instruments and fun on **Wednesday, March 23rd, at 10:00 am** for children Toddler age through Pre-Kindergarten **and** then again at **11:00 am** for children in Kindergarten and above. Cost per child is \$3. All are welcome to come and enjoy the show.



K.I.D.S. Stamp Program

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



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Join us on **March 5th from 5:00—7:00 pm for Family Game Night.** There will be games for all ages. Please bring a dish to share. You may also bring a game to share so that all can enjoy! A sign up sheet will be located by the front desk.

The **Scholastic Book Fair is back on Sunday, March 13th.** Help support the school and get those books before Spring Break!! The fair will be open between all services.

Thanks to everyone who supported our first fundraiser of the year. Look for KidStuff books in the future too!!

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

Church Joins In Tsunami Relief

The people of Our Savior's Way have joined Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members from congregations all over the United States in giving record breaking amounts and finding numerous ways of bringing relief to the millions affected by the December 26th South Asia earthquake and tsunami. Within the first week after the disaster, LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick urged members to consider making donations for tsunami relief. By the end of January, churches in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area had given more than \$6 million dollars through Lutheran World Relief's "Wave of Giving" campaign. The members of Our Savior's Way made a donation of more than \$11,000. Among the partner churches in the eleven countries affected by the tsunami is the Lanka Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka. With money from Lutheran World Relief, members of the Lanka Lutheran Church last month delivered food and medical supplies to the hardest-hit coastal areas. Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director of Lutheran World Relief, reports visiting refugee camps in Sri Lanka and the wreckage of "The Queen of the Sea," a passenger train that the waves knocked off its tracks—killing about 1,000 passengers and villagers who climbed on top of it. Among the train's riders killed by the tsunami were Rev. Ranjith Fernando and his wife, Darshini. Pastor Fernando was president of the Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka. The loss is great. Your gifts have helped. Our God is loving the world through you.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/6 Bob and Bonnie Stith
- 3.8 Tony and Sharon Iglesias
- 3/16 Leonard and Rea Crain
- 3/24 Perry and Shannan Ply
- 3/26 Henry and Andie Wessell

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Ben Scarboro
- 3/2 Beth Shutler
- 3/3 Mike Gruntz
- 3/3 Mary Miller
- 3/4 Bob Lawrence
- 3/4 Jeff Tanner
- 3/4 Kyla Yarbrough
- 3/5 Brett Griffis
- 3/5 Tim Meier
- 3/6 Kelton Becker
- 3/6 Alex Mohr
- 3/6 Matt Moran
- 3/7 Art Frey
- 3/7 Michael Sullivan
- 3/8 Jean Kayden
- 3/9 Scott Meisinger
- 3/10 Glenn Hancox
- 3/10 Danielle Trempala
- 3/11 Mark Anton
- 3/13 Dave Maddens
- 3/13 Ayla Osgood
- 3/14 Sara Carlin
- 3/14 Edel Frank
- 3/14 Jean Hergenroeder
- 3/14 Joe Kumke
- 3/16 Randal Schoppa
- 3/17 Jacqueline Marriott
- 3/17 Karen Van Bremen
- 3/18 Paige Andersen
- 3/18 Tina Imperial
- 3/18 Janice Lupia
- 3/18 David Primeau
- 3/19 Jodie Anderson
- 3/19 Nicholas Hergenroeder
- 3/19 Randy May
- 3/20 Kim Clarkson
- 3/20 Kelley Cuthbert
- 3/21 Virginia Elliott
- 3/21 Chip Hart
- 3/21 Gina Lair
- 3/21 Taylor van der Biezen
- 3/22 Orion Stubbs
- 3/23 Kelley O'Dell
- 3/24 Sol Vega

Adult Dinner Out Group



The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet on **Sunday, March 20th, at 5:30 pm** at O'Faolain's. The restaurant is located across from the Regal Theater complex. A sign-up sheet and sample menu are on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Homes Needed For Highschoolers

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



February Baptisms

Demond "Jordan" Tapscott
Natalie Elizabeth Sitter

- 3/25 Charles Payne
- 3/25 Shannan Ply
- 3/25 Barb Yarbrough
- 3/26 Melissa Morales
- 3/26 Ed Yarbrough
- 3/27 Robyn Griffis
- 3/28 Martie Dunnett
- 3/28 Joe Fitzgerald
- 3/29 Scott Tousley
- 3/31 Laurel Ellis
- 3/31 Lynn Granger

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



High School Youth Activities



**Friday—Sunday
March 4—6
Virginia Beach
Construction Zone**

**Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Christian Concert in Culpepper
Saturday, March 12—Bible Study**

Middle School Activity

**Tuesday, March 8, 7:30—8:30 pm
Captive Free Concert**
See sign-up sheet for details.

Little Lutherans Activity

**Saturday, March 19, 1:00 pm
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Seminaries Offer Free Visits To
Prospective Students**

The two seminaries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in St. Louis, Missouri and Fort Wayne, Indiana, where the Church's pastors are trained, are offering free campus visits to prospective students in March. The three-day visits are open to students, college-age and older and are meant to give them a sample of what seminary life is like. The St. Louis Seminary will host its "Institute on the Ministry" **March 10-12**. Visits to the Fort Wayne Seminary are scheduled for **March 17-19**. For more information check out the seminary web sites www.csl.edu/institute.htm or www.ctsfw.edu/admission.icv.

Kapelle Choir

The Kapelle Choir from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois will present a program of classical and contemporary choral works on **Saturday, March 5th, at 7:30 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodbridge. A freewill offering will be collected at the door. For more information call 703-494-4600.

You Can Participate In Care Ministry

The number one mission of Care Ministry is to make disciples; to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by identifying the needs of first time attendees, by helping them meet those needs, and by leading them into a closer association with the Lord. All of this happens most effectively through personal relationships.

To help us acquire the tools and better understand the process of Care Ministry, we are asking each of you to do three things:

1. Pray for the success of Care Ministry at Our Savior's Way.
2. Come to one of the Care Ministry Training sessions to be held at Good Shepherd in Reston:
 - **Friday, March 4th from 2 to 4 pm** (Target audiences are Pastors, Council Members and Staff)
 - **Saturday, March 5th from 9am to 12 noon** (Target audience will be those who wish to be team leaders)
 - **Sunday, March 6th from 1:30-6:00 pm** (Training for team members)
3. Invite others in the congregation to join in the training (spouses, friends, young adults)

Your availability gives God the opportunity to do a miracle through you. Please mark your calendars to attend one of the above sessions at Good Shepherd, extend an invitation for someone else you know to join us, and pray for success. For more information talk to Jim Sheehy at 571-333-1264 or Corrado Dugo at 703-724-1122.

Special Lenten and Easter Services

Wednesdays: March 2	6:00 pm —Lenten Suppers
March 9 (T Bible Study)	7:30 pm —Lenten Service
March 16 (Altar Guild)	
Sunday, March 20	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am —Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 24	7:30 pm —Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, March 25	7:30 pm —Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sunday, March 27	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am —Easter Services

**Raven Rock Lutheran Camp
Summer Camp 2005**

Summer Registrations are open!

Don't miss out on the fun.
Register Now!

Registration forms are in the Church office or contact Brenda Minnich at 1-800-321-5824 OR Ravenrock@innernet.net.

Be sure to take advantage of Early Bird Discounts by May 1.

People's Bible Commentary

The People's Bible Commentary is a complete commentary on every book in the Bible, written specifically for lay people. It is Christ-centered, faithfully Lutheran, practical, and easy to read and understand. Forty-one volumes are available through a convenient subscription program. The first volume, *John*, is free to anyone who subscribes to the series. Future volumes will be mailed directly to subscribers' homes. Look for a display in the narthex soon.

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

Help Ignite The Flame With LCEF

How can YOU help ignites the flame for mission? Invest some of your funds into the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. You earn personal interest for your future needs, AND help fund new LCMS mission starts, build churches, schools and much more. Call 1-800-843-5233 for investment products, services and current interest rates.

Appraisal Fair/Silent Auction Benefit

The annual NOVACO Appraisal Fair and Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2005 from 2 to 5 PM** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA. Admission is \$15 per person which includes verbal appraisals of two items, the Silent Auction, and refreshments.

The NOVACO program emphasizes life skills and education necessary to become self sufficient. Clients are supported through childcare, professional counseling, mentoring by church sponsors, medical and legal services and housing for up to two years. The success stories are many. Six out of the thirteen graduates are now homeowners. Clients are followed for at least two years after graduation.

Items for the Silent Auction and help with refreshments are needed. For information and how to donate, contact Beth High at GBHigh@aol.com or 703-491-1557.

If you are unable to attend the event, we hope you will consider making a donation to: NOVACO, 9479 B Silver King Ct., Fairfax, VA 22031.

**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).

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Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

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Christine McKinny

Bookkeeper

Carol Heuple

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

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Corrado Dugo and Jim Sheehy

Properties Board

Leonard Crain and Todd Craig

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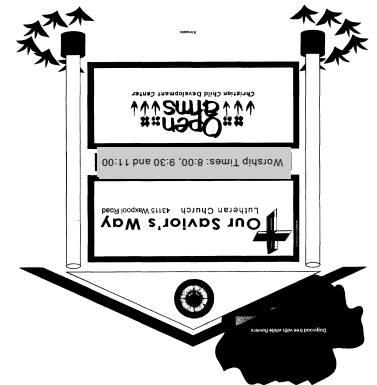
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How to Become a Member of Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church

- 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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