

The joy is in the journey!

◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

May, 2005

FROM THE PASTOR...

One of my great concerns—something that I see too often in Christian circles—is the tendency to isolate ourselves from those who are different from us. We tend to gravitate toward people who think like we think, agree with us on everything, believe like we do, even dress the same. In so doing we miss wonderful, God-given opportunities to expand our understanding of the world and the people in it. We also miss out on opportunities to grow personally and spiritually.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the Care Ministry program. You have raised the “friendliness level” at Our Savior’s Way. People are on the look-out for new friends. Why should we gather together in the same old groups talking about church business on Sunday morning? We need to be about the Lord’s business and that means welcoming newcomers to our church. It is wonderful to see our members scanning the lobby for “First-Time Attenders.” We don’t call them “visitors” anymore. Visitors may or may not return. But the expectation with a “First-Time Attender” is that they will return a second, third, fourth ... time and one day become a member of Our Savior’s Way. Some long-time members have been “mistakenly” welcomed by our Care Ministry “professionals” as First-Time Attenders. Is it ever a mistake to welcome someone to church? What a great way to get to know a new friend at Our Savior’s Way that you didn’t know previously. And what a great reason for our members to wear their nametags! (You don’t have a nametag?—then sign up on the “I need a nametag” sheet on the table in the lobby.)

Of course, in the midst of all the new faces and the diversity all around us, you need a soul mate or two—friends you connect with easily and deeply. I pray that you will also find these kinds of relationships at Our Savior’s Way. But most importantly, I pray that your relationship with your Savior Jesus will grow deeper and more meaningful every day. Welcome him into your life and into your home with regular prayer, devotions and Bible readings. And don’t forget to attend worship each Sunday. We’ll be looking for you.

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—Discussion of Sunday service reading(s)
- 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.

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

Sister of Jack Meisinger; Josie Rich and Jim Thorns, friends of the Dunnetts; Laura Stiller, co-worker of Lynn Lynch, diagnosed with MS; Scott Vivian; Ginny Holmes; Terri Harding’s cousin, John Mutter, undergoing experimental cancer treatment; Shirley Jackson, Terry Ramey’s aunt diagnosed with cancer; Cliff Olsen (LCEF Laborer for Christ), undergoing cancer treatment; Kathy Policaro; Jean Marie Brown; Diana Kidder; Barb Tanner; Larry Havener; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); 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 Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org

Building Committee

The members of the Building Committee have been meeting with the architect and representatives from the heating/AC contractors to talk about the mechanical systems in the new building. Options include several individual gas furnaces (as we have now) or one central gas boiler. The committee has also begun to decide flooring and lighting plans for the sanctuary and classrooms on the first floor. The high water table on the church property, which we discovered during the building of the addition, may necessitate raising the floor level of the building 1-2 feet. John Bailey, the husband of one of our teachers at Open Arms, will be bringing his backhoe over to church to dig a couple of test pits in the construction area so that soil scientists can evaluate the situation. Subcommittees of the Building Committee which have begun to meet include the Finance Committee and the Fine Arts/Decorating Committee. If you would like to serve on either of these committees, please call the church office.

The Futures Committee has set up the following time schedule:

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

The Building Committee will meet on May 12th and 26th. We invite interested members of Our Savior's Way to attend.

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:

- No minimum donation amount is required.
- Two gifts of up to \$300 can be given to two enrolled organizations per year.
- You may make more than one gift to reach your \$300 total (just be sure to include the GivingPlus Member Gift Form, 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).

Why give?—You can increase your gift to OSW by 50%. That means, if you make a \$300 donation, THRIVENT will send the church an additional \$150. And every person in the family 16 years or older can make a contribution. (For example, Pastor Mann's family will make a \$300 gift in the name of Pastor, Sally, Ben and Andrew—all over 16—for a total of \$1,200. THRIVENT will send an additional \$600 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 will be counted as regular offering. The matching funds from THRIVENT will go into a separate fund for a special project. Our goal: 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.

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us. —Socrates

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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. Current study: *The Book of Luke*.

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: *Celebrating Friendship*

Bulletin Folders

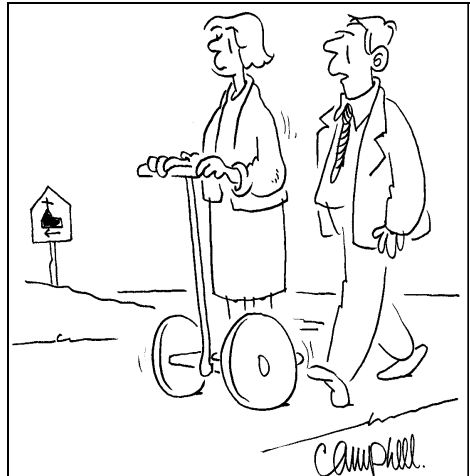
Volunteers fold Sunday's bulletin every Friday morning at 10:30 am.

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.



"The new church sanctuary isn't that big, Margaret."

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.

MAY

- 1 1 Sam 2:1-10; Titus, Philemon
- 2 Ps. 121; Hebrews 1—4
- 3 Ps. 122; Hebrews 5—7
- 4 Ps. 123; Hebrews 8—10
- 5 Ps. 124; Hebrews 11—13
- 6 Ps. 125; James 1—3
- 7 Ps. 126; James 4—5
- 8 Ps. 127; 1 Peter 1—2
- 9 Ps. 128; 1 Peter 3—5
- 10 Ps. 129; 2 Peter
- 11 Ps. 130; 1 John 1—3
- 12 Ps. 131; 1 John 4—5
- 13 Ps. 132; 2 John, 3 John, Jude
- 14 Ps. 133; John 1—2
- 15 Ps. 134; John 3—4
- 16 Ps. 135; John 5—6
- 17 Ps. 136; John 7—8
- 18 Ps. 137; John 9—10
- 19 Ps. 138; John 11-12
- 20 Ps. 139; John 13—14
- 21 Ps. 140; John 15—16
- 22 Ps. 141; John 17—18
- 23 Ps. 142; John 19
- 24 Ps. 143; John 20—21
- 25 Ps. 144; Acts 1—2
- 26 Ps. 145; Acts 3—4
- 27 Ps. 146; Acts 5—6
- 28 Ps. 147; Acts 7—8
- 29 Ps. 148; Acts 9—10
- 30 Ps. 149; Acts 11—12
- 31 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Acts 13—14

February Birth



Cody Michael Borchert
April 6, 2005



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Our **Family Movie Night** is **May 6th from 7:00—9:00 pm**. Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket to sit on. We will be offering popcorn and drinks for your enjoyment. The movie is appropriate for all ages, so come enjoy this fun event with your entire family!!

Our Logo Wear sale is in progress. This year we have added a baseball cap and sports bottles. Please have a look at the poster to see what else is new for this year. Why not show off our logo to everyone!

The CDC Board will be sponsoring Staff Appreciation Week the week of May 2nd through May 6th, with the 6th being the day designated to help celebrate National Child Care Provider Day! Look for more details to follow to help say thank you to our wonderful Open Arms Teachers and Open Arms/OSW Administrative Staff.

On May 19th there will be another in-school show at Open Arms at 10:45 am. Stout Meadow will be here to share with us their "Scales, Tales, Paws and Claws" kid-friendly animal show. The cost will be \$3/child and is appropriate to children ages 3 years old and above. All are welcome!

Look for several new activities in the next few months. Is there something that you would like us to host? Please feel free to come to our **next meeting** on **May 19th at 7:00 pm**. You may also call or email me. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas!!

Celina Pass
CDC Board Chairperson

Mom's Example

"By whose preaching were you converted?" a young man was asked. "Not by anyone's preaching," answered the dedicated believer. "I was converted by my mother's practicing."

Bikes For The World

On **Sunday, May 1, from 1:00—4:00 pm**, bikes and all usable bicycle spare parts and accessories, bike books, and bike tools can be dropped off at church. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners, who repair the bicycles and distribute them to people who need them to get to work or school. Bikes for the World is a sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. A receipt will be provided for all material and cash donations. Checks will also be accepted. For additional information, call Penny Payne at 703-723-3259 or email her at paynepk@yahoo.com. P.S.—Sewing machines are also needed.



Volunteers needed NOW for VBS!!! This Safari Adventure will be **August 1—5, 5:30 to 8:30 pm**. Mark your calendars! The program is for the **WHOLE** family, and in order to bring it all together we need **YOUR** help! Please join us for an **all hands meeting Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 am** to learn about the program and how you can help. If you can't make the meeting and want to help or have questions, call Christina Henley. Sign up on the safari poster in the lobby! We can't wait to get started!!!

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



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Michael and Jen Sphar
- 5/2 Tim and Patricia Thorpe
- 5/6 Jim and Jodie Anderson
- 5/7 David and Susan Thistlethwaite
- 5/11 Gary and Beth Cummings
- 5/11 Bruce and Paula Looney
- 5/16 George and Jodi Folta
- 5/19 Jerry and Karen Van Bremen
- 5/20 Art and Carol Frey
- 5/20 Joe and Janice Lupia
- 5/22 Larry and Leigh Adair
- 5/24 Kevin and Amber Jenkins
- 5/24 Rick and Cissy Burtner
- 5/24 Scott and Marilyn Tousley
- 5/25 Arthur Eichorst/Helen Ongman
- 5/27 Mike and Lauren Germinario
- 5/29 Dave and Heather Ketron
- 5/30 Dave and Jane Hunt
- 5/30 Tim and Nancy Meier
- 5/31 Kevin and Michelle Bluhm

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Casey Fadgen
- 5/2 Marcie Peterson
- 5/4 Chuck Banks
- 5/4 Stephanie Walter
- 5/5 Wally Davis
- 5/6 Emily Garthwaite
- 5/6 Zack Johnson
- 5/7 Michael Horton
- 5/8 Allan Edgar
- 5/8 Jennifer Trempala
- 5/8 Richard Zuehsow
- 5/9 Jim Qualls
- 5/10 Raul Morales
- 5/10 Christian Reiter
- 5/11 Ben Leman
- 5/11 Susan Yake
- 5/12 Lynn Bullard
- 5/12 Patrick McMinn
- 5/15 Michelle Boyd
- 5/15 Brandon Westerfeld
- 5/16 Pam Miller
- 5/16 Savannah Novak
- 5/16 Carol Stowell
- 5/17 Philip Hawthorne
- 5/19 Madge Christian
- 5/19 Dave Hunt
- 5/19 Sarah Scarboro
- 5/20 Andrew Mann
- 5/21 Jessica Lair

Family Pictures Requested

Please bring in a family picture for the new church pictorial directory. Your picture will be scanned and can be returned to you if desired. Photos may be left in the marked envelope in the church office.

Bookkeeper Needed

After two years of faithful service, Carol Heuple has decided to give up the position as bookkeeper at Our Savior's Way. We all thank Carol for the work that she has done in bringing the church and child care center to a new level of financial organization and accountability. But as a result of Carol's leaving we are looking for a new bookkeeper. The position requires experience in accounting and the ability to work 23 days per week (flexible hours). If you are interested please call the church office (703-858-9254).



April

Wally and Jane Davis
From Trinity Evangelical LC
Richmond, VA

- 5/21 Matt Middleton
- 5/21 Elizabeth Sitter
- 5/22 Dave Lair
- 5/22 Bonnie Stith
- 5/23 John Joback
- 5/24 Nicole Hart
- 5/25 Tod Hathaway
- 5/25 David Peterson
- 5/25 Mike van der Biezen
- 5/26 Corrado Dugo
- 5/27 Erin May
- 5/28 Martina Payne
- 5/29 Carolynn Primeau
- 5/30 Jill Adair
- 5/30 Jeff Davis
- 5/31 Tabatha Bragg
- 5/31 Matt Griffis
- 5/31 Julie Tousley

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



April Wedding

Julie Harding and
Reid Farmer

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



Stamps will be available in May on the 1st and 15th after the 9:30 am service. K.I.D.S. teaches children the importance of saving and being a good steward while also helping to build churches, additions and schools.



April Baptisms

Jenna Elizabeth van der Biezen
Nathan Ryan Picot

Something New At Church

This month Dave and Kevin Peterson will be installing projectors and screens in the Great Room. The AV system has been made possible by a generous donation from one of our member families. The screens and projectors will be used for presentations and special events, as well as to enhance the worship service. Our goal is to have the system installed by the CDC's 'Movie Night' on May 6th, and use the projectors and screens for Darrell Scott's presentation on May 22nd.

The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary's Spring Festival

Saturday, May 21, 2005
9:30 am—2:00 pm

9701 Veirs Dr., Rockville, MD

All proceeds benefit the Residents

Lunch served 10:30 am—1:00 pm
\$7 Adults, \$5 children under 12

Greenhouse, Jewelry, Baked Goods
Candy, Handwork, Grandma's Attic
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Scholarships

The Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington, DC, (LLF) is accepting applications for the Dr. Chauncey Bly International Scholarship and the John A. Scherzer Scholarship as follows:

Awards—Up to \$500 for each scholarship.

Bly International Eligibility—Applicants must be foreign born; currently enrolled and studying in a U. S. school; intend to preach, teach, or serve in their country of birth; and be a member of a recognized Christian denomination.

Scherzer Eligibility—Applicants must be a member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan area; and a Lutheran student already accepted by or attending, on a full-time basis, a Lutheran university, college, junior college, or seminary.

Applications—Brochures for each respective scholarship contain instructions for applying (together with additional information) and may be obtained from Dan Bella, Chair, Scholarship Committee, 3205 Janet Rd, Wheaton, MD 20906-4041. Phone: 301-949-5317

Deadline—Applications will be accepted until July 1, 2005.

Graduates

The church would like to recognize this year's graduates in the June newsletter. If you have a student who will be graduating from high school or college in May or June, please provide the church office with the following information: student's name, school name, plans for fall. Email to office@oswlc.org or call 703-858-9254.

**Thank You To Youth
From Wingler House**

On behalf of the residents of Wingler House Apartments, we would like to thank you for the generous donation of the paperwhite plants that were given out. The residents are enjoying them. As you walk down the hallways of Wingler House, you see the plants on the shelves by their apartments or even in the sitting areas. Thank you once again for brightening up the residents' day.

Sincerely yours,
Wingler House Management

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us at **10:00 am** on Tuesday mornings in May for a one hour 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.

- Week 1 A Moment for Quiet Reflection
- Week 2 Knowing God's Heart
- Week 3 Friendship Boosters
- Week 4 Just for Fun

The Gospel Of Luke

Join us on the **first and third evening of the month at 7:30 pm** as we read and discuss the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome.



Middle School Youth Activity



**Sunday, May 1 & 15
7:00—8:30 pm**

ABLAZE For Christ

Meet at church for pizza and free time fellowship with friends.

For questions about youth activities, contact Bruce or Lynn Granger at 703-669-2644.

Darrell Scott Is Coming to OSW!

Darrell Scott will be here on **Sunday, May 22nd, at 3:00 pm** to share with us "Rachel's Story." Rachel Joy Scott was Darrell's daughter and a victim of the Columbine tragedy. She was fatally shot shortly after she told her killers that she believed in God. Darrell's son Craig survived the shooting spree, but two of his friends that were beside him in the library at the time did not. Since that devastating day in April of 1999, Darrell has spoken to over three million people around the world. His presentations are extraordinary, and you won't want to pass up this opportunity to hear his message firsthand. Please call Penny Payne at 703-723-3259 for free tickets to this event. (Note: There will be a limited number of tickets available due to space, so call today!) This will help us to plan appropriately for the number of people attending. Please also consider signing up in the lobby to bring some type of finger food or appetizer on that day. If you would like to help out with this event, please call Nancy Borchert at 703-723-0587. Among other things, we will need volunteers to staff a couple of tables where Darrell's books and resources will be made available. We hope you can make it on May 22nd to this amazing presentation!

Nancy Borchert
Penny Payne



On **Sunday, June 5th**, nine young people from Our Savior's Way will be confirmed at the **11:00 am service**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

Open Arms Adm. Assistant

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

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

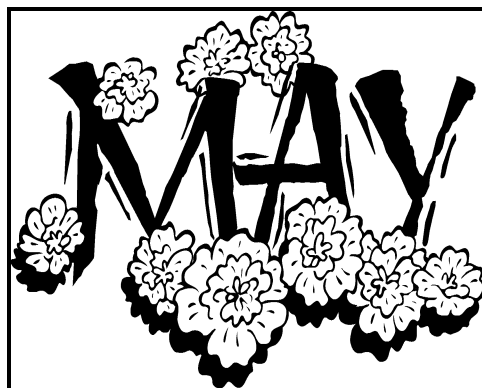
Carol Stowell

Volunteer Coordinator

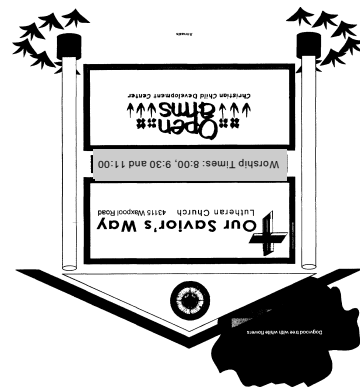
Denise Meyer

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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