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Our Savior's Way

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TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

August 2006

FROM THE PASTOR...

July has been a very busy month as we continue to prepare for the construction on the new building to begin. The construction project will stretch over the next 12 months and we should be nearing completion next August. The new building will triple the space we have for the ministry of Our Savior's Way and Open Arms. Plans are being made to expand both the church and school staff to accommodate the anticipated growth.

During these months of construction it is important not to forget the needs of people. The church is not first-of-all a building of brick and stone. The church is made up of faithful believers gathered around the Word and the Sacraments—the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to moving the construction project forward, we must remember in our prayers, with cards and notes of concern and with Christian love and support, those among us with special needs during this time. Please keep in your prayers Diana Kidder, Tod Hathaway, and Andy Bingamann who continue to undergo treatment for their cancer; Phil Schneider and Shelby Tanner who have returned home from the hospital and all our other members who might need an extra word of encouragement or prayer of support. As our congregation grows we have the privilege of ministering to one another out of our love for Christ.

In Galatians 6:2 Paul writes, "Bear one another's burdens", but then a few sentences later, in verse 5, he says, "each person should bear his own burden." That sounds a little confusing until you go back and look at the original Greek. Actually Paul uses two words for burden here—one, the Greek word "Baros" which means an "overloaded" ship. The other, the Greek word "Photion" which is the ships proper "ballast". Anyone who has visited Alexandria, Virginia or any of the other ports along the east coast has seen the stones that were used to pave the roads of these cities. Many of these stones were once ballast stones that were placed in the holds of the ships as they traveled between Europe and America.

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In Our Prayers We Ask the Lord to Bless

Diana Kidder; Tod Hathaway; Laurie Molen, daughter of Pat Turner; Phil Schneider; Andrew Bingaman, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Allison Yowell; Sister of Linda Merkle; Sam Grant; Donnie Tiaga; Reid Farmer in Iraq; Kathy Policaro; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; mother and mother-in-law of Chadney Grant; Mothers of Karen Rippe, Carol Tanner, and Joe Kumke; Father of Paul Hawthorne; Sister of Carolyn Nulf; 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

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—8:30 am
- Colossians Bible Study—9:30 am
- Women's Bible Study—
Meets again in September.
- Parent Support Group
Meets again in September.

Shared Interest

Kids Play Group

Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the homes of the participants. Contact Eva Stubbs at 703-729-5957.

Dinner Out Once-a-Month

This group meets for dinner and fellowship once a month at a local restaurant. Meets again in September.

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"Today's text is from the gospel according to Google."

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Each of us has a proper ballast or burden that we were meant to carry in life. But it is so easy to get overburdened. The troubles of life and the worries of health and daily living can quickly become too much for us. We all know how easy it is to thrust all the burdens and responsibilities of running the church onto the shoulders of just a few people. At those times we need to remember that we are not alone. As Christian brothers and sisters we have been called to help each other and "bear one another's burdens." Also remember the Son of God who came to carry the burden of your sin. He took it to the cross so that you don't have to carry that burden anymore. Jesus said, in Matthew 11:30, that His yoke is easy and His "burden" (Portion or "proper load") is light.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mann

New Building

The surveyors have been out putting stakes in the ground and stringing marking tape. The stakes mark the limits of clearing and grading for the new building and parking lot. We also have received the county permit to put the construction trailer on the property. The construction trailer will be located on the existing parking lot near the trash dumpster. Closing for our new building loan is scheduled for July 25th. The closing was delayed because of bad storms. Over 500,000 people were without power in St. Louis where our lender, The Lutheran Church Extension Fund, has its offices. At this time we are still waiting for Loudoun County to approve our site plan. We are down to one reviewer who is asking that more trees be included in the landscape buffer along the road. We pray that the site plan will be approved by the county by the end of

Service Schedule **August Thru Labor Day**

This is what Sundays in August and Labor Day Weekend will look like:

Pastor's Adult Discussion Group
8:30 am
Sunday School/Adult Class
9:30 am
Worship—9:30 and 11:00 am



Parking During Construction

The construction plans call for three important changes in the traffic patterns at Our Savior's Way:

- (1) The back entrance will become a construction entrance and will be closed to other traffic. All cars must enter and exit the property at the church sign on Waxpool Rd.
- (2) The construction trailer parked near the dumpster will block the circular flow of traffic in our parking lot. There will be only one way in and out.
- (3) The back parking lot will be repaved. While this is taking place overflow parking will be available in the commuter lot near Children's World and in the Broadlands community lot near the stone house.

These changes will be a temporary inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.

Gone Fishing?

Whether vacationing or just "gone fishing", you can view your LCEF investments online at **MY-Account**. Our Internet financial service 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.

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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**. Will resume in September

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Will resume in September

20/30 Something's Bible Study

Meets at the church every other Tuesday at 7:30 PM; for single and married persons in their 20's and 30's. Current Study: Religions of the World.

CROSSWAYS Bible Study

Meets on **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm**. The study will resume in September.

Thursday Daytime Bible Study

Meets every Thursday from 2-3 pm in the clubhouse at Leisure World.

Bulletin Folders

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

Couples' Small Group

Meets the **second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm**. Contact Martie Dunnett (671-223-1719) for more information.

Garden Club/Work Day

Meets the **3rd Saturday of the month at church from 8:00 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.



Reduced giving is typically experienced during the summer months when attendance is less due to summer vacations. Please keep up with your pledges and offerings during these summer months.

Christian Education News

Sunday School Registration In Progress Now!

Please pick up a registration form from the wall box by the Sunday School Bulletin Board to register for Sunday School. Your yearly registration assures we place your child in the correct class, have your latest contact and emergency information, and that we will have enough class materials. Leave completed forms in the wall box.



It seems that it was just yesterday we were saying thank you to our regular Sunday School teaching volunteers at a wonderful brunch provided by parents of the Sunday School classes. It was yummy, by the way, and thanks for providing it. Now it is time once again to regroup and reform our teaching teams for the fall!

Returning teachers:

Please call or email Barb or Lynn to verify that you are going to teach once again and to make sure we have put you in the class level you desire.

New Teachers:

We LOVE to have new members on our Teaching Teams! Most of our classes have a three person team that works together to teach God's Word to our preschool through High School age children on Sunday mornings. This gives us a good teacher to child ratio and allows each team plenty of flexibility with the family schedule. Usually, the teams rotate the lead teacher role weekly, with other team members present and prepared to support the lead teacher.

We can always use another teacher on most of our class levels. So prayerfully consider where you would like to serve in children's ministry on Sunday mornings. To volunteer, or for more information on Sunday School at Our



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Helping Families Keep Christ at the Heart of their Home



Priorities:

Cell Phone
Vs
The Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phones?

What if:

- we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- we flipped through it several times a day?
- we used it to receive messages from the text?
- we gave it to our kids as gifts?
- we used it when we traveled?
- we used it in case of an emergency?
- we upgraded it to get the latest version?
- we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

And don't forget. Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill!!

Sunday School Rally Day August 27 9:30 AM

Join us for the Summer Wrap-up and Fall Kick off for the new Sunday School year!

During the regular Sunday School time at 9:30 AM, we will have special activities to celebrate the summer Sunday school programs, "Treasure Seekers" and "A Taste of God's Love", as well as give families the opportunity to find their new classroom for the fall. Teachers who are back from their summer vacations will be available in the classrooms for you to meet. Please join us as a family to go through the morning activities, and then stay for worship at the 11:00 am service.



Sunday School Teachers Orientation And Brunch Saturday, August 26 9:30 AM—Noon

Join us for a fall Sunday School teacher orientation and brunch for all Sunday School teachers, both new and returning. You will receive your new CPH teaching materials for the fall, go over classroom procedures, have a chance to meet with the rest of your teaching team and go through your Sunday School supplies. Please make every effort to attend if your family has returned from their summer fun. We are planning a morning of faith, fellowship and fun.



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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.

AUGUST

- 1 Habakkuk 3:2-19
2 Chronicles 1—3
- 2 Ps. 57; 2 Chronicles 4—6
- 3 Ps. 58; 2 Chronicles 7—9
- 4 Ps. 59; 2 Chronicles 10—12
- 5 Ps. 60; 2 Chronicles 13—15
- 6 Ps. 61; 2 Chronicles 16—18
- 7 Ps. 62; 2 Chronicles 19—21
- 8 Ps. 63; 2 Chronicles 22—24
- 9 Ps. 64; 2 Chronicles 25—27
- 10 Ps. 65; 2 Chronicles 28—30
- 11 Ps. 66; 2 Chronicles 31—33
- 12 Ps. 67; 2 Chronicles 34—36
- 13 Ps. 68; Ezra 1—5
- 14 Ps. 69; Ezra 6—10
- 15 Ps. 70; Nehemiah 1—3
- 16 Ps. 71; Nehemiah 4—6
- 17 Ps. 72; Nehemiah 7—9
- 18 Ps. 73; Nehemiah 10—13
- 19 Ps. 74; Esther 1—3
- 20 Ps. 75; Esther 4—6
- 21 Ps. 76; Esther 7—10
- 22 Ps. 77; Job 1—3
- 23 Ps. 78; Job 4—6
- 24 Ps. 79; Job 7—9
- 25 Ps. 80; Job 10—12
- 26 Ps. 81; Job 13—15
- 27 Ps. 82; Job 16—18
- 28 Ps. 83; Job 19—21
- 29 Ps. 84; Job 22—24
- 30 Ps. 85; Job 25—27
- 31 Habakkuk 3:2-19
Job 28—30

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



K.I.D.S. Stamps will be on **vacation until September.** We are also looking for a person or a team of two that can help coordinate this program. Duties include selling stamps to the kids two Sundays each month, promoting the program and working with the church office to turn in money and order program stamps and supplies.

K.I.D.S. is a fun and educational program of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Thank you to all who attended the Bingo Night. We had LOTS of fun!!

Mark your calendars now for our annual **APPLEFEST!** It will be held Saturday, **September 30, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** We will have many of our favorite children's activities, a bake sale, raffle, and a visit from the fire department. We are looking for home-based vendors once again. If you would like information on being a vendor, please contact Celina.

This month's CDC Board meeting will be **August 17 at 7:30 pm.** We will meet in the fish tank room. Please join us.

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

Christ Community Lutheran – Your Mission in Leesburg

It seems as though I have been away from OSW for a long time. I miss seeing so many of you now that we are worshipping full time in Leesburg. I thought I would place a short note in the OSW newsletter to give you all an update on what's happening up north!

Our worship services are going well. We are still having great attendance even with the summer slow down. We had a three Sunday streak of over 80 and now have backed off to around 60. It doesn't take too many families going on vacation to make a hit in attendance! We still have visitors almost every week, which is encouraging.

Our middle school and senior high youth group is forming well. We are planning some activities for August and will be working with the OSW team to have a joint activity. Our Sunday School classes are small as we are experiencing the summer vacations. We continue to offer a small program for those who show up. Adult Bible study remains strong. We are starting a new series on July 30 around the Da Vinci Code book. The study should prove to be very interesting.

Plans for the Open Arms are still underway. We are currently working on our business plan to submit to LCEF for funding. We have had some preliminary design work given to us by the architect and it looks exciting. Currently, the demographics we have gotten support around 225 children would be coming to the program.

We are so grateful for the support we receive from OSW. We continue to lift you all up in prayer as you, too, move forward with your building program. Pastor Mann keeps me up to date with your plans and it looks exciting! May God continue to bless you all and if you would like to come and visit us sometime, please do; we would love to have you come and see what your mission church is doing!

In His Grip!
Pastor Doug



ANNIVERSARIES
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3 Dan and Stephanie Rolf
- 8/4 Bill and Marie Pfancuff
- 8/6 Glenn and Ana Hancox
- 8/6 Seth and Celina Hutchins
- 8/6 Jack and Ivy Meisinger
- 8/7 Randy and Wendy Johnson
- 8/7 William and Daphne Becker
- 8/8 Randy and Cindy May
- 8/9 Alan and Christina Henley
- 8/14 Ed and Barb Yarbrough
- 8/18 Joe and Jeanne VanDyke
- 8/19 Richard and Julie Hayden
- 8/24 Brian and Beth Shutler
- 8/26 Mike and Susan Gruntz
- 8/27 Rich and Diane Olsen
- 8/29 Darren and Caroline Broemmer
- 8/31 Ernie and Jean Stockel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Scott Andersen
- 8/1 Greg Meyer
- 8/2 Colin Shutler
- 8/2 Leon Stubbs
- 8/3 Bill Mann, V
- 8/3 Carolyn Tousley
- 8/3 Margaret Zeller
- 8/4 John Brown
- 8/4 Helene Mann
- 8/5 Logan Buckley
- 8/5 Barb Jones
- 8/5 Carolyn Nulf
- 8/5 Kevin Peterson
- 8/7 Jack Bues
- 8/7 Beth Cummings
- 8/8 Brad Odenheimer
- 8/8 Jennifer Wiechmann
- 8/9 Stu Dunnett
- 8/10 Gail Drifmeyer
- 8/10 Gretchen Kuhn
- 8/10 Courtney Norem
- 8/10 Joe VanDyke
- 8/11 Wendy Johnson
- 8/12 Andrew Hathaway
- 8/13 Terri Harding
- 8/14 Janice Butts
- 8/14 Chip Levergood
- 8/14 Sally Mann
- 8/14 Janet Miller
- 8/15 Abigale Hawthorne
- 8/16 Saskia Brewer
- 8/16 Viola Denecke

July Baptisms



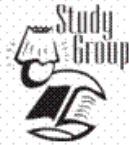
- Peyton Benedict
- Aidan Tubbaji
- Julia Tubbaji
- Leith Tubbaji
- Colin Davis

- 8/16 Lindsay Dressel
- 8/16 Mike Gruntz
- 8/16 Pete Hart
- 8/16 Michael Leman
- 8/16 Kelsey Merkle
- 8/17 Gretchen Kile
- 8/18 Mina Benedict
- 8/18 Christopher Horner
- 8/18 Ralph Johnson
- 8/18 Diane Kreyer
- 8/18 Jen Sphar
- 8/19 Lonnie Cox
- 8/19 Rachel Merkle
- 8/19 Laura Taylor
- 8/20 Anastasia Stubbs
- 8/22 Nancy Borchert
- 8/22 John Christian
- 8/22 Steven Christian
- 8/22 Paris Cular
- 8/22 Jane Davis
- 8/22 Carrie Mock
- 8/22 Rachel Qualls
- 8/23 Jack LeFavour
- 8/24 Hannah Mitchell
- 8/24 Miranda Yocom
- 8/25 Susan Gruntz
- 8/26 Sarah Mitchell
- 8/26 Alexander Quadt
- 8/27 Jasper Arul
- 8/27 Cassie Cummings
- 8/27 Rob MacDonnell
- 8/28 Logan Johnson
- 8/29 Angela Cular
- 8/29 Morgan Jones
- 8/30 Jim Merkle
- 8/30 Katherine Miller
- 8/31 Linda Hathaway
- 8/31 Carol Nyberg

Call the church office at 703-858-9254 if your special date is missing from the birthday/anniversary lists. Members, please make sure that your Member Information Forms have been completed and sent to the church office. Thank you.

20/30 Something Bible Study

Our group will meet at the church on **Tuesday, August 8 and 22 at 7:30 pm.** We are doing a study on the world's religions, covering how they relate to Christianity and how we can witness to them. Contact Kyla Yarbrough at



THANK YOU!

We cannot express enough our thanks to everyone for your prayers, support and hot meals. Although the pregnancy was challenging and caring for triplet little girls is not always easy, your care and support have made the difference. Not only has God blessed us with three beautiful healthy girls to love and raise, but he has also provided us with a wonderful church family. Thank you and God bless you!
—Kelley, Chris, Gracie, Ellie and Sarah O'Dell



July

Gregory and Allison Vorderstrasse
Bethlehem Lutheran, Lebanon, OR

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

New Lutheran Hymnal

Lutheran Service Book is the new hymnal for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The pew and personal editions will be available September 1, 2006, but you can pre-order today! If you would like your own copy of the new hymnal, ordering online is easy! You will receive an e-mail notification immediately and again when your product ships, so you'll know exactly when it will arrive. Visit lsb.cph.org to learn more about this exciting new

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Training Events for Church Leaders

Conversations of Grace—Richmond, VA

There is still time to register for this personal witnessing event **the first weekend in August**. Dr. Ken Claus, national speaker for The Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), will keynote on Friday. An in-gathering of items for children's school boxes, as part of a LHM Global Care project, will be received at the event. There will be a mini servant event to put them together. If you would like to contribute school supplies, please drop them off in one of the boxes in the church lobby. Talk to Pastor Wiechmann for more information.

September 16—Welcoming Guests Well: presented by Glen Lucas

September 22-24—Chesapeake District LWML will hold their **biennial Convention** at the Koger Center in Richmond. The theme, "Reach One More For Jesus", is in keeping with the Synod's Ablaze goal of reaching 100 million people with the Gospel by 2017. Registration forms are available in the Mite Brigade newsletter or by contacting the LWML President at sylvia.shives@myactv.net.

October 7—Lutheran Service Book Introduction Workshops

Register on line at: <http://lsb.cph.org>. Those who attend will receive a copy of the new hymnal.

Bricks For the New Building

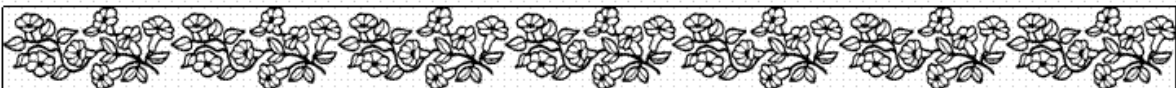
We hope that you, your family or friends will want to be a part of something special which will last for many years to come. Consider purchasing a "**Vitralase ® Engraved Brick with Your Own Personal Message**". These bricks will be used in a special walkway. In years to come, you will be able to bring your children and grandchildren to the "Walkway" to see your name and their names as a permanent legacy. You will be able to choose a favorite Bible verse, create your own message or choose from selected designs for your brick(s). These specially engraved, decorative bricks will be used throughout the "Walkway." Everyone is invited to buy a brick, either for you or for someone else, to commemorate special occasions, or to honor or remember a special loved one. What a great way to be remembered and to acknowledge special occasions such as the birth of a child, baptism, weddings, and graduations! The cost is just **\$50** for a 4"x 8" brick and **\$100** for an 8"x 8" brick. This price is for a brick with or without clipart.

Brick Details—The bricks are 4" x 8" x 2 ¼" or 8" x 8" x 2 ¼" and are engraved using state of the art laser technology. This will insure strength and durability for many years to come. Order forms are available in the church office.

Feeding the Hungry At Rehoboth Beach

Each summer 2000 to 4000 international students come to the Rehoboth Beach area to fill the jobs generated by the tourist industry. Vicar Ed Kovacs from The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth, Delaware wanted to reach out to these young people. He enlisted several churches from the Lewes and Rehoboth Association of Churches to develop relationships with the students that would lead them to embrace the local Christian churches as safe and caring places where they could gather for a free meal and interact with people from the church. Presently these students have eight meals provided for them by the local churches; Our Savior hosts the Thursday evening dinner.

Vicar Kovacs shares "They are responding by the hundreds in just our first two weeks. The night of our first meal, the students were coming into the hall with very serious, untrusting, street-tough looks on their faces. After about an hour had passed, I was walking between tables, refilling juice glasses, and I noticed several girls crying. One had arrived to find that the job and housing plan that she had purchased were bogus. Another was just plain homesick. We had some people on hand to deal with both problems. An hour later, the homesick girl took advantage of our musician's offer to use the instruments that he brought, and was playing the guitar and singing Russian songs to the applause of students from Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Ireland, Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria and Russia. As she smiled and sang, the volunteers from several churches emptied out of the kitchen and joined the audience. It was a good night. We served 47 that night. The next week, that church served 101. Tuesday, they served over 140. At Our Savior we had 33 the first week; then 83; and this week we had 109. Several of the students are now attending churches that are in our group, some are planning to be at Our Savior this Sunday. 'Rehoboth' is a Hebrew word that means 'broad place'. The way it is used in Gen. 26:17-22, it signifies 'room for all'. We're just trying to live up to our name."



Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

Open Arms Director

Lori Schneider

Church Administrator

Carol Stowell

**Discipleship Development and
Open Arms Preschool Director**

Marcie Peterson

Open Arms Adm. Assistant

Christine McKinny

Bookkeeper

Carrienne Joback

President

Ed Yarbrough

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Mark Anton Todd Craig
Jeff Davis Mark Harding
Paul Hawthorne Greg Lynch
Mike Miller Jim Sheehy
Jeff Stephens Doug Stowell
Johnnie Stubbs

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Sally Mann

Children's Music Director

Sara Carlin

Prayer Chain—Jean Kayden

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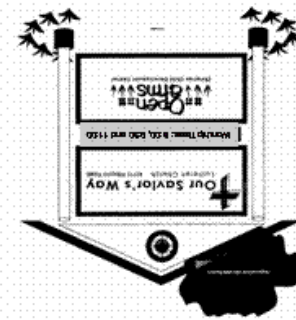
Denise Meyer

**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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