

The joy is in the journey!

Our Savior's Way

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

February, 2006

FROM THE PASTOR...

Wow! What a year 2005 was! You, the people of God at Our Savior's Way, have stepped out in faith and God has richly rewarded your trust in him! What am I talking about? Here are just a few of the giant steps our congregation has taken in 2005:

1. Care Ministry Program—Our congregation became intentional about reaching out to First-Time Attendees in an organized way. What a blessing to those who worship with us!
2. Praise Band—The Praise Band took a leadership role in the worship services with screens and projectors being installed to enhance our ministry.
3. Record Christmas Eve Worship—Thanks to the welcoming spirit we have nurtured at Our Savior's Way we enjoyed a record attendance at our Christmas Eve Services. 851 people attended worship on Christmas Eve—a 30% increase over the year before. Thank you to everyone who worked to help the services run smoothly.
4. A new Mission Church in Leesburg—Christ Community Lutheran has begun worship at the Francis Hazel Reid Elementary School in Leesburg. Vicar Doug Davis began work in June 2005 and the first public worship services were held in January. After three services, attendance has been averaging about 70 people. What effect has this had on Our Savior's Way? Both attendance and offerings at Our Savior's Way are up compared to the same time last year.
5. The New Sanctuary and Addition are on track to be completed in 2007. The congregation made a commitment to expand the ministry of Our Savior's Way and the Open Arms Christian Child Development Center. The Lutheran Church Extension Fund has given their vote of confi-

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—
- Today's Bible Readings
- Women's Bible Study—
Current Study: Discovering
Your Spiritual Gifts
- Parent Support Group

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.

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In Our
Prayers
We Ask
the Lord
to Bless

The Lynch family, at the death of Lynn's great aunt Edna; Michelle Salomon, at the death of her brother; Charles Picek (Uncle of Dwight Bues) on the death of his wife, Katie Picek; Georg Anderson, brother of Linda Jessup; Sharon Iglesias; Phil Schneider; Andrew Bingaman, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Allison Yowell; Sister of Linda Merkle; Kelley O'Dell; Sam Grant; Donnie Tiaga; Reid Farmer and Mark Weinrich, deployed to Iraq; Scott Vivian; Kathy Policaro; Diana Kidder; 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; Fathers of Paul Hawthorne, Andy Wessell, John Breese, Bonnie Stith; 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



"I'm surprised to see you here for counselling. You appear to have a storybook marriage."

dence by agreeing to lend us an additional \$8.5 million.

6. Building God's Kingdom—The Capital Funding Campaign for the New Sanctuary and Addition met and surpassed its goal. \$2 million was pledged for the 3-year campaign. An additional \$363,570 was collected before December 1, 2005. The total at this time is \$2,363,570!!!

I don't know about you, but I'm excited about what's been happening at Our Savior's Way! We have much to be thankful for! I am especially thankful for the leaders and people at Our Savior's Way who have been used by God to accomplish these goals. God has richly blessed this congregation and we pray that he will continue to do so as we serve him in 2006.

In His love,
Pastor Bill Mann

2006 Lenten and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday	March 1	7:30 pm Service
Mid-Week Services	March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5	6:15 pm Supper 7:30 pm Service
Palm Sunday	April 9	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship
Maundy Thursday	April 13	7:30 pm Service
Good Friday	April 14	7:30 pm Service
Easter Sunday	April 16	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, VA., Receives Architecture Award from Lutheran Church Extension Fund

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (January 4, 2006) — The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) honored a Virginia congregation and a Maryland architectural firm with its prestigious "Art & Architecture" Award on Nov. 18, 2005, in Palm Springs, Calif., at LCEF's annual conference. Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, and architectural firm Corkhill, Cush, Reeves, P.A. of Bowie received the award for "Best Laborers For Christ Project."

"Our Art & Architecture Award Program is held every three years," says **Merle Freitag, LCEF President.** "Sponsored by the Architectural Advisory Committee of LCEF, this program recognizes outstanding artistic and architectural achievement in religious art as well as architecture."

In its entry, Our Savior's Way explained how it used the services of Laborers For Christ (LFC) to help build a one-story, wood-frame worship center. LFC is a ministry of dedicated Christians (both men and women) who spend some of their retirement years working for LCMS congregations, helping them build their own church facilities. Together, volunteers from Our Savior's Way and LFC built the new facility that houses a worship room, offices, and classrooms for Sunday school and childcare.

The mission of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The not-for-profit organization provides low-cost loans and facility-planning services to churches and schools of the LCMS through the investment support of church members. For more information about LCEF, call **1-800-843-5233** or visit the LCEF Web site at **www.lcef.org**

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Study and Support

Sunday Evening Bible Study
Meets at **5:00 pm** at the church.
Current study—St. John

Monday Night Bible Study
Meets at the church on the **first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion.

Couples' Small Group
Meets the **second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm.** Contact Martie Dunnett (571-223-1719) for more information.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday.**
Current study—Living A Life Of Balance

CROSSWAYS Bible Study
Meets on **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.**

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 **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.

Church Council Retreat

On **Saturday, February 4** members of the Church Council and all Board members will gather to plan the program for the coming year. We will meet for **breakfast at 8:00 am and continue until noon.** Please make sure you are present for this important meeting.



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.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Luke 2:29-32; Exodus 1—3
- 2 Ps. 59; Exodus 4—6
- 3 Ps. 60; Exodus 7—9
- 4 Ps. 61; Exodus 10—12
- 5 Ps. 62; Exodus 13—15
- 6 Ps. 63; Exodus 16—18
- 7 Ps. 64; Exodus 19—21
- 8 Ps. 65; Exodus 22—24
- 9 Ps. 66; Exodus 25—27
- 10 Ps. 67; Exodus 28—30
- 11 Ps. 68; Exodus 31—33
- 12 Ps. 69; Exodus 34—36
- 13 Ps. 70; Exodus 37—38
- 14 Ps. 71; Exodus 39—40
- 15 Ps. 72; Leviticus 1—3
- 16 Ps. 73; Leviticus 4—6
- 17 Ps. 74; Leviticus 7—9
- 18 Ps. 75; Leviticus 10—12
- 19 Ps. 76; Leviticus 13—15
- 20 Ps. 77; Leviticus 16—18
- 21 Ps. 78; Leviticus 19—21
- 22 Ps. 79; Leviticus 22—24
- 23 Ps. 80; Leviticus 25—27
- 24 Ps. 81; Numbers 1—3
- 25 Ps. 82; Numbers 4—6
- 26 Ps. 83; Numbers 7—9
- 27 Ps. 84; Numbers 10—12
- 28 Luke 2:29-32
Numbers 13—15

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



Stamps will be **available in February on the 12th and 26th after the 9:30 am service**. K.I.D.S. is a fun and educational program of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Children can buy 25 cent and \$1.00 savings stamps on two Sundays each month. Completed stamp books are sent to Lutheran Church Extension Fund, creating savings accounts in each child's name. K.I.D.S. teaches children the importance of saving and being a good steward while also furthering the Lord's work through LCEF loans for the building of churches, additions and schools.



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Family Movie Night is Friday, February 10th, at 7 pm. Come enjoy "Wallace and Grommet, The Case of the Were Rabbit" on big screen. There will be free popcorn and drinks. Come dressed in your pajamas and bring a blanket to sit on. Hope to see you there!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of March 6-13. Look for posters with information about this event. The Book Fair will also be open on Sunday, March 12th, during Worship Services. Proceeds will go to the Open Arms CDC Board to help support purchases of new equipment for the school.

This month I would like to place one of the CDC Board efforts in the "Spot Light"—"Care and Share". With "Care and Share," we ask a CDC Board member, a parent, or a church member to bring in food for the staff as a way to say "Thank You" to them. The food does not have to be homemade; it can be purchased and brought in as well. The staff works so hard, and really appreciates whatever is provided. We have had food from breakfast to appetizers to ice cream to BBQ. Anyone can share. If you would like to volunteer for this, please let me know.

Giant Gift Cards are still available. Please see Christine at the front desk during the week to purchase one.

We welcome your suggestions and comments and hope that you will continue to support our efforts through prayer or by participation in the events that we sponsor. Please contact me if you have any questions about our plans and activities. Our **next meeting is on February 16th at 7:00 pm** in the fish tank room.

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

Open Arms Priority Preschool Registration

Open Arms 2006-2007 Priority Preschool registration (for church members, returning families, and siblings) is **February 1-17th, 2006**. **All completed registration forms must be submitted by 17 February 2006 for priority consideration**. Registration forms are available on-line or at the Open Arms front desk.

The Sweet-Pea part-time preschool program welcomes all children who will be 3 years old by September 30th, 2006 and are potty trained. The program offers a Monday/Wednesday/Friday program for 4's and a Tuesday/Thursday program for 3's. The morning preschool is 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and the afternoon session is 12:45 to 3:45 pm.

General registration, open to the public, will begin at 8:00 am on February 22, 2006. This will be on a first come, first serve basis until all classes are full.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please contact Donna Davis, Sweet-Pea Preschool Enrollment Assistant at (703) 729-0506 or Lori Schneider, Center Director, at (703) 729-9144.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Weekend of Discovery—A Lifetime of Love
March 24-26, 2006 Herndon, VA near Dulles Airport
For details call 1-800-235-1010 or email handzomi@erols.com



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

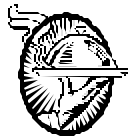
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Leigh Adair
- 2/1 Kathryn Pownall
- 2/1 Derek Rippe
- 2/1 Sunny Worrell
- 2/2 Jessie Cummings
- 2/3 Andrea McGimsey
- 2/3 Paul Petretta
- 2/6 Carol Tanner
- 2/7 Rebecca Frey
- 2/7 Kirsten Zanardi
- 2/8 Kelsie Vander Voort
- 2/9 Abby Middleton
- 2/10 Dave Ketron
- 2/12 Gary Alleva
- 2/14 Todd Craig
- 2/14 Eric Tolford
- 2/16 Jason Whitt
- 2/17 Powell Benedict
- 2/17 Bob Pownall
- 2/19 Emily Cuthbert
- 2/19 Jessica Kumke
- 2/20 Shari Banks
- 2/20 Tony Iglesias
- 2/21 Daney Carlin
- 2/21 Sharon Dugo
- 2/21 Scott Yarbrough
- 2/22 Paolo Dugo
- 2/22 John LeFavour
- 2/23 Kenny Clarkson
- 2/23 Paul Hawthorne
- 2/24 Jim Anderson
- 2/24 Rea Crain
- 2/25 Caroline Battershell
- 2/25 Ashley Westerfeld
- 2/26 David Thistlethwaite
- 2/27 Ruth Haas
- 2/27 Shari LeFavour
- 2/27 Penny Payne
- 2/28 Jamie Fadgen
- 2/29 Beth Maddens

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.

Adult Dinner Out Group



The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet on **Saturday, February 25th**, at Thoroughbreds Grill and Brewing, 50 Cactoin Circle NE, Leesburg. **Meet at 5:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet and menu on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Women's Retreat

A "Day of Refreshment" will be hosted at Our Savior's Way for all women on **February 25th**. Sally Hiller, Mission and Ministry Executive, Southeastern District, LCMS will be the presenter for this exciting retreat to "refresh" all women in the New Year. Watch for further details and the chance to sign up. For more information, contact Marcie Peterson at 703-858-9254.



January Baptisms

- Blake Russell McKinnon
- James Schaible Taylor
- Mitchell Andrew Haagsma
- Samantha Carol Haagsma

Scout Sunday at OSW

Each February the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its members' Duty to God by participating in Scout Sunday. This year, Scout Sunday is **February 5th**. **At the 11:00 am service**, scouts and their leaders will serve as Worship Assistants. OSW sponsors Boy Scout Packs 1483 and 1484. If you would like to participate, please contact Mike Leman, who is organizing this event, at 703-729-6406 or lemanm@verizon.net. For information on joining these Packs, please contact Ed or Barb Yarbrough at 703-724-1064.



**Our Savior's Way
Elementary Youth Group
Little Lutherans**

Movie And Bible Study

On **February 12th**, the Little Lutherans are going to watch "Prince of Egypt," a movie about Moses leading the people out of Egypt, and have a short Bible Study. Elementary youth and their families will meet in the big room at church. We will **start at 2:30 pm and close at 4:40 pm**. Please bring a blanket to sit on and your favorite movie snack to share with ten people. We will provide drinks, napkins and plates. Come join us for an exciting adventure following Moses from birth to the Promised Land!

Call Krista Kumke at 703-729-7517 or Sharon Dugo at 703-724-1122 if you have any questions.

ABLAZE

Middle School Youth Group



Our meeting this month will be held on **Sunday, February 19th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Mark your calendars. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

For more information on meeting content or if any of our wonderful parents would like to get involved, please contact Lauren Germinario (703-723-0675) or Barb Jones (703-724-4894).

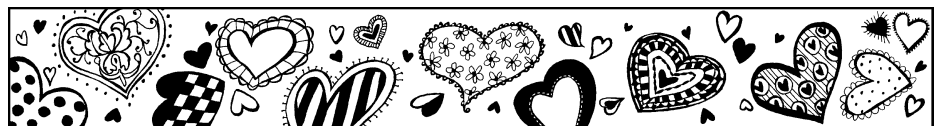
Couples' Small Group

When: **February 11th, 7:00 pm**
Where: Jim and Pat Sheehy
19359 Mill Dam Pl, Leesburg

December Birth



Sarah Aishwarya Arul
December 28, 2005



The Acts Of The Apostles

Join us on the **first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm** as we read and discuss the Book of Acts. Witness the power of God at work in the early church and in us as we grow in His Spirit. Everyone is welcome.

Building Committee

Where are we with the Building Program? All systems are go. We have completed the design of the new sanctuary and addition. We have secured a loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. We have successfully completed the Building God's Kingdom Capital Fundraising Pledge Campaign and contributions are being made to the Building Fund on a regular basis. At the present time the architect is finalizing the drawings for the new building and we hope to submit them to Loudoun County for approval this month. The civil engineer's drawings for the property were submitted to Loudoun County in January, and we are awaiting approval. We hope to have our preliminary bid list from the subcontractors in mid-March, and at that time we will have a more concrete idea of what the whole project will cost. To sum up, we are about two weeks behind our projected schedule, but still on track to have Ground Breaking in June. A lot will depend on how quickly the county is able to approve our drawings. Please pray for God's help in speeding this process to a successful conclusion.

OSW Care Ministry Update



OSW Care Ministry will join the Care Ministers of Prince of Peace and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches in a Care Ministry Training Overview **for leaders on Saturday, February 11, from 9 until 12, and for team members on Sunday, February 12, from 1:30 until 5:00.** The training will be held at Prince of Peace, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, on both days. Carpooling will be available for OSW Care Ministers, leaving from the church at 8 am on Saturday and 12:30 pm on Sunday. It will be a time for renewal, review, and training. So mark your calendars today and plan to attend. Please notify Chrissy Howard (chrissyhoward@adelphia.net), Carol Nyberg (carol.nyberg@fairfaxcounty.gov), Corrado Dugo (cdugo@softmed.com), or Pastor Wiechmann (revwiech@aol.com) by **Friday, February 10**, if you plan to attend. Please indicate in your reply if you would like to carpool from church. *"Your availability will give God the opportunity to perform a miracle through you."*

Men of Our Savior's Way

Have you ever wondered does the church have a softball team or a basketball team or a bowling team or a men's bible study? Is there anyone in the church who would be a partner for tennis or racquetball; a game of chess? Have you just wanted to get together for an hour or two to socialize in a small group setting with other men from the church?

The Elders of Our Savior's Way would like to **EXPLORE** the idea of starting a social group for *men only*. Your opinions are very important to us. We are planning on holding two meetings to hear your thoughts. One was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 and the other will be on **Tuesday, February 21, 2006**. Both will begin at **8:00p.m.** and will last for approximately 1 hour.

Will you come and share your thoughts and opinions? We will meet at Mark Anton's house located in Leesburg, VA, at 701 Brigadier Court SE, both nights. **If interested, RSVP Mark Anton at 703-737-6881 or 703-470-8820**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a time of sharing and growth each Tuesday **at 10 am**. The study is "Living a Life of Balance." Do you ever feel like your life is running you into the ground? With so many responsibilities pulling on our time and energy, we all need to find a way to balance our lives in a way that will energize us. We meet at church. Newcomers are welcome.

LOVE IS AN ACTION!

Love is about doing for others. For this Valentine's Day (or any other time of the year), create a coupon book that helps you serve others with love.

Here is what you need:

- index cards or colored paper (as many as you need)
- stickers (optional)
- colored markers or crayons

Here is what you do:

1. Think of the different people you can show love to. For example, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, teachers, grandparents, etc.
2. Make a list of different things (acts of love) you can do for these people to show them you love them.
3. On each index card or colored paper, write these words:
4. Write one "act of love" on each coupon's blank line.
5. Decorate each coupon with drawings, designs or stickers.
6. You can give people one coupon each or staple a few together into a coupon book to give to each person.

Pastors

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

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Carol Stowell

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Marcie Peterson

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Prayer Chain—Jean Kayden

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Corrado Dugo

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Leonard Crain and Jerry Sappington

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Stephen Ministry

Carol Stowell

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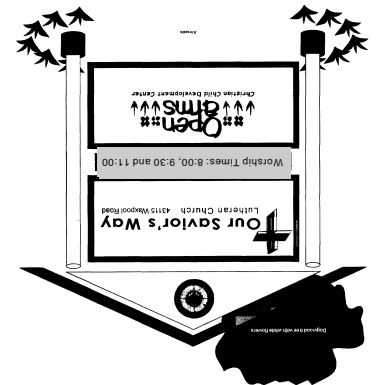
Denise Meyer

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 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am



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