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# Our Savior's Way

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TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

May, 2006

## FROM THE PASTOR...

It seems most everyone has a "blog" (or web log, an online diary) on the Internet nowadays. I had been thinking of creating my own and posting it on the web, but didn't figure anyone would really be that interested in reading it. Then it occurred to me that I *should* go ahead and do a blog, making it a log of all the times the Lord blesses me, answers a prayer, or merely lets His power and presence be felt in my life.

*Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! - Psalm 106:1*

Granted, God is constantly doing all those things - each breath I take is a blessing - so I could never make note of them all. I learned early on in my Christian walk that just because I am saved (by God's grace) doesn't mean life is going to be smooth sailing. There are going to be peaks and valleys in life—times when I am overflowing with joy, other times when I feel alone and can barely hold my head up. The Lord allows both these high and low times for the same reason: to bring me closer to Him. The times of good cheer produce prayers of praise and worship, as well as provide encouragement and comfort when the "bad" times come around. The down times, while tough, help me seek the Lord above all other things and people. When I am at my lowest I look to Him the most. I am humbled and reminded that God is the sole source of every blessing and every moment I have. All I need is Him, and when I trustingly and whole-heartedly look to Him, He will not only draw near to me and bless me with His perfect peace, but handle everything else as well.

*But when I am afraid, I will put my confidence in you.*

*Yes, I will trust the (perfect) promises of God.*

*And since I am trusting Him, what can mere man do to me? - Psalm 56:4*

### 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 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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In Our Prayers We Ask the Lord to Bless

Scott Tousley's mother; Rebecca Dubrotski, daughter-in-law of Jean Stockel's neighbor; the family of Richard Little, Glen Quackenbush's uncle; Chris Borchert, at the death of his great uncle; Laurie Molen, Pat Turner's daughter; Agnes Bloodsworth, friend of Kim Hathaway; Phil Schneider; Andrew Bingaman, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Allison Yowell; Sister of Linda Merkle; Sam Grant; Donnie Tiaga; Reid Farmer in 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, 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](mailto:Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org)**



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I can trust the Lord because He does not change. He is faithful. He is unwavering. I may change; the people around me may change; the world may change, but God does not. Every time I need Him (which is actually all the time) He will be there. Even when I think I can make it on my own, He is working "in the background," protecting me, surrounding me with the exact people and circumstances I need in order to not only be lifted out of whatever I'm dealing with, but to grow closer to Him through it all.

May you continue to grow closer to your God throughout the coming year,  
Pastor Bill Mann

### Building Committee

Miller Brothers, the contractors on the new building, have been gathering bids from their subcontractors. By the end of the month we should have a good idea of what the new building will cost. One year ago we predicted that construction would already have begun at this time. We are only a couple of months behind schedule. Construction on the new church is scheduled to begin in mid-June. Thank you for your prayers. We have dodged a couple of bullets in the last month. The first, was when the Wm. A. Hazel, Co. came out and cleaned out our small ponds on the property. They reseeded the area so that it is ready for the county inspectors. This was all done for us by the Hazel Co. free of charge! The second bullet was when Loudoun County called our civil engineer and told him that the church would have to put a very large water retention pond on the property. The only place to put it was in the middle of the Prayer Garden—BAD IDEA! A further search by our civil engineer through the county files turned up the original plans for the Broadlands subdivision, which the county had "misplaced." The plans showed that community ponds will take care of the run off from our property and we will not have to install a large and expensive pond. The Prayer Garden will be preserved! Hallelujah! The Futures Committee has set up the following time schedule:

Jan '06	3-Year Capital Fund Drive Begins
March '06	Bidding by Contractors
May '06	Church reviews Bids
June '06	County issues Building and Site Permits
June '06	Construction Begins
June '07	Occupancy Permit

*(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.

#### **Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Current study—"Discover The New You"

#### **CROSSWAYS Bible Study**

Meets on **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm**.

#### **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 (571-223-1719) 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.

### BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM Update

*God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work.* - II Corinthians 9:8

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Building God's Kingdom (BGK) 3-year Capital Fundraising Campaign. Your faithfulness and generosity is a blessing to Christ and his Church. It is a joy to be a part of this congregation! Over the next few months you will see some visible results of the gifts you have given as construction begins on our new Church. Here is an analysis of BGK giving through March 2006:

Total BGK Offerings Given:	\$204,069
\$14,775 given by people/families that did not pledge	
158 people/families pledged	
4 people/families have given more than their pledge	
49 people/families have not yet given toward their pledge	

If you would like to participate in the Building God's Kingdom 3-year Capital Fundraising Campaign, pick up one of the pink envelopes from the table in the lobby or mark your offering "Building Fund". More information and a card for you to make a pledge are available in the Church Office.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5/1 Michael and Jen Sphar
- 5/7 David and Susan Thistlethwaite
- 5/14 Mike and Beth Ferrier
- 5/16 George and Jodi Folta
- 5/19 Jerry and Karen Van Bremen
- 5/20 Joe and Janice Lupia
- 5/21 Paul and Wendy Hawthorne
- 5/24 Rick and Cissy Burtner
- 5/24 Scott and Marilyn Tousley
- 5/27 Mike and Lauren Germinario
- 5/30 Tim and Nancy Meier

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/1 Casey Fadgen
- 5/2 Marcie Peterson
- 5/3 Lori Fagan
- 5/3 Blake McKinnon
- 5/4 Chuck Banks
- 5/4 Stephanie Walter
- 5/5 Wally Davis
- 5/6 Emily Garthwaite
- 5/6 Zack Johnson
- 5/7 Michael Horton
- 5/9 Jim Qualls
- 5/10 Raul Morales
- 5/10 Caitlyn Polston
- 5/11 Ben Leman
- 5/11 Susan Yake
- 5/12 Sean Harvey
- 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
- 5/18 Hunter Whitt
- 5/19 Madge Christian
- 5/19 Dave Hunt
- 5/19 Sarah Scarboro
- 5/20 Ed Busenlehner
- 5/20 Andrew Mann
- 5/20 Kim Moehnke
- 5/21 Jessica Lair
- 5/21 Matt Middleton
- 5/21 Lance Riddle
- 5/21 Elizabeth Sitter
- 5/22 Dave Lair
- 5/23 John Joback
- 5/24 Nicole Hart
- 5/25 Tod Hathaway

**Have A Graduate?**

If you have a child who is graduating from high school or college this May or June, please call (703-858-9254) or email (carol@openarms-ccdc-org) the church office. Include the child's name, school they will be a



**April Baptisms**

- Timothy Allan Irvin
- Lily Kristina Giasi
- Grace Carolyn O'Dell
- Elizabeth Christine O'Dell
- Sarah Elaine O'Dell
- Joseph Ryan Danielson
- Emerson Jorgia Cular

**Master Singers' Spring Concert**

**Saturday, May 6, 8:00 pm**  
St. James Episcopal, Leesburg

**Friday, May 12, 8:00 pm**  
St. Francis Episcopal, Great Falls

**Saturday, May 13, 8:00 pm**  
St. Peter's Episcopal, Purcellville

Tickets:  
\$12 adults, \$9 students/seniors

Call 703-655-7809  
or visit [www.msya.org](http://www.msya.org)  
for more information

- 5/25 David Peterson
- 5/25 Mike van der Biezen
- 5/26 Corrado Dugo
- 5/27 Erin May
- 5/28 Martina Payne
- 5/29 Michael Mohler
- 5/29 Rich Olsen
- 5/29 Carrie 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. Members, please make sure that your Member Information Forms have been completed and sent to the church office. Thank you.



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

**End of Year Family Picnic**

Calling all Little Lutherans. Please bring your family and friends to our end of year family picnic. We are having a potluck lunch at Our Savior's Way **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30:00 pm** on the big playground. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the big room. Please bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the bulletin board. We will have drinks, plates and silverware. Games are planned for the whole family, including some that might get you wet. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun!!

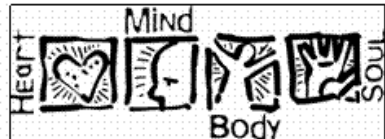
Call if you have any questions.  
Krista Kumke 703-729-7517  
Kmiaou@aol.com or  
Sharon Dugo 703-724-1122  
momdugo@adelphia.net

**ABLAZE**  
**Middle School Youth Group**



Our meetings this month will be held on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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: **May 20, 7:00 pm**  
Where: Jim and Pat Sheehy  
19359 Mill Dam Pl  
Leesburg, VA

**Pastors**

Bill Mann and Ralph Wiechmann

**Open Arms Director**

Lori Schneider

**Church Administrator**

Carol Stowell

**Discipleship Development**

Marcie Peterson

**Open Arms Adm. Assistant**

Christine McKinny

**Bookkeeper**

Carrienne Joback

**President**

Ed Yarbrough

**Elders**—Head Elder: Joe Carlin

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

**Sunday School**

Barb Yarbrough, Lynn Lynch

**Music Director**

Sally Mann

**Children's Music Director**

Sara Carlin

**Prayer Chain**—Jean Kayden

**Child Development Center Board**

Celina Hutchins

**Christian Education**

Scott Tousley

**Fellowship**

Darren and Caroline Broemmer

**Finance**

Rich Olsen

**Missions Board**

Steve King

**Outreach Board**

Open

**Properties Board**

Leonard Crain and Jerry Sappington

**Social Ministries**

Mary Miller

**Stewardship**

Stuart Dunnett

**Worship**

Beth Anton

**Youth Board**

Lauren Germinario

**Stephen Ministry**

Carol Stowell

**Volunteer Coordinator**

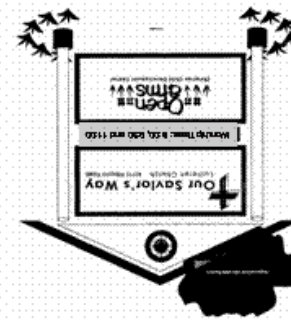
Denise Meyer

**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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### 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.

#### 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

### K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



Stamps will be available in **May** on the **7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** 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

Join us **Saturday, May 6th at 5:30 pm** for a **Spaghetti Dinner with a Silent Auction**. Each classroom is creating a themed basket that will be auctioned off during dinner. Among the themes are wine and cheese, gardening, pampering, the Nationals, and several more. Activities for children will be provided. Come have dinner with us!

Have you ever wondered how to get a shirt that has the Open Arms logo on it? Now is your chance! We are once again selling logo T-shirts, polos, hats, bags, windbreakers, and lanyards. Order forms are at the front desk.

Our **next meeting is Thursday, May 18th, at 7:30 pm**, in the fish tank room. We will be talking about our plans for next year (already!). Also start thinking about Apple Fest this September. Dates to follow next month.

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.

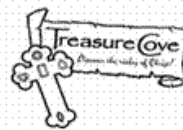
Celina Hutchins, CDC Board Chairperson  
703-729-5539 or celina.home@verizon.net

### Pearl...

Is the name of the horse on the hill outside the church. The horse is the creation of one of our Open Arms teachers—Ms. Shirley Brown—and was part of the "Horsing Around Loudoun County" project sponsored by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce. The horse was purchased with donations from the parents of Open Arms children. The horse is named after Ms. Shirley's mother, Pearl, who passed away last year. Covering the horse are the names and pictures of many of the children and teachers at our Open Arms Christian Child Development Center. We hope that "Pearl" will be a landmark in our community and a witness to the "Pearl of Life"—the eternal life which is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2006

#### Treasure Cove, Discover the Riches of Christ



Welcome to Treasure Cove, where sand tickles your toes and balmy breezes blow! We're going on a treasure hunt and we'd love to have you along!! Come to help our children learn about Jesus, our greatest treasure, and the riches He gives us. Registration forms are in the Narthex.

**DATE & TIME: June 26-30, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**Ages 3 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Volunteer opportunities** for your talents are waiting for you. Open your heart and don your beach attire, our treasure hunt occurs on a tropical island. Our young search party members need your help! Visit our sign up sheet next to the Sunday School bulletin board. P.S. No experience necessary!! Contact: Salle Sappington at 703-732-2015 or ssappington@quadamed.com

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### National Day Of Prayer

Put your family's power of prayer to work on **Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>**, as Our Savior's Way observes The National Day of Prayer. We will host two family friendly services at **11:00 am and 7:00 pm**. Come and offer prayers and hymns of praise for family, nation, church, congregation and community.

### A great Mother's Day gift idea!

#### WOMEN OF FAITH Contagious Joy 2006

Verizon Center, Washington D. C.  
**July 21 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**  
**July 22 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**\$135 TOTAL COST**

Includes conference tickets and boxed lunch on Saturday, plus shared hotel, transportation and parking expenses. We have 12 excellent seats (as well as hotel reservations) for this fun-filled and inspirational conference. Plans are to leave OSW parking lot by church van at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and return after the conference on Saturday. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or contact either:

Marcie Peterson, (703) 858-9254  
Marcie\_p@adelphia.net  
or Sharon Dugo, (703) 724-1122  
momdugo@adelphia.net

***I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! John 15:11 (NLT)***

### Katrina Relief Trip

The Board of Missions is organizing a trip this summer to Slidell, LA to help with Hurricane Recovery/Rebuilding. The minimum age for participants is 16 years. Specific skills are **not** required, only a willingness to learn and to serve! If this opportunity interests you, please e-mail Steve King at [steve.king@adelphia.net](mailto:steve.king@adelphia.net) OR Mary Miller at [mikemary79@adelphia.net](mailto:mikemary79@adelphia.net) and include your dates of availability.

### SED Convention

On **May 5 – 7**, Pastor Wiechmann, Bill Mann IV, and Lori Schneider will be attending the Southeastern District's Convention in Norfolk, VA.

### Go, Tell the Good News!

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:32 (NRSV)*

As Christians, we know God's love is eternal and that gives us great comfort. To be forgiven for all that we have done (and left undone) gives us hope during our darkest times. And, to feel the Holy Spirit within us gives us incomparable joy and peace. Nevertheless, there are many around us who have not yet felt either the excitement or serenity that knowing Jesus brings.

We are commanded to "Go into all the world and **tell the Good News**". Easier said than done, right? Help is on the way! Two opportunities to learn how to talk about Jesus and witness our faith to others are available now through the Southeastern District (SED).

The first is a **short seminar on Saturday morning, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield entitled "A Life of Witness - Learning to Express the God-Stories of My Life in Word and Care". The second is a **family weekend in Richmond from August 4-6**. Named appropriately "Conversations of Grace", this event is "an evangelism conference designed to equip and inspire everyone to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ". Special programs for children of all ages are also featured.

If you are interested or even just a little curious, please call or E-mail Bill Pfancuff (703/241-2949 – [WPFancuff@aol.com](mailto:WPFancuff@aol.com)). Additional information and registration forms are available at the SED website (<http://www.se.lcms.org>) or in the church Narthex.

### Thank You!!



I want to thank the many people who contributed items for Paul Fisher's company stationed in Iraq. I do not know who you are, but I am so aware of your generosity. Your response was overwhelming and so much appreciated. In addition to our congregation, we received generous donations from Thrivent, Softmed Systems (Corrado Dugo's company), Civitan, and Alicia Boyles' troop of Girl Scouts. I want to thank Andie and Henry Wessel, who purchased supplies for Thrivent; Ed and Elaine Sentf, who helped with the donations from Civitan; Corrado and Sharon Dugo, who helped with the donations from SoftMed Systems; and Alicia Boyles, who delivered the Girl Scout cookies. I also want to thank Mary Miller for all her help boxing the items and the Social Ministry Board for covering the shipping costs. We have sent eight boxes so far, with twenty-five more boxes from Civitan to be delivered.

We have a very generous supply of items and no longer need additional donations. We will continue to send the supplies we already have over a period of time. If you know of anyone who may want to send their soldier some of these supplies, contact Jean Kayden at 703-435-9552.

### The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary's Spring Festival

**Saturday, May 20, 2006 9:30 am—2:00 pm**  
9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD

Greenhouse, Jewelry, Baked Goods, Candy, Handwork, Grandma's Attic, Stamps, Postcards, Games, Videos, Books, Gift Shop 50% off Sale

All proceeds benefit the Residents

Lunch served 10:30 am—1:00 pm \$8 Adults, \$5 children under 12

Independent Living Cottage Tours 10:30 & 1:00

Home Chorus program "Broadway" at 2:30 in the Chapel

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### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Join us at **10 am on Tuesday mornings** in May for a Bible Study entitled "Discover the New You", a study of Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Join us for one hour on Tuesday mornings. You will appreciate the bonds that form as you join with other women linked together in friendship, prayer, joy, and faith. Everyone is welcome.

May 2 A New Look at Jesus  
May 9 A New Foundation  
May 16 A Whole New You  
May 23 A New Look at Relationships

### **Stephen Ministers Commissioned**

On **Sunday, April 30th, Mary King, Marcie Peterson, and Pat Sheehy** were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They join current Stephen Ministers Leigh Adair, Beth Anton, Scott Tousley and Paula Yocom. Keep these people in your prayers as they carry out their caring ministries among us.

### **A Tale Of Three Kings**

Join us on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> evenings of the month at 7:30 pm** as we read and discuss "A Tale of Three Kings", the stories of King Saul, King David and Absalom.

May 1 King David  
May 15 Absalom

### **Servant Of Christ**

In 1985 the Southeastern District Board of Directors established a special award called the "Servant of Christ". Any professional church worker, layperson, congregation or school deemed to have given outstanding service in the mission of Christ can be nominated for this recognition. This year Pastor Mann's father, Bill Mann IV, will receive this prestigious award in Norfolk at the Southeastern District Convention on May 6.

We are all spiritual beings having a human experience.

—Dr. Vernon Barksdale

### **20/30 Something Bible Study**

This group will meet at the church on **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm** to continue the first series of lessons about life management. Please contact Christina Henley with any questions or if you would like to help lead: ChristinaJean@hotmail.com or 703-

### **Offering Counters**

We need offering counters during the 9:30 am service and after church at 11:00 am each Sunday. You will be partnered with another person and trained to record the offering one Sunday per month. If you would like to help, call the church office (703-858-9254) or contact Denise Meyer at 703-729-5081 or d-blue-mmm@adelphia.net.

### **Vicar Doug Installation And Ordination**

Mark your calendars. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler will come to ordain and install Vicar Doug Davis as the pastor of Christ Community Lutheran Church in Leesburg. **Vicar Doug will graduate** from Concordia Seminary on Friday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, and will receive his official "Call" as pastor of Christ Community. The **Service of Ordination and Installation** will take place on **Sunday afternoon, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. There will be a reception following the service. Plan to join us for this important

### **A Mother's Day Hymn**

Sing praise to our Creator God!  
Earth prospers from the way  
God "mothers" each new child into  
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood  
A channel from above  
That longs to share with every child  
God's Comfort, Grace and Love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,  
Who "mothers" us from birth!  
Providing what we truly need  
Throughout our lives on earth.



### **Glories HATS Project® Workshop**

**Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church**, in collaboration with Glories Happy HATS, is hosting a community workshop to make Glories hats on:

**May 6, 2006, from 10AM to 12PM**

at

Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church  
43115 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, VA 20148

All of the hats made at this workshop will be donated to hospitalized children at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Did you know that a Glories hat, designed specifically for hospitalized children, is a therapeutic tool? Support for sick children, as shown through the Glories hats, can encourage patient/provider communication and increase patient visibility and safety. Did you know that Glories hats, as a symbol of community support, hope and goodwill, can lessen a child's level of anxiety and help the healing process?

**"Wear a Glories hat and think happy thoughts."**

Ripples of Hope, Circles of Healing  
Come and "Join Hands" to  
Send Smiles to Hospitalized Children

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### College-Bound Students? LCEF Can Help!



Your college-bound student or relative will appreciate the many benefits of an LCEF **StewardAccount**. This account offers competitive interest rates with an optional ATM/VISA Check Card, the ability to transfer funds electronically, and free online access to **MYAccount**, LCEF's financial internet service. Visit [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) or call 1-800-843-5233 for more information.

### Giving Plus For 2006

THRIVENT Financial for Lutherans is pleased to inform Our Saviors' Way that, as of the end of March, we have received \$11,557.50 in matching funds. This money is from a grant from our GivingPlus® program, which supplement's members' charitable gifts to Lutheran institutions like Open Arms. We appreciate everyone in the congregation who has participated and encourage everyone to sign up and maximize this matching program.

### THRIVENT GivingPlus

THRIVENT members are eligible to contribute up to \$600 each to Open Arms, which THRIVENT will match at 50% up to a maximum of \$300. Members can make multiple donations for any amount whenever they choose (monthly, quarterly, etc.). Each check should be made payable to Open Arms and must be accompanied by a completed GivingPlus® form. Membership and GivingPlus® forms are available in the folders on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Contact Marcie Peterson at 703-858-9254 if you

The 16th century nun known as Teresa of Ávila (Spain) had a great sense of humor. Caught in a thunderstorm and getting soaked, she was heard to pray, "Lord, it's no wonder [you] have so many enemies, if this is the way you treat your friends."

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

### Family Dinners

*They're not Just for Families!*

#### What are **Family Dinners**?

An opportunity for members and friends of Our Saviors Way & Open Arms to meet with 7 to 10 other singles, families or couples to dine together in a cozy, friendly atmosphere.

#### How do **Family Dinners** work?

Sign up! The Fellowship Committee will organize folks into "families for a night". One person from each group will host in their home and prepare the main dish and others will be assigned a complimentary course to prepare. Each Family Dinner will have a theme so all the courses come together nicely.

#### Why **Family Dinners**?

This is an easy, fun and personal way to connect.

The first "Family Dinner" will be held on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** and the theme will be an "All American BBQ". Make hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken or vegetable kabobs on the grill; bring fruit, chips, potato/pasta salad, chocolate or apple pie (whatever you want, store-bought or homemade)!

Please join us by contacting the Fellowship Co-Chairs:

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703.726.0564 / 571.217.9732

or

Fill out and leave this form at the Church Office

We need the following information to build your "family for a night"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / phone number: \_\_\_\_\_