

## Pastor's Message

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From the pastor.....

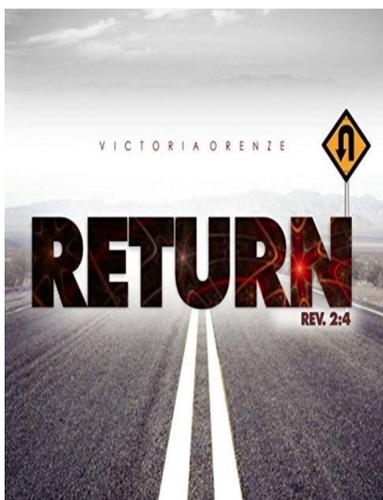
**1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.' [Revelation 2:1-7]**

Greetings! Well, September's Newsletter is here. And we all know what September is...back to school month! And even if you do not have children, Fall is right around the corner and Fall seems to be the time when all our vacations are over and we begin to buckle down and get back into the swing of things. Yet, no one really looks forward to, "getting back into the swing of things." Too often we look at this as drudgery.

On that note, I was led to write about a particular topic of faith. Many of us, like in a lot of our life, do not look forward to, "getting back into the swing of things" as it pertains to our faith.

So let me ask - Have things gotten stale in our life? Especially as it pertains to our faith? When we first came to Christ, or when we first experienced worship, perhaps it was exciting – perhaps everything was new and amazing. Yet now, sadly,

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perhaps it seems stale. It is the same Sacrament, the same preacher, and many of the same songs. We know what to expect...and that sameness seems drab and even perhaps empty.

These same descriptors can happen in many of our relationships. You begin a relationship with someone of the opposite sex and at first it is exhilarating. You cannot get enough of talking to them, being with them, and making the most of every opportunity. Then, you get married and after awhile the excitement wears off. We talk less. We spend less time together. We get irritated easier. The, "warts" in their personalities we used to overlook now seem to be exemplified. It seems...well, drab.

This happens in our relationships with spouses, children, churches, jobs, and a whole host of other relationships. Things start off so promising and exciting – and then it lulls into habit and even rote obligation. What are we to do?

Well, the same things can be said about the church at Ephesus above. If you look carefully, many of the things they were *doing* were exemplary. They did not tolerate false teachers, they dutifully tested all teachers in their midst, they patiently endured suffering, and they did not grow weary in doing good. My goodness, I wish I could say the same for all of us – myself included! These are wonderful things.

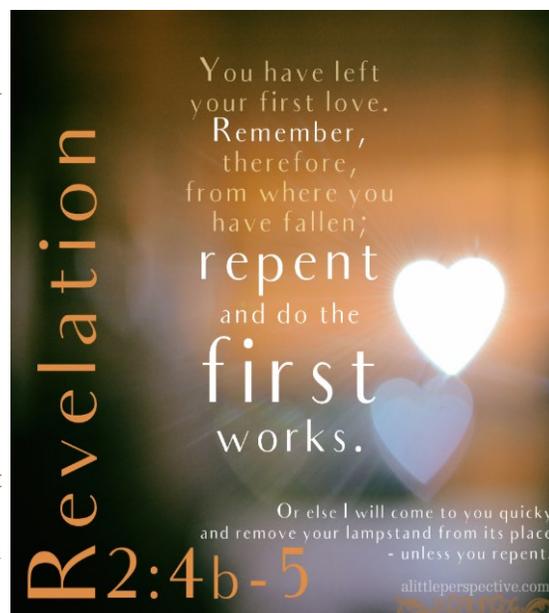
Yet, Jesus goes on to warn them – sternly. He threatens to take their, "lampstand" away. [And while I do not have space to detail it here, to take away the, 'Lampstand' would be to take away the Spirit of God.] Basically, Jesus threatened to take away their *salvation*. My goodness – why?? They seemed to be doing everything so right!

Well, He says it with these words, "You have forgotten your first love..." In other words, "you do all the right things...but you do them without love. You do them out of *obligation and duty*."

Many of us have fallen into a similar trap. We do all the right things – we make all the right decisions – but we do not do it out of love, but simply out of duty. And this motivation makes us think ourselves the martyr, keeps the focus on ourselves, and will grow us into bitter people.

So Jesus tells us to repent. Turn from this. Ok, we say. I admit it. But now what? Well, Jesus tells us, "do what you did at first." Do you remember in the beginning of your relationship with your spouse when you listened attentively? Do you remember that you put the phone down and spent time with him/her? Do you remember that you planned events and took her out to dinner? Well, if you want the spark to return...do that again. There is only so many times she wants to see you in that dirty t-shirt.

In the same way, when we first started in our faith it was *exciting* to read the Bible, go to church, and pray. But now it has become drudgery. Beloved, turn from that. And do the things you did at first. Did you go on evangelism? Well, go. Did you read the Bible? Read. Did you pray without ceasing? Pray. Did you wake up on Sunday morning with *expectancy, wondering, "what does God have for me today?"* Well, expect that and look for it. He is still there.



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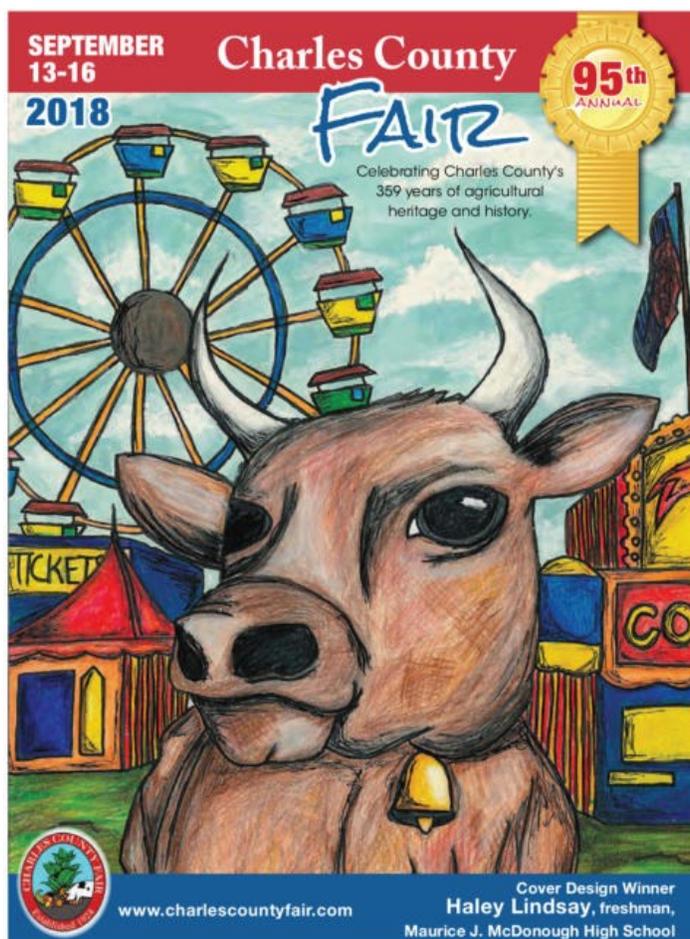


We are sinners in a sinful world, and our hearts will often arc towards selfishness. We need to turn from that and remember that every single time we encounter God – through the Sacrament, through preaching, or through daily devotional – we are encountering the Creator of heaven and earth. We are encountering the God who gave His Son to die for us. We are encountering the Spirit who keeps us in the faith. Beloved, let us never forget the awesome privilege we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, if things have grown stale let us remember most likely it is not, “their” fault. We have a part to play. Let us do the things we did at first.

Your pastor and friend,

Rev. Christopher Ogne



**September 13th –16th 2018**  
**Thursday, Friday,**  
**Saturday & Sunday**

**Please join us for the 95th Annual Charles County Fair. Just as we have done in the past, LCOOS will have a booth. We will be evangelizing, giving away tracts and free “Living Water” as we share our “Love” for Jesus Christ our Savior.**

***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***

***Matthew 28:19-20***

## Seasoned Citizens.....

The Seasoned Citizens enjoyed dinner together at Applebee's in La Plata in August. We were pleased to have a good turnout since we changed the location at the last minute.

We decided to go to a crab house for our next outing which will be on a Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, September 9th we will head down to Sandgate's on the Patuxent River. The address is 27525 North Sandgates Road in Mechanicsville. No need to turn around if you miss the turn, as South Sandgates Road will get you there as well. We plan to eat around 2pm. No need to bring a mallet, just a hearty appetite. Be sure to sign up. See you there.

Bev Linde



## Stephen Ministry.....



On Sunday, August 19 three members of our congregation were commissioned as Stephen Leaders. They are Adrienne Norwood, Renee Nelson, and Bev Linde. They will be responsible to organize the training of Stephen Ministers, see to the ongoing work of our Stephen Ministry at LCOOS, and support the ministry of LCOOS under the leadership of Pastor Ogne.

We are currently training 2 classes of Stephen Ministers. One group of 4 will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, October 14. A second group of 3 will be commissioned in the new year. We are very thankful for the commitment of those who have been in training and those that have completed the training. They are lay people who offer a ministry of Christian caring for those in need. When a crisis happens, make use of their ministry. You may contact Pastor Ogne, or one of the Stephen Leaders to receive their ministry of caring.

Bev Linde

## *LCOOS Lutheran Women's Missionary League.....*



### **LCOOS Lutheran Women's Missionary League - MINUTES August 6th, 2018 7:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

**Attendees:** Beth M; Rosa; Doris

**Opening Prayer:** Rosa

**Devotion:** Beth M – Mustard Seed Living in Praise Personal Praise from LWML App! Based on Psalm 145:18, 21b

#### **Reports:**

- **LWML** - *Zone Rep Doris Simmons*  
Convention September 21-23; Beth and Doris attending as delegates; Ashley Groves attending as Young Womens Representative; Teresa also attending; hotel reservations are going to be made this week for Beth and Doris; we are still waiting on registration forms
- **Altar Guild:** *Rhonda Piegols*  
Two new altar paraments team members have been found! However, more help is needed in the form of an Inventory Manager (Rosa will investigate further with Rhonda); it was requested to have shelves installed in the sacristy – Rosa will get more information about this and request Steve to install if approved
- **Angel's Watch Women's Shelter:** *Rhonda Piegols*  
No report
- **Shut-ins/Memorial Ministry:** *Saifu*  
No report
- **Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Center of So. MD:** *Donna Ellis*  
Compassion Trailer will be here **Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Bethesda Lutheran Home:** *Isatu Deen*  
Collection of labels is on-going. The collection box is in the narthex.
- **St. Jude's Hospital/Ranch:** *Isatu Deen*  
Collection of greeting card fronts is on-going. Collection box in narthex.
- **Post Card Ministry:** - *Shea Gronau*  
No report
- **Cradle Role:** *JoAnn Garber*  
We currently serve 9 children on the cradle roll; two will graduate out of the program by the end of this year; children in the program receive postcards, pamphlets, booklets, and a calendar to celebrate milestone events during their first three years; the last information sent at the end of three years is an invitation to Sunday School

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## *LCOOS Lutheran Women's Missionary League Continued.....*

### **Old Business:**

- Rosa personally handed out 100 letters to women of the congregation two weeks ago inviting them to join in LWML; not sure of the total impact just yet; Rosa is going to look into the logistics of putting out the 'robo-calls' (this is all in an attempt to get more women involved!)
- A brief discussion ensued to reach out to some ladies who have stopped being involved to ask why and also how to get more women involved!

### **New Business/Upcoming Events:**

- Winery Outing – Sat, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – it sounds like there is enough interest to hold the trip, but please let Beth M know if you haven't already that you plan to attend so adequate transportation can be arranged; the weather looks a bit iffy though so Beth will keep an eye on it and let everyone know if the trip is canceled/postponed
- Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Sight-seeing boat tour on Potomac & brunch – please sign up on the board in the Activities Hall or on the Facebook event page
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – baking/planning day for LWML Sunday (which is the next day); set for 9am and probably won't go past noon but please come help if you can; we will be making/baking treats for in between the services, practicing the skit, and going over tasks for the Sunday
- LWML Sunday is Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Sign-up for roles is posted in the Activities Hall
- Doris brought suggestions for the skit to the meeting – Beth M will look over them
- Purple treats (muffins, pretzels, etc) will be served in between services (making them on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Everyone wear purple! (EVERYONE can participate – not just the ladies!)
- Rosa will talk with Teresa and Destiny to see if Dakota can perform a Praise Dance
- Beth M is going to order LWML Sunday bulletins and brochures

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please attend!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mays

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## LCOOS Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Continued...



**Saturday, September 8th** - Sight Seeing Cruise on the Potomac and Brunch. LWML Carpool will leave the church at 10:00am and return around 5:00pm. The cost is apx \$60-\$75 per person and includes a sight seeing cruise and brunch. Sign up sheet is on the LWML Board in the Church Activity Hall.

**Friday September 14th 7:00pm**— F.I.G.H.T. (Friends into God & His Truth) Club starts. All Ladies are welcome to attend. Please join us for an evening spending time in God’s Word and getting together with your Sisters-In-Christ.

**Save the Date— Saturday, October 6th 9:00am** - Please join us for a morning of baking and planning for [LWML Sunday October 7th](#) (which is the next day); We’ll meet at 9:00am and probably won’t go past noon. We will be making and baking treats for in between the services on Sunday October 7th. We are putting a little skit together and will go over that...maybe a little practicing as well as finalizing our plans for Sunday.

Remember to look on the LWML Board in the Church Activity Hall. Also don’t forget to sign up on Facebook (Ladies Of LCOOS) to get all the news and latest notices of the LWML activities.

## Living in Praise: Simple Praise....

### In the Word:

*From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*

[Psalm 8:2](#)



### Of the Word:

Jesus connected with children. Jesus blessed them, telling grown-ups who seek His blessing: “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these*” ([Matthew 19:14b](#)). Jesus summoned a child, announcing to grown-ups who seek holiness: “*I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*” ([Matthew 18:3](#)). Jesus went further, declaring to grown-ups who seek wisdom: “*You must be born again*” ([John 3:7b](#)).

Little children believe what grown-ups say simply because a grown-up said it. That’s the kind of faith Jesus asks of His children of all ages. He invites you to come to Him in full confidence that He will bless you. He tells you to take His forgiveness in complete certainty that He has won it for you. And He shows you how in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Simple praise comes from the lips of children — and you are His child, no matter how many candles it takes to light your birthday cake!

### Walking with my Lord:

“Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.” In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

(Mustard Seed: [Living in Praise](#). Author: Patricia Mitchell)

# LCOOS YOUTH HAPPENINGS .....



Hello All!

We have had a busy summer and I just want to highlight some of our upcoming activities!

We regularly hold Bible study and youth group on Wednesday evenings at 615pm. This is a great time for our youth to get to know one another and study God's Word together.

We also have Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 10am.

The LCOOS Youth meet the first Friday of every month from 7-10pm. We do a study but we also just, "hang out" and get to know one another.

In this cultural climate, it is so important that youth get to know other Christian youth! If you have Middle School or High School youth, please consider having them be a part of the LCOOS Youth Group!



**TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME .**  
**(MATTHEW 25:40)**

What a beautiful blessing to be able to supply backpacks filled with school supplies to a number of in need pre kindergarten children.

*Thank you to everyone who made this possible.*

## Christian Symbols .....



### Seal

A seal is the mark of God's promises to the believer and of believer's consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words "Holy to the Lord." For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation. Paul declares, "He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22,NIV)



FOR  YOUR  
MARRIAGE

Attention Married Couples:

*God's Knot*

We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? Treat yourselves to a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The fall northeast US Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

- \* **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A great hotel-style facility located in 800 acres of woodlands in the heart of the Pocono Mountains. An hour north of Allentown.
- \* **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest. 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.
- \* **November 9-11, 2018** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. A lovely hotel beautifully situated on the edge of a 100-acre nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires. An hour northwest of Springfield, MA.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and towards the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the \$100/couple registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

*LCOOS Council Meeting Minutes.....*

Council Meeting Minutes  
Lutheran Church of Our Savior  
Bryans Road, MD  
Date August 21, 2018

|                               |               |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Council Attendees: President: | Andrei Sapsai | x |
| V. Pres.:                     | Hansen Kannie | x |
| Secretary:                    | Patty Davis   | x |
| Treasurer:                    | Lynn Wells    | x |
| Worship:                      | Pastor Ogne   | x |
| Head Elder:                   | Michael Ellis | x |
| Discipleship:                 | Saifu Deen    | x |
| Outreach:                     | Shea Gronau   |   |
| Member at Large:              | Steve Holton  | x |

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and opened with prayer by Andrei Sapsai.

Secretary: The minutes were approved electronically by the council on 27AUG18.

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior  
Treasurer's Report  
As of July 31, 2018

Cash Accounts

Operating Fund 1: \$84,034.40  
Operating Fund 2: \$61,054.01  
SAV – Bldg: \$28,195.69  
Savings: \$70,772.09  
Memorial Fund: \$ 3,590.92

Budget and Revenue Estimates for 2018

2018cYearly Operating Budget: \$375,175.51 (based on 2017 income)  
2018 Yearly Revenue Estimate: \$366,404.00 ( 2.4% increase over 2017 Budget)

Operating

Offering (1&2) thru week 30: \$216,011.85  
Other income (3) thru week 30: \$ 8,524.92  
Operating Revenue thru week 30: \$224,536.77  
Operating Expenditures thru week 30: \$215,735.91  
Net Operating Income (Loss) thru 7/31/18: \$8,800.86

Operating – Averages

Average giving per wk thru week 30: \$ 7,200.40

Average Expenditures per wk thru week 30: \$ 7,191.20

Average Budget per wk: \$ 6,913.28

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## *LCOOS Council Meeting Minutes Continued...*

**LCEF Mortgage – Outstanding** (12/14/2037) \$853,210.51

**LWML** - Balance \$ 1,441.28

Balance carried over from 2017: \$1,159.34

**Income**

Mites thru week 30: \$ 105.30

Other income thru week 30: \$ 736.00

**Expenses**

Mites thru week 30: \$80.46

Other thru week 30: \$ 478.90

Conferences thru week 30: \$ 0.00

**Memorial Fund** - Balance \$ 3,590.92

Balance carried over from 2017: \$3,590.92

**Income**

Memorial Fund Donations thru week 30:

Undesignated \$ 0.00

**Expense**

Memorial Fund thru week 30: \$ 0.00

**Youth Group Balance:** \$ 7,804.13

(budget \$7,500 for 2018)

Balance carried over from 2017: \$ 7,757.07

**Income**

Fundraisers thru week 30: \$ 6,110.00

**Expenses**

Misc thru week 30: \$13,562.94

===== \$  
\$304.13+ 7,500.00 (budget amt) = 7,804.13

**Pastor's/worship report**

- \* The choir will resume October 2<sup>nd</sup> and practice for our Christmas performance. Please consider joining the choir!
- \* We are diligently working on a business plan for the possibility of a shelter for abused women and children. Please keep that in prayer.
- \* We are getting new lighting that will enhance the video stream. Currently those that preach are in shadow; the new lighting will make it more video enhanced.
- \* On that note, please share the video service. We currently have 100 subscribers; however, part of making disciples will be to share the video – it's a great resource!
- \* The altar guild is setting up a parament team – if you would like to join please speak to Rhonda Piegols.
- \* On September 16<sup>th</sup> @3pm Ed Huber is being installed at grace as a Special Ministry Pastor [the same designation as Deacon Pomrenke]. We are all invited to attend.

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*LCOOS Council Meeting Minutes Continued.....**Discipleship*

## Discipleship Leader, Church Council Report for August 2018 Meeting

**BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF August 2018**

| CLASS / DATE                      | 7/8-7/14         | 7/15-7/21    | 7/22-7/28    | 7/29-8/4     |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| Adult Bible Study                 | 50               | 40           | 43           | 51           |  |  |
| Youth Bible Study                 | Ashley<br>12     | Ashley<br>12 | Ashley<br>11 | Ashley<br>10 |  |  |
| Youth Wednesday Night             | 7                | 10           | 8            | 9            |  |  |
| Youth Friday Night                |                  |              |              | 15           |  |  |
| Sunday School                     | 19               | 6            |              |              |  |  |
| Nursery - Sunday                  | Trigoning<br>6   |              | 4            | 3            |  |  |
| Nursery -Wednesday                |                  | 2            | 11           |              |  |  |
| Adult Wednesday Night -<br>Graham | Start 2 Cor<br>6 | 9            | 9            | 9            |  |  |
| Defending Your Faith              | 26               |              |              |              |  |  |
| Men's Prayer Breakfast            |                  |              |              |              |  |  |
| Women's Prayer Breakfast          |                  |              |              |              |  |  |
| Ladies Friday Night               |                  |              |              |              |  |  |
| Study on the book of Concoed      |                  |              |              |              |  |  |
| Stevens Ministries                | 2                |              | 6            |              |  |  |
| Confirmation                      | Summer<br>Break  |              |              |              |  |  |
| Total weekly Attendance           |                  |              |              |              |  |  |

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## LCOOS Council Meeting Minutes Continued.....

### Discipleship Leader, Church Council Report for July 2018 Meeting

#### BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF July 2018

| CLASS / DATE                      | 6/10-6/16       | 6/17-6/23     | 6/24-6/30              | 7/1-7/7      |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Adult Bible Study                 | 42              | 53            | 35                     | 46           |  |  |
| Youth Bible Study                 | Ashley<br>11    | Ashley<br>13  | Ashley<br>12           | Ashley<br>13 |  |  |
| Youth Wednesday Night             | 12              |               | Fuge                   | 4th of July  |  |  |
| Youth Friday Night                |                 |               | Fuge                   |              |  |  |
| Sunday School                     | 13              | DJ<br>17      | 6                      | 8            |  |  |
| Nursery - Sunday                  | Chris Trig<br>4 | Rosa Amm<br>3 |                        |              |  |  |
| Nursery -Wednesday                | 5               |               |                        | 4th of July  |  |  |
| Adult Wednesday Night -<br>Graham | 8               | 8             | Finished<br>1 Cor<br>6 | 4th of July  |  |  |
| Defending Your Faith              |                 |               |                        |              |  |  |
| Men's Prayer Breakfast            | Summer<br>Break |               |                        |              |  |  |
| Women's Prayer Breakfast          | Summer<br>Break |               |                        |              |  |  |
| Ladies Friday Night               |                 |               |                        |              |  |  |
| Study on the book of Concoed      | 20              | 10            |                        |              |  |  |
| Stevens Ministries                | 6               | 6             |                        |              |  |  |
| Confirmation                      | Summer<br>Break |               |                        |              |  |  |
| Total weekly Attendance           | 121             | 110           | 59                     | 67           |  |  |

## *LCOOS Council Meeting Minutes Continued.....*

### Outreach:

- \* VBS: We had a great turnout with 49 kids and about 25 volunteers!  
We also raised \$100.53 to help feed families in Haiti during VBS.
- \* E72: We had 7 people go out for our August 18th quarterly evangelism. We spoke and prayed with 3 individuals in our community and it truly was a blessing.  
If you missed out, it's okay. There is another chance coming up! This is a very easy way to spread the love of Jesus to our community.

### Upcoming Events:

Charles County Fair Sept 13-16  
Harvest Party Oct 31

### Old Business:

- \* Youth room – replace outside siding.
- \* Hide Speaker wire by exit door in Fellowship hall
- \* Add special lighting in Sanctuary
  1. Funding authorized for materials to hang special lighting

### New Business:

- \* Reports review
- \* Built on the Rock – CH 7
  1. Don't forget your homework
- \* Mission and Vision for Woman's shelter
  1. Continued Business Plan development
- \* LED Conversion for the Offices in our New Building
  1. Council voted to take \$1,742.63 from Operating 2 in support of the conversion of all fluorescent lights in the new building to LED lights.
- \* Peter Garley – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia
  1. Pesu Hope Academy – Mt. Barclay Liberia
    - \* Council voted to move \$500 – from miscellaneous Outreach to repay benevolence fund in support of this outreach ministry.
- \* September Calendar Review
  1. Men's Prayer Breakfast 01SEP @ 0800
  2. Woman's Shelter Meeting - 01SEP @ 10:00AM
  3. Charles County Fair 13-16SEP
    - \*\* Sign up to pass out "Living Water"
  4. Council Meeting 18SEP @ 7:00 PM
- \* Council voted to have International Pot Luck on 15 OCT along with our guest speaker from Food for the Poor.

Prayer – Each meeting will conclude at the altar in prayer and supplication for the members and ministry of the church.

## *Lutheran Hour Ministries.....*

### "The Lesser of Two Evils"

Genesis 50:20 - (Joseph said) *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."*

There are times when it seems like no choice we can make will be a good one, and we must simply opt for the "lesser of two evils."

That was the way it was for Walter Carr, an Alabama student, who was scheduled to begin a training program for his first job. He was ready and eager to go, but his car was not. The night before he was to start his new job, that car breathed its last, which left Carr with some options.

1. He could call and say, "I'm not going to make it to work today. Can I begin on another, later day?"
2. He could do nothing because, obviously, he wasn't destined to begin work at the Bellhops moving company.
3. He could try to find somebody who would drive him to his new job which was 20 miles away.

With no really good options, Carr opted for option 4.

4. This option said Carr would walk the 20 miles to his workplace.

True, he would have to begin at midnight and walk all through the night, but at least he would show to his new boss that the job was important.

And so it was, Carr began his 20-mile walk. He began it, but he didn't finish it. You see, somewhere around 4 a.m. the police spotted him, stopped him, questioned him, and were intrigued.

The cops took Carr to breakfast, and then at 6:30 a.m., they delivered him to the Lameys. The Lameys were the people Carr was supposed to help move. The policemen explained Carr's story to the Lameys who were impressed by Carr's desire-to-work ethic.

The Lameys put his story on Facebook.

Carr's story went viral and eventually it reached Luke Marklin, the CEO of the Bellhops moving organization. Mr. Marklin was so impressed with his new employee he drove from Tennessee to Alabama to meet Carr, take him to breakfast, and thank him. At the end of the meeting, Marklin gave Carr his 2014 Ford. So, maybe Carr's choices weren't so bad after all.

So, what can we learn from Carr's story.

Might I suggest that when it seems we have to choose the lesser of two evils what we really need do is be turned to the Lord. Rather than picking a second-rate lesser-of-two evils, Joseph regularly turned to the Lord for guidance. Many other Bible heroes had their finest hours when they were turned to the Lord.

When you are turned to our loving, saving Lord, you just may find that our Lord is "faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13b). In short, we will find God's way is infinitely better than our way or the lesser of two evils.

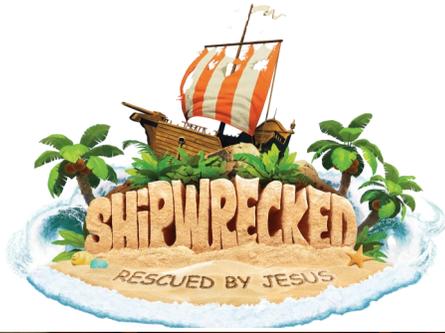
**THE PRAYER:** *Dear Lord, most of us have encountered times when it seemed like there were no right choices, no proper procedures. Grant that we will never give in to despair. Instead, may the Holy Spirit turn us to the Lord who can turn evil into good. In the Name of the Savior who has saved us from hell, I pray. Amen.*

Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries By Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour. Inspired by a number of sources, including one written by Elle Nicholson for America upbeat on July 18, 2018. Those who wish to reference that article may do so at the following link, which was fully functional at the time this devotion was written:

<http://americanupbeat.com/college-student-walked-20-miles-to-first-day-of-work-so-his-boss-did-this/>



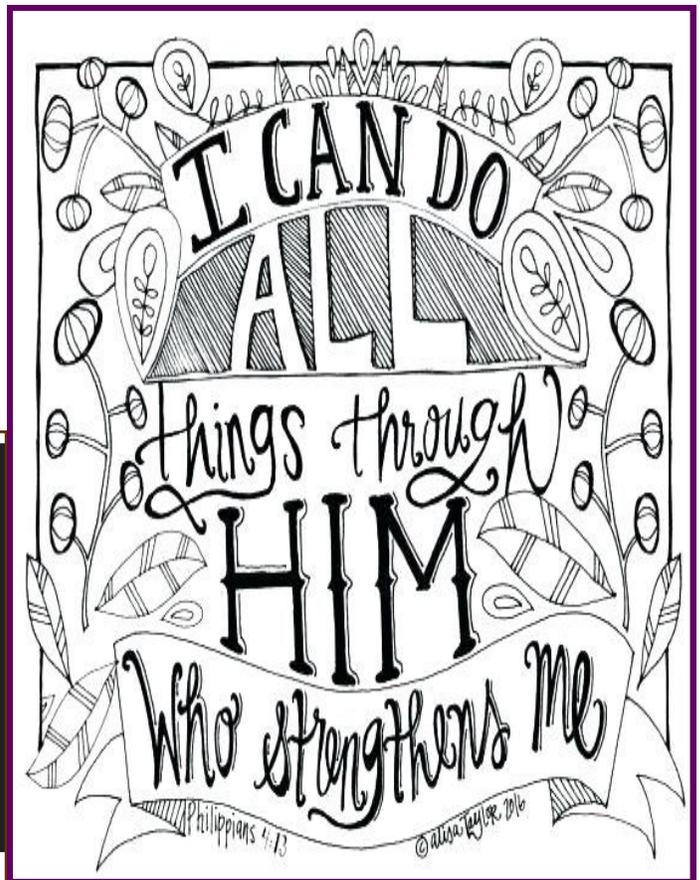
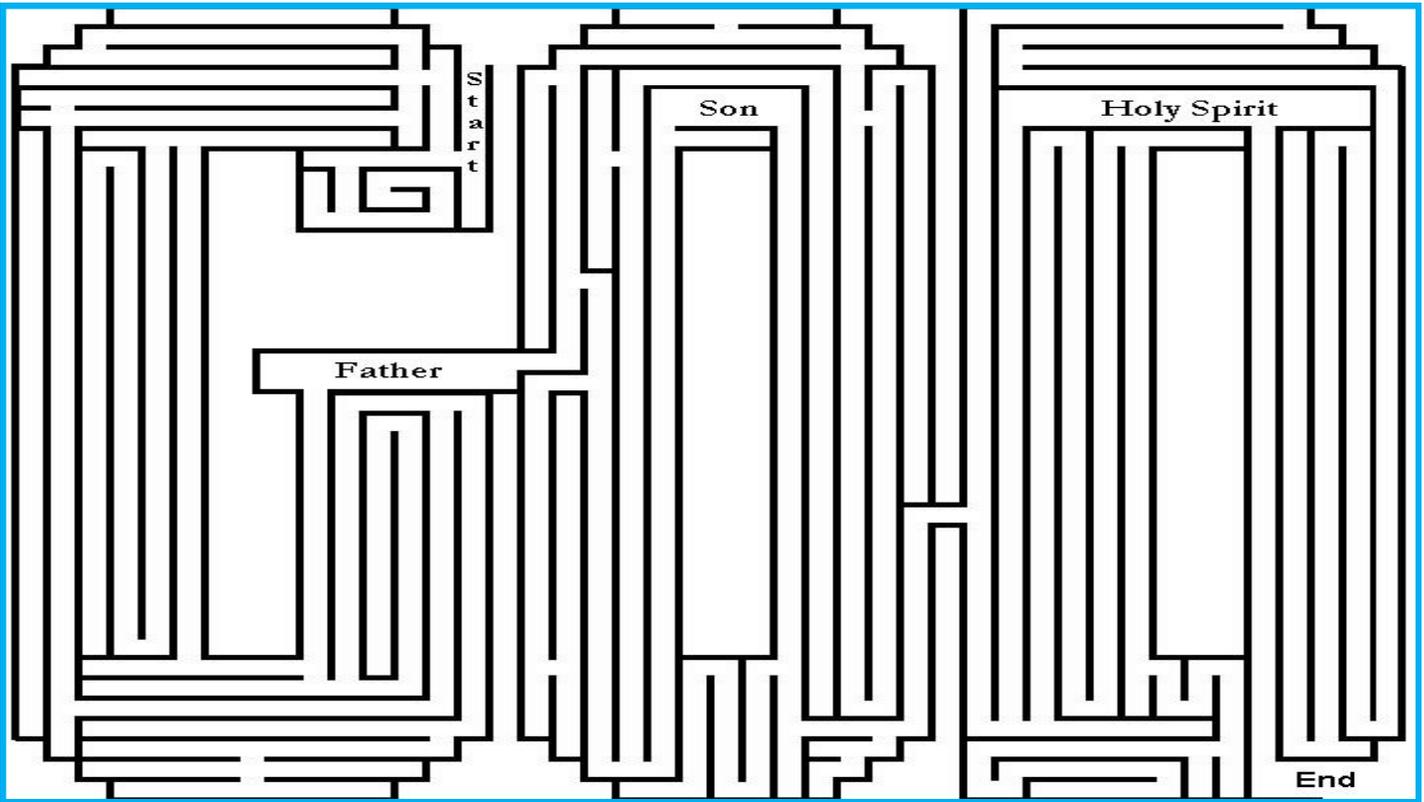
## Vacation Bible School.....



This years Vacation Bible School was July 23rd through July 27th . The theme was “Shipwrecked” Rescued by Jesus. Everyone had a wonderful time. The kids enjoyed lots of activities, games, skits, and scrumptious foods as they worshiped and learned about Jesus and how He rescues all of us. This year there were 49 youth who attended and approximate 25 volunteers .They also raised \$100.43 in donations to help feed families in Haiti. Lots of Beautiful Blessings!



# Youth Activity Page .....



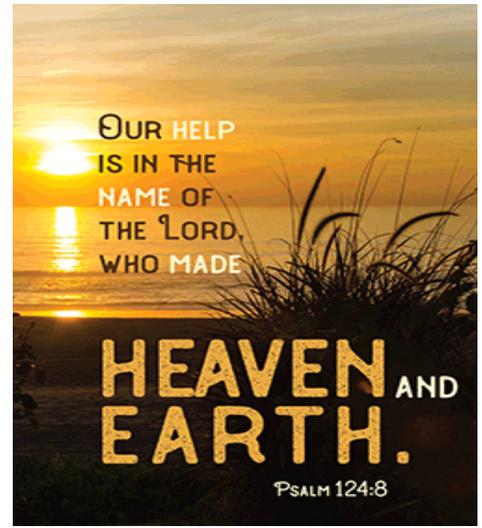
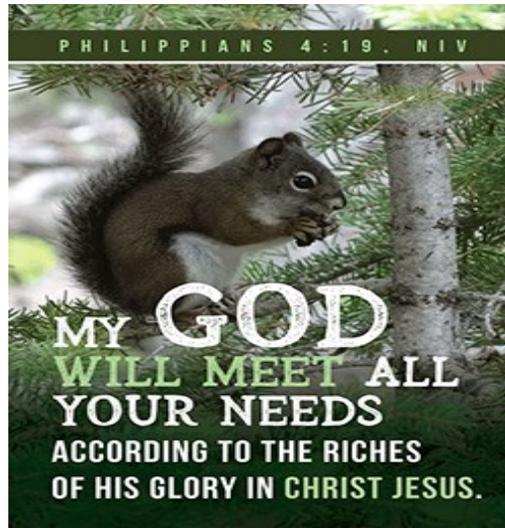
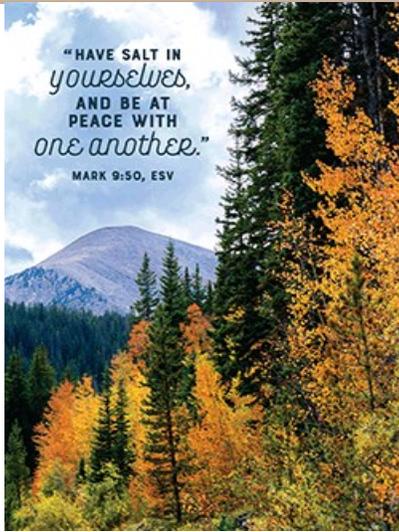
**Bible Quiz**

Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)



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- 19—Mark Kirby
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Skylar Rose
- 23—Fran Moody
- 24—Twahanna Green, Heather Drake
- 25—Janet Morris
- 28—Kristy McPherson, Frank Nelson



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>NOTE: Events and Times are subject to change. Please consult the church online calendar at LCOOS.org for any changes</b></p>  |   |   |   |  |  | <p><b>1</b><br/>8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)</p>  |
| <p><b>2</b><br/>No Defending Your Faith Today Due To Holiday</p> <p>8:30am Traditional<br/>9:45am Sun.School<br/>11:00am Praise Serv</p> <p>4-8:00 Ed Bldg in use</p>         | <p><b>3</b></p>  | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:15pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:45pm Meal<br/>6:15pm Bible Study<br/>7:15pm Praise Serv.</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>10-2 Compassion Center</p> <p>6-9:30 Ed Bldg in use</p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>10-2 Compassion Center</p>  | <p><b>8</b> 9am Prayer</p> <p>10:00am LWML Slight Seeling Cruise &amp; Brunch</p> <p>10-2 Compassion Center</p> <p>12 -1:30 Book of Concord</p> <p>8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)</p>  |
| <p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:30am Traditional<br/>9:45am Sun. School<br/>11:00am Praise</p> <p>2 PM Seasoned Citizens Sandgates Seafood Restaurant</p> <p>4-8:00 Ed Bldg in use</p>   | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>7pm LWML Meeting</p>  | <p><b>11</b></p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:15pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:45pm Meal<br/>6:15pm Bible Study<br/>7:15pm Praise Serv</p>  | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>Charles County Fair</p> <p>6-9:30 Ed Bldg in use</p>   | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>7pm F.I.G.H.T. Club -LWML</p> <p>Charles County Fair</p> <p>Meal Angel's Watch Shelter</p> | <p><b>15</b> 9am Prayer</p> <p>Charles County Fair</p> <p>8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)</p>   |
| <p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:30am Traditional<br/>9:45am Sun. School<br/>11:00am Praise Serv</p> <p>Defending Your Faith</p> <p>Charles County Fair</p> <p>4-8:00 Ed Bldg in use</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>6pm Praise-Team</p>   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6pm Elders<br/>7pm Council Meeting</p>             | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:15pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:45pm Meal<br/>6:15pm Bible Study<br/>7:15pm Praise Serv.</p> | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>6-9:30 Ed Bldg in use</p>                              | <p><b>21</b></p>   | <p><b>22</b> 9am Prayer</p> <p>12-1:30 Book of Concord</p>  <p>8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)</p> |
| <p><b>23/30</b></p> <p>8:30am Traditional<br/>9:45am Sun. School<br/>11:00am Praise Serv</p> <p>4-8:00 Ed Bldg in use</p>   | <p><b>24</b></p>  | <p><b>25</b></p>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:15pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:45pm Meal<br/>6:15pm Bible Study<br/>7:15pm Praise Serv.</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>6-9:30 Ed Bldg in use</p>                              | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>7pm F.I.G.H.T. Club-LWML</p>   | <p><b>29</b></p>  |

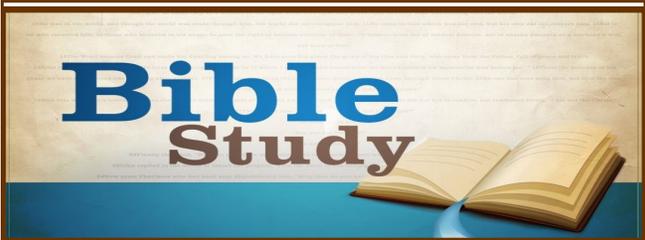


**Sunday**

8:30am Traditional Service  
 9:45am Sunday School for **"all"**  
 11:00am Praise & Worship Service

**Wednesday**

5:45pm Light Supper  
 6:15pm Bible Studies for **"all"**  
 7:15pm Praise & Worship Service



Sun 9:45am Sunday School for **"all"**  
 12:30pm Defending Your Faith  
**(1st & 3rd Sunday)**

Wed 6:15 Bible Study for **"all"**

Fri 7:00 LWML - Sisters in Study

Wed 6:00pm Confirmation Class



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## Children's Sermons



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