Looking Back and Looking Forward

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine my surprise when I began to put together the newsletter for this month, and an old newsletter popped up on my screen from May 2010—just two years ago. The focus of my Pastor’s letter was a celebration of God’s blessings to the congregation. I was a little shocked. Did you know—May 2010 was when the Creator Window was installed in the sanctuary? In 2010 we celebrated 150 people involved in the Small Group Ministry. Today, in 2012, 250 people are involved in Small Groups. Two years ago we celebrated a record 1,114 Easter attendance. This Easter 1,576 worshipers filled the pews. In 2010 on the Sunday after Easter the attendance was 394. This year attendance was 502. In addition, our Open Arms ministry has grown to include nearly 500 children and their families! God is good!

May 2010 was also when we got serious about stewardship and launched the “FAITH FORWARD—Expanding God’s Mission” Capital Funding and Stewardship Campaign. This 3-year campaign is aimed at paying off the $1.6 million Bridge Loan. As of last Sunday, $1,050,812.62 is the total contributions received. As we move on toward the “FINISH LINE” of this campaign one year from now, we still need another $592,000 to pay off the Bridge Loan. (The loan actually comes due in December 2012—six months from now and six months before the end of the campaign!) So, I want to ask you to recommit yourself to this campaign. Thank you to those who have fulfilled their pledge to Faith Forward and are continuing to give. And if you haven’t yet donated to Faith Forward, I encourage you to join us in helping us reach our goal. Simply mark your extra offering “Faith Forward.” Jesus said,

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

In His name,
Pastor Bill Mann

Building Homes on the Foundation of Christ

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” --1 Corinthians 3:11

Building HOMES on the FOUNDATION of CHRIST

Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church
www.oswlc.org

Jesus — the original child advocate

Access the most up to date Calendar online at www.oswlc.org.
Did You Know?
Blankets completed through Project Linus Program are approximately 240 per year in coordination with the Loudoun JDC
Ice Cream is served to the Seniors once a month at the Wingler House in Ashburn
Christmas gifts and Bibles were distributed to 135 youth through Angel Tree Prison Ministries
Monetary gift was made to Lutheran Disaster Relief Program
Monetary gift was made to Loudoun Cares Winter Fuel Fund
Blankets, towels, toys and gift cards for dog food were collected for paws4people canine friends
Laundry supplies were collected for Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

New “Lutheranism 101” Class
Sundays
11:00 am-12:15 pm
Review the essentials of Christian doctrine as understood by Lutherans from Holy Scripture. Those new to the Lutheran church will find out what being “Lutheran” means. Or come rediscover your Lutheran heritage. Six sessions. Led by Pastor Wiechmann in Room LL6. (the end of the classroom wing on the lower level) Nursery care is available in the church nursery.

Mission & Ministry
Servant Leaders Group

The MMSLG has started the 2013 church budget process. Caroline Broemmer is organizing the process to get church volunteer and professional activities budget submissions by end of June for MMSLG review. There will be a Congregational meeting in late summer to vote on the budget. The MMSLG is planning a retreat with the professional staff in June, and will be considering a servant project as a group. Caroline also reported that leak in the sanctuary roof has been successfully fixed.

During the April Mission and Ministry Servant Leaders Group meeting, members reviewed the strong points of the Easter season phenomenal outreach: (1) The 24 hours That Changed the World emphasis through sermon Series and small groups (2) Lenten services drew Open Arms and OSWLC families together with fun children’s activities as well as dinner fellowship and worship (3) Passover Seder dinner, (4) Stations of the Cross and prayer vigil, (5) compelling Tenebrae Good Friday Service, (6) Sunrise Service and three Easter services, complete with breakfast.

NEW BRICKS
Thank you to Glenn Schleede for the many days you spent on your knees installing the new memorial bricks at the doorway of the church.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
MAY 6
Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome our new members!

Update on Help for a Family in Need
Thank you to everyone who has recently helped a family with their relocation to Northern Virginia. The family includes Mom, Dad and two teenagers. They have a place to live for the next month, but they will need new housing soon. Finding new accommodations continues to be a major focus. Mom and daughter both have jobs at Harris Teeter right now. Dad is waiting to hear back from several job applications. One challenge is that the family vehicle is in need of a new transmission. Last week, due to very generous donations, a reconditioned transmission was purchased through the church Benevolence Fund for their Ford F150 truck at a cost of $850. The truck has been towed to Ted Britt Ford, who has agreed to do the labor for free. We are making progress. If we can get the truck back on the road it will be a huge help. If you would like to help, contact member Julie Hayden, jahayden@aol.com

NEW SHED—Eagle Scout Project
Thank you to Colin Shutler (and his family) along with the Boy Scouts. Colin’s Eagle Project was the construction of a new storage shed at the back of the parking lot. The shed was completed Easter Weekend and will replace the plastic shed that has lost both of its doors.
**New Staff member: Dax Jordan**

Dax Jordan has joined the staff of Our Savior’s Way as Pastoral Assistant. Dax has successfully navigated the District interview process for pastors. Our district president has recommended that Dax be accepted onto the clergy roster of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The next step is an interview in St. Louis. Dax will be making calls on Sunday visitors and leading worship. Dax created the visitor packets in the colored envelopes which were handed out on Easter Sunday. The packet included a DVD with an introduction to Our Savior’s Way and an overview of the Small Group program. Welcome Dax! (Dax and his wife Terri are expecting a new baby in June—welcome all!)

**Website Videos Give Warm Welcome and Small Group Overview**

Gary Christian, working with Pastor Peterson, filmed and edited video introductions to Our Savior’s Way and our Small Group program. These video clips are available on the church website and are being handed out to visitors on Sunday morning. Thank you to Gary for using his professional expertise in creating this exciting new way to invite the community to experience God’s love at our church. You can see the videos at www.oswlc.org.

**NEW LIFE FOR THE PRAYER GARDEN**

John and Kristen Cornely, along with family and friends, have breathed new life into the Prayer Garden. The crew worked hard all Saturday, April 21st, laying a stone pathway, removing overgrown plants, and putting in fresh plantings. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard! It is in the plan to make the Prayer Garden into a place to scatter ashes and also build a columbarium with niches for the ashes of loved ones. If you would like to be a part of the committee designing the columbarium, please talk to Pastor Mann.

**DULLES SOUTH MISSION START**

Pastor Dan Hawkins has declined the call to the Dulles South Mission. The Call Committee for Dulles South will reconvene and develop a new list of candidates.

**Music Ministry**

**Adult Choir - Exaltation Singers**

Wednesdays in Music Room at 7:30 - 8:15 pm 5/2, 9 and 16
Choir will practice at 6:30 pm with the bells 5/23 and 5/30
Director: Sally Mann salmann55@aol.com

**Handbells** (3 groups: 2nd grade through adult)
Wednesdays. Practice in Sanctuary
Choir Chimes Children’s group (2nd grade & above) 4:00-4:45 pm
Last Chimes rehearsal is May 16
Joy Ringers Beginner Group -- 4:45-5:45 pm
Celebration Ringers Advanced Group -- 5:45-6:45 pm
Joy and Celebration Ringers will practice through May 30
Director: Charlie Heinemann heinemanno@aol.com; 540-868-8034

**Praise Team** (Musicians for Praise & Worship services)
Wednesdays in Sanctuary at 7:00 pm
Leader Sara Carlin sicarlin90@aol.com

**J. C. Kids** (1st-5th grade choir)
May 6— Practice 5:00-5:50 pm in Music Room.
Director Sara Carlin sicarlin90@aol.com

**Youth Car Wash**

Sunday - May 6th
9:00 am – 12:30
KinderCare Parking Lot

As you leave church with a clean heart, get a clean car too, by getting your car washed by our Youth. Your donation for the wash will support our mission trip to Walpole Island, ON, Canada, to help us serve and share Christ with the Native American people of Walpole Island.

**NEW! DivorceCare Group**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m
Pot Luck May 4 at 7:00 pm

A DivorceCare small group has started at Our Savior’s Way, for the support and healing needed on your journey. Childcare provided. You do not need to be a member of this church to participate. For questions on the group, contact David Odom
der_berg_2000@yahoo.com
The logo for “DOING LIFE TOGETHER” small group ministry at OSWLC expresses the vision and the five core values for our life together.

THE HANDS: God’s love is inclusive and so the vision for our small group ministry is to include people from every walk of life, ethnicity, and race into a unity with Christ and with one another. All the hands are reaching out to Christ and to each other which expresses God’s purpose for our lives to fulfill His commandments to love Him and to love our neighbor.

THE HEART: The heart symbolizes God’s love for us. Faith is a gift of God. Our desire to reach out to God and to our neighbor is motivated by God first reaching out His hand to us by sending Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Being in a small group and living out our faith in community is a compulsion not an obligation that comes from God’s love for us.

FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, WORSHIP, GROWTH, and OUTREACH: These are the core values which shape our individual lives and our life together as God’s church. We all need to be in community; to be involved in meaningful service; to worship Christ and center our lives on Him; to read His Word so that we can spiritually grow in the character of Christ; and we need to reach out to others to experience the joy we have received from Christ.

THE CIRCLE: This is the symbol for eternal life and the symbol of Divine unity. God’s purpose is to make us one with Him and one with each other. Jesus expressed this purpose in His high priestly prayer. “I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me (John 17:23).” Doing Life Together is an eternal life style, which we shall practice in heaven forever.

**Doing Life Together Small Groups**

The following groups are currently available, focusing on spiritual growth, worship, fellowship, service, and outreach. Contact a group leader or visit our website www.oswlc.org for more information on small groups at Our Savior’s Way.

- Blessed to Be a Blessing - Community Service – Linda Kivi-Porter – linda_kivi_porter@yahoo.com
- 246 Young Adults – 20-29 yr olds – Gwen Kennedy – kennedgm@gmail.com
- Golden Girls for God – Mature women – Roxie Sullivan – Roxiesullivan@verizon.net
- Grace’Full Women – Women’s Bible Study – Penny Payne and Mary Miller – paynepk@yahoo.com
- Couple’s Bible Study – Fellowship and Study – Martie Dunnett – mj dunnett@verizon.net
- Celebrate Recovery – Spiritual Growth through Life Changes – Terri Jordan – terrijordan34@yahoo.com
- Let the Children Come – Families with children – Darren Broemmer – darren.broemmer@gmail.com
- Cooking with Spirit! – Cooking and Christian Fellowship – Mike & Christa Leman – lemanm@verizon.net
- In His Steps – Sunday morning small group – Bill Pfancuff – wpfancuff@aol.com
- Men’s Ministry:
  - Monday Panera Group – Pastor Peterson – epeterson071@live.com
  - Thursday I HOP Group – Todd Klopp – Todd.Klopp@live.com
- The West Enders – Fellowship Group for folks west of Leesburg – Greg Lynch – lynchgr@gmail.com
- MUMS – Preschool moms – Celina Hutchins – celina.home@verizon.net
- Faithful Homes – Creating a Christ-centered home – Barb Yarbrough – barb@oswlc.org
- Caregivers Support Group – Mike and Mary Miller – mikemary79@comcast.net
- GriefShare at Ashby Ponds – Eric Peterson/Beth Anton – epeterson071@live.com
- GriefShare at OSWLC – Beth Anton – antonpower2@aol.com
- Morning Glories — Bobbie Peterson — bpeters07@verizon.net

**GriefShare Support Groups—Sponsored by Our Savior’s Way**

A new 13 week session begins Monday May 14 in the church Library - 7:00 pm. Contact Beth Anton at 703-470-8821

For information on the Wednesday group in Ashby Ponds, contact Pastor Eric Peterson epeterson071@live.com

GriefShare is a Christian, bible-based grief support group for those who have lost a loved one to death. Visit www.griefshare.org,
Putting the Word of God into Your Hands and Your Hearts

Your Lord longs to speak to you! To grow in faith, spending time in His Word is critical. The LCMS has a wonderful resource for Christians of any age and any place along the spiritual journey—Concordia Publishing House.

At our fall book sale, several families purchased copies of *The Story Bible* from CPH. This beautiful children's Bible, has been selected as a finalist for the 2012 Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) Christian Book Award in the category of "Children's Books." Created for children ages 3 and older, it features lifelike, high-quality illustrations and the wonderful Christ-centered power of the real and true Holy Scriptures. Children in our Grace Place Sunday school will recognize the pictures from their Sunday Bible lesson illustrations.

For Elementary age children, *My Very First Holy Bible*, is a full text ESV translation (same as our pew Bibles) which also contains the classic art work of major Bible stories along with easy summaries, and family devotional questions so parents can help children understand and apply the message.

The Lutheran Study Bible, ESV, contains excellent verse by verse notes and commentary, references to Luther’s writings on the subjects, illustrations, concordance, topical and historical articles and more.

CPH has a full line of Bible studies, devotions, and books for all ages. Anything in their catalog can be ordered through the church and you will save shipping charges. You can check their catalog online at www.cph.org, or come by the Christian Education office and browse the catalog. There are also some children’s titles, family devotion books, women’s and teen devotions and studies that are available in stock.

To place an order, for *The Story Bible* or any other CPH publication, contact Barb Yarbrough, barb@oswlc.org.

Our church library has many books and devotions on a variety of Christian topics that you may browse and borrow.

In addition to the honor for The Story Bible, Concordia Publishing House received the 2011 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's highest presidential honor for performance excellence through innovation, process improvement, customer focus and visionary leadership. Surely God has blessed the leadership of this group that reaches out with the Gospel to a world that needs to know Him.

Vacation Bible School

**July 22—26**

**Evenings 5:30 pm-8:30 pm**

**Ages 3.5 — grade 6**

Registration forms online, at reception desks or follow the VBS links on the church website : www.oswlc.org

**Register and Pay by June 30:**

$25 First child in Family; $20 Second Child; $15 3rd Child; 4th Child & up Free (Maximum $60)

**Register and Pay by July 1 or later:**

$30 First child in Family; $25 Second Child; $20 3rd Child; 4th Child & up Free (Maximum $75)

**Tuition Assistance Available.**

**Important VBS Dates:**

Early Bird Registration closes: June 30

Regular Registration closes: July 15

Training for Station leaders and assistants, and Crew Leaders and assistants:

- June 15, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- Final Training Session:
  - July 14, 10:00 am – 12 noon
  - July 21, Noon –8:00 pm and July 22, 12:30 pm -4:30 pm

Join our VBS Ministry team!

To LIFT OFF, we need Program Directors, Activity Leaders, Registrars and Dinner planners ON BOARD NOW!

Decorating and Publicity personnel needed to get the TERMINAL ready.

Flight Crew leaders will assist our little Passengers as they learn that —

**EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD!**

Contact Barb Yarbrough at barb@oswlc.org OR 703-858-9254

Join the FUN! The SKY’S the LIMIT

At this year’s VBS!

Volunteer forms available at church or online!
9:30 am Classes

**Pastor’s Class**  
Library  
Led by Pastor Wiechmann

**In His Steps Small Group**  
Fellowship Hall  
Led by Bill Pfancuff  
WPfancuff@aol.com/703-241-2949

**DivorceCare**  
Room LL2  
Led by Dave Odom

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Room 4b off the lobby in the original building.  
Led by Terri Jordan

“Celebrate Recovery” Small Group based on the principles and themes from *Life's Healing Choices*.

11:00 am Classes

**Pastor Peterson’s Class**  
Library  
Led by Pastor Peterson -- Study on the *Gospel of Mark*

**Lutheranism 101**  
Room LL6  
Led by Pastor Wiechmann.  See Page 3 for details

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**Midweek Opportunities for Adult Bible Study**

**Mondays**

**ISAIAH: Herald of the Messiah**  
Schedule:  1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm (thru May)  
Led by Pastor Mann  
Place:  Music room

Course Description: Isaiah was called by God to warn his people about the coming Day of Judgment and to give them wonderful promises of a Messiah to come. This study seeks to help God’s people today develop an appreciation for God’s plan of salvation and live out their calling to reflect God’s light to the nations. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Tuesdays**

**Ladies Bible Study**  
Schedule: Every Tuesday at 10 am  
Led by Pastor Mann  
Place:  Church Library

NEW STUDY—The DIDACHE or “The Teaching of the Twelve.”  
The study and DVD looks at this early church writing from the time of the Apostles which is handbook and guide to practical Christianity. Find out about the early church and discuss what it means to live as a Christian in the 1st century and in the 21st century. You will appreciate the faith and friendship that grows as women link hands in prayer, joy, and faith. If you have time, you are invited to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

**CROSSWAYS**  
Schedule:  Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Led by Pastor Wiechmann  
Place:  Narthex Kitchen area

God has left a rather long message for each of us. It is called the Bible. Crossways is an in-depth Bible immersion experience covering all 66 books plus the Apocrypha. Join us for an exhilarating journey through the sweep of Scripture.

**Thursdays**

**Morning Glories Women’s Bible Study**—Current Study: Book of Psalms.  
Come start your day with us in God’s Word!  
Every Thursday morning - 7:30 am - 9:00 am  
Contact: Bobbie Peterson.  
Place:  Panera Bread near Home Depot, Ashburn

**Leisure World Bible Study**  
Schedule: Every Thursday from 2:00—3:00 pm.  
Led by Pastor Wiechmann  
Place: Clubhouse at Leisure World, but is open to all.

**Doing Life Together Small Groups**  
Check page 4 for small groups opportunities for Bible study and fellowship or visit www.oswlc.org for more information on Small Groups available for you to deepen your faith and your friendships here at Our Savior’s Way.
Vienna Breeze Concert at Our Savior’s Way
Saturday May 12th at 7:30 pm
This classical Music Concert features Our Savior’s Way members
Andy Nguyen - Pianist and Mariam Gregorian - Violinist
The concert is Free, with $15 donation appreciated
A reception will follow the concert

High School and College Graduates Coming Soon!
If you have a student that is graduating from college or High School, we would like to know about it! Send name, school and if desired, after graduation plans (College attending, job, etc) send to office@oswl.org

We pray for one another:
Family of James Hopkins (grandfather of Shirlina McArthur) at his death
Janna Starr and the Faulkner Family, at the death of Janna’s grandmother, Aleene Faulkner
Nancy Maddens (sister of Dave), at the sudden death of her husband, Bob Simone
Ahto Kivi, in the hospital
Susan Rupert, in the hospital
Rylee Anderson, undergoing tests in the hospital
Karan Knight, undergoing cancer treatment
Jim Mann (uncle of Pastor Mann), recovering from heart surgery
Staci Musco (aunt of Kristina Anders), at the death of Staci’s mother
Shelton Banks, in the hospital with pneumonia
Jayden Do (Open Arms preschool student), recovering from a bone marrow transplant
Colby Wood, with non-Hodgkins lymphoma
Pat Bauer, recovering from lung surgery
Ione Peterson, recovering from knee replacement surgery
Dennis Haas (cousin of Beth Maddens), undergoing chemo and recovering from a heart attack
Alan Battershell
Alice Vernatter (mother of Carl Cecil), with heart problems
JoAnn Bublitz (mother of Sally Mann), in hospice care
Barry Gorodnick and Grace Thiele, undergoing chemotherapy

In the Military:
Steven and Lexy Ebner (brother and sister-in-law of Caroline Broemmer) and Steven Stowell, deployed to Afghanistan.
Kelly Cecil, deployed to Germany with the Army
Daniel Oswald (nephew of Peter), deployed with the Navy
Jerritt Lacy (grandson of Shirley Havener) and David Wilkens, serving in the Navy
Blake Novak (brother of Scott Novak), Justin Lacy (grandson of Shirley Havener) and Ryan Ball (grandson of Linda Hathaway) serving in the Coast Guard.
Christopher Oswalt and Dan Grazier, serving in the Marines.
Reid Farmer, Kevin Kumke (brother of Joe), Marky Derus (cousin of Caitlyn Biggs), David Schneider (son of Verne and Donna), and Tyson McAllister (brother of Traci Benedict), serving in the Army.
Mariah Worrell, serving in the Air Force.

Men’s Breakfast
Sat. May 12- 8:00 am
Join the men of the congregation for a Breakfast fellowship and faith support in the Fellowship Hall at Our Savior’s Way. Greg Lynch at 540-554-2428

Wish Portals of Prayer was on your mobile device?
Visit cph.org/portals to learn more about how you can easily take Portals of Prayer with you wherever you go. Order your paid print subscription today and receive the mobile edition absolutely free!

Lutheran Hour Ministries
‘Daily Devotions’
Daily Power from God’s Word
Daily Devotions are a welcome spiritual lift that touches people where they are. Click on: www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp. To receive them via e-mail, sign up at www.lhm.org/email/login.asp.

Prayer Requests
• To include your request in the Sunday bulletin insert and the service prayers, please contact the church office.
• To place your prayer request on the Prayer Chain, email: Prayer.Chain@oswl.org.
• Prayer requests made on the sheets provided in the Sunday attendance books may be included in the service prayers that Sunday unless you specify otherwise.

All prayer requests will be included in the prayers of the pastors during the week.
Melissa Heenan, Prayer Chain Coordinator, 703-554-3957.
Open Arms Scholarship Fund
Our fund has been depleted!
Lost job, illness, family crisis...you can assist a family facing hard times. Make a difference to a child by allowing them to continue their education at OA. Our mission is to share Christ with our children and their families. Please consider donating funds to the scholarship fund to aid OA families in their time of need. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Mattheus @ 703.729.9144.

Open Arms PTL Seeking Experienced Development Person
The Playground Improvement Committee has been hard at work reviewing options for a new playground concept for Open Arms. If you have experience developing individual giving campaigns, capital campaigns, grant writing, etc. and would be willing to put in some time to research and launch some fundraising ideas with the Open Arms staff, please contact Adrienne Muich at 703-729-9144 or adrienne.muich@openarms-ccdc.org.

Open Arms Summer Camp is now enrolling!
Our school has designed a camp program to serve the children of our community. If you would like your child in a safe, stimulating, Christian environment for the summer, Open Arms is the place for your child’s summer enjoyment and learning. The summer program is designed in sessions, allowing for family vacation time.

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Camp Information Available Online
(703) 729.9144 | www.openarms-ccdc.org

BABY BOTTLES BRING BENEFITS - Pick up a Bottle on May 13th
LifeLine, Inc./ 1st Choice Women’s Health Center helps women facing unplanned pregnancies by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs from a Christian perspective. LifeLine is a non-profit organization located near Loudoun INOVA Hospital in Lansdowne. Each year OSW supports their mission by participating in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. On May 13th, baby bottles will be handed out after each service. We hope every family will participate. Take a bottle home and fill it with spare change, bills, or check. Contributions will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Return bottles to the basket with a large baby bottle attached in the Narthex Kitchen. For more information, please contact Mary Miller (mikemary79@comcast.net/ 703-729-1308) OR Andie Wessell (awandie@verizon.net/ 703-729-6873).

Owls News- Kick Off Lunch! and more.
Thanks to all whoooo attended the Owls “kick-off” lunch held on March 24th. Also, thanks to the Owls who assisted in making this event a success. There were 42 attendees showing interest in many topics. We had good food and great fellowship and hopefully we provided information for all.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Broadlands Clubhouse (across from the stone house and tennis courts on Waxpool). We plan a “potluck” salad lunch. Bring yourself, a friend, and a salad to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex coffee area under the OWL sign.

Pastor Wiechmann will lead a devotion and short bible study, followed by an update on the formative stages of the interest groups: widows/widowers, cards and board games, sewing and needlecraft, cards sending, and the Day Trips groups. We have some folks committed to leading these groups and some folks ready to participate, but we need more assistants and/or co-leaders for some of these events. We will also plan a date for a day trip at this gathering. So come with your suggestions, willingness to assist, and enjoy the fellowship with other OWLS. We appreciate your interest and your help.
FAITH FORWARD – TO THE FINISH LINE!

What is FAITH FORWARD?—Faith Forward is the 3-year Capital Funding Campaign to pay off the Bridge Loan. These gifts are over-and-above regular giving.

OUR GOAL—Pay off the Bridge Loan by the end of 2012. (The Bridge Loan comes due December 16, 2012). You can help by:

• Renewing your commitment to Faith Forward or make an additional commitment
• Fulfilling your commitment early, by December 16, 2012 and before the scheduled end of the giving campaign in May 2013
• Make an ongoing commitment to FAITH FORWARD?—Simply write “Faith Forward” on your envelope or check. Or ask to make a pledge to the FAITH FORWARD—TO THE FINISH LINE Campaign.

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT—Rev. Dr. Eric G. Peterson
“Boomerang Giving”

A very rich man was once asked, “How did you become so rich when you give so much of your money away?” The rich man replied, “Well, it is simple. I shovel out and God shovels in. The only difference is God has a bigger shovel. You can’t out give God.” Those who practice a life of generosity know that this is true. It is God’s promise to us. “Test me in this, “ says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit, says the Lord Almighty.” Malachi 3:10b-11

As Christians we practice what might be called “boomerang giving.” Because of God’s grace, whatever we invest in doing the will of God or whatever we give of ourselves to help our neighbor comes back to us. Sowing generously is basic for reaping a rich harvest. Whatever we are reaping today is because of what we sowed yesterday. A better tomorrow depends on what we sow today.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

OSW Supports Seminary Student

This year OSW is supporting a seminary student at Concordia in St. Louis. Using money from the benevolence fund, we are providing tuition help. Our seminary student is Lucas Witt, a 26 year old from Iowa, and more recently, Baltimore. He has written a thank you to the congregation. “Your support is truly a blessing and a reflection of Christ in the lives of your congregation... I want to spend my entire day actively preparing to spread the good news..”

Benevolence Fund 2011-
Helping Those in Need Both Local and World Wide

With the significant financial support for benevolence work from the congregation in 2011, we were able to help many dozens of individuals with their heating, phone, rent, and food needs. In addition, funds in excess of those needs were distributed as the end of the year to several organizations -- these involved NOVECO, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Malaria Initiative, Loudoun Cares, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Concordia Seminary for support a student. Each of these received a substantial gift.

Joyful Response Program

Tired of writing checks? Make your church financial contributions by electronic funds transfer (EFT) via LCEF’s Joyful Response Program. Funds may be transferred on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. You can also initiate, change, or stop the automatic withdrawal of your contributions at any time.

To sign up for Joyful Response, call the church office at 703-858-9254.

Hi Tech Living = High Tech Giving!

Our Savior’s Way now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone’s Quick Response (QR) code reader!

Memorial Day — May 28
Open Arms will be Closed
**Junior High**

- **Confirmation:**
  - Meets Weekly on Wednesdays
  - May 2: 4:30 – 6:15 Class-7th grade; Servant Project 8th grade
  - May 9: 4:30 – 6:15 Class-8th grade; Servant Project 7th grade
  - May 16: Regular Classes 4:30 – 6:15
  - May 23: Regular Classes 4:30 – 6:15
  - May 30: Book check/Confirmation Walkthrough
  - June 3: Confirmation Day! Questioning will be during 8 am worship. (Study those little cards!) The Rite of Confirmation will be 9:30 am service.
  
  Pastor Mann sent an email with details on selecting confirmation verses, making banners, and doing your statement of faith. Contact Ray or Pastor Mann with questions.

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**Senior High**

**UNITE**

May continues our series of small group studies on HABITS that we can develop as we grow in our relationship with Christ.

UNITE is our Sr. High Youth Night. UNITE meets every week and we have small groups every other week. The other weeks we have game nights, service nights, and worship nights interspersed throughout the month. UNITE focuses on how to LIVE a life that matters for Christ and to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. We connect, we grow, we worship, we serve, and we hope this can be a place where you feel like you can bring your friends to know Christ.

**Panorama**

Panorama is our Sunday morning study time to look at the big picture of what a life of following Christ is all about. We meet in the youth room (LL7) from 9:30-10:30. The topic for May is “The Truth about Sex”

**Youth Car Wash Sunday May 6th - 9:00 am – 12:30pm**

KinderCare Parking Lot

We need youth to wash cars as a fundraiser for our mission trip to Walpole Island, ON Canada. We will wash cars for people as they leave worship on Sunday morning.

**Workcamp Team Building Event: May 12 Noon—6:00 pm**

This year we will do our team building event at Camp Highroads on Saturday May 12th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The price is $25 per person. Make sure that you have filled out the Parental Permission Release for events sponsored by our church. (If you have filled this form out before to sign up to workcamp, you do not have to fill it out again). Wear Closed-Toed shoes, layered clothing, and rain gear if it looks like rain.

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**Workcamp Deadlines and meetings**

The final payment for Workcamp is due on May 13th.

Workcamp Adult Leader Meeting – May 20th at 12:30

**5 on 5 Ultimate Frisbee Tourney: May 20th, 3:00-6:00 pm**

Get a team together, make shirts and enter into this fun competition. S’mores and fire to follow. Details at [www.oswlc.org/youth](http://www.oswlc.org/youth) RSVP by May 11th.

**White Water Tubing at Harper’s Ferry Adventure Center: June 23rd, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

RSVP by June 3rd. Price: $32 due at the time you RSVP. Make sure to pack a lunch. ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE A LIABILITY WAIVER COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. Check out [www.hfadventurecenter.com](http://www.hfadventurecenter.com) for more info.

**Paintball at Hogback Mountain: August 11th; 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

$10 deposit per person. RSVP by July 18th

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**Youth Band—May 27**

We practice in the sanctuary after 11:00 church service. We play for our UNITE Wednesday gatherings.
Sign up to prepare and serve dinners to those in need at Loudoun Homeless Shelter on the first Tuesday of every month in 2012. Sign up sheet is on the Social Ministries bulletin board in the Narthex Kitchen.

**Upcoming Schedule:**

**May 1:** 246 Small Group

**June 5:** When God Whispers Your Name Small Group

**July 3:** Needed

**May is Hunger Awareness Month**

Summer vacation will soon arrive and school will be out. That translates to hungry at home children. Please donate easy, quick fix microwaveable items such as cereal, soups, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, Chef Boyardee products, juice, fruits, etc. Also remember that if you have a summer vegetable garden that any fresh produce is welcome as well. Please place fresh items in a separate bag from your canned items in the Coat Closet marked “Food Pantry” Donations will be taken to Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

**LC Friendship House Ministry**

Loudoun County Friendship House provides all day psychosocial rehabilitation for its members. Social Ministries is looking for volunteers who may be willing to sponsor a Bible Study, field trips, sing-a-longs and other ideas with LCFH’s clients. If you are interested in joining this ministry, or for more information, please contact Andie Wessell awandie@verizon.net or Pastor Ralph Wiechmann.

**We Hit Our Goal!**

At the Blood Drive on April 15, 32 donors collected 23 units of blood, which will help almost 70 patients in our local hospitals. Thank you to all those who generously donated blood.

**Thank You’s to Our Caring Congregation:**

I want to thank you for all the cards I received, and the meals made by members and Open Arms staff, while I have been undergoing chemotherapy, and then recuperating from surgery. Our family is extremely grateful for all the yummy meals that made our life easier. It was wonderful to come home to a warm meal that I did not have to plan or cook! Thanks also for all the prayers said on my behalf; those prayers have been answered as the results of all the biopsies were negative. The support to our family during this time has made a tough situation much easier to handle and has demonstrated the power friendship and prayer plays in our lives. May God bless you and your families the way he has blessed ours!

Krista, Joe, Chris and Jessica Kumke

I have experienced the most outstanding Christian caring from our three pastors, from hospital visits, phone calls and prayers during and after my two recent cancer surgeries. Also, the Golden Girls, the Congregation (including my family), with prayers, cards, and help in the condo, gave me great support and reminded me that God is our Comfort and Strength.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing God's love.

God's Blessings to all,

R Janet Kivi

**On Going Community Servant Opportunities at Our Savior’s Way**

**Project Linus At Loudoun County Juvenile Detention Center:** Ministry to at-risk teens by making blankets with them monthly on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. For this month: May 10 and 24. Please contact Mary Miller OR Penny Payne prior to your first time to volunteer as LCJDC has screening requirements that must be finished prior to volunteering.

All Project Linus blankets must be washed and labeled before distribution to children sick or in need. Contact Mary Miller OR Penny Payne to help.

**Wingler House Ice Cream Social:** Help serve up an Ice Cream Social on May 20, 1:00—2:00 pm. The Seniors there really enjoy this event! Contact Penny Payne for more information at 703-723-3259.

**Operation Dough-nation:** Pick up breads at the Panera Bakery just before closing for distribution to those in need. Contact Pastor Wiechmann or Mary Miller (mikemary79@comcast.net or 703-729-1308) for a time to pick up bread. Breads left after donations are available for you each Sunday. Your donation for the “free” bread goes to the Benevolence Fund to help more families meet basic needs.

**Food Pantry Collections:** Hunger knows no season. Donations are collected year-round in baskets in the Narthex closet area for Interfaith Relief or other local food pantries. Items in need continue to be: canned meats (tuna, chicken, turkey), pasta, spaghetti sauce (w/meat), cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, stews and soups. Food cards and cash are also much appreciated.
How to Become a Member of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church

- Worship with the people of Our Savior’s Way on Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am.
- Attend a FIRSTConnect Class.
- Transfer from another Lutheran Church by having a transfer letter sent from your former church.
- Attend the Christianity 101 class on Sunday morning.
- Join a ‘Doing Life Together’ small group.
- If you are a new Christian, please speak to one of the Pastors about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- If you have questions please phone the church office at 703-858-9254.

Vacation Bible School
July 22—26
Evenings

We are putting on our aviator’s goggles and checking our flight manual for some SKY-HIGH fun at this Summer’s VBS where EVERYTHING is possible with GOD. Register online NOW. EVERYONE can get involved! Sign up to be part of the fun! Details on Page 5.
MAY BIRTHDAYS
5/1 Thomas Walter; Katie Wieckmann; Cindy Wilberding
5/2 Ella Harris; Hannah Westlund
5/3 Avery Alleva; Blake McKinnon; Lori Vandulek; George Voelker
5/4 Chuck Banks; Griffin Barley; Kevin Fazekas; Cathy O’Meara; Stephanie Walter; Natalie Zickel
5/5 Wally Davis; Tim Germinario; Nancy Underwood; Tim Waltz
5/6 Mily Favella; Emily Garthwaite; Sarah Kisenaga
5/7 Roger Fritz; Michael Horton; Brian Hurst; Grace Hurst; Mary Villa
5/8 Nick Crabtree; Cathy Dorman
5/9 Nichol Hurd; Jim Qualls
5/10 Raul Morales; Liam O’Connor
5/11 Benjamin Block; Ben Leman; Jackson Novak; Susan Yake
5/12 Sean Harvey; Victor Niemann; Rebekah Waltz
5/13 Alexa Benhart; Marilyn Mangels; Lisa Peterson
5/14 Kristina Currild; Cooper Vandulek; Drake Vandulek
5/15 Gianna Ficarra, Mark Wood
5/16 Colleen Battershell; David Frohm; Savannah Novak; Carol Stowell; Johnnie Stubbs
5/17 Phillip Hawthorne; Elizabeth Tamaro
5/18 Wesley Anderson; Jordan Dorre; Joseph Gause
5/19 Madge Christian; Shannon Fenix; Dave Hunt; Lauren Ludwick; Sarah Scarboro
5/20 Andrew Mann
5/21 Jessica Lair; Matt Middleton; Elizabeth Sitter
5/22 Noah Kaiser; Dave Lair; Bonnie Stith
5/23 John Bowman; Zane Creason; Piper Hayman; John Joback; Russ McKinnon; Kay Vincent; Joy Williams; Dee Dee Zubal
5/24 Nikki Hart; Julie Shaheen
5/25 Caden Barley; Blake Gray; Jonathan Morris; Jane Reed; Daniel Scherbenske; Mike van der Biezen
5/26 Madison Jurkowski; Sara Phillips
5/27 Jim Betts; Eric Hols; Erin Mays
5/28 Jackie Dorman; Nickolas Fisher; Noelle Liston; Martina Payne
5/29 Michael Mohler; Bradley Noble
5/30 Jill Adair; Victor Block; Jeff Davis; Lance Paul
5/31 Tabatha Bragg; Andrew Fazekas; Matt Griffis; Alyssa Mattheus; Julie Tousley

MAY ANNIVERSARIES
5/5 Russ & Jill McKinnon
5/7 David & Susan Thistlethwaite
5/9 Zach & Jennifer Gordon
5/10 Jason & Lisa Keller
5/11 Gary & Beth Cummings; Bruce & Paula Looney
5/12 Kevin & Melissa Heenan (5 yr)
5/14 Mike & Beth Ferrier
5/16 George & Jodi Foltz; Scott & Andrea Lawson
5/19 Gerry & Karen Van Bremen
5/20 Art & Carol Frey; Joe & Janice Lupia
5/21 Paul & Wendy Hawthorne (35 yr)
5/22 Larry & Leigh Adair (30 yr)
5/23 Matt & Melissa Niemann
5/24 Rick & Cissi Burtner; Hayden & Amy Gafford; Darren & Tiffany Liston (20 yr); Scott & Marilyn Tousley (25 yr)
5/25 Travis & Alia Creason
5/27 Mike & Lauren Germinario; Jim & Lisa Gray; Andrew & Amanda Kowalski; Bob & Kathy Ledig
5/28 Darrin & Jill Benhart; Todd & Dana Heidelberger
5/29 Scott & Melissa Meuleners; Andrew & Julie Sigalas
5/30 Dave & Jane Hunt (20 yr); Roger & Judy Rice; Tim & Julie Shaheen
5/31 Pete & Cathy Kirschner

April Baptisms
Cameron David Alleva
Damon Gerard Cabanillas
April 15, 2012
Ryan Lee Gibson
April 22, 2012
Margaret Wong
Sophie & Evan Phillips
April 26, 2012
Colton Hunter Cabanillas
April 29, 2012

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

Pentecost Sunday
May 27
Our Savior’s Way
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