



Dear Fellow Servant

It is a delight to be alive in August

To see an orange sun cross the horizon
To smell the air purified after a summer rain

The massage of beach sand on your back

Impermeable mountain rock beneath your feet
Surrounded by a natural perfume of grass and flowers

The sharp delight of a tomato warmed by the sun

The crisply sweet bite of summer corn
The gentle sting on the tongue left by a pepper

The startling yellow color of finches

The gracefully thin neck of an egret
The darting iridescent green of a hummingbird

If our hearts and minds are open

August has something to offer all of our senses
Invigorating and making us feel truly alive

Surely the Creator's fingerprints are obvious

As an ancient rhythm of life continues around us
Which we are simply the latest witnesses to

The caring hand of the Creator

Is silent testimony to an embracing love
That offers and sustains creation's life

It is a delight to be alive in August

as we are reminded of the Creator's care
And a love for us in Christ that does not end

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WORTHY OF NOTE...

Summer brings a different set of ministries to our faith family. We are grateful for all those who continue to help out with the weekly dinners for the international students because our caring provides a safe place. We send them home with some new thinking about what Americans are like, but even more with a different idea of what the church and Christianity are all about. Through these dinners we are in a small way touching the world far beyond our doors.

As I write this, we are few days away from the annual Vacation Bible School. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered to help coordinate this program of outreach to many little ones in our community. It is an awesome thing to realize that for some of those little ones, their experience at LCOS may be the first experience with a church and the first time they have ever heard about Jesus. What a great opportunity we have to plant a seed of faith in them!

Several of our leaders will be traveling to Richmond at week's end to be part of the Southeastern District Leadership conference; an inspiring and illuminating glimpse into servant leadership. Please pray for safe travel and that our leaders may return to us with new energy and vision.

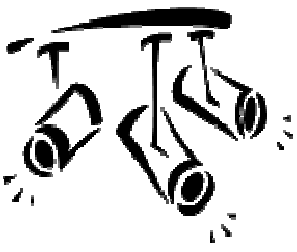
Please pray also for those who labor to build our expansion during these hot days. Pray for safety but also that they might have a sense of how what they are building will serve and encourage many lives in the years to come. Weekly updates on the progress are on our website (lcosrehoboth.org) and at this point, Schell Bros construction company is ahead of schedule. Thanks to the members of the Facilities Expansion Committee with John Hand as chair and especially to John Bamberger, our architect who are faithfully coordinating this project.

Thanks to those who supported the servant event in Appalachia. Our team from LCOS joined teams from 7 different congregations providing septic systems, bathrooms and running water to two separate families. We helped those families to see what Jesus' love really looks like, and the young people who participated learned about the servanthood that their baptism calls them to.

Please continue to support our faith family with your presence and your presents. Ours is a very dynamic ministry requiring the investment of many hearts and hands. Please also pray for our diaconal intern, Kathleen Borchers who will be arriving mid-August and who will be installed on August 28th.

Peace. I love you.

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STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT:

Many people look forward with excitement to months with special occasions or celebrations, like New Year's Day in January, Valentine's Day in February, Easter in March or April, Mother's Day in May, Father's Day in June, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September, Reformation Day in October, Thanksgiving Day in November and Christmas in December. August seems to be one of those months when there is not much to celebrate. Major League baseball players refer to this month as the "Dog Days of August." It seems to be a month that has been simply added to the calendar to fill out 31 more days that will add up to 365 for the year.

Even kids sometimes look at August as a boring month. Vacations are usually over, the days seem to move by so slowly, and they actually look forward to the end of August or early September when a new school year starts again. Of course, that will change before very long.

Life is like that. Not every day, week or month is as exciting as some others, but each one presents another opportunity for service. Good stewards look for opportunities to make the most of time because time is an important gift from God. Making the most of time can take us in a number of different directions. Included among these directions are time for meditation and reflection, time for rest and time for planning ahead.

God's Old Testament people sometimes grumbled about getting the Sabbaths over so they could get back to selling wheat, skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales...(Amos 8:5). Rather than observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, reflection and worship, they saw it as a wasted day.

Perhaps August has been given to us from God to use like a Sabbath rest. As God's stewards we can use quiet times for worship, reflection, meditation and planning. This can be a very positive way to use time that some might think is boring.

God's stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow stewards, manage all of life and life's resources [including time] for God's purposes. Other life resources include money, relationships, abilities, care of our bodies and creation, sharing the Gospel and so much more! Let August be a reminder that we are God's stewards 365 days a year and we live freely and joyfully as His stewards in August as well as the other eleven months of the year.

Have a refreshing, relaxing and blessed August!

THANK YOU for so many reasons...cards, calls, prayer shawl, prayers, visits, friendship and love! You have made my journey and road to recovery full of smiles and hope. I rejoice in my recent cancer-free report and will continue my treatment with radiation treatments in the near future. Thank you again for your prayers and I am truly blessed with such a loving and caring church family.
-Jean Vareha

THANK YOU
thank you

FROM THE SERVANTS ALL ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

You probably own life insurance to protect your loved ones. As your children grow up, their need for protection changes. Your life insurance can be an excellent way to include a gift to the Lord's work in your estate plan.

Your gift can be made by simply including your church as a beneficiary on your life insurance. Some Christians have drawn up an additional life insurance policy naming their local congregation as sole beneficiary.

This information is provided to help you create an estate plan that provides for the people you love and the ministries you care about.

Contact your life insurance agent today to learn more about making a deferred gift to your congregation.



LCOS BOOK CLUB NEWS



Book Club will meet Monday, **August 29th at 4:30pm** at Sister Deb's house, 206 High School Avenue in Georgetown. We will discuss *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein and enjoy a yummy dinner. New members are always welcome. We will also be choosing the books for September-May. Come join us!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 during the Fellowship Hour for a reception honoring our new deaconess intern, Kathleen Borchers. Kathleen will be installed at all three services on the 28th to begin her year of internship at LCOS. Please come and meet Kathleen and enjoy a time of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.



YOU ARE INVITED----to the first Sand Dollars meeting of the 2011-2012 year. Did you know that Sand Dollars has been a long time member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League? Come and hear Sr. Deb talk about the colorful history of LWML, what's going on now and the marvelous plans they have for their work in the future. Bring a sandwich (dessert goodies and drinks are provided), invite a friend to join you, and enjoy a morning with your faith sisters. Tuesday, August 23rd at 10 am--We'll be looking for you!!



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED just what our Shepherds Program is and if it is a ministry in which you would like to serve? The Shepherds group will be meeting on August 25th at 11:30 AM in the All-Purpose Room, and all interested parties are invited to attend.

IMAGINE providing for a household that includes your own family plus two, three, or even four extra children to feed. That is the norm in Kenya where half the population of 32 million are children. Two or three million of these youngsters have lost both parents. Many of these orphans are cared for by extended family, but some are not. A child of twelve or thirteen (or younger) attempts to care for their siblings.

I would like you to meet two students who are currently being sponsored:

This is Deborah Ngugi Mwindi. She is age 14 and in grade 8 of MCK Ndiuri Primary School in Mt. Kenya and attends church regularly at Thanantu Lutheran Church.



This is Jacob Deya, age 19, who is in grade 6 of Ortum Primary School in Chepereria, Kenya. He attends church regularly at Sereton Lutheran Church.

Both of these orphans have sponsorships of \$400 per year which provides school tuition and uniforms, medicine and some food for their foster household. Without an education girls often have no choice but prostitution, and boys sell themselves into slavery.

My oncologist, who has both an MD and a PhD, told me that as a child he attended a Lutheran school in Tanzania. Without the education he got there, he probably would not have had the opportunities which led to his stellar career.

At this time the Board of Education is considering two 10 year old orphans from Kenya, a boy and a girl, for sponsorship through Lutheran World Relief and Human Care. While it is impossible for us to include them at our table at mealtime, we can contribute something toward their food, clothing and school tuition. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry which will make a priceless change for these orphans in the name of Jesus. As Christians we must realize that now is the time to do something, no matter how small. The whole world needs to see Jesus at work in very tangible ways. Please look for the little school-house offering box to make your contribution. Thank You very much.

The children we are considering sponsoring are:



Vincent Kipkoeck

Vincent Kipkoeck, age 10, is in grade 4 at Kiletien Primary School in Central Rift, Kenya. He attends church regularly at Kiletien Lutheran Church.



Josephine Chepkemoi

Josephine Chepkemoi, age 10, is in grade 3 of Summek in Central Rift, Kenya, and regularly attends Sigowet Lutheran Church.

NEW FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR FALL 2011

Starting **Wednesday, September 14**, we will begin offering a **“Wednesday Night Oasis”**. The purpose of this ministry is to try to consolidate the various activities for children and families into one evening a week, in order to help families balance their busy schedules. This Wednesday Night Oasis will consist of the following activities:



5:30-6:30 Second Year Confirmation instruction (8th graders)

6:30-7:30 First Year Confirmation instruction (7th graders)

6:30-7:00 Joyful Noise Choir (children entering pre-K - those entering 2nd grade)

6:30-7:15 Children’s Chime Choir (children 3rd grade-6th grade)

6:30-7:30 Adult Small Group (discussion/workshop for couples or singles)

6:30-7:30 Supervised activities (when kids are finished music until adult group is finished)

Sunday School will begin on September 11 and will continue to be 9:30am-10:30am. The children will begin in the praise service, where they will have a children’s message, then be dismissed to their Sunday School opening and classes.

To help us with our planning, we are asking parents to please register for the Wednesday night program, via our website, www.lcosreboth.org by September 1. Click on the “Learning” tab and chose “Children and Youth”. On that page you will see a description of the Wednesday Night Oasis and a link to click for registration. If you have questions about the Oasis, please contact Pastor Schaefer or Sister Deb.

If you have questions about the specific activities, please contact the following people:

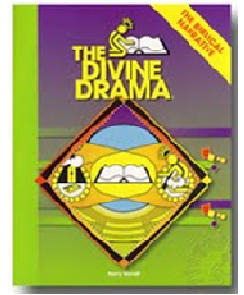
Joyful Noise Choir	Marcia Schaefer	945-6284
Chime Choir	Meldene Gruber	542-5398
Confirmation	Pastor Schaefer	227-3066
Adult Small Group	Sister Deb	227-3066

We hope you all will be able to join us on Wednesdays as we learn and grow together in our faith community.

COMING THIS FALL!! The Divine Drama is an exciting, year-long Bible study broken down into two parts.

The Biblical Narrative - 16 weeks covering the biblical storyline from creation through the life of Jesus.

Our Narrative - 14 weeks exploring how we are to live out our baptismal vows as followers of Jesus.



The Divine Drama is an excellent review class for those who have completed the Crossways Bible study class and also an excellent opportunity for all those who seek a sound understanding of the Bible and its implication for our lives as followers of Jesus.

The same lesson will be offered twice a week on Thursday and Sunday mornings, **beginning September 11** (both from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M). That way if you can't make your preferred class time, you can attend the alternate class. The Sunday morning class will end in time for the 11am worship service.

The cost of the materials for the class will be \$12.00 per person for the whole year. Click here to register now! Everyone is welcome to attend, both LCOS members and non-members alike.

YOU'RE ALL INVITED to the VIA in Rehoboth as they present Margaret Stortz with a Citizenship Award on **Tuesday, August 9th at 4 PM**. The VIA will be recognizing Margaret for her involvement with many local organizations, especially the Stockley Center, and are honoring her for her commitment to our community. The VIA is located next to the Henlopen Hotel in downtown Rehoboth. After the ceremony punch and cookies will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Duncan at 227-0887.

HELP WANTED: ESL has positions available for two childcare workers in the evening ESL program. These are paid positions. You must love children, be able to work Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6¹⁵ until 8⁴⁵ and be available for both the fall semester (late Sept through late November) and the spring semester (late Jan. through late March). A background check will be required but will be paid for by the church. There

may also be a position in the morning on Tues and Thurs from 8⁴⁵-11¹⁵am. If you are interested in any of these part-time positions, please contact Lois Shoemaker at 645-9649, Sam Flores at 645-8845, or Patti Brown at 645-9446.



SHOREBIRDS BUS TRIP The LCOS Men's Group is sponsoring a trip to see the Delmarva Shorebirds play the Hagerstown Suns on **Wednesday, August 10th**. Our plan is to gather at LCOS where we will board the bus and depart at 5:30 PM for the ballpark. The cost of this outing is \$15 per person, which includes transportation and a ticket to the game. To reserve your seat, or for more information, please contact Al D'Annunzio at 541-5374.



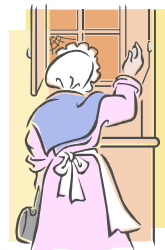
SAND DOLLARS will be packing School Bags for children in Appalachia. If you can donate any of the following items, it will be greatly appreciated.

- ✎ Spiral bound notebooks
- ✎ Construction paper
- ✎ School glue or glue sticks
- ✎ 5 #2 unsharpened pencils, secured with a rubber band
- ✎ 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink), secured with a rubber band
- ✎ pencil sharpener
- ✎ crayons 16 or 24 count
- ✎ 2 1/2 inch red erasers
- ✎ blunt scissors, short
- ✎ 12 inch ruler with centimeters one side and inches on the other



School items are sent packed in hand-sewn cloth bags. If you can help with making the bags, please see Bev Tridante for the pattern and instructions. We thank you for your continuing efforts on behalf of these children who so desperately need help.

THE LORD'S CUPBOARD NEEDS: cream soups, Tuna Helper, pork and beans, pasta side dishes, grape jelly, canned diced tomatoes and saltines. We are also in need of boxes - the boxes you can get at the liquor store work the best. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.





UNDER CONSTRUCTION

VBS will still be happening during construction!

August's Prayer calls

Surgery, Treatment & Recovery

Ernest Fair, Carolynn Fair's husband
 Michelle Fritz, Marilyn Williams' granddaughter
 Connie Genstein, friend of the Steinles
 Charles Gill, friend of Vernon Wegner
 Jean P. Green, Sharon Snyder's mother
 Ted Kardash, Mike & Eleanor Kardash' brother
 Charlie LaPlaea, friend of Helen Snapp
 James Mount, friend of Joyce Brown
 Deborah Myrers, Helen Snapp's daughter
 Scott, friend of Natalie Alexander
 Sherry Shultz, Janet Wojszwillo's daughter
 Allen Swarz, friend of Bob & Phyllis Murray
 Marilyn Williams
 Larry Sims, relative of Margaret Spurgat
 Nick Kolhepp, Barbara Schmidt's son-in-law
 Seth Faulk, friend of Judy Steinmann
 Cory Burd, Doris DeFilippis' grandson
 Brad Fallows, friend of Thelma Warneke
 Dave, Loretta Delapo's son
 Ron Powell, Bruce Powell's brother
 Elva Myers, relative of Phyllis Murray
 Bruce McDonald, son of Jim & Karen McDonald
 Carla McLeary, friend of Thelma Warneke
 Mary Ann Dilreo, Barbara Morris' daughter
 Edith Myers, relative of Phyllis Murray
 Nancy Markowitch, friend of Jean Vareha
 Jim & Jill Andreas
 Amanda Smith, Nancy McClurg's granddaughter
 Don White
 Joseph McDonough, friend of Laurie Baker
 Bill Tyndall, friend of Peggy & Jay Fleegle
 Karen Cosgrove, Louise Dasler's niece
 Irvin Morey
 Mark Brown, Elmer & Joyce Brown's son
 Steve Noweck, son of Bill Noweck
 Anna Finn, Marcella Heck's daughter
 Nathan Cherry, Elli & Gene Bokeno's grandson
 Jasper Baumgartner, friend of Margaret Stortz
 Fred Hand, John Hand's brother
 Judi Stark
 Louise Dasler, recovering
 Logan Michael Byers, Mary Byer's great-grandson

Lance Comas, friend of Laurie Baker
 Al Refsneider, friend of Joe Bates
 Elaine Loftin, Chris Price's mother
 Elli Bokeno
 Fred Thornett, Nancy Aller's son-in-law
 Dave Ramsey
 Michael Carr, Brother-in-law of the McDonalds
 Regina Tehsman, former member
 Fr. Don Riffles, friend of Bob & Phyllis Murray
 Carol Malkus
 Marshall Steinmann, Ken & Judy's son
 Bill Kruger friend, of Bill & Marjorie Lewis
 Pat Tucker, friend of Bill & Marjorie Lewis
 Al Higginbotham, friend of Bill & Marjorie Lewis
 Haylie Wickard, Carol Smeigh's granddaughter
 Nicole Spross, Barbara Morris' granddaughter surgery
 Signe Murray, Pre-op testing
 Brian, friend of Marcella Heck
 Faye Norris, friend of Don & Pat White
Cancer
 Mary Cade, friend of Nancy Aller
 Audrey Edwards, friend of Helen Snapp
 Randy Egolf, relative of Bruce & Leatrice Egolf
 Joan Fetterman, Jean Fetterman's daughter-in-law
 Wayne Fredericks, friend of Helen Snapp
 Alan Goodfriend, friend of Bill & Patti Brown
 Audrey Greene, friend of the Staubs
 George Hutzelman
 Bob Kardash, son of Mike & Eleanor Kardash
 Morgan Kilpatrick, friend of Thelma Warneke
 Ann Kolb, Don White's sister-in-law
 Carol Losch, Virginia Inkrote's daughter
 Seta Martin, friend of Darlene Botts
 Mary Rauser, friend of Karen Fricia
 Brad Rock, friend of Helen Loughran
 Bernie Staab, friend of Helen Snapp

Ted Strenger, friend of Tom & Jane Brown
Dawn Weber, Evelyn Wade's niece
David Bokeno, Gene & Elli Bokeno's son
Mary Jensen, friend of Don & Pat White
Chris Gushin, friend of Bill & Mel Ettinger
David Sherman, friend of Karl Zoric
Virgie Fajardo, friend of Bob & Phyllis Murray
Sandy Deal, friend of Bob & Phyllis Murray
David Chirinos, friend of Barbara Schmidt
Thom Pemberton, friend of Don Leavel
Beth Ann Alcaro, Barbara Morris' niece
Candy Todd, Beverly Tridente's daughter
Barbara Weiderhold, friend of Kim Peed
Miriam Willits, Jean & Dave Kiefer's daughter
Rick Rogers, friend of Ken & Judy Steinmann
Michael Blakel, Jerry Blakely's brother
Richard Leister, Ann Leister's son
Linda Blyth, friend of Art & Marilyn Johns
Barbie Anderson, friend of Shirley Fleegle
Marisol, friend of Peggy Fleegle
Linda Griffith, friend of Pat Campbell-White
Mary Huyck, friend of Bob & Phyllis Murray
Doris DeFilippis
Helen Oetting
Melly Adams
Norma Geppert
Anne Bettancourt, friend of the Purdys
Martin Kohl, relative of the Purdys
Connie Alexander, relative of Natalie Alexander
Amy Magee, friend of the Snapps
Shirley Raum, friend of Martha Ann Moore
Roy Couch
Bob Palese, friend of the Leavels
Delores Tanger, Laurie Baker's mom
Sally Schneider, Elsie Schneider's Daughter-in-law
Josh Lord, Faith & Don Lord's grandson
Wanda Fowler, Merv Nester's Cousin
Jean Kiefer
Jeff Wilson, Brenda Strausbaugh's brother-in-law
Neida Pruitt, friend of Joanne LeRoy
Kyle Sutherland, friend of the Greves
Lorene Stepanski, Karen Moody's sister
Joyce Gibson, friend of Pat Campbell-White

Ron Smith, Gwen Harden's brother
Gloria Harris, relative of Jean Fetterman
Helena Pepper, friend of Jim Fleegle
Sharon Snyder

Armed Forces

Brian Akerstrom (Carole Neal)
Timothy Alexander (Natalie Alexander)
Richard Ashton (Marcella Heck)
T.J. Blakely (Jerry & Dottie Blakely)
Lisa Marie Butts (Kim Peed)
Robert Canario (Fern Bennett)
Jeff Fleegle (Jim & Shirley Fleegle)
Freddi Foster (Angelo & Loretta Delapo)
Kyle Hamm (Carole Garwood)
Jeffrey Hodge (Gladys Oliver)
Christopher Howard (Nancy Aller)
Nichola Imperial (Marilyn Williams)
Douglas Kautz (Pat Kautz)
Brad Leary (The Purdys)
Ben Lee (Lou & Barbara Geibel)
Dan Lorenz (Jim & Moneera Lorenz)
Robbie Mayer (Angelo & Loretta Delapo)
Shawn Morgan (Ruth Saxton)
Breanne Roeckers (Virginia Inkrote)
Rob Roeckers (Virginia Inkrote)
Jason Seibring (Dave Lane)
John Schenck, Jr. (Aline Schenck)
John Sholts (Willa Jones)
Richard Sholts (Willa Jones)
Ethan Smith (Nancy Aller)
Michael Tyson (Gary & Sandy Raasch)
B.J. Vickers (Don & Pat White)
Chris Zielinski (Darlene Botts)
Greg Zielinski (Darlene Botts)
Michael Tokar (Marcella Heck)

Shut-ins

Melly & Linus Adams
Norma Bennett
Betty Lou Cassell
Helen Holmgren
Hjordis Lindberg
Martha Ann Moore
Nancy Pierson
Dorothy Schuyler
Helen Snapp

Those Who Serve - August 2011

Eucharistic Assistants

Aug-07 8:00 Bob Fellows
Aug-14 11:00 Bruce Egolf
Aug-21 8:00 Louis Jones
Aug-28 11:00 Florence Kruer

Liturgical Assistants

Aug-07 8:00 Dottie Blakely
Aug-14 11:00 Donna Egolf
Aug-21 8:00 Dottie Blakely
Aug-28 11:00 Marcia Pokoyski

Crucifers

Aug-07 11:00 Marge Kunkle
Aug-14 8:00 Darlene Botts
Aug-21 11:00 Jane Richter
Aug-28 8:00 Bob Fellows

Altar Care

Marge Doyle & Barbara Morris

Ushers

Aug-07 8:00 Paul & Georgette Smith
9:30 Steve Girard
11:00 Marge & Jim Kunkle
Aug-14 8:00 Louis & Anna Mae Jones
9:30 Jim & Karen McDonald
11:00 Meldene & Rainer Gruber
Aug-21 8:00 Pete & Carole Peterson
9:30 Scott & Kim Skelly
11:00 Gwen & Tom Harden
Aug-28 8:00 Tom & Nancy Mann
9:30 Barb Morris & Bruce Egolf
11:00 Kathy & Al Verratti

Readers

Aug-07 8:00 Chris Price
9:30 Bethany Lennox
11:00 Donna Egolf
Aug-14 8:00 James Lorenz
9:30 Bruce Egolf
11:00 Nichole Welling
Aug-21 8:00 Barbara Morris
9:30 Carole Garwood
11:00 Larry Purdy
Aug-28 8:00 Don Schneck
9:30 Ellen Herd
11:00 Darlene Botts

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