



Interim Pastors Will Begin Serving in July

Thanks to the diligent work of our Synod, Community of Love Lutheran Church has entered the next phase in our search for a new pastor. On Wednesday, June 11 the Church Council met with Pastor Paul Townsend, Dean of the Chester County Conference, who presented Pastors Paul Jann and Jim Wolford. They will both serve our congregation during the transition period in very distinct roles.

Paul Jann will serve as our Bridge Pastor. As a retirement pastor, he has a tremendous legacy with the Lutheran Church and since then has fulfilled Bridge Pastor duties three times. He is eager to get started in exclusively handling our preaching, special services, visitations, and other duties normally performed by the pastor. Paul is dedicated to staying with us until we find the ideal pastor for our future.

Jim Wolford will guide us through the call process. There is a well-defined process that we must follow to maximize our search for a new pastor. Pastor Wolford is extremely knowledgeable in this process. He is currently the Interim Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown. He will finish that assignment on June 30 with retirement starting on July 1st. At that time he will serve a small Episcopal congregation in Chesapeake City for two and a half days a week and work with our church.



Construction Corner

From the looks of things, you could say that B&P are "Your Brothers and Sisters in Construction." The Ministry has had a busy 2014 and would like to update the congregation on their current *Catch the Spirit* church improvement project.

- The ceiling tiles and grids have been removed
- Our electrician will be starting this week to install recessed lighting, up lighting, outlets, ceiling fans and more
- At the same time, the committee will be priming the trim
- Following the electrical work we have hired someone to patch all of the cracks and holes in the walls and ceiling as well as paint the ceiling
- The Building & Property Committee will take over painting the walls and trim
- Replacing the vanities in the rest rooms
- Finally, we will be choosing and installing flooring and updating the crying room which will also be our Information Center

June 2014

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Gateway to Galilee – a summer adventure!

Did you mark your calendar? I hope you did or you might miss Vacation Bible School.

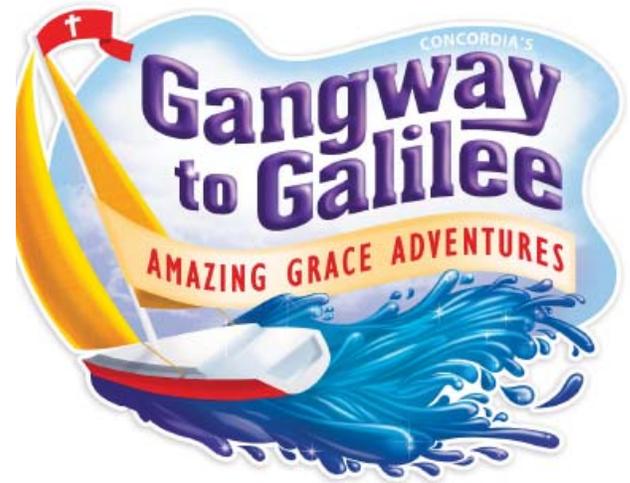
The dates are July 6th through July 11th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Any child, age 3 through completion of 4th grade is welcome to come.

There is a \$10.00 registration fee for each family.

There will be crafts, games, music, stories and of course delicious snacks. On our final night (Friday) we all scream for ice cream at our annual ice cream social.

By the way, volunteers are needed to help with VBS. Why not volunteer to help one or two nights? Another great way to share God's abundant love!



Learning Lutheranism

#3 - The Sacraments

Presbyterian

Baptism is not necessary for salvation. In Lord's Supper is Christ's body and blood are spiritually present to believers.

Methodist

Baptism is a sign of regeneration, in the Lord's Supper, Jesus is really present and his body & blood spiritually present to believers.

Lutheran

Baptism is necessary for salvation. The Lord's Supper is bread & wine that, with God's Word are truly Jesus' body & blood.

Catholic

Seven sacraments. Baptism removes original sin; usually infants. The Eucharist undergoes transubstantiation.

Orthodox

Baptism initiates God's life in the baptized; adults and children. In the Eucharist, bread & wine are changed into body & blood.

Anglican

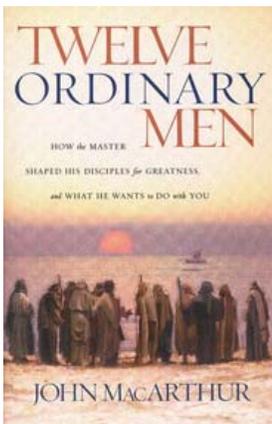
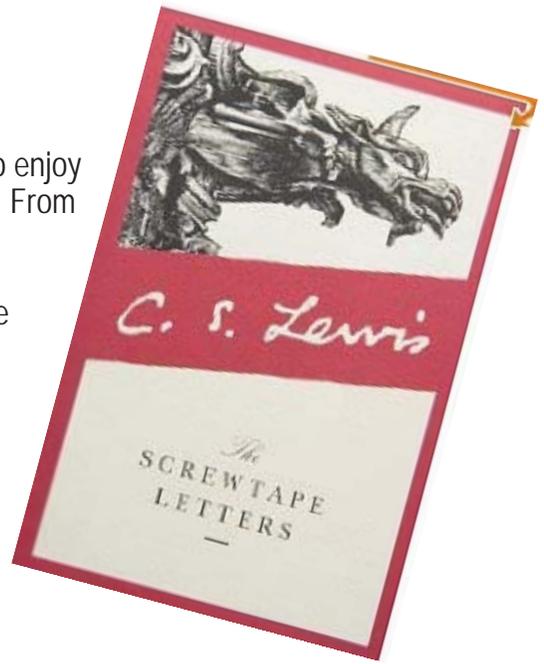
Baptism brings infant and convert initiates into the church; in communion Christ's body & blood are really present.

WOW – Summer Book

Fill your glass with lemonade. Grab a lawn chair. Get ready to enjoy WOW's summer book -- The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. From Amazon.com:

"The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written."

You can purchase the book or borrow it. Both the Oxford and Avon Grove libraries have the book.



See You in September...

.....No, not at church. We'll see you on Sundays at worship during the summer, but in September we'll see you at adult Sunday School. This fall we'll be reading a great book about a great group of guys. No, not BUFF, although they are a great group of guys. We're talking about the disciples of Jesus. The book is called *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur. Yes, in many ways they were ordinary but their impact was extraordinary. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Get Cool at Movie Night!

Kids Movie Night

Wednesday June 18th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
featuring "Frozen" in the COL Movie Theater (a.k.a. church basement).

Kids age five and up are invited. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend! Also bring a large pillow for seating.

Admission: Free. Fun & fellowship: Priceless!



Singing in the Summer

Music Worship Notes

It is hard to imagine that it is June already! None of us will be complaining about the heat

this summer as we recall the cold winter days. Our Worship and Music team takes no summer break.

Each Sunday we're here to lead in song. We start the month with our Traditional service on June 1 with the sermon theme "Make Us One." At the Blended service on June 8 we celebrate Pentecost – "...all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit..." Some members follow the tradition of wearing red on Pentecost.

For the Contemporary-style worship service on June 15 we will sing songs of praise and hear more about our "Awesome God." The Gospel reading from Matthew 10:24-39 at the June 22 Blended service teaches us "do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." And please join us at the Contemporary service on June 29th "Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever!"

Hope you to see you!



As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Ceiling Fans
- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room/Information Center

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen dcpetersen@verizon.net.

Reminder: while the sanctuary is being refurbished, the seat cushions will be removed for their own protection! **So bring a cush for your tush!**

Birthdays *June & July*

Why not send someone a birthday card? Add a note that you'll see them in church!!

Erik Pollich	06/01	Loren Luke Jr.	06/21
Barbara Powers	06/04	Morgan Mattson	06/23
Don Hettinger	06/08	Dylan Heffner	07/08
Linda Hettinger	06/08	Sue Troyan	07/14
Gretchen Hoffert	06/09	Doris Powers	07/25
Dave Graham	06/11	Brandon Robinson	07/26
Robert Milley	06/13	Vincent Craven	07/29
		Jennifer Hoffert	07/31



The 2014 Oxford Relay For Life is just a few days away!

CANCER...whether from a distance, or “up close and personal”, cancer has touched many, if not all, of us in one way or another. Cancer knows no age boundaries; young and old may be subjected to it. We have an opportunity to do something about it...help to “**fight the fight**” by supporting the 2014 Oxford Relay for Life!

The Relay for Life brings communities together to:

- ❖ Celebrate those fighting the fight,
- ❖ Remember those who have lost the battle, and
- ❖ Fight Back by taking measures to prevent or reduce the possibility of contracting cancer through awareness and lifestyle changes.

Last year our Relaying Lutherans team raised over \$3400 to help fight the fight; monies raised go towards research, support and raising awareness. This year our team, though smaller in number, is energized to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Please consider supporting them...it's easy! You can go on line to make a donation or to purchase a luminaria. Or...you can talk to them directly. Our 2014 Relaying Lutherans Team members: The Milley Family (Bob, Mary, Katherine, Sarah), Don & Lois Hostetler, Tina McHugh, Cathy Dubosque, Kathey Hipkins, Brian & Anna Coe and Tom & Jackie Plystak. It's not too late to join!

The 2014 Oxford Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 pm Friday June 20th to noon Saturday June 21st. Even if you are not part of our team, please feel free to stop by and check it out! The best times to do that are from 6-9 pm Friday (Opening Ceremony at 6, Survivor Ceremony at 7, Luminaria Ceremony at 9). More

information can be found on the Relay for Life (relayforlife.org) and navigating to the Oxford Relay section. For more details, feel free to see me after worship or call me (610-932-8273).

Thank you for your support!

Tom Plystak
Team Captain

Support the team by

- Donating money

- Buying a candy bar

- Get a raffle ticket for the afghan knit by Amy Luke

- Buy a luminary or two in memory or in honor of someone special

- Pray for good weather and the success of all the teams!