Living Logos

News for the members and friends of Living Savior Lutheran Church
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A Note from the Pastor...

New Clothes for Christmas?

There will be many people again this year who receive some new clothes for Christmas. Though in our world of exciting electronics and innumerable gadgets, clothes might seem like a “let down” — still there are those who always appreciate the thoughtfulness and practicality of new clothes (especially if the gift comes with a gift receipt so that you can trade it in for the right size, color or style).)

There came a point in the garden where the man and the woman realized that they needed some new clothes — or at least they came to the realization that they were naked and needed something — anything. They reached for the fig leaves. I can understand that. Sally — Sally Fieger (a member of Living Savior who has since passed away) came to me one Sunday with a small seedling in a tiny pot. “What is it?” was my question. She smiled and said, “It’s a fig tree. Plant it and see what happens.” I did. Utterly amazing. Fig trees like the northwest climate. It grew and it is still growing in my back yard. It has been producing delicious figs. And suddenly the account in the garden jumped to life for me. The fig tree has really large leaves. I can understand why the man and woman first reached for them. They would cover a lot of territory and would be a good choice for sewing together and making a covering for one’s self.

In a writing from John of Damascus, “An Exact Exposition of the Christian Faith,” he points to the poor choice of the man the woman in reaching for the fig leaf, and if you have ever touched them you would know why – they are really, really rough. You would not want that rubbing on your skin all day.

John of Damascus then speaks of how the harshness of the fig leaves are a picture of the harshness of a toilsome and painful life. The Lord then gives them new clothes (every Christmas like) — animal skins, but they too serve as a picture of how mankind is clothed with death (says John again!).

Don’t know if you have noticed but there is the most interesting thread that runs through the life of Jesus – clothing. Born in a barn, the infant Jesus is wrapped in strips of cloth and laid in a manger. On the day of His baptism he was anointed (covered) by the Spirit. Demons cowered before Him. Wind and wave obeyed his voice. The disciples stood dumbfounded before him.

In mockery the soldiers put a purple robe on him, but then all of his clothing would be removed - all of it, as they cast lots for His clothing. Joseph and Nicodemus will wrap Him in a linen shroud. And then a face cloth will be neatly folded by itself in an empty tomb.

In a very real sense, Christmas means new clothes for you and me. In the waters of our baptism we are clothed with a robe of righteousness and our garments are made clean in the blood of the Lamb. Forgiven, we are among those who stand before the throne of the Almighty in robes of white. And with the disciples of old, we too have been anointed (covered) by the Spirit. Demons cowered before Him. Wind and wave obeyed his voice. The disciples stood dumbfounded before him - surely He was clothed with power from on High. People could even touch His garments and be healed (see Mark 5:28). On a mountain top His clothing became radiant, intensely white – “as no one on earth could bleach them.” In mockery the soldiers put a purple robe on him, but then all of his clothing would be removed - all of it, as they cast lots for His clothing. Joseph and Nicodemus will wrap Him in a linen shroud. And then a face cloth will be neatly folded by itself in an empty tomb.

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We praise You, Jesus, at Your birth; Clothed in flesh You came to earth.
The virgin bears a sinless boy And all the angels sing for joy. Alleluia!
All this for us our God has done Granting love through His own Son.
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice And sing His praise with endless voice. Alleluia! LSB #382 vs 1& 7

Pastor Brandt
At Preschool

The busy Christmas season is upon us! Preschool is decorated, and glitter abounds but most of all we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All our devotions focus on the birth of Jesus. Preschoolers hear how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem and baby Jesus is born; how angels appeared to announce His coming to the shepherds and how the star led the Wise men to visit Jesus! Once again, the dramatic play area turns into the stable where Jesus was born. Children take turns being Mary or Joseph, a sheep, donkey, cow, or shepherds and angels; let the celebration begin!

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:10-11

Birthday Party for Jesus!

Let’s all welcome in the 2018 Christmas season and celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior with snacks, craft, storytelling, singing, and birthday cupcakes!

Saturday, December 8th
9:30 to 12:00 a.m.
Living Savior Fellowship Hall
For all: Preschool & Sunday School children  Siblings  Parents  Grandparents
RSVP: dhornberger@livingsavior-preschool.org

A big thank you goes out to all who bought pies for our preschool fundraiser. We hope you have been enjoying them through this holiday season. You helped the preschool earn $5400! As always, we appreciate your support in prayer and fundraising!

May the JOY of this Christmas season be with each family as we together celebrate the birth of our Savior throughout all the festivities!

 Merry Christmas!
From Denice and the Preschool Staff

December Devotion

Advent

The name of the church season which we are soon entering is “Advent”. It comes from the Latin word, adventus which means “coming” or “arrival.” Advent is a season of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus, especially as we look forward to celebrating His birth, but also in preparation for His second coming at a time in the future which is prophesied throughout scripture. It begins four Sundays before Christmas, or the Sunday closest to November 30 and it lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24.

Christians celebrate Advent not only as a way of remembering Christ’s first coming as a human baby, but also for his continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit and in anticipation of his final return.

Many churches have adopted the tradition of lighting candles on an Advent Wreath for the weeks leading up to Christmas. This custom began in 16th century Germany among Lutherans and Catholics. The circular wreath is chosen to symbolize eternity and four candles are set on the evergreen branches. Beginning with lighting one candle on the first Sunday of Advent, an additional candle is lit each Sunday as part of the Advent services.

At this point, tradition plays a big part in what the candles symbolize. It seems that originally the wreath was simply an expression of light. Thus, the four candles were white. The choice of colored candles came much later. And even that has changed. Originally there were three purple and one pink candle. Purple generally signifies repentance. In more recent times, blue has become the color of Advent.

Tradition has also defined the meaning of the candles. There are two popular designations for the four candles. One tradition refers to the candles of love, prophecy, faith and hope.

Another way of labeling them refers to the Prophecy Candle, the Bethlehem Candle, the Shepherds Candle (also known as the Joy Candle) and the Angels Candle.

The Prophecy Candle remembers the prophets, primarily Isaiah who foretold the birth of Christ. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14) This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The Bethlehem Candle is lit on the second Sunday of Advent. This candle typically represents love. It is called the Bethlehem Candle because it symbolized Christ’s manger: This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12

Shepherds Candle. This candle is the pink or rose-colored (or white) candle, lit on the third Sunday. It is customarily represents joy.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:8-11)

Angels Candle. The fourth and last purple (or blue or white) candle represents peace:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:13-14)

One custom is to replace all four candles with white ones at Christmas. Another tradition has a fifth candle placed in the center of the wreath. It is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity.

Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made white than snow: “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; through they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks before Christmas is an excellent way for Christian families to keep Christ at the center of Christmas and for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas.
Come Check Us Out!

In addition to the regular library material, DID YOU KNOW?........

- That we have a book shelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read.
- That we have a book shelf of puzzles for you to check out.
- That we have reference material, Bible studies, children’s craft & learning idea books.
- That we have devotions that you may take home and use for as long as needed.

The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.

Shut In Ministry

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials." - Luke 22:28

Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone’s life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

- Would you like to visit Shut ins or know of someone we can visit?
  - Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, contact Peggy H. or Lola E. at the church office.

BOOK CLUB

Lovers of books come together the second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:30am in the Jericho Room, September-May. A lively discussion of the book occurs, fellowship is shared and we are refreshed with morning goodies, coffee or tea. Please consider joining the group when you can and invite a friend! There is no obligation to attend every month and no pressure to have the right answers because there are NO right answers. The following is a listing of the books that will be read and discussed.

December—No meeting. Use an Advent devotional to prepare for Christmas.
- January 12 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- February 9 Border Child by Michel Stone
- March 9 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave by Frederick Douglass
- April 13 Albanian Escape: The True Story of U.S Army Nurses Behind Enemy Lines by Agnes Jensen Mangerich
- May 11 Love to Water My Soul (Dreamcatcher Series #2) by Jane Kirkpatrick

Many thanks to those who have been contributing items in the purple bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall.

Community Warehouse is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin at 8380 SW Nyberg Street. They are identified 159 homeless children in the Tigard, Sherwood, and Tualatin school districts. We will be housing up to 14 people at a time for 4 separate weeks in 2019. During the day they are not at church, but come back for evening meals, evening activities, and sleep. These activity bags should be very useful for the little children.

HELP WITH WILDFIRE VICTIMS

How You Can Help California Wildfire Victims

The CNH District is receiving recovery donations for the Northern California fires. You can donate by sending a check (made out to “CNH District Disaster Relief Fund”) to 2772 Constitution Drive Ste A, Livermore, CA 94551. Please write “Disaster Relief Fund” in the memo line.

You may also go directly to the CNH website to donate. On that page is the excerpt of a letter sent by Brandon Merrick, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Paradise, to members of the congregation, along with a photo of the cross in front of their church (courtesy of Tyler and Elizabeth Franke).

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YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH—MINI LOCK-IN

January 25th
6 PM to 10:30 PM.

The event will start with dinner and games and we will do a service event of making activity bags for the children of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. In 2019, Living Savior will be one of 13 host churches helping this organization help families with children who are homeless in our communities. To date, the school systems have identified 159 homeless children in the Tigard, Sherwood, and Tualatin school districts. We will be housing up to 14 people at a time for 4 separate weeks in 2019. During the day they are not at church, but come back for evening meals, evening activities, and sleep. These activity bags should be very useful for the little children.

SR. YOUTH

The Sr. Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 2, starting at 12:30pm in the Narthex. We will all gather in our vehicles and drive to one home for APPETIZERS/SALAD then head on over to the 2nd house for the MAIN COURSE. After we have stuffed our bellies with deliciousness, we will all be back at the church fellowship hall for DESSERT/WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT around 3:30pm.

While the Sr. youth is still in the spirit of giving, BLESSING BAGS will be made until 5:00pm. Parents should pick up their teen at 5:00pm. More details will be coming via email.

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**December Planning**

**Church Decorating:** December 2 after 2nd service.
Pizza will be served and a Christmas movie shown for the kids. If you would like to help, please let Shane Jenkins know so enough food can be provided.

**Advent Soup Suppers:**
Mark your calendar for December 5, 12, 19. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Suppers begin at 5:45pm.

**December Worship Schedule:**
- Advent Worship Services: Dec. 5, 12, 19
  - 7:15pm
- Sunday School Christmas Worship
  - December 16
  - 10:00am (one service)
- Sunday, Advent 4 Worship
  - December 23
  - 10:00am (one service)
- Monday, Christmas Eve
  - December 24
  - 3:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm
- Tuesday, Christmas Day
  - December 25
  - 10:00am (one service)
- Sunday after Christmas
  - December 30
  - 10:00am (one service)

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES**— Dec. 8th 9:00am to 10:30am & Dec. 15th from 9:00 to 11:00am. Questions? Call or email Charlotte B. at the church office.

Our annual Children’s Christmas Worship Program will be held on Sun. Dec. 16 at 10:00am

Thank you to all who are participating!

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRUNCH** – Join us for food and fellowship on Sunday December 16th following the Children’s Christmas Service. Bring your favorite brunch item to share! Hope to see you there! ( )

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** – Enough talk about “Black Friday” shopping! Mark your calendars for the “Golden Opportunity Sunday” shopping. On December 2nd, Pin Pals will host their annual Christmas Boutique where you will find lovely and lovingly made gifts and handy gift bags to put them in. All proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief. See you there!

**Amazing Grays**

**An Invitation to our Church Family**

Join us on Friday, December 14, at noon. If you want to get in the Christmas mood, this is the time and place. We have great food, great entertainment and great fellowship. All we ask is for you to sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Bring something you like to eat and prepare for a fun and rewarding event. Put on your holiday duds. Old Christmas sweaters and hats are appreciated. See you there.

-Dave C.

**Greeting Card Collection Ends**

Thank you for donating the beautiful greeting cards over the past few months. Residents in the assisted living facilities of Marquis and Riverwood appreciate having cards readily available for use without having to go to a store. They especially appreciate the Christmas cards. We have more than enough so **we will not be collecting cards** for several months. Thank you again for your support.

**Support Group at Living Savior**

We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We continue to hold this program, please plan to attend.

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**Stewardship Update**

Year to Date Contributions, as of 10/21/2018 are as follows:

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**Building Fund Contributions:** $57,072

Thank you for your faithful giving!

We are excited to announce that we will soon provide the option of making offering contributions through electronic transfer. This program is provided through the Joyful Response program with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). This program is entirely voluntarily, and gives members of the congregation the ability to make regular contributions without having to re-write a check. Contributions can be scheduled to occur weekly, monthly, or even annually, and can be supplemented via a regular envelope with a personal check if desired. There is no requirement to use this method of giving, and if you prefer to continue to give via your traditional means, you are more than welcome to continue to do so. We will have additional information and instructions for those who are interested in the near future.

If you have questions, please contact me at the church office.

Thank you.

Adam W.
Thank you all of you who gave financial support to the Auxiliary by participating in our Christmas Wreath Project and our mini-sale of Columbia Empire Farm products. We also appreciate the “just because” checks you have given to support the Auxiliary.

Thank you for your giving hearts.
Wishing God’s richest blessings to all of you.

-Sylvia S.

Dinners of Eight

January through March, 2019, returns by popular demand.

Our first of three dinners will be Sunday January 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
You may sign up on the “chef” poster in the narthex until January 3rd for the first dinner. Each month you are asked to sign up.

WHAT: What are Dinners of Eight? They are dinners for about eight participants, to be held at a host’s home. Multiple suppers will be going on at various locations on the same day. The host will generally provide the main entrée with other diners bringing a side dish, salad or dessert.

WHY: This is an opportunity to spend more time getting to know each other, renewing friendships, and just having time to talk and enjoy each other’s company.

HOSTS NEEDED: Please check the host column on the sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact Karen H. at the church office.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: There has also been interest in full family participation in the Dinners of Eight. Families who would like their children to participate in these events at the church in the Fellowship Hall or in a home, please sign the sheet labeled “Families with Children” and indicate if you would be willing to host. A host will call/email others to participate in the potluck. Also indicate the number of children.

DINNER DATES: Sundays, January 13, February 10, March 10, 5:00-7:00 pm.
This is a month by month commitment only.
Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity!

The Annual Group Home Christmas Service and Luncheon is December 8th at 12:30. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to help call Kathy G. at 503 692 1307.
The Group Home Christmas Wish Wreath is up in the Narthex. There are gifts for our Group Home Friends and the homes. Also envelopes for $10.00 gift cards or cash to buy gift cards for the staff are available. Instructions are by the giving wreath.
Our Mission statement is “Share the love of our Lord with our Group Home Friends and the Staff that serve them.”
Wishing everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.
-Kathye G.

Stephen Ministry

Are you a ding-a-ling? Want to ring your own bell?
Have a desire to participate in worship in a very special way?
Here is your chance...something new...exciting...different!

Join a Handbell Choir!
The newly refurbished and beautiful handbells have arrived. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex if you’d like to participate in the Handbell Choir. Turn them into the church office or give them to Sandy M. and she will contact you regarding practices.

Anticipate the Holidays

“One day at a time” and “so far so good” are the themes of people who grieve. However, these responses are a challenge when holidays, anniversaries and birthdays arrive. Grievers often go into overload and lack concentration.

Plan Ahead

There are things that a person can do to plan ahead to avoid overloading and creating the best physical as well as emotional environment.

• Prioritize and make lists from gift buying to getting out of bed!
• A good top-to-bottom housecleaning could be a joint family holiday project, or call on those people who have been offering to help.
• Break up monumental (or what seem monumental) undertakings into smaller, more manageable segments. Do something every day to organize your environment.

Top of “the list” should be “prepare Him room” especially the first year when a griever is so overwhelmed by sorrow. It is very easy to lose the meaning of the holiday and yet God whispers in their ear, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11:28
Put aside the unimportant “to do’s” and concentrate on preparing room in your heart for God and the other things will fall into place in the proper order.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with:
Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor Brandt 503-692-3490

Stephen Ministry

Our Mission statement is ‘One in Christ Jesus, seeking the lost, ministering to the hurting, serving the community, honoring the Almighty’.

Stephen Ministry began in 1968 and is a part of the Disciples of Christ. Our mission is to share in the ministry of the Gospel. Stephen Ministers are laypersons, not clergy, who are trained to provide emotional and spiritual support to those facing distressing life situations.

The Group Home Ministry is a service of Bethesda Auxiliary. It began in 1952 and serves the needs of people with intellectual disabilities in the Washington, D.C. area.

Thank you for your giving hearts.
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-Sylvia S.
Prison Ministry ™ This ministry continues to serve the ladies at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for three hours weekly. These are some of the same women who started in bible study at Solitary Confinement in the Clackamas County Jail. Gloria has shared “thanks yous” to her and to members of Living Savior for this opportunity to share prayer, scripture and food through the Word. There is also a Sunday afternoon, two hour meeting with the most difficult inmates in solitary confinement sharing the Word and singing Christian music through their food –port door, one food-port door at a time.

Angel Tree
In this season of Christmas, Angel Tree is reaching out for its 36th Year with a Legacy of pointing Children to Jesus. It was established in 1982 by a former Prisoner Mary Kay Beard. There are 2.7 million children that have a parent in prison, this is one in every elementary school class in the country. Living Savior is serving 102 children this year. The Angels are on the tree in the Narthex and a $25.00 gift for the child can be brought boxed and ready for wrapping by Sunday, December 9. Monetary contributions can be made to LSLC with Angel Tree in the memo line. Let Gea know if you would like to be part of the wrapping party and Mike M. if you’re interested in helping with delivery. We want to thank you all for your generous support.

Laborers of Love- Lutheran Braille Workers
We have received the last shipment of the Large Print ESV Bible. We now have the complete 26 volume set.

Tualatin Food Pantry has received another 83# of food for a total to 707 pounds from Living Savior. They have also received our annual cash donation in which they use to purchase milk, eggs and meat.

We wish to let the congregation know all of our annual donations have been disbursed to the budgeted projects.

Living Savior Scholarship Fund
Consider contributing to the Living Savior Scholarship Fund as part of your year-end charitable contributions. The purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage faith development and higher education in the youth of Living Savior Lutheran Church. Two $1,000 scholarships are awarded in the spring. A check from Living Savior was sent to the Oregon District LWML for $610.10 for international grants.

Oregon District Mite Offering
A check from Living Savior was sent to the Oregon District LWML for $610.10 for mites collected from friends and members. This amount includes money from the 2018 Mission and Service church budget. The Oregon District will keep 75% of this amount for our District Mission Grants and 25% will be forwarded to LWML for national grants.

Bring your mite box to church and place it in the large mite box on the shelf by the exit doors and take a new box.

PUZZLES!
The church library is offering puzzles for lending. We use the honor system so please return a borrowed puzzle in a timely fashion so others may use them. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the plastic tub to the right of the puzzle shelf in the library.

An article from LWML President, Patti Ross.

My husband, a cardiologist, will tell you never to eat anything that can be served to you through a window. That being said, I do give in time to time on McDonald’s French fries. When I do, I look down and see the dropped change on the concrete beneath the window. If my car wasn’t so close to the window, I would reach down and pick it up. When we were on vacation last week I was looking for sea shells on the beach and found a quarter! Bill knows when I see a coin I will pick it up and say, “for the Mite Box”. I also picked up a penny in the airport parking lot. 26 cents for the Mite Box! Wow, you say, not much of a haul. However, check out the first of our LWML grants and read the story of it. “Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children” a program administered by Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City Iowa. Their volunteers package fortified rice/soy meals that are shipped to many international and national destinations to feed hungry people—at a cost of 13 cents a meal.

So, my 26 cents will buy 2 meals for someone! Makes it worth the effort to pick up the coins, doesn’t it? Especially, when you think that not only does it deliver 2 meals, but it delivers the Bread of Life, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, feeding hungry souls as well as bodies.

If you can figure out how I can vacuum up that loose change under the McDonald’s window, let me know!

Enjoy reading John 6:22-59 and see what Jesus has to say.

Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti

We have received the last shipment of the Large Print ESV Bible. We now have the complete 26 volume set.

Tualatin Food Pantry has received another 83# of food for a total to 707 pounds from Living Savior. They have also received our annual cash donation in which they use to purchase milk, eggs and meat.

We wish to let the congregation know all of our annual donations have been disbursed to the budgeted projects.

Living Savior Scholarship Fund
Consider contributing to the Living Savior Scholarship Fund as part of your year-end charitable contributions. The purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage faith development and higher education in the youth of Living Savior Lutheran Church. Two $1,000 scholarships are awarded in the spring.

You can make a designated contribution directly to the scholarship fund by sending a check to the church and indicating that it is for the “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. Questions? Please call Cathy D. at the church office.

Welcome New Members
Joining Living Savior on October 14:
The B. Family
Randy and Robin
Jake and Charlotte

Lutheran Women in Mission

An article from LWML President, Patti Ross.

My husband, a cardiologist, will tell you never to eat anything that can be served to you through a window. That being said, I do give in time to time on McDonald’s French fries. When I do, I look down and see the dropped change on the concrete beneath the window. If my car wasn’t so close to the window, I would reach down and pick it up.

When we were on vacation last week I was looking for sea shells on the beach and found a quarter! Bill knows when I see a coin I will pick it up and say, “for the Mite Box”. I also picked up a penny in the airport parking lot. 26 cents for the Mite Box! Wow, you say, not much of a haul. However, check out the first of our LWML grants and read the story of it. “Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children” a program administered by Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City Iowa. Their volunteers package fortified rice/soy meals that are shipped to many international and national destinations to feed hungry people—at a cost of 13 cents a meal.

So, my 26 cents will buy 2 meals for someone! Makes it worth the effort to pick up the coins, doesn’t it? Especially, when you think that not only does it deliver 2 meals, but it delivers the Bread of Life, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, feeding hungry souls as well as bodies.

If you can figure out how I can vacuum up that loose change under the McDonald’s window, let me know!

Enjoy reading John 6:22-59 and see what Jesus has to say.

Oregon District Mite Offering
A check from Living Savior was sent to the Oregon District LWML for $610.10 for mites collected from friends and members. This amount includes money from the 2018 Mission and Service church budget. The Oregon District will keep 75% of this amount for our District Mission Grants and 25% will be forwarded to LWML for national grants.

Bring your mite box to church and place it in the large mite box on the shelf by the exit doors and take a new box.

PUZZLES!
The church library is offering puzzles for lending. We use the honor system so please return a borrowed puzzle in a timely fashion so others may use them. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the plastic tub to the right of the puzzle shelf in the library.

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Haiti is a nation in need of special attention. Since the earthquake in 2010, Lutheran baptisms in Haiti have been multiplied beyond expectations and Lutheran church attendance is increasing. However physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are left unmet. A center for the elderly people who have outlived their families, and some of whom are currently living in tents and deplorable conditions, is planned to be built on the same property where an orphanage was constructed in 2014. The children will have grandparents and the elderly will have children to make them smile. The center, built with funds supplied by this grant, would result in a dwelling with clean water, suitable waste containment, beds, food, and care for these forgotten people. Ministry in Mission desires to fulfill the intent of creating a true community for Haitian Lutherans by providing a safe living environment for all Haitians in the surrounding area and particularly the forgotten elderly society.

Updates on grant funding are available at lwml.org/mission-grants

National LWML 2017-2019 Grant Goal: $2,075,000

Check out LWML activities and resources at LWML.org (national) and LWMLOR.org (Oregon District)