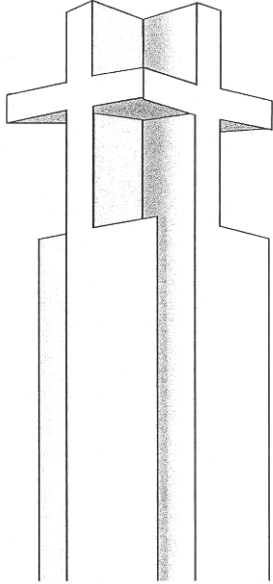


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Liam's Baptism

On Sunday, March 21st, the LCOS family celebrated the baptism of *Liam Patrick Heselius*. Liam is the son of Kelin and Charity Heselius, the grandson of Jim and Cherri Krall, and the nephew of Michael Heselius. Born December 2,



2009, Liam's baptism day was a day of great joy and celebration for the LCOS family; from Pastor's words of sacrament, to a special baptism song (sung by Liam's "Grammy" Cherri Krall), to the promise of the congregation to share in Liam's faith and Christian growth, Pastor's blessing and warm introduction to the congregation culminated a beautiful baptism service for a beautiful and blessed baby boy.

Liam's dad, Kelin, received his first communion and was confirmed at LCOS and served as an acolyte and crucifer; he attended Sunday School and Youth Group at LCOS, and was a member of the LCOS Youth Choir and Hand bell Choir. As a young adult, Kelin was selected for Bishop's Camp and served as a Liturgist,

and he is now a member of LCOS Church Council.

Liam's mom, Charity, is an active member of LAFFS (Ladies with Active Families and Full Schedules) and serves as a Youth Group volunteer. This past summer, Kelin and Charity were married at LCOS in the presence of more than 250 family members, friends and LCOS church family parishioners, and are now so very grateful to introduce Liam to their LCOS family. They know they are blessed to have such a loving and wonderful church family – and are particularly excited to bring Liam up in their footsteps of service and faith at LCOS. I know we all look forward to watching Liam grow in fellowship with his LCOS family!



This is LCOS

Sunday Worship Celebrations

Worship Service -
9:00 AM

Sunday School & Community Hour-
10:00 AM

Contemporary Service -
11:00 AM
(813) 884-1232

Church Staff

Rev. Jon Keiser, D. Min., Pastor
Zack Koczanski, Deacon

Jeannelle Gibson, Principal,
Pre-School & K

Dr. Will Goetz, Dir. Music Ministries
Eileen Anderson, Secretary

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Church Council

Brian Cross, Treasurer

Buck Orr, Co-Vice President

Carol Cousins, President
Cherri Krall

Kelin Heselius

Kristi Saligame, Co-Vice President

Louise Gray

Michelle Valentonis

Pat Sohl, Secretary

Roger Swain,

Sean Doherty

Tom O'Reilly

Our Vision

Through LCOS all come to know
The unconditional love of God
And grow in their faith,
And share their love and faith with others.

Our Mission

That all may experience the love of
Jesus Christ.
We reach up, through worship celebration;
We reach out by sharing our faith; and
We reach in through prayer and study.

Mission Alert!

Every time you see this symbol,



it means that the article relates directly to one of our mission statements. Can you tell which one? Does it help us reach in, reach out, or reach up in any way?

Ministries & Ministers

Acolytes & Crucifers Stacy Martin

Liturgists &

Communion Assistants Barbara Weathers

Altar Guild Norma Parsons

Collection Counters Ann Avery,
Kristi Saligame
Julian Julius
Lynn Richardson

Crown Ministries Buck Orr

Facilities Don Gibson

Fellowship Martin Stewart

Finance Brian Cross

Food Bank Joan Baun,
Marilyn Ruggiero

Grounds Kent Parsons

Hospitality Lynne O'Reilly

Pat Sohl

LAFFS Lori Muir

Newsletter Jannice Torres,
Pat Sohl

Note Folks Diane Tolzman,
Lavonne Carol,
Linda Dillinger
Chris Ilgen,
Diana Meehan
Linda Pusateri
Nancy Cross

Stewardship Tom O'Reilly

Sunday School Michelle Valentonis

Ushers Martin Stewart

Youth Group Carmen Doherty,

Prayer Tree Ministry Starting at LCOS



LCOS is starting a Prayer Tree ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to have a group of members come together weekly for a brief Bible study. We will then take all the prayer requests that have come into the church that week to the Altar of God asking Him to make a difference in the lives of the these people.

One nice thing about being a transplanted Lutheran is that I can share programs that worked well at my church in Knoxville, TN. Actually, I am just going to steal this idea because it was and still is an awesome ministry!

I was a member of the Prayer Tree team at Grace Lutheran in

Knoxville for several years. I must say, we saw some wonderful answers to our prayers...miraculous healings, relationships restored and burdens lifted! There is no doubt we serve an awesome God who knows the plans He has for us... to prosper (in Him) and have a peace that surpasses all understanding. He wants us to bring our burdens to Him for His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please let Pastor know or email me at blousimpson@yahoo.com. This is an exciting time at LCOS. I cannot wait to see how God moves in our congregation!

Serving JOY,
Betty-Lou Simpson

Pastor's Corner

The Human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.

(Proverbs 16:9)

Twelve Keys to an Effective Church. (by Kennon Callahan). More and more you are hearing references from the leadership to these keys, to this book and author. You are also hearing more often talk about *strategic* planning. Over the next several months we will look at these terms as we seek to involve *every* member and friend of our congregation in the process.

KENNON L. CALLAHAN, PH.D., is a researcher, professor, and pastor, and one of today's most followed church consultants. He has worked with thousands of congregations around the world. He is the author of many books, but is best known for his groundbreaking research and study, *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, which has formed the basis for the Mission Growth Movement, a widely acclaimed program for church renewal. He has

1. Specific and concrete mission objectives
2. Pastoral and lay visitations/contact
3. Corporate, dynamic worship
4. Significant relationship based groups
5. Strong leadership resources (people)
6. Streamlined decision making

Callahan has observed that successful congregations have between 8 and 9 of these keys! He also observes the number one fallacy in church planning: "Most strategic planning begins with a listing of shortcomings, problems and needs. Pastors, church leaders and planning teams are pre-occupied with weaknesses and what they don't have and proceed to fill the gaps."

The first step to effective long range planning is to identify and claim our strengths, that is, what God has given our congregational mission. We can do this by looking at how many of the above keys we have here at LCOS. The second step for effective planning is to expand on those strengths. The third and final step in planning is to then add, slowly and deliberately new keys. This process is ongoing and plans reach out 5-7 years into the future, and begin tomorrow!

Your council leadership adopted the Callahan format in 2009 as a blueprint for an ordered strategic planning model. At a retreat in September, 2009, the council and mission team leaders were introduced to the Twelve Keys... and began a preliminary evaluation of LCOS. As

served both rural and urban congregations in Ohio, Texas, and Georgia and taught for many years at Emory University.

Callahan observed that effective and successful (stable and growing) churches had in common many of twelve specific characteristics. He also has observed that congregations which put these characteristics in place through a long range plan are most likely to succeed. Most importantly, Callahan observed that THE most important prerequisite for successful church ministry was that successful churches *take seriously a strong theology of mission and have an abiding conviction that God is deeply involved in the life and mission of their church.* He also noted that these churches *take seriously the social context* of where they are situated; the neighborhood in which they are located. With these two things in place Callahan notes the twelve keys to success:

7. Competent programs and activities
8. Open accessibility to the buildings, etc. with prospective members
9. High visibility
10. Adequate parking, landscaping
11. Adequate space and facilities
12. Solid financial resources

the day progressed we grew more and more excited as we realized that LCOS was strong in a number of these keys! We also realized that our ministries touched and affected more than 2000 people per month!

As it rained hard that September day, we gazed out into the swelling and strong flowing current of the Hillsborough River. We realized that with Callahan's tools we could see the flow, direction, and current of our mission at LCOS. Moreover, we could envision each of us flowing with our mission through our participation in the process, and the eventual strategic plan. In other words, to flow with the current we have to jump into the river! This became our by-line.

So, the next time you hear a council member or mission team leader invite you to "Jump into the river," they are inviting you to get into the flow of our mission and participate in the exciting adventure that is LCOS, present and future!

Agape
Pastor Keiser

Academy of Our Saviour March News

March brought lots of rain to school, but did not dampen our school spirit!

Our students came to school in their raincoats and galoshes, spending playground time doing chalk art under the covered walkway. We also played musical chairs in Luther Hall and had picnics on the covered patio. Our teachers always have a fun rainy day plan, because here in Florida, you never will know when one is needed!

Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my! It must mean it is Circus time.

Parents joined us on Friday, March 19 at 9:15am as our Jr. Kindergarten students performed "The Greatest Show On Earth" at the Academy Circus. We had acrobats, strong men and women, tightrope walkers, lion tamers and their lions and so much more. The Academy Circus has been a tradition here for over 30 years! We now have parents watching their child perform the same role they did when they were a child! A highlight of the school year, this event is not to be missed.

The Easter Bunny hopped over to the school.

We had our Easter parties on March 31. Our Parent /Teacher Guild provided yummy holiday treats for snack time and organized an Easter Egg Hunt for all our students.

Easter Vacation.

As a parochial school, we observe Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. There will be no school these days, April 1 – 5, so that our children may spend these Holy Days with their families.

Spring Break.

This year our Spring Break will be April 12 – 16, coinciding with the Hillsborough County Public School System. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend family time at the beach, zoo, aquarium, or even Disney!

Professional Planning Day April 30 – No School for students.

Our teachers at the Academy complete 15 continuing education hours every year to keep current on Early Childhood Education. This is in addition to the 40 hours needed to complete their CDA. We also require all staff members to renew their First Aid, Child CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens training every year. In addition to their required training, Mrs. Gibson holds in-house seminars on a variety of topics pertinent to the Academy and our students.

Serving in April 2010

	Liturgist	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Crucifer	Hospitality Greeters	Hospitality Fellowship & Name Tags
4/1	Deacon Zack	K. Koczanski				
4/4 8:00 am	Deacon Zack	Sharon Jones	A. Paffenroth	S. Hatfield	D. Vetrano & L. Swain	
4/4 10:30 am	Heidi Richters	Lynda Berlin	C. Cross	T. Thambiraj	K. Saligame & P. Kienzle	
4/11	Kaley Groh	Carole Estrella	C. Pardee	A. LaGreca	A. Pompeo & D. Griscti	(NT) Lorella, Peggy, Linda
4/18	Lindsay Muir	Dee Keiser	N. Saligame	P. Sedwick	J. Julius & D. Vetrano	(F) Kristi, Lynne, Lorella
4/25	Barbara Weathers	Kim Cross	C. Cross	T. Thambiraj	K. Muir & K. Saligame	(NT) Lorella, Linda, Pat

Fine Arts Summer Camp

- When:** July 19 - 30
(This is a two week camp, students are expected to attend both weeks)
- Where:** Academy of Our Saviour
- Time:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Please pack a healthy lunch every day)
- Grades:** Pre-K3 - 7th Grade
- Grand Performance:** Friday, July 30 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

	Non-LCOS Member	LCOS Member
Registration Fee:	\$15	\$10
Supply Fee:	\$25	\$20
Tuition:	\$185 for 1st child	\$175for 1st child
	\$175 for additional children	\$165for additional children
	of the same family	of the same family

Memories on DVD: \$18 (optional)

Registration: Begins March 24, 2010

Register on opening day, March 24 and your child's registration fee will be waived!

What Happened at H.O.P.E. Rally Held in March

By Marilyn Ruggiero

Seven people of the 312 in attendance represented LCOS at the Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE) Rally on March 22. HOPE brings together people of different backgrounds to work side-by-side as equals listening, identifying, researching and achieving systematic change that tackles serious prioritized community problems.

1. Homeless-Hillsborough County has the highest number of homeless in Florida. HOPE has made progress on helping the homeless get ID's and birth certificates so they can get jobs, housing and other assistance that requires an ID.
2. Youth and Education-Lack of after-school programs for children age 12-14 years of age has increased gang activity, violence, drug activity and crime. We have two middle schools in our neighborhood that HOPE is trying to improve. Your child may not attend that school but the whole neighborhood will feel the effect if we do not demand changes. We believe that schools should develop a comprehensive outreach plan that informs parents and school staff about out of school programs, how to apply, how to get it established in a school and what financial assistance is available.

3. Dental Health Care-In 2008 HOPE identified a serious problem in the lack of dental services in our county. Over 300,000 low-income Hillsborough County residents did not have access to dental care. In Hillsborough County 45.9% of low-income adults over age 65 have no teeth. The County Health Department has not provided general dental care since 1997, extraction only. Providers have been denied access to public schools.

I invite you to join our Justice Ministry at LCOS. Some problems are bigger than what we can do alone but if we join together with 22 congregations and demand fairness, we can do justice.

The Nehemiah Action will be April 19, 6:30pm for sign in and the action starts at 7:00pm. We will car pool from LCOS at 6:00pm. Location is Mt. Calvary 7th Day Adventist Church, 4902 N 40th Street, Tampa, FL 33610.

"Let us arise and build."
Then they strengthened their hands for this good work."
Nehemiah 2:18

April 2010 Birthdays

4/1	Dorothy Hayes	4/22	Jeff Whitman, Dick Brenner
4/4	Alice Rozell, Sydni Strong	4/25	Kevin Ortiz, Stephanie Curry, Barbara Weathers
4/6	Dennen Stalcker	4/27	Nicholas Norstrud
4/8	Westley Richters, Louise Betron	4/28	Lisa Paffenroth, Chris VanOpdorp, Ina Palmer
4/15	Brianna Carr	4/29	Tristan Abinet
4/19	Stephen Groh, Lory Spaulding	4/30	Joseph Martin
4/21	Cynthia Komanowsy		

DID YOU KNOW....

40 percent of our homeless neighbors in Hillsborough County have some income? While they have some income, they did not have enough to afford housing in our community.

(source: Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County's 2009 Homeless Count)



LCOS GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 1

7:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

DROP OFF FRIDAY, APRIL 30 FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM



Clean out your reusable stuff, bring it to LCOS, and support our missions and ministries. Your stuff becomes another's treasure.

Be a part of fun(d) raising for LCOS by donating and participating in this Garage Sale!! **You** can make a difference by your gifts and participation.

We need workers!! Check the Narthex for Sign Up Sheets and suggested donations.
For additional information or help in getting your treasures to LCOS on Friday, April 30th,
call Marilyn Ruggiero at 813-545-7265.

The Brave, Bold, and Faith-Filled People of LCOS

For the past few years, Kennon Callahan has become a name with which your LCOS leadership has become very familiar. Callahan embraces the concept of unlocking the strengths of a congregation to do God's calling through using 12 keys to bring to light its strong points and build and expand them. After our congregational meeting on March 14th, I reflected on the breadth and depth of the missions and ministries of LCOS. As I look at the bulletin insert, Happenings, on a weekly basis, I say "wow" this place we call LCOS is a beehive of activity throughout the week with groups and individuals embracing their commitment to making a difference in a hurting world through an incredible array of individual and corporate gifts/talents. And then there is Sunday—beautiful worship of our Lord who brings us together as a church family to do his work. The new life and growth promised by the season of spring underscores the emergence of new energies within LCOS to break open some dormant seeds and enhance and expand what we are called to do as Christians in LCOS and in our community.

As a congregation, we made a commitment in December 2009 to pay down our mortgage and to imagine what would be possible for us if we no longer had this financial burden—a brave, bold, and faith-filled decision. We also approved a spending plan that included a \$20,000 line of revenue that is reliant on fundraising—another

brave, bold and faith-filled decision. The people of LCOS have embraced these daunting tasks with enthusiasm through their gifts to the mortgage fund already in place. However, we are also faced with the task of creating some fun(d)-raising events that will promote relational activities within LCOS and the community to share the joy we experience through events that will take our mission public and, as a side benefit, help us to enhance our revenue to stay current with our financial obligations. I am looking for creative, hard-working individuals who will work with me to advance new fund-raising activities. I welcome any volunteer who may be interested in joining this team, and I will be contacting some of you who have demonstrated skills in this area. You will be hearing of how you can help with one fund-raising initiative through participating in and getting word out about the LCOS Yard Sale to be held in May.

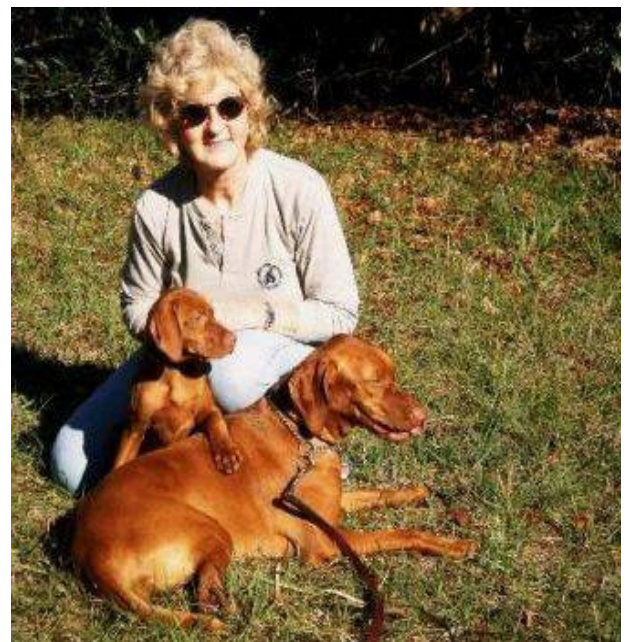
We are indeed blessed to be a blessing, and I thank God daily for what we share in this community of faith called Lutheran Church of Our Saviour!

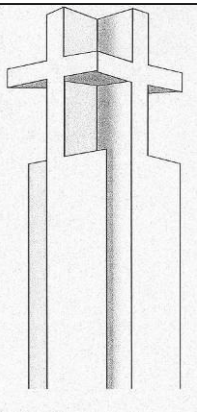
Carol Cousins
Council President

Welcome New Members

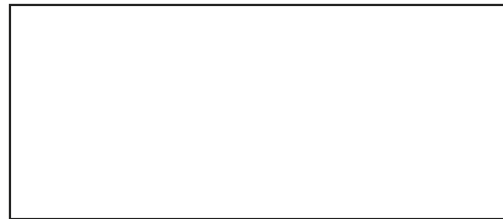
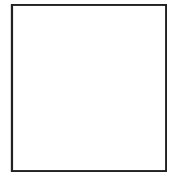
By Pat Sohl

Ginger Wayne has been attending the LCOS Contemporary Service for the last 6 or 8 months. Actually, she had attended Our Saviour when the Traditional Service was held at a later hour. She attended for several years, and then circumstances interfered. When she decided to return, it happened that the Contemporary Service was being held at 11:00 am and that became her choice. What she loves most about LCOS is that it is Mission Driven. Ginger is married, she and David will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this year. They have no children but do have two dogs who are very much a part of the family, Zsofia is 1 and Sami is 3. They are Vizsla's which is a Hungarian Short-haired Pointing dog, very expressive, gentle and loving and they captured Ginger's heart. The Wayne's came from Virginia about 12 years ago. Ginger is a Psycho-Therapist and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor which keeps her very busy. She loves to ride her bike, taking Sami or Zsofia along. She also enjoys Kayaking with David and she loves to read. Ginger joined LCOS at the Contemporary Service on 2/28/10.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30pm- Maundy Thursday	2 12:00pm- Good Friday Early Service 7:30pm- Good Friday Evening Service	3 7:00pm- AA meeting
4 8:00am-Early Easter Service 9:00am- Breakfast 10:30am- Later Easter Service	5 1:00pm-Food Bank 7:00pm- AA meeting 7:00pm- Cub Den	6 9:30am- Note Folks	7 1:00pm- Food Bank	8 7:00pm- AA meeting	9 1:00pm- Food Bank 7:00pm- AA meeting 7:00pm - Cub Pack Meeting	10 7:00pm- AA meeting
11 9:00am- Sunday Service 10:00am- Sunday School 11:00am- Contemp. Service	12 1:00pm-Food Bank 7:00pm- AA meeting 7:00pm- Cub Den	13 9:30am- Note Folks 7:30pm- Council Meets	14 1:00pm- Food Bank	15 7:00pm- AA meeting	16 1:00pm- Food Bank 7:00pm- AA meeting 7:00pm - Cub Pack Meeting	17 7:00pm- AA meeting
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