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LCOS News & Views

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Summer of Youth and New Beginnings

by Gail Wise

The one thing most appealing to me about KPFB would have to be that such a wide variety of people cooperate so easily to achieve one goal. Volunteers come from different church denominations, throughout Hillsborough County, even from other parts of the country and the Caribbean, but I recently met a young man working in the kitchen who expands the list to now include an international volunteer.

In April, Kenji Wagatsuma resigned his job at a McDonalds in Japan and left home to visit friends of his family in Tampa. When he arrived, he caught the attention of Reggie Henschel, a neighbor, who has been a loyal volunteer at KPFB for 6 years. She and her husband fondly recall their visits to Japan, and Reggie quickly took interest in Kenji by suggesting places and activities of interest for him to visit. It was her suggestion that brought Kenji to KPFB, where he admits that his favorite chore is dishing up food for the homeless individuals.



One goal when he came to Florida was to learn English, so Kenji rides a bicycle to the YMCA four days a week to participate in those classes. When he stated "English hard", I agreed, with both of us smiling. Working at the food bank helps him use what he's learned in classes, sometimes by listening, sometimes by answering questions of co-workers.

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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

Buck Orr, President

Kristi Saligame, Vice President

Brian Cross, Treasurer

Pat Sohl, Secretary

Jeff Green, Recording Secretary

Cherri Krall

Kelin Heselius

Louise Gray

Scott Coryea

Roger Swain,

Sean Doherty

Tom O'Reilly

Betty Lou Simpson

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?

Mission Team Leaders

Academy of Our Saviour Jeannelle Gibson

Acolytes & Crucifers Karen Muir

Altar Guild Kim Cross

Offering Counters Ann Avery

Liturgists &

Communion Assistants Barbara Weathers

Facilities & Grounds Barbara Beauregard

Fellowship Don Richardson

Finance Kristi Saligame

Food Bank Joan Baun

Marilyn Ruggiero

Fun(d) Raising Carol Cousins

Hospitality Lynne O'Reilly

Pat Sohl

LAFFS

Lori Muir

Newsletter

Jannice Torres

Pat Sohl

Note Folks

Diane Tolzman

Prayer Team

Betty Lou Simpson

Stewardship

Buck Orr

Sunday School

Christine McNamara

Lori Greenberg

Ushers

Martin Stewart

Youth Group

Heather VanOpdorp

Charity Heselius

Homebound Communion Team Needed

At Lutheran Church of Our Saviour we have the need for a team of members to share in offering Communion to members in nursing homes, hospitals, or at home as they convalesce from their illnesses. Pastor Keiser has asked that we create a Homebound Communion Team.

We are looking for volunteers to join us on this very meaningful mission journey as we all learn together how to bring this sacramental privilege to

our homebound members. I am sure you will be blessed as much as the people you serve in this mission.

Please, prayerfully consider volunteering for this much needed and rewarding Homebound Mission Team. You can notify the office at 813-884-1232 or indicate your interest on the back of the Attendance Record.

Beautifying LCOS!!

by Barbara Beauregard

LCOS has been *very* fortunate to have Brad Evers come forth and take over our front landscaping problems! He did a wonderful job on the school. Now Brad has a plan for across the front of LCOS at the foundation. The ground has been slowly sliding down into the retention pond, but that is about to change. When you drive into the property you will notice the changes in progress, we will have **CURB APPEAL!**

Once Brad has the irrigation completed, we are going to implement an "ADOPT A GARDEN" program. There will be a map in the Narthex with the property sectioned off into small spaces. Anyone who would like to 'Adopt' one of the spaces may sign up to do so. That space is yours to take care of. You can design the plantings, mulch, fertilizer, and turn your garden into a fabulous space for all to enjoy. The only requirement is, you must draw up a game plan of plant names and layout and submit it for review. There will be no trees being planted, so all digging

will be with a small trowel in order not to damage the irrigation system. With 6 or 7 members of the Town N' Country Garden Circle plus our members of LCOS, there is a 'review board' in the making!

There have been many requests over the years to do an assortment of projects to the property. Our grounds are large and there are many places for people or small groups to work and make a big difference. It doesn't cost a lot to add color to the front planting beds on each side of the driveway entrance. We want people driving by to notice *we are here*. Colorful plantings have a welcoming feeling. This should be a fun project that anyone can participate in.

Look for the table in the Narthex soon, and sign up to "Adopt a Garden", you pick the 'space', and you will make it the garden.

Again, many thanks to Brad Evers for the beautiful plan he developed and the amazing results!!!

July, 2011 Birthdays

7/1	Joan Baun Tirza Thambiraj	7/14	Sara Berge Jennifer Daggy	7/22	Rozella Herring Karen Muir
7/4	Geraldine Pugh Julian Julius	7/16	Kelin & Charity Heselius Jane Stewart	7/24	Sean Doherty Callie Cross Brian McIndoe
7/7	Janet Thambiraj Kendra Barba, Burke Hatfield	7/17	Terry J. Wagner Doug McIndoe	7/25	Christopher Betron
7/10	Fred Schulz	7/18	Lynn Spaulding Kayla Nichole Norstrud	7/26	Barb Beauregard
7/12	Philip Smith Madelene LaGreca	7/19	Jordan Flora Christopher Pardee	7/27	Claire Kunzman James Kunzman Allison LaGreca
7/13	Ryan Blount	7/20	Karen Dillinger	7/30	Diana Christine Betron Kurtis Kaladeen

International Flavor at the Kaye Prox Food Bank

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Along with his parents, Kenji has two brothers and one sister in Japan, all older than him and grown. By the time he returns home at the end of June, he expects to be an uncle, thanks to his sister. He has purchased some gifts to take back for her, and to clear some space in his luggage for those gifts, some of his own belongings will be left at the food bank for distribution.

Remembering the catastrophes in Japan earlier this year, I asked about his home in Japan. I wanted to know the name of the city, so I asked him to spell it so I could write it correctly. "F -u-k-u-s-h ..." What?! That's where -----!! He lives approximately 40 miles from the major damage done during the earthquake, and he said that his home wasn't damaged by the tremors or the tsunami. Motioning downward with his hand, he added "Shelves - broke everything." I asked him to describe his home, and he smiled when he spoke of the mountains surrounding it, with "snow, all the time."

The Wagatsuma family has kept in touch since April using Long Distance telephone calls and Skype. I hope that

he will keep in contact with his new Tampa friends, so we exchanged e-mail addresses. I'm also hoping that Yahoo.com recognizes his - it's a total of 21 keystrokes, counting the @ symbol.

Thanks to Reggie and Kenji for each being one of "God's people, helping God's people."



Luther Hall's Floor

by Pat Sohl

Have you heard??? The floor in Luther Hall is being restored. We are scheduled to have the work done beginning July 11th. It will take about a week and should be a marvelous transformation. **We will need help in preparing Luther Hall prior to and after the restoration. First of all, we will need help on Sunday, July 10th after the Contemporary Service to move EVERYTHING out of Luther Hall, including the soda machine. Then we will need help on Saturday, July 16th to move EVERYTHING back.**

Your Hospitality Team began this project in the fall of 2009 and in less than 2 years the Team has gathered a little over \$5,000. From a small seed planted by Donna Vetrano, "Let's have 3 Breakfasts during our Fellowship

Hour, the third Sunday of each month (Oct, Nov, Dec of 2009), and save the money to restore the floor in Luther Hall", said Donna. The Hospitality Team had started meeting in February of 2008. With our monthly Love Offerings and a small profit from the first Spring Tea, we had a little over \$600.00 at that time. Then with matching funds from Thrivent, monthly Love Offerings, Two more Spring Teas, Funds from the Fellowship Hour which we host the third Sunday of each month, we have met our goal!!! Chris, the Owner of Marblelife arranged to have a sample done to show us how the floor will look. And, it is beautiful! The good news is: this floor will be very easy to maintain and we will be sure everyone who uses the room knows how to keep it looking great!!

A big THANK YOU to the congregation for supporting us and to the Hospitality Team for setting a goal, working for it and meeting it!!!

New Beginnings

COOL (air conditioned) Luncheon,
Mingling with WARM friends,
Enjoying a delicious HOT meal!!

What could be better during this summer heat than taking your family and friends out for LCOS's 2nd Fun(d) Raiser of 2011 at Carrabba's—great food, fellowship, raffle basket, and \$\$ earned for our missions and ministries!

Join us for a delicious lunch of Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Salad and non-alcoholic Beverage (Cash Bar available)

(Take-out available—without Beverage)

Hosted and served by Carrabba's Restaurant

11902 Sheldon Road

(Citrus Park)

Tampa, FL 33626

Where: Carrabba's on Sheldon Road

When: Saturday, August 6, 2011

Time: 11 am - 1:45 pm

Luncheon Ticket Cost: \$10.00

(Cash or check payable in advance to

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour)

(LCOS receives \$5 for every ticket sold!)

BUY A FEW TICKETS TO GIVE AS GIFTS!

Call Carol Cousins 813-966-9705

We are very pleased to welcome the start-up of a new Team: Facility Up-Keep!! Bob Etheridge, one of our new members and a General Contractor has agreed to head up a team, which, hopefully, will include other men of LCOS, to find things in need of fixing around the church and hall. Those things could include restroom faucets that drip, light fixtures and/or bulbs that fail, touch up painting, broken 'this' and 'that', and the list goes on. We all see small 'problems' but never seem to know who to tell it to, well, now we have that person!! Bob has a mailbox in the mail-room to accept notes/requests or you can call him at 314-484-1365.

Men of LCOS, this is your call to join Bob's Team! He can do a lot of things, but often an extra pair or two of hands is needed. Like many groups within the church, there are always groups/teams doing the behind-the-scene projects, and together all these groups/teams make the church function. It would be nice if all our projects just magically got done, but like in our homes, we know that doesn't happen. At some point you have to fix it yourself. Here at LCOS we have many projects, big and small, and without a team to call upon many things that should have been done along the way have not been done. We are very grateful to Bob for coming forward and taking on this task, so please give him a call or see him at church and let him know you want to join his team and if you have a specialty, let him know that also.

Bob has his own specialties, he does home repairs of various types and sizes and remodeling. You know what it is like to find someone who will do small tasks, so please call him if you need help. Remember, he has tools, will travel.



THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Members of LCOS,

Denise and I would like to thank the members and our friends at LCOS for all the prayers, get well wishes and assistance that you have given to us after my recent surgery and recovery.

It has meant so much during this time.

*Sincerely,
Denise and Ernie Largent*

2nd Annual LCOS Golf Tournament Fun(d) Raiser

Benefiting the Missions and Ministries of
The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
8401 W. Hillsborough Avenue
Tampa, FL 33615

Saturday, October 1, 2011

(Rain Date 10/8)

Here's how YOU can join in the Fun(d):

- *Join the Golf committee—even if you don't play golf!*
- *Play in the tournament and/or recruit golfers (registration forms available in Narthex or church office)*

Time: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm Registration
1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Place: Countryway Golf Club
11111 W. Waters Avenue
Tampa, FL 33635

Cost: Golfers \$40 per person (includes dinner)
\$160 per foursome
(Includes Golf, Cart, prizes, Cookout Dinner)
Tournament Sponsor \$500
Hole Sponsors \$75
Dinner only \$10

Format: Four-Person Scramble

Dinner: 5:00 pm

- With permission, place posters in local business establishments (flyers are available in Narthex or church office)
- Be a tournament sponsor for \$500
- Speak to people with whom you do business and offer them the opportunity for a fee of \$75 to sponsor a golf hole with their name on a sign OR become a hole sponsor yourself
- Donate a raffle prize
- Donate prizes for tournament players
- Be a volunteer to make baskets and wrap prizes
- Be a volunteer during the tournament

Questions or Information: See or contact Sal Pusateri 813-829-6485 or Carol Cousins 813-855-7099

My Confirmation

by Allison LaGreca

My Confirmation meant a lot to me. It made me feel as if I had passed an important phase in my life and I am so glad that I have done it. I was a year behind because there was a point in my life where coming to church was a very emotional and hard experience. This was after my grandmother had died. It did not matter what the lessons were about, everything seemed to connect to her in my head. I remember comforting my mother as she experienced the same hardships that I felt, but like all hardships they lessened to a point where I could bare them all.

My Confirmation reminded me why I went to church every week and why my love for God, Jesus, The Holy Mother, and all of the Saints in heaven was so great: They take care of everyone I can no longer see. They provide me comfort as well when I am in great sadness. And they have an unending grace for everyone around me.

My Confirmation is something I'm proud of, because I can say that after everything that has happened to me and every bad thing that I know is to come, I will always have my faith and my beliefs to keep me strong. I always have people in my life that will help when things become hard again and I will always have the people I love in Heaven to



watch me from above.

Confirmation is to most people a reminder that after all of the sins they have committed, they will always be forgiven, but for me it means more. It means that I will always have someone to support me, care for me, and look after me, dead or alive. That is what my Confirmation means to me.

Upcoming Events	
Event	Date
Sunday School Registration/Rally Day Barbecue right after church	Sun, 9/11
Blessing of the Animals	Sat, 9/17
LCOS Golf Tournament	Sat, 10/1
Deacon's Retreat	Fri/Sat, 10/ 7 & 8
Preschool Italian Night hosted by Carrabba's	Thu, 10/20
Octoberfest	Sun, 10/30
Fun(d) Raiser @ Carrabba's	Sun, 12/13
LCOS Annual Picnic	Sat, 11/19

My Confirmation

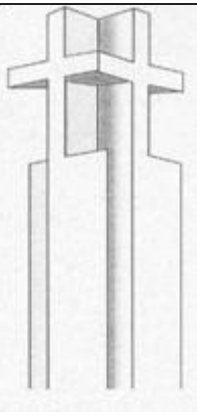
by Kelly Kaladeen

Getting confirmed was something that I am glad I got to experience. Knowing that I have accepted Jesus Christ in my life, I feel more confident. I am happy that I will be able to take responsibility for my actions regarding religion and even regular everyday life.

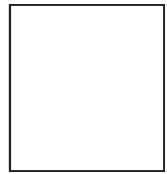
“As parents, Terry & I are very happy to know that Kelly is taking her responsibilities as a Christian very serious. We are very proud of her. She is growing into a wonderful young lady.”



—Terry & Sunita Kaladeen



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July 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	4 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	5 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	6 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	7 AA Meeting 7:00	8 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	9 AA Meeting 7:00
10 Name Tag Sunday Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11 SS Mission Team Retreat 1-5 p.m.	11 Church Office Closed Food Bank Closed AA Meeting 7:00	12 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	13 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	14 AA Meeting 7:00	15 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	16 RESET LUTHER HALL AA Meeting 7:00
	LH Floor Restoration					
17 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11 Midsummer Picnic 1 p.m.	18 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	19 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00 Church Council 7:30	20 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	21 AA Meeting 7:00	22 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	23 AA Meeting 7:00
24 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	25 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	26 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	27 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	28 AA Meeting 7:00	29 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	30 AA Meeting 7:00