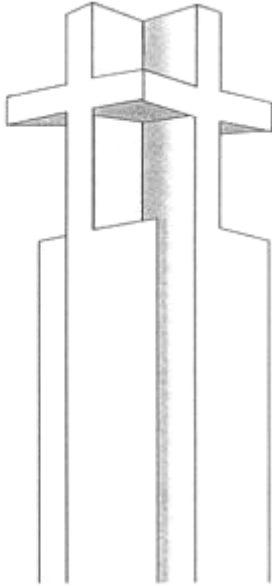


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# LCOS News & Views

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## Point of Interest

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by Lori Muir and Cherri Krall

LAFFS celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year! Conceptualized as a nurturing and social ministry for active wives and mothers employed outside of the home as well as stay-home wives and mothers with hectic, busy schedules, LAFFS started out with a bang in February, 2000. Since that time, it has flourished into a well-known and celebrated organization, serving as a mentoring and nurturing ministry for women of all ages.

While LAFFS gatherings are a great opportunity to share the latest family news, gain moral support and ask for prayers – it's also an opportunity to share LAFFS together – *which has been our commitment to one another*. And, over those past ten years, LAFFS has hosted some momentous events – full of lots of *LAFFS*; from dinner with local "HOOTS" (Husbands of Over-Tired Spouses) in the early years, to Valentine's Day Dinner with Monty Python in Luther Hall (generously hosted by "LAFFS better HALFS"), to Walk on the Pier Night in Oldsmar – *just to name a few*.

And, the LAFFS Christmas Brunch tops the list of most coveted holiday parties in Town and Country. We're sure the next 10 years will bring more of the same great events with lots of LAFFS!



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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

## Thank You

*Dear LCOS,*

*I want to say thank you to everyone at LCOS for their prayers, cards and concerns on my recent hip replacement surgery. It meant so much. Thanks and I will see you in church soon!*

*Sharon Jones*

## LCOS Mid-Year Financial Update

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.

As I reflect back on the first six months of 2011 at LCOS, I am thankful that we continue to grow in our efforts to 'reach up, reach out, and reach in'. We share a spirited, and joyful, worship service together each week. We continue to serve our community through the Kaye Prox Food Bank and our ongoing commitment to Project H.O.P.E., to name just two of our outreach programs. As for 'reaching in', several small group Bible studies met this Spring to study the Twelve Keys, in addition to our ongoing Adult Bible study, confirmation, and Sunday school programs. May we continue to grow in our mission and ministries!

Our giving, of course, is what makes all of these worship, celebration, service, and educational opportunities possible. For the first six months of this year, LCOS' income was \$140,571, up 5.9% from the first six months of last year. As you can see in the income statement on page 5, we had budgeted for income of \$147,318 in the first 6 months of the year, so income was almost 5% less than budget, for a shortfall of \$6,747.

If we look at the components of income, our weekly giving actually exceeded budget in almost all categories. We did not make much of a dent, however, in our "challenge" amount of \$23,958 (required income above and beyond expected weekly giving levels). In the first six months of 2011, we raised \$1,200 in our Spring Yard Sale, we used \$8,455 from the mortgage reduction fund to pay current mortgage bills, and \$3,217 was transferred from Pastor's discretionary fund.

Expenses were up 5.8%, coming in just under budget at \$146,237. That shortfall is likely due to timing issues (some of the June expenses, such as electricity bills, may have been booked in early July). In general, expenses are tracking as expected. Utilities costs are rising, and our facilities continue to require maintenance and repair (new doors for Luther Hall, a new air conditioning unit, etc). We were fortunate that our insurance costs (property, liability) remained level with last year, despite an environment of rising premiums. We were also blessed with the efforts of the Hospitality Committee, whose

members raised and donated the funds to beautifully refurbish the floors in Luther Hall!

In sum, we generated a loss for the first six months of the year of \$5,666, about in line with our experience in 2010, when our loss for the first half was \$5,841. Most of this year's loss was due to the mismatch during the month of June, when we had a loss of \$5,300. June is generally an expensive month for the church (high utilities, insurance down payments are due), and it also tends to be a low giving month (many members of the congregation are traveling).

Our Accounts Payable Summary as of July 19th revealed a total of \$8,730 in payables due, most of which were 1-30 days past due. This amount is down from last year, when our mid-year payables were almost \$11,000. While the lower payables amount is encouraging, I would note that we have achieved it in part by depleting the mortgage fund, which stood at \$3,874 at the end of June. Time to replenish!

Looking forward, we anticipate that our weekly giving levels will rise as we enter the school year and the Fall season. Many of our Fun(d)raising events that target the gap between our giving levels and our expenses (the "challenge" amount) are also scheduled for the second half of the year.

I hope that all of you are finding your chances during these Summer months to relax, to visit with family and friends, and to simply enjoy. Over the next few months, we have several opportunities for fun and celebration with our LCOS family, including a lunch at Carrabba's on August 6th, a barbeque after church on September 11th for Rally Day, and a Golf Tournament on October 1st. Hope to see you there!

God Bless,  
 Kristi Saligame  
 Finance Committee

# Josh O'Reilly's Commendation Medal

by Tom O'Reilly

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Petty Officer Second Class Joshua J. O'Reilly of the United States Navy received The Joint Service Commendation Medal for his meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2009 to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2010.

Joshua O'Reilly distinguished himself by going above and beyond in his achievement as an Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Tactical Coordinator and Full-Motion Video Analyst on a Joint Task Force. During his time served Petty Officer Second Class O'Reilly, "provided numerous exploitation products supporting the development of several named objectives." The award went on to say that, "he expertly managed the tasking and exploitation of Task Force intelligence collection platforms, providing enhanced situational awareness and analytical expertise in support of ground combat operations of National significance."

Needless to say, the O'Reilly family as a whole is proud beyond belief of the love and service Joshua provided to his Country and for his family. During the year in which he was away, our prayers went out on a daily basis for God's hand to be with him. It truly is amazing what Joshua was able to accomplish and we cannot stress how proud we are of his achievements.



## August, 2011 Birthdays

<b>8/1</b>	Keith Major, Amy Renae Jordan, Mary Donovan, Christine McNamara, Carol Cousins	<b>8/11</b>	Steven Hatfield	<b>8/20</b>	Candice Rosa
<b>8/2</b>	Judith Stocker	<b>8/13</b>	Edward Young	<b>8/21</b>	Shirley Scheig
<b>8/3</b>	Dottie Richardson	<b>8/15</b>	Susan Flora, Gene Redwine	<b>8/22</b>	Scott Andrew Macaluso, Jodi Maslaney
<b>8/4</b>	Parker Sedwick, Aubrey Paffenroth	<b>8/16</b>	Sean Rozell, Paul Estella	<b>8/24</b>	Bennett Daggy
<b>8/7</b>	Gwyn Leimbach	<b>8/17</b>	Linda Dillinger	<b>8/25</b>	Donald Thomas
<b>8/8</b>	Edith Traina	<b>8/18</b>	Rachel Richardson	<b>8/26</b>	Kathleen Firenze, Donna Vetrano
<b>8/9</b>	Evan Schulwitz	<b>8/19</b>	Nancy Cross	<b>8/27</b>	Delbert Blan, Dale Blount

August 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	2 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	3 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	4 AA Meeting 7:00	5 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	6 Carrabbas 11902 Sheldon Rd Lunch 11:00-1:45 AA Meeting 7:00
7 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	8 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	9 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	10 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	11 AA Meeting 7:00	12 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	13 AA Meeting 7:00
14 Name Tag Sunday Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	15 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	16 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00 Church Council 7:30	17 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	18 AA Meeting 7:00	19 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	20 AA Meeting 7:00
21 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	22 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	23 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	24 Food Bank 3:00-4:30	25 AA Meeting 7:00	26 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	27 AA Meeting 7:00
28 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	29 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	30 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	31 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 JOY at 11 Band Practice 7:00			

Year-To-Date June

	June 2011				June 2010		
	Actual	Budget	change v. budget	% change v. budget	Actual	change v. 2010	% change v. 2010
<b>Income:</b>							
Traditional Service	78,285	75,550	2,735	3.6%	79,752	(1,467)	-1.8%
Pastor Fund Transfers	3,217	-	3,217	NM	-	3,217	NM
Contemporary Service	4,164	3,500	664	19.0%	3,210	954	29.7%
Loose Offering	17,790	18,600	(810)	-4.4%	19,333	(1,543)	-8.0%
Simply Giving	22,785	22,500	285	1.3%	21,605	1,180	5.5%
Fund Raising-Yard Sale	1,182	1,200	(18)	-1.5%	1,140	42	3.7%
Mortgage Reduction Fund	8,455	-	8,455	NM	5,412	3,043	56.2%
School	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%	1,500	-	0.0%
Hall Rental	600	-	600	NM	-	600	NM
Music Fund	1,822	-	1,822	NM	-	1,822	NM
Challenge	-	23,958	(23,958)	-100.0%	-	-	NM
Other	771	510	261	51.2%	399	372	93.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,571</b>	<b>147,318</b>	<b>(6,747)</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>132,351</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>							
Pastoral Care/Personnel	54,784	55,615	831	1.5%	54,020	(764)	-1.4%
Travel/Conv/Workshops	3,757	4,081	324	7.9%	3,854	97	2.5%
Employee Benefits	28,585	25,710	(2,875)	-11.2%	23,509	(5,076)	-21.6%
Facilities & Grounds	44,002	45,520	1,518	3.3%	42,520	(1,482)	-3.5%
Managing Operations	6,206	7,187	981	13.6%	6,680	474	7.1%
Missions	5,230	5,014	(216)	-4.3%	4,596	(634)	-13.8%
Learning & Stewardship	1,096	1,430	334	23.4%	-	(1,096)	NM
Worship & Outreach	2,577	2,761	184	6.7%	3,013	436	14.5%
Fund Raising	-	-	-		-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,237</b>	<b>147,318</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>138,192</b>	<b>(8,045)</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(5,666)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,666)</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>(5,841)</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

# 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 10/15)

**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

Here's how YOU can join in the "Fun":

- 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)
- 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 item
- Donate a timeshare week/weekend
- Donate prizes for tournament players
- Be a volunteer to make baskets and wrap prizes
- Be a volunteer during the tournament

***Needed: GOLFERS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, RAFFLE ITEMS, PRIZES***

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

# September, 2011 Birthdays

9/2	James Lopez	9/12	Jason Blount	9/24	Dareen Kruger
9/3	Ronan Keshav Saligame	9/14	Meghan Ruggiero, Norma Parsons	9/25	John O'Reilly
9/5	Amanda Martin	9/16	Peter Whitman	9/26	Sereena Palau, Amber Paffenroth
9/6	Sunita Kaladeen	9/21	Michel Heselius	9/30	Elisha Jimenez, Bob Etheridge
9/11	Gary Jones	9/22	Mildred Brenner		

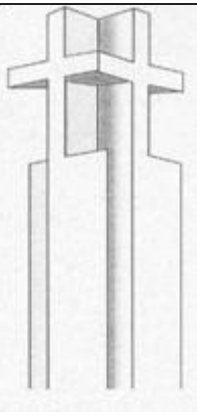
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Upcoming Events	
Event	Date
LCOS Golf Tournament	Sat, 10/1
Deacon's Retreat	Fri/Sat, 10/ 7 & 8
Preschool Italian Night hosted by Carrabba's	Thu, 10/20
Octoberfest	Sun, 10/30
LCOS Annual Picnic	Sun, 11/13
Concert by Paul Todd	Sat, 12/10
Congregational Meeting	Sun, 12/11
Fun(d) Raiser @ Carrabba's	Tue, 12/13
30th Annual Ecumenical Service	Sun, 12/18

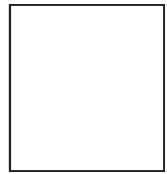
But, while LAFFS is for the most part a “social” ministry, there is an ever present service and nurturing commitment as well. LAFFS is frequently called upon to host memorial service receptions, to assist with special ministry projects (such as yard sales and holiday program servers), and to assist with church cleaning and holiday decorating LAFFS also participates in community out-reach projects such as the *Susan Komen Breast Cancer Race for the Cure* and *The Spring* domestic violence shelter donations.

LAFFS meets the second Friday of each month (with the exception of a hiatus during the summer months to meet vacation schedules) in the home of a volunteer participant/ member. So if you are a woman of LCOS – with an active schedule – with more than enough on your plate – with a need to spend some time with other women just like you – ***we’d love to share LAFFS with you!!!!***

Our next get together will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a fantastic way to get to know all of the great women we have in our church family. Please send an e-mail to Lori Muir [lkmuir61@aol.com](mailto:lkmuir61@aol.com) if you would like to receive information about future events with LAFFS. All ladies are welcome!



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September 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				AA Meeting 7:00	Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	AA Meeting 7:00
4 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	5 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	6 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	7 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 JOY at 11 Band Practice 7:00	8 AA Meeting 7:00	9 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	10 AA Meeting 7:00
11 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11 <b>SS Reg Rally Day</b> <b>Barbeque</b>	12 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	13 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	14 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 JOY at 11 Band Practice 7:00	15 AA Meeting 7:00	16 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	17 <b>Blessing of the Animals</b> AA Meeting 7:00
18 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	19 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	20 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00 Church Council 7:30	21 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 JOY at 11 Band Practice 7:00	22 AA Meeting 7:00	23 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	24 <b>Blessing of the Animals (Rain Day)</b> AA Meeting 7:00
25 Traditional Svc 9:00 Joy at 11	26 Church Office Closed Food Bank 3:00-4:30 AA Meeting 7:00	27 Ladies AA Meeting 7:00	28 Food Bank 3:00-4:30 JOY at 11 Band Practice 7:00	29 AA Meeting 7:00	30	