



January 2012

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Sunday, January 8th
Aluminum Can Collection

Thursday, January 12
OWLS Planning Luncheon

Thursday, January 19
Grocery Club

The Leaflet

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you noticed that in worship the Prayer of the Day is no longer printed, that we no longer pray it in unison but rather have the pastor pray it? Perhaps you even wondered, What is the reasoning behind this? For that matter, what is the Prayer of the Day? Is it like the Soup of the Day? You know, adding a little variety to the menu but really not that important?

The Prayer of the Day is a summary prayer, the last piece of the Gathering portion of worship. Our worship has four main parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending. The Prayer of the Day functions as a way to sum up what we've been singing, saying, and praying during our Gathering time. It also is a transition into the Word time, when we hear scripture read and the good news preached. So the Prayer of the Day relates very closely to everything else going on around it. If worship were a meal, the Prayer of the Day would not be a hastily added side dish, but rather would relate closely to or even include the same main ingredient as the entree.

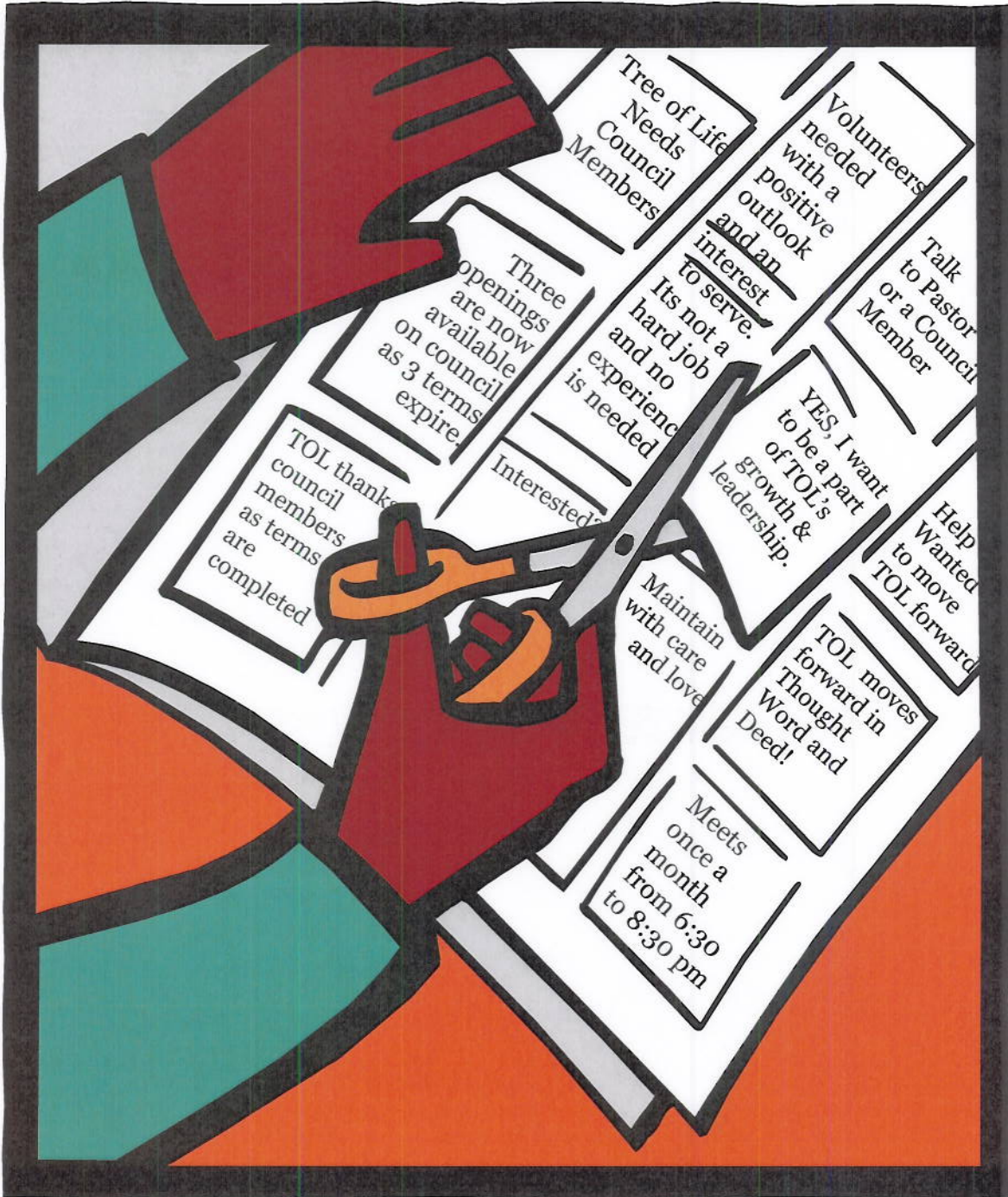
That does not do much to explain why we have begun having the pastor pray the Prayer of the Day, however.

Most things in the Church's worship have historical, practical, and theological reasons behind them. In this case, the theological reason is chief: Tree of Life is the Body of Christ. In any body, the parts have to trust one another. I cannot see with my nose, or smell with my knee, or run with my ears. My nose must trust my eyes to see, etc. The same applies in the Body of Christ. For example, the first and second readings are read by an assisting minister, whose job in the Body of Christ is to be the voice that reads scripture while the rest of us listen. The pastor has to sit down, shut up, and let God's word talk to him. (Don't tell anyone I told you, but

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sometimes this experience changes what happens in the sermon, as I hear something I could not hear when I was reading to myself.)

At the Prayer of the Day, it is the pastor's job to stand up in the midst of the assembly and pray on behalf of all of God's people. The pastor has to trust that the words are the right ones to say to God, and the congregation has to trust the pastor. There are other parts of the liturgy where the Body of Christ speaks as one—the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc.—but this part, like so many others, is one in which we trust someone to do it for us.

Wanna know the historical and practical reasons? I confess I am not an expert on this specific issue. However, the Prayer of the Day was prayed by the presiding minister for centuries. It was usually printed only in the book on the Altar, or if it was in the pew hymnal it was in a place not easy to find. When we started printing liturgies each week (which be-

gan only in the last 20 years) we began having the option to print things such as the Prayer of the Day in full. Some of us liked the expression of unity that came from praying the text together, and now this was easier to do. Congregations that made this switch gained an expression of unity, and inadvertently lost an expression of trust in others. When Tree of Life tweaked its worship bulletin in preparation for Advent, fitting a legible Prayer of the Day on the insert proved challenging. An opportunity for trust was opened, and we took it.

It may seem like a little thing, or it may seem like a big thing; it makes a difference, though, no matter how big it is. It is a way of us growing in trust with one another, by acting out every week the ways in which each of us entrusts part of the ministry at Tree of Life to our brothers and sisters here with us.

In ✠ Christ,
Pastor Tim Leitzke

Grocery Sorting
Tuesday, January 10, 10 am

Grocery Distribution
Thursday January 19
beginning at 3:30 p.m.





The OWLS will hold their annual January planning meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at noon in the Fellowship Room at church. You bring a bag lunch, (a sandwich or whatever) and beverages and dessert will be supplied at the church. Also, put your thinking caps on and bring all of your ideas and suggestions for 2012 OWL Outings.



DUST BUSTERS

January Schedule



<u>Week of</u>	<u>Team #1</u>	<u>Team #2</u>
Jan. 1	Young	Schill
Jan. 8	Cilento	Mullen
Jan. 15	Cilento	Zaizer
Jan. 22	Glass	Kessler
Jan. 29	Matz	Campbell



**SUNDAY NURSERY
ATTENDANT NEEDED
10:15—NOON
\$25 PER WEEK
CONTACT
NANCY NADEL OR
CAROLYN LEWIS**

JAN. SCHEDULES



Acolyte

Jan. 1 Jarrett Wallace
 Jan. 8 Lindsay Koch
 Jan. 15 Kathryn Rinaldi
 Jan. 22 Jared Kessler
 Jan. 29 Mackensie Blair

Worship Assistants

Jan. 1 Jim Pileggi
 Jan. 8 Scot Kessler
 Jan. 15 Edwin Kruah
 Jan. 22 Dallas Dean
 Jan. 29 Kati DiLeonardo



Ushers

Jan. 1 Bruce Blair / George Matz
 Jan. 8 Bill Glass / Bob Baker
 Jan. 15 Mark Cilento / Bob Trovinger
 Jan. 22 Rocco Rinaldi / Werner Schiedt
 Jan. 29 Carolyn Lewis / Tom Young

Communion Cup Assistant

Jan. 1 Werner Schiedt
 Jan. 8 Bruce Blair
 Jan. 15 Bill Glass
 Jan. 22 Mark Cilento
 Jan. 29 Rocco Rinaldi



Counters

Jan. 1 Schiedt
 Jan. 8 Campbell
 Jan. 15 Schiedt
 Jan. 22 Campbell
 Jan. 29 Schiedt

Fellowship

Jan. 1 Cindy Koch
 Jan. 8 Janet Parks
 Jan. 15 Mary Jane Schiedt
 Jan. 22 Carolyn Lewis
 Jan. 29 Mark Cilento










Altar Guild

Jan. Grace and Kimberly Cilento



Just a reminder to all volunteers. If you are not available on your scheduled date, please swap with someone on your team. Please do not contact your committee chair to request a change in the scheduled rotation.

JANUARY 2012

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	2 3 p.m. Bible Study	3 7 pm Worship & Music Com. Mtg. 	4	5 7:30 Choir Practice 	6	7
8 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Aluminum Cans	9 3 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 Council Mtg. 	10 10 am Grocery Sorting	11	12 Noon OWLS Planning Lunch @ TOL 7:30 Choir Practice 	13	14
15 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	16 3 p.m. Bible Study	17	18	19 3:30 Grocery Club Distribution  7:30 Choir Practice 	20	21
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Help Wanted: LCS Seeking Volunteer Coordinator

Lutheran Community Services is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to manage our volunteer program. Experience managing social service volunteers; strong communication, people, computer and organizational skills a must. Degree preferred. Send resume and cover letter by 1/15/12 to LCS, 1304 N Rodney St. Wilmington, DE 19806 or email info@lcsde.org.

Bank Grants Fund Volunteer Position

For a long time, Jean Warren, Executive Director

of LCS, has had a dream that she would be able to hire a Volunteer Coordinator to direct the hundreds of volunteers LCS counts on to make the agency operate efficiently and effectively. Now, thanks to grants from *Citi Bank and Bank of America*, LCS has begun the search process for a Volunteer Coordinator. With the help of the new Volunteer Coordinator, LCS will be wonderfully positioned to achieve its mission of *Sharing God's Blessing by Helping Others in Need*.

Brand and Logo Upgraded

This is our 53rd year of operation and we have a lot to be proud of. We have accomplished so much in that time! One way of empha-

sizing this is through our logo. The phrase "Since 1959" has been added after the words "Emergency Food Housing and More." Our goal is to get people to focus on the services we provide – and emphasize our commitment to our less fortunate neighbors, as we have been doing since 1959. That's a lot of experience!

Quitline

News Year's is a great time to make a resolution about quitting smoking. If you or someone you know is trying to quit, suggest they call the Delaware Quitline at 1-866-409-1858. LCS plays an important role in this by providing vouchers for pharmaceutical aids like gum, the patch etc.

Note from God.

I am the Lord your God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

*Love Eternally,
The Lord your God*

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