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Lutheran Haven Mother's Day Appeal

Lutheran Haven is announcing the 2025 Mother's Day Appeal. Below is the appeal letter from Rev. Dr. Roy Maack. If you would like to mail a donation to Lutheran Haven and/or this Mother's Day campaign, you can send it to the address below.

Lutheran Haven Foundation
2041 West State Rd. 426
Oviedo, FL 32765



In honor of Mother's Day this year...

we received a wonderful gift from Lutheran Haven resident, Rev. Dr. Roy Maack who authored our Mother's Day letter. As you celebrate this special holiday, we invite you to take in his beautiful words in honor of his beloved wife and the mother of their 4 children:

"God blessed me and my 4 children with the most precious, loving, gifted, God-fearing wife and mother, Ann. Ann played the role of cheerleader, editor, mentor, tutor, sounding board, sermon critic and lover. Her encouragement, determination and gracious love are why, after God's son, Ann has been the greatest gift to me. Why she agreed to marry me is still an amazing mystery to me – and many others!

Ann taught music and directed musical programs all over Baltimore in public schools and the churches I served. Even the Mayor came to hear her programs. The teachers, administrators, students and parents loved her and her work. She was also a concert pianist. I saw her on stage at the University of Maryland playing for more than an hour without a note in front of her. Wow! What a gift; what a memory! She was also the valedictorian of her graduation class.

Ann spent endless hours with our children to help them learn and achieve, which they all did mightily – all because of Ann and the guidance of God.

In the summer of 2005, Ann experienced a stroke which kept her from playing piano and limited her activities, yet she was never down or negative and always pleasant. She was an inspiration to all at Lutheran Haven.

Ann was the greatest gift to me, to our children and to all who knew her. If it were not for Ann, I would not be in ministry, not have served large and important congregations, and certainly would not have been elected District President where she too served and ministered to numerous pastor's wives.



We were often asked what our secret was for joyfully living together for 66 years. Well, we forgave a lot, we laughed a lot, and I travelled a lot! My children and I love Ann now more than ever even though she is with Jesus. Who wouldn't with a GEM like her?

There are two things that inspired Ann and me to a life of service:

- Christ died for our sins
- Christ rose from the dead

Jesus' commitment to us inspired us to support ministries like Lutheran Haven, which Ann loved dearly. I do as well and have lived at Lutheran Haven since 2007. We support this great ministry God has given to all of us, and I humbly ask you to join me in supporting the ministry of Lutheran Haven that supports so many."

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Roy d. Maack

Rev. Dr. Roy Maack
Resident, Lutheran Haven

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Development Coordinator
Lutheran Haven Foundation

A brief biography of Rev. Dr. Roy Maack:

Pastor Maack grew up homeschooled on the road because his father was a tent preacher throughout the US starting churches. He preached his first sermon at age 10. He served congregations in the DC area and in Maryland and received people from various countries and cultures. It was in college at St. John's, Winfield in Kansas where he met his beloved Ann. When Pastor Maack says his children achieved mightily with the help of the Lord and Ann, he is very accurate. All 4 of their children are doctors; 2 medical doctors and 2 in ministry.

Pastor Maack received his Honorary Doctorate in Ministry at Concoraia College in Bronxville, NY and went on to serve as District President for over 200 congregations and 350 pastors in the mid-Atlantic states. He also served as the summer replacement speaker on the "National Lutheran Hour" radio show which broadcasts around the world.

In "retirement," Pastor Maack has led world tours which included 45 countries, and in addition, helps various congregations with fundraising and stewardship. Currently, he is working for "Food for the Poor" which is an interdenominational ministry that helps the poorest of the poor in the Western hemisphere. He states, "I would go back to being a parish pastor but who wants a 93-year-old pastor!"

Thank you, Pastor Maack. We at Lutheran Haven are so blessed and inspired by you and your beloved, Ann. We are honored that you are a part of our Lutheran Haven family!



happy
Mother's
Day

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- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Including Lutheran Haven in my Estate Plan

For your privacy, Lutheran Haven Foundation does not release personal information to third parties.

Happy Mother's Day

The mission of Lutheran Haven is to provide a quality, Christ-centered haven of care for older adults.

Out of thanks to God for His many blessings, I/we enclose a gift to
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Credit card donations can be made directly through our website by visiting
lutheranhaven.org. Just click on the Faithful giving tab on the menu bar.
You can also scan our QR Code and it will take you directly to Faithful Giving.




SELC District Servant Event Youth Gathering Register Now!

Below is the Google Form link to register your group for the SELC District Servant Event for the Youth Gathering this July! We are still working with the Youth Office to finalize what we will be doing for our service. The cost for this event will be \$35.00 and will include the event, transportation to and from the event, lunch, and a SELC District T-shirt. If others who are at the Gathering (YAVs, Team Flex, etc.) from your church would like a T-shirt can also be added to the Google Form as additional shirts and not in the event total. Even if you are not planning to attend the District Event (I hope to see all of you at the event!), you may still order District shirts for your church. **All payments go to the District Office. Please have this form filled out by April 15th** so I can order the t-shirts and have them shipped to your churches before the Gathering! (This is only for churches attending and registered for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans). Link for the Gathering Event and T-shirts:
<https://forms.gle/giQtGXesmJULnA4e7>

Please mail your payments to:
SELC District Office
2623 Brookside Road
Macungie, PA 18062

Rachel Larson, SELC Youth Chair
rachel.larson@stlucascms.org



Rev. Kenneth D. Kelly, Sr. Called to Gory

Rev. Kennerth D. Kelly, Sr. fell asleep with Jesus on Monday, April 14th. Rev. Kelly was a member of the Ohio District, but had served in the SELC District. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Warren, Ohio.



Concordia University, Nebraska Class of 1974 and Class of 1975: You're Invited!

Dear Concordia University, Nebraska Classes of 1974 & 1975 Alumni,

It's time to celebrate! Your **Golden Reunion** is just around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome you back to campus for an unforgettable weekend of memories, laughter and re-connection.

Mark Your Calendar: June 10-12, 2025
Location: Concordia University, Nebraska

Reconnect with old friends, reminisce about your time at CTC and make new memories during this special milestone event. From nostalgic campus tours to celebratory dinners, exciting activities and plenty of time to catch up, this is a reunion you won't want to miss!

Secure your spot now to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Visit our **Golden Reunion website** to view the full schedule of events.

Register Today!





Carl Roth: A Remarkable 107th Birthday for a Remarkable Man!

Lutheran Haven is so pleased to celebrate the **107th** birthday of Carl Roth with family and friends and what a pleasure to hear about his amazing life and career. While in the military, Carl worked for the Naval Research Laboratory on satellite development and later went on to work at NASA during the 1960's for the Apollo Space Program. He managed the ground station which monitors all aspects of what it takes for successful launches. He continually communicated critical data from Telemetry to Mission Control toward the safety of many missions in space.

Carl and his wife have 4 children who were raised mostly in the Cocoa area of Florida which gave them a front row seat to history! In his leisure time, he enjoyed gardening, and his daughter says they had a beautiful, tropical backyard with numerous fruit trees and vegetables. He also enjoyed woodworking and learned to cane chairs. He refinished a chair for each of his children which they treasure.

Carl continues to live independently at the Landings of Lutheran Haven and has since 2019. He states, "I appreciate my handicap-accessible apartment, a wonderful medical clinic down the hallway, a kind, knowledgeable and helpful staff, and wonderful friends." Carl fully supports the "aging in place" philosophy. He loves his unique living style as a centenarian for seven years!

Thank you, Carl, and happy 107th birthday! We are so glad you are a part of the Haven family. Our remarkable space missions of today stand on the shoulders of your remarkable life!





Jesus Gives Everything You Need

Anna Woell

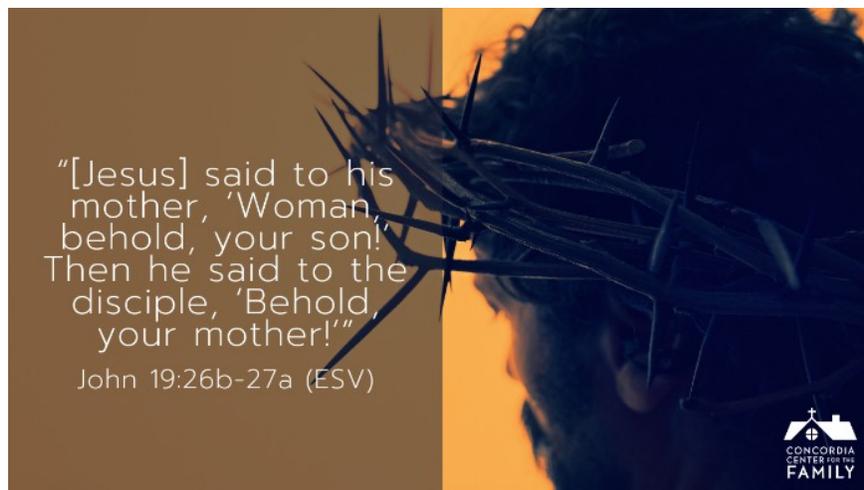
I want to focus on Jesus' words on the cross from John 19:26-27: "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'"

Jesus, in the midst of the most intense physical, mental, and spiritual pain, looks down from the cross and sees the people he loves - His mother and His disciple John. As Mary's eldest son, He takes care of her by providing the family she needs for this earthly life! It says in John 19:27b, "And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

We know that Jesus fulfilled the Law by living a perfect life and dying on the cross. Here we see a very specific example! Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Jesus fulfills the law of honoring His mother, even though He is about to die and not receive the promise of long days. Instead, He fulfills it so that His loved ones - Mary, John, you, me - may receive it instead.

Isn't it striking how Jesus takes care of us despite His torture? His love truly knows no bounds. Not only does He provide for us in this earthly life, even sometimes with family members that are not biologically related to us (what a special blessing), but also the promise of long days in the land He is giving us - eternal life in heaven.

I invite you to join me in kneeling at the cross this week in awe of all that He has done for us!



Family Bible Journey Podcast

The Story of Esther

Holy Week devotional reading can be found on the Family Bible Podcast. Read about the redemption story of Esther. You can also hear John's version of the resurrection on the Family Bible Journey podcast!

www.familybiblejourney.com



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of journaling through the Bible.



LWML-SELC Monthly Bible Study Date Change for April

Since the 3rd Thursday in April is Maundy Thursday, we will be changing April's Bible Study to **April 24th**.

The Bible Study will be in the Spring edition of LWQ on page 14, "Confessing What We Believe".

Here is the link to join the Zoom meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?
pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09)



Lutheran Summer Music Musical offering

Please enjoy [this musical offering](#) of Michael Boo's *Alleluia Tapestry*, performed by the LSM 2024 Festival Band, conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Scott Doebler. <https://youtu.be/dXcM4KyBwZ0>

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Brian Roberts, Orlando, FL. Please pray for him as he is regaining the weight he has lost and works to regain his strength and stamina.

Rev. John Telloni, St. John in Massillon, OH as he is working and continuing to regain his strength as he has returned to work.

Rev. Tom Soltis, Parma, OH for God's loving care.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballas, Parma, OH. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rev. Alan Mercer in Galloway, NJ for his ongoing health struggles.

Rev. Kevin Duff, Hilton Head, SC, who is receiving his first round of treatments following his brain surgery. Please pray for his wife, his young family, and his caregivers as they provide him with care.

Rev. Edward Kucera, Hermitage, PA, who is receiving long-term healthcare at home. Please keep him and his wife Irene in your prayers.

Bev Cahill, wife of Rev. Chris Cahill. Lodi, OH, as she begins a season of chemotherapy following cancer surgery. The Cahills are posting updates on "Caring Bridge" at <https://tinyurl.com/Bridge4Bev>.

Anna Bocklage, Bel Air, MD, wife of Rev. Steve Bocklage, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please pray for her healing and recovery.

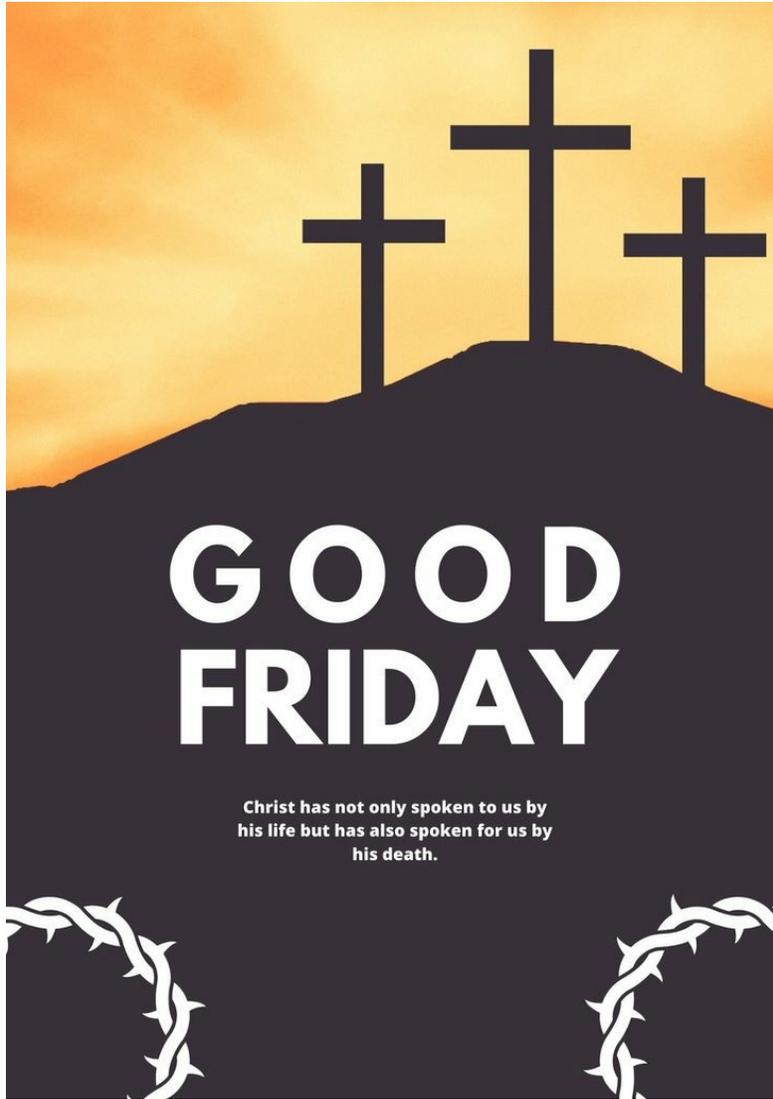
Megan Skelton in Oviedo, FL Please continue to pray for her and her doctors to find pain relief solutions for her jaw pain and severe headaches following her surgery.

Laura Bergmann, Munster, IN, please pray for her as she injured her knee and is receiving inpatient treatment to help with her recovery.

Nita Huffines, St. Louis, MO, wife of Rev. Warren Huffines who is five-year survivor of colon cancer, has begun a new round of treatments. Please pray for her as she receives her treatment.

Daniel McLean, Oviedo, FL, who has stage 4 cancer and is receiving treatment. Please keep him his wife Emily, Deaconess at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, and their children in your prayers.

If you have people you would like to be included in the prayer list, please send the information to selc.lcms@gmail.com or call the District Office at 610-965-3265 and press 6.



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