



# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For Immediate Release

## **Our Saviour's to Host Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

*Event, Sponsored by Fairfield Clergy Association, to Benefit Operation Hope*

**FAIRFIELD, Conn.**, November 3, 2005 – The Fairfield Clergy Association will hold its annual interfaith community Thanksgiving service at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Among the area clergy to participate in the service are Rabbi Daniel Satlow of Congregation Beth El; the Rev. Alida Ward, Greenfield Hill Congregational Church; the Rev. Bennett Brockman, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Mark Christoffersen, Our Saviour's. Deacon Daniel Ianniello of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport and a minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Fairfield, will deliver a sermon titled, "Give Thanks to The Lord, His Love is Everlasting."

Cantor Sheri Blum of Congregation B'nai Israel also will participate in the service. Additional music will be provided by the youth choir of Our Saviour's, along with youth from other congregations, under the direction of Dr. Alice Caldwell, music director of Our Saviour's.

Offerings collected at the service will be donated to Operation Hope of Fairfield, Inc., a local non-profit organization founded by the Fairfield Clergy Association that provides emergency food and shelter, together with comprehensive support and services, to homeless and at-risk individuals and families, so that they may achieve increased stability and self-reliance. Meghan Lowery, executive director of Operation Hope, will be on hand to accept the donation.

Kenneth Flatto, first selectman of Fairfield, will read a proclamation at the beginning of the service.

The Fairfield Clergy Association is an ecumenical group of area religious leaders who, in addition to holding the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, sponsor and lead the annual "Hammer on the Rock" lecture series and provide church-based support to local social-service organizations. The "Hammer on the Rock" series draws its name from Jeremiah 23: "Is not my word like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? – recognizing the diversity of scriptural interpretation from different religious perspectives. This year, the "Hammer" lecture series is titled "Jesus: Christian and Jewish Perspectives on His Birth, Life and Death," and will be presented on November 9 and 16, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Congregation Beth El, 1200 Fairfield Woods Road in Fairfield.

For more information about the November 20 interfaith service, contact Our Saviour's at (203) 255-0545. Our Saviour's is located at 160 Hill Farm Road (corner Duck Farm Road) in Fairfield.

**About Our Saviour's**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), reaches out to the world and to its local communities with the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation receives strength for this mission through Worship, Christian Education, Service, Benevolent Giving, Witness, Mutual Support and a commitment to grow in faith and participation. Our Saviour's is guided in the belief that, "As God Gives to Us, So We Give to Others."

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. The church also offers Sunday School and Adult Forum programs at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at [www.oursaviours.net](http://www.oursaviours.net).

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