



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Saviour's to Host Moravian Lovefeast *Simple Meal Harkens Back to Early Days of Christianity*

FAIRFIELD, Conn., December 21, 2008 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will hold a Moravian Lovefeast as part of a special service on Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m., to celebrate the season of Epiphany.

The Lovefeast, a tradition in the Moravian Church since 1727, takes its inspiration from the *agape* fellowship meal of the early Christians. During the service, the participants are served a simple meal, usually a cup of tea and a bun.

The Rev. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr., professor of church history and director of the Center for Moravian Studies at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Penn., will lead the service. Choral music will be performed by the Youth Choir of Our Saviour's, and hymns from both Moravian and Lutheran traditions will be sung. The Our Saviour's Youth Choir performed with youth choirs from Moravian churches during a visit to eastern Germany last year.

The first Lovefeast was served in Germany on August 13, 1727, following the Renewal of the Moravian Church. Moravians (officially called *Unitas Fratrum* or Unity of the Brethren) are spiritual descendants of the Czech reformer Jan Hus. The Moravian Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been in full communion, sharing ministers and ministries, since 1999.

For more information, contact Our Saviour's at (203) 255-0545. The church is located at 160 Hill Farm Road (corner of 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 10:30 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.

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