

St. Michael's Trumpet

CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:1-7

Dear Friends -

“...there was no place for them in the inn.”

Those words describing the lack of lodging for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on that first Christmas night echoed in my mind as I watched a story about two homeless teens on “60 Minutes” this past Sunday....*“there was no place for them...”* No, these were not runaway teens living out on the streets, those unfortunate lost ones sleeping under bridges by night and doing God-knows-what during the day to make some money just to keep body and soul together. No, this sister and brother, Arielle (age 15) and Austin (age 13) Metzger, were far from being runaways – they were living in a large panel truck that their father had bought for \$1000 on Craigslist as a kind of rolling shelter for him and his two children after his house was foreclosed on and he lost his home. (His wife, their mother, had died many years ago when the children were young). He had been a carpenter in Florida until those jobs dried up as the economy tanked and construction came to a screeching halt. So, life for him and his children is lived out of the truck. They find what looks like safe parking lots to sleep in at night; clean-up in the washrooms of gas stations and convenience stores (they rotate where they do this so as not to aggravate individual store-keepers too much); and during the day they go to school. (Arielle and Austin are two of an estimated 1,100 in their county in Florida who are homeless and in school. The state of Florida has one third of the national homeless population). The father didn't participate in the interview – but his daughter and son were more than willing to speak about “their adventure”, as they described their current life situation. I was profoundly moved by these two young people, living where *“there was no place for them...”* Here is an excerpt from that interview with Scott Pelly, in its concluding scenes. (The whole transcript can be found online at the “60 Minutes” website, where the video is also available, at <http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/60minutes/main3415.shtml>)

Narrator begins: “One threat to a family out here is idleness, so the folks that we met fill the days with every free and normal thing. After school, the Metzgers drive their truck to the library.

Arielle Metzger: 'Cause they've got the computers that we can use. And light and all that.

Pelly: I wonder what education means to you two?

Austin Metzger: It's everything.

Arielle Metzger: It is everything to us. I plan to be a child defense lawyer. If I focus on my studies, I have that opportunity.

Narrator: The American dream is durable. And there is something about growing up in a truck that makes you believe in it all the more. As we tagged along with the Metzgers they told us they like the truck better than a motel and they wanted to show us something they've been doing in the evenings: they're acting in a community theater, a free and normal thing.

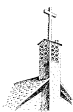
On stage they had a chance to be somebody else, but what struck us most was that they were just as happy in their roles as the Metzgers.

Arielle Metzger: Before the truck I always saw all these homeless people and I would feel so bad for them. And then as soon as we started living in the truck ourselves I've seen even more. And I just feel so



Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- * Christmas Service Schedule
- * Upcoming Youth Events
- * Gift Projects
- * Special Events for the Holidays



Director of Youth and Family Ministries

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High School Youth News

.Ice Skating in Clinton Square

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to go ice skating in Clinton Square on Sat., Dec. 10 at 1 PM. The group will meet at St. Michael's and drive over together. Please contact Laura King at 380-7325 or e-mail: lauraking77@gmail.com by Wed., Dec. 7 if you're interested in attending.

Luther Bowl

Once again youth in grades 7-12 from all over the Central Crossroads Conference of Upstate New York Synod, ELCA, will be gathering on **Mon., Jan. 15** for worship, food and BOWLING to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (okay, really the day off of school)! We will begin the adventure at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Liverpool. Look for more details to come. Please let Diana know if you will be able to help drive.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Ministry

Schedule:

Faith in Action the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 9:15 AM

Afternoon class the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 4 – 6 PM

Community Meal & Evening Worship the 1st Sunday

Lock-in

There will be a required lock-in for Confirmands **Jan. 7-8 at St. Michael's**. We will begin at 4 PM on Saturday and will spend time learning and having fun, ending with worship on Sunday.

Alternate Worship Site Visit

On Oct. 30 the confirmation group visited Fairmount Community Church, United Church of Christ, to participate in their worship service. After worship the group engaged in a question and answer time with Pastor Gary Ferner in which they discussed similarities and differences between our theology and our worship practices.

On Jan. 29 the confirmation group will be visiting a Greek Orthodox Church in Syracuse. Feel free to engage the group with questions about their experiences.

Living Your Faith Opportunities

On Thanksgiving Day, some of our confirmation youth served dinner to the residents of the Camillus Senior Center. Thank you to all who brought this blessing to the residents and to Beth Healy for finding and implementing this opportunity.

Family Ministry

Community Meal

We will once again come together for a community meal the first Sunday in December beginning at 6 PM for all who would like to join in fellowship over food before our Sunday Evening Celebration worship service.

Holden Evening Prayer

Please join us Sunday, Dec. 4 for our next Sunday Evening Celebration service beginning at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a service of evening prayer with Holy Communion from Holden Village in Washington state. Rev. Joe McGarry, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Baldwinsville, and director of our summer confirmation camp, will be our guest worship leader and preacher, as Pastor Janet is on vacation.

If you have thoughts or ideas pertaining to the planning of this worship experience please contact Pastor Janet (RevJFP@twcny.rr.com).



Recycle for the Jenna Youth Ministry Fund and the Earth

Please keep your donations of soda cans, water bottles, and glass bottles with deposits coming! You can bring them to the redemption center located behind the Thrifty Shopper and Rite Aid on West Genesee St. and tell them you would like the monies put on the St. Michael's account. You can also turn in your cans and bottles to a local grocery store and donate the cash. Any donation made directly to the Jenna Fund is greatly appreciated! Our most recent collection from the recycling center was in the amount of \$62.00. Thank you for your support of these ministries and our Earth!

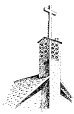
Mark Your Calendar*

- Dec. 4 -**No Faith in Action**
Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM
Community Meal 6 PM
Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM – Pastor Joe McGarry, Guest Worship Leader
- Dec. 10 -Ice Skating in Clinton Square 1 PM
- Dec. 18-Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM
- Jan. 1- **No Confirmation Ministry**
Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM
- Jan. 7-8 - Confirmation Lock-In 4 PM
- Jan. 15- Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM
- Jan. 16 -Luther Bowl
- Jan. 29- Alternate Worship Site Visit
- Feb. 5- **No Faith in Action**
Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM
Community Meal 6 PM
Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM

*I would like to share information about what our youth and families are involved in outside of the church so we might be able to come out and be supportive. Please let me know when you are involved in a school play, band concert, sporting event, etc. and I will add it to our schedule.

“It is a blessed thing that in every age someone has had enough individuality and courage to stand by his own convictions.”

~ Robert G. Ingersoll



Pastor's Message continued

bad. And even though I'm homeless myself I wanna do as much as I can to help them get up, back on their feet.

Pelley: You sound very adult to me.

Austin Metzger: She is. She likes to take over.

Pelley: And you too a little bit, Austin. You had to grow up pretty fast?

Arielle Metzger: Yeah.

Austin Metzger: Yeah.

Arielle Metzger: Every time I see like a teenager or any other kid fighting with their parents or arguing with them and like not doing what they're told it really hurts me. Because they could be in my shoes. And of course I don't want them to be in my shoes. But they need to learn to appreciate what they have and who they have in their life. Because it may be the last day they might have it."

Tidings of reality, wisdom, comfort, hope and joy from two teens amid their struggle to find their place in the world, in a time and location where "there was no place for them..." In the din of all the other messages we hear this holiday season of the things we have to buy to have the best of lives, let us remember this message heard through the words of life experience of young Arielle Metzger: that the best things in life aren't things but are rather those people we have in our lives who give and receive love with us in ways that are the true blessings of this holy day season. After all, it is the birthday of that love, the one who is God's grace born into the world in human flesh and blood in Jesus Christ, that is the reason for this season and the heart of our celebration and gratitude to God for this great gift.

...the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!" Luke 2: 10-14

My every good wish to you and yours for a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the joy, hope, and peace of the Lord of Life Jesus Christ.

In Christ -

Christmas Poinsettia Orders



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AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

CIRCLE CHOICE:

\$20. - LARGE -WHITE POINSETTIA

\$20. - LARGE- RED POINSETTIA

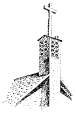
DEDICATION _____

I WILL DONATE MY PLANT TO THE CHURCH _____

I WILL PICK UP MY POINSETTIA _____

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 11 .





Library Corner

Carol Argus - 469-4995

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
BOOK FAIR
DEC. 4 & 11
In Our Fellowship Hall**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SERVICES**

**COME AND BROWSE OUR
GREAT SELECTION OF BOOKS
THAT CAN BE PURCHASED FOR
GIFTS.**

**All Proceeds after expenses will
benefit the Church Libraries.**

Books make a lasting gift!



We will be decorating the Christmas tree in the sanctuary after the 10:30 service on Sunday, Dec. 18. Anyone that wants to help out is welcome.

Beth Ann Healy-254-0350

Traveling Parishioners Women's Bible Study

Catching up on our travelers over the last several months, they have visited:

Harmony United Methodist Church, Johnston, SC

Christ Lutheran Church-Baltimore, MD

*The Cotuit Federated Church
Cotuit MA*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Women's Bible Study Group will hold the second of its series of Mini-Retreats on Sat., Jan. 28, as we continue our Bible Study, "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark". This study is from the *Gather for Faith and Action* magazine and emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today in the 21st century.

We will cover the third and fourth sessions in our study: "Power and Authority", in which we will learn more about the identity and the power of Jesus, and "Beyond the Boundaries" which explores his power over hunger, storms, the demons and infirmity. Please do not feel that if you missed the first session you cannot attend the second. Each part of the study has its own lessons.

We will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Library with coffee and breakfast treats. Please bring a sandwich for lunch - dessert and beverage will be provided. And please bring your friends as well - all are welcome. Our session will be over by 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Please join us for this study of the Gospel of Mark, an account of good news for all. Enjoy the amazing stories and interesting characters that are woven into this Gospel.

GOD IS NOWHERE

It can be read

"God is nowhere!"

Or

"God is now here!"

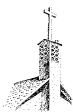
Like everything else
in my life
of any significance,
the way I see it
always depends on
how I look at it.

Bernadette C. Randle
(adapted)
submitted by Nancy Olson

GOOD SEARCH has sent us a check for **\$61.41**. If you use Good Search as your search engine and list St. Michael's as the organization to receive credit we will receive a check for our church. This is a very easy and wonderful way to benefit St. Michael's.

ECHO MEALS ON WHEELS
(Ecumenical Community Helping Others)

Many thank you's have been received saying thank you to St. Michael's for providing Thanksgiving Day meals to the shut-ins in the Camillus area. We donate money from our Mission Endowment Fund so that they can receive a hot meal that day.



Music Corner

Allison Evans Henry - 695-6677
Organist / Adult Choir Director

Thank you to the adult choir and soloists Jane and John Woodman and Steve Carlic for their excellent music this Pentecost and Advent and upcoming Christmas seasons.

The choir rehearses diligently on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings to prepare special music for our services. They deserve our gratitude and thanks, as they commit to eleven months of rehearsals and services each year here at St. Michael's Church.

Special thanks to Jillian Breault, our French Horn soloist for the anthem on All Saints' Sunday in November.

I look forward to another great year of worship here at St. Michaels Church!



Please pick up your 2012 box of offering envelopes that are on the Narthex table. Thank you!

Learning at the Crossroads

Learning at the Crossroads

Sat., Feb. 11

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$20.
includes continental
breakfast and lunch

Luther Memorial Church

Servants of God:
The Biblical Understanding
of Ministry

Led by
Rev. John Ferie, PH.D.
Pastor, Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
Fayetteville

The Bible uses several terms for ministry that range in meaning from "slave" to "waiter". We'll survey some of what scripture has to say about ministry and explore together what that means for your ministry today, both within your congregation and beyond its walls.

The is for deacons, deacon candidates, and all interested people.



Tabitha's Crafters

Joan Rasi - 487-0792

A big thank you to all of the women who made deliveries to the charities we support.

They are:

Donna (Oram) White - Upstate Burn Unit and Golisano Children's Hospital

Betty Rising - St. Joseph's Neo-Natal Unit

Marge Hoyt - Vera House

LaVerne Powell - St. Camillus Health and Rehab

Alice Kieffer - Van Dyne Home and Hospital

Janice Allen - Lutheran Homes

Also thank you to Marge Hoyt for talking all of the Seaman Scarves to mail them to the Seafarers' Institute.

Now that our table is empty again, we are in special need of prayer shawls, lap robes, walker bags, and baby items, in addition to such regular items as seafarers' scarves, small quilts, afghans suitable for a twin bed, small new stuffed animals (either handmade or purchased), and sewn placemats. I'm sure that

most of you crafters are busy at this time of the year making Christmas presents for friends and family, but after the holidays please keep us in mind as you plan your projects for those long winter days and nights.

Due to the Christmas Holidays we will NOT be meeting in December.

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY

JANUARY 21, 2012

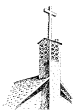
(In the Fellowship Hall)

Cookie Sale

The Youth of St. Michael's and Atonement Lutheran churches will be selling holiday cookie trays in the Narthex after both services. All proceeds from the sale of the cookies will be donated to the **ELCLA Malaria Campaign**. Each cookie package will contain approximately 18 cookies and homemade holiday candy decorations, which were made by the Atonement Lutheran youth Organization.

They will be baking the cookies on Dec. 3 at St. Michael's. If you would like to donate cookie dough, please do so by 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 3.

Cost: \$3 per package; and will be sold on Dec. 4 after worship.



December Celebration Worship

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Annual Book Sale/ Cookie Sale

7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Celebration

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Annual Book Sale

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Sunday School Living Tableau of the Christmas Story

Please Note: One Morning Service, at 10:30

Children come at 9:15 a.m.

Church Christmas Tree Decorating

Please join us following worship

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service with Children's Christmas Story

6:45 p.m. Christmas Prelude Music for

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day

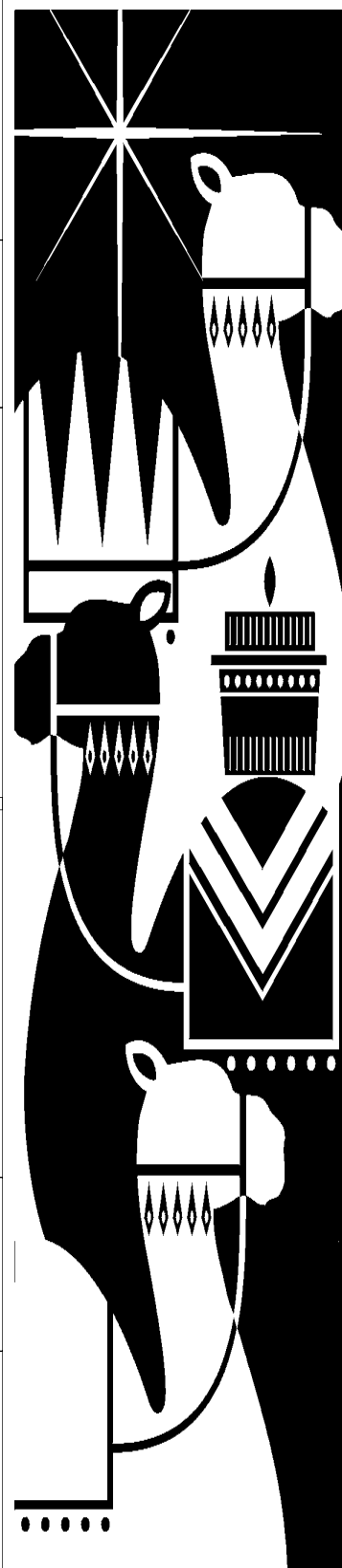
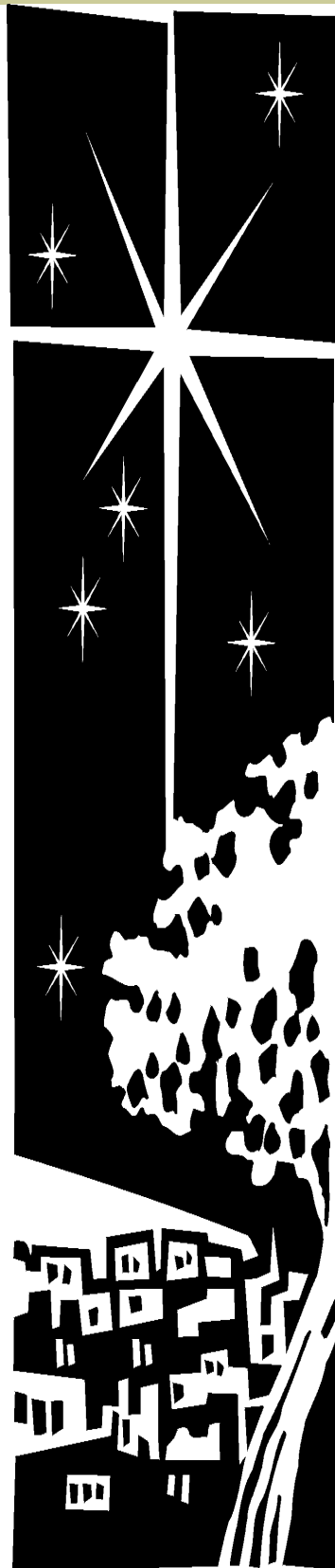
Sunday, December 25

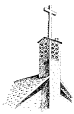
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship for the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, January 1, 2012

10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Worship Celebration for the New Year

Please note: One Morning Service only at 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship Service is in the Fellowship Hall





Altar Guild

Ruth McConnelee
488-3078

Altar Guild Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at Joanne Oram's home.

We will have our meeting in the new year on Jan. 2, 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support in purchasing Christmas altar flowers.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas!



Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

We will meeting at the home of Ann Maxfield for our annual Christmas supper meeting on Tues., Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. If you have not signed up for a dish to bring, please call Ann.

We will be having our annual auction so please bring a used - or new - item to be auctioned off.

Our Jan.10 meeting will be at church. Refreshments and devotions by Betty Rising.



Mary Circle

Emily Zieres - 422-7873

Mary Circle will meet on Wed., Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. Also, please remember gifts for the residents of the Lutheran Homes at Clinton and /or the Mitten Tree. We will be writing Christmas greetings to our special needs members. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship.

Mary Circle will meet on the second Wednesday in January, the 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note the change in date.) The hostess will be Emily Zieres. We will continue our Bible Study on the book of Ruth. All are invited to spend some time with our Circle on a winter morning in January.

Coffee Project

In 1996, the (Lutheran World Relief)LWR Coffee Project was born. Fifteen years later, Lutherans' commitment to FAIR Trade as strong as the coffee they drink. Every time Lutherans use Fair Trade coffee in congregations, sell it to members and drink it at home, they minister to their coffee-growing neighbors around the world. Here's what Lutherans have done through the LWR Coffee project:

- >Drank 2.5 million pounds of Fair Trade Coffee
 - >Raised \$566,000 for LWR **Small Farmer fund** - Thank you for your on going commitment to "help to improve and protect the famers' property and business." With your help, we can make the next fifteen years even better than the first!
- From Equal Exchange news letter*

Sunday Night Worship

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Dec. 4 and Jan. 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Ministry Class

**Dec. 4 ONLY,
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

followed by

Pot-Luck Supper - 6:00 p.m.

NO Confirmation Class on Jan 1.

Sunday School

Jan Kunkle-468-2400
Laura King- 380-7325
Co-Superintendents

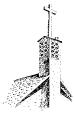
This year our Sunday School Christmas program a "Living Tableau" will be during the "Lessons and Carols" service" on Dec. 18, 2011. All children may participate.

Our Sunday School children collected many toys, personal products and school supplies for the "Shoe Box Gifts" for the Operation Christmas Child project. We also collected \$45.72 from our offering to be used for

postage and additional gifts. Thank you to all the children.



Program practice will be on Dec. 11 & Dec. 18, at 9:15 a.m. It will be presented on Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday Forum

They will know we are Christians by our You can finish the sentence, I'm sure. The conversation is about the end of that sentence in Sunday Forum every Sunday that we meet together. Come add your voice to the conversation. And the end of the sentence is

December: We continue our conversation about our Christian faith and how better to understand it and the world around us. It is a wonderful story about our God, our world and our life. We would love to have you there to share these insights with us.

January: We embark on a journey through the Gospel of Mark, which is the source for most of the Gospel readings in our Sunday morning worship service during 2012. We will experience a performance-video of the gospel as the early Christians did, sharing our insights with each other during the Sunday Forum time in January.

Join us - 9:15 a.m. in the Church Library most Sunday mornings.

Lucille Teufel

lteufel@twcnv.rr.com

474-0732

Sunday Forum Schedule for December/January:

Dec. 4 Communications Meeting/Evaluation of Trumpet Newsletter Format

Dec. 11 Making Sense of the Christian Faith: "The Body of Christ"

Dec. 18 Making Sense of the Christian Faith: "The End of All Things"

Dec. 25 Christmas Day: NO SUNDAY FORUM

Jan. 1 New Year's Day: NO SUNDAY FORUM

Jan. 8-Feb. 5: The Beginning of the Good News Of Jesus Christ:

A Video Performance of the Reading of the Gospel of Mark



Food Pantry List

- Soups, dry or canned
- Macaroni, spaghetti, rice
- Beans, all kinds
- Tuna fish, Spam, stews
- Pork & beans, kidney beans
- Tomatoes and spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned vegetables / fruit
- Cereals
- Juice
- Jell-o and desserts

Please continue to save paper and plastic bags.

St. Paul's Food Pantry is located at Brown Memorial Methodist Church, 228 Davis St., Syracuse

Open:
Tues.: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Wed.: 10:00 - Noon
Thank you for your continued support !

Joanne Blake
469-1417
St. Michael's Liaison
to St. Paul's Food Pantry

Food Pantry

Joanne Blake - 469-1417, Liaison to St. Paul's Food Pantry, Syracuse

We will be giving our families the Christmas basics in their packages. We are asking our supporting churches for donations of boxed potatoes, canned fruits, and vegetables, and cake mixes.

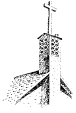
We realize it's difficult for everyone during these times,

but we hope you will continue to be as generous, as you have been in the past.

A big thank you to Amy Salisbury for the food donation given from her school.

Thank you again!





Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,
468-5902



PROMPTING
GOOD
HEALTH FOR
THE NEW
YEAR

Research indicates generosity is directly related to physical, psychological and spiritual health. If you stop to think about it, "misery" comes from the word "miser", which is a person who holds tightly to everything they have, especially money. They distrust everyone. Misery leads to unhappiness, loneliness, and anxiety.

As Christians we trust God and can counter anxiety when we focus on God's grace.

According to Christian author Frederick Buechner: "Grace is a free gift, given unconditionally; we don't deserve it, earn it or create it. It is something we should receive with gratitude, which will shape our giving as not an obligation but an opportunity to pass on gratefulness. The spirit of giving is gladness which springs and grows out of our offering and receiving. Joy grows from sharing our blessings."

Generosity is developed when we realize it is not enough to just receive but to also give/share. We learn all blessings are continuous gifts from God, intended neither for self-indulgence or to take advantage of others. Blessings are meant to be shared thus promoting vitality, well-being and spiritual health. Blessings give power to life.

Shalom is a Hebrew blessing, and is translated into English as "peace" - but it is peace that

also includes, serenity of spirit and wholistic health. It is a blessing to embrace every aspect of your life.

Debbie Macomber, in her book *One Simple Act*, lists rules to live in a spirit of generosity which I believe we should apply in our lives every day in the new year.

TEN RULES FOR HAPPIER LIVING:

1. Give something away, no strings attached!
2. Do an act of kindness and forget it!
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged - their experience is priceless guidance.
4. Look intently into the face of a baby and marvel.
5. Laugh often - it's life's lubricant.
6. Giving thanks a thousand times a day is not enough!
7. Pray, or you will lose the way!
8. Work with vim and vigor!
9. Plan as if you will live forever, because you will!
10. Live as though will die tomorrow, because you will on some tomorrow!

"Freely you have received, freely give."
Matthew 10:8

Shalom,
Christine Jones



PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers are requested for the seriously and/or chronically ill and for our homebound and adult care residence members, and relatives and friends:

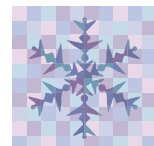
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Peg Hermann
Bob Keane
Diana Luscombe
Anita Pichaske
Phyllis Prigge
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Mary Smith
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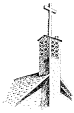


**Monday
December
1:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael's
Fellowship Hall**

**Please call
1-800-448-3543
to schedule an
appointment.**





Christian Outreach

Mary Eileen Wood - 468-1025



On All Saints' Sunday, Pastor reminded us that the kingdom of God is among us. Then she went further, from "out there" kingdom to "in here" our own bodies. When we hear the sentence "We are the body of Christ," we need to remember that Jesus' body existed along human time line just like ours ... a baby, a child, a man, a corpse, and then ... Our Lord Resurrected. Jesus knew personally that others were suffering, and gave us the true example of service. No, I'm not crackers, expecting us all to hang on a cross to die. But as children of God, we all have the privilege of finding Jesus' love in each other AND passing that love along as God's hands in the present day.

Good news: Our Advent Blessing Family collections have already started, and the outpouring of interest and caring is such a joy to witness. Through the accumulation of small acts of generosity, our church will deeply touch the lives of three people and prove to them that the world cares.



Not-so-good news: No one offered to put up the signs for the Samaritan Center Ingathering – that meant we couldn't make it happen. We blew our chance to touch other lives, when we had our own Thanksgiving preparations – food, warmth, safe homes. PLEASE understand that when you choose not to step forward for a small role linking us to an opportunity, your church can't make that good thing happen.



Outreach Service by our Church ...

Here's what has arrived in the mailbox since the last issue. God doesn't always send God's

call to us by the USPS or the WWW ... but it can happen. Read this prayerfully each month. See if something resonates in that unique way marking a "God call" – and act upon it.

A Christmas Gift Idea



www.elca.org/malaria

Has anyone asked you, "What would you like for Christmas this year?" Here's a quick idea ...

This year the Churchwide Assembly voted overwhelmingly to launch the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Did you think malaria ended when they figured out what caused it when the Panama Canal was built? The truth: Nearly 800,000 people die each year of malaria, most of them in Africa, most of them children under the age of five. *And malaria is completely preventable and treatable!*

Ask that a donation be made in your name. Just \$10 provides a family with an insecticide-treated mosquito net. A course of medicine to help save the lives of 25 people infected with malaria is \$50.

Operation Walk Syracuse
www.operationwalksyracuse.org

Our church member Kathy Davis shared her friend's excitement about the amazing LOCAL effort of Drs. Brett and Seth Greenky to gather support for a

volunteer orthopedic medical team to serve in the Himalayas. Their call to service is local, too. In early December, the team provides free joint replacement surgery for people here who could not afford to pay!

Register your priorities for advocacy

<http://archive.elca.org/cgi-bin/rws/rws5.pl?FORM=nap2011>

Frustrated when Congress doesn't listen to you? That's not the only place in DC to which to we can send our opinions! Take a survey at the website above sponsored by the ELCA Washington Office to express your priorities for future advocacy efforts in international affairs, as well as domestic matters.

TEEN CORNER

At www.elca.org/yagm, young adults ages 19-29 can apply to serve for a year in an international program in Argentina and Uruguay, Jerusalem / West Bank, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Central / Eastern Europe, Southern Africa, or the United Kingdom. Fancier than any goal I ever had!



Have you ever thought of setting a goal like that for yourself? How would it affect your decisions now? What might you gain? What might God gain? If you work on a goal for yourself and pay attention to it, you can use every day to take another step toward your dream. God gave you what you need to imagine your best future. What might you do en route?

KIDS' BOX



Do you think Jesus wants us to help only people who live far away, where our missionaries live in South America or in Zambia and Zimbabwe that Pastor mentions in prayers every Sunday?

Nope – he helped people he met when he was walking around. So can you.

There is a child *in your school* who needs your help. Keep your eyes open for someone who sits alone at lunch or never plays with anyone on the playground. You can be a missionary delivering God's love to that child when you walk over and say, "Hi. My name is ..." You *and God* can take it from there!

Just looking at St. Michael's opportunities to serve our community and our world is an exciting experience! And more church members like Kathy Davis are using this column to connect us with projects that are dear to their hearts. Thank you, Caring Souls.

Thank you, Jesus, for walking in my shoes, knowing my abilities and limits, and loving me anyhow. Thank you, Jesus, for allowing my hands and feet, my voice and thoughts, to be your living body.

Blessed be the Lord!

Mary Eileen

PLEASE read Christian Outreach each month and look for one thing to which you can say, "YES!"



Women of the ELCA



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The WELCA Executive Board will NOT meet on Thurs., Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Several WELCA Officers are going to be away so we will postpone the meeting until January. The WELCA Quarterly Dinner Meeting will be held on Thurs., Jan 12 at 6:30 p.m. Our Hostess will be the Executive Board. You may bring a dish to pass or pay \$6 at the door. Pastor Janet will share some of her experiences while on retreat at Cape Cod last spring. We will install our newly elected officers: Karen Settembre-President, Kathy Davis-Vice President, Marilyn Rosenberger-Secretary, and Nancy Kemp-Treasurer.

We invite all to join us and bring a friend. Watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

December will be the last month to donate items for our 2011 Ingathering Project-Health/Hygiene Kits. Please see the list of items still needed elsewhere in this *Trumpet* issue. Please place the items in the Ingathering box under the WELCA table at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. If you'd rather, you may make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase needed items or to cover shipping costs. Please make the check payable to "Women of the ELCA" and mark "Health Kits" on the memo line. Give the checks to Ling Allen, Karen Settem-

bre or through the Church Office.

In January we will begin our 2012 Ingathering Project-School Kits. We are asked to donate the school bags. If you are a sewer, this is a great project for the new year.

A sincere thank you to all who baked, and bought apple pies. We sold 22 pies and raised \$206. This money will be divided evenly between Lutheran Campus Ministry and the churchwide Women of the ELCA organization. Once again, thanks for your support.



During December, please remember your gifts for the residents of the Lutheran Homes at Clinton and/or the Mitten Tree where we place our gifts for school children in need in Syracuse.

The following is a list of items for the residents at Lutheran Homes in Clinton for Christmas:

- Hard Candies
- Chocolates
- Stamps
- Birthday Cards
- Word Search Book
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Large Print Novels by Current Authors
- Clip-on Earrings
- Long Necklaces that can go over the head
- Pins (Decorative ones for Ladies)
- Bracelets (preferably stretchy)
- T-shirts (Men)
- Flannel Shirts (Men)
- Cardigan Sweaters (Men and Women)
- Socks (Men and Women)
- Slippers (Men and Women)
- Handkerchiefs (Men and Women)
- Perfume/Cologne
- After Shave
- Body Wash (Men and Women)
- Bar Soap
- Lotion
- Makeup
- Knick Knacks
- Decorative Throws Blankets

You may place your gifts in the tub so marked in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline for gifts is DEC. 18.**

If you have questions, please speak with Janice Allen, 834-9914.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 5- Altar Guild, 5:30 p.m., Joanne Oram's home

Dec. 7 - Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m. at church

Dec. 13 - Service Guild at Ann Maxfield's home, 6:00 p.m.

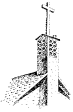
Dec. 18- Deadline for Clinton Homes gifts.

Jan. 5 - Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m. at church

Jan. 9 - Altar Guild

Jan. 10 - Service Guild at Church, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 12- WELCA Quarterly Dinner Mtg., 6:30 p.m.



St. Michael's Mission Statement

*We believe God calls
St. Michael's Lutheran
Church to be
a community of Christian
faith for all people,
to worship God together,
to nurture growth in the
Christian faith,
and to use our God-given
gifts
to serve each other,
our community,
and our world.*

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

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Allison Evans Henry, Organist/Adult Choir Director
Rev. Kenneth C. Heuermann, Pastor Emeritus

Deacons

St. Michael's Deacons are people who have been trained at the Hartwick Seminary Theological Institute sponsored by the Foothills Conference, and are commissioned to perform specific tasks within our congregation, as extended volunteer service, without financial reimbursement.

Christine Jones: (468-5902) Liturgical Assistant, Health and Wellness Issues
Caren Paventi: (484-6257) Liturgical Assistant, Christian Education, Visitation
Joan Rasi: (487-0792) Caring Outreach, Wellness Issues
Betty Rising: (487-3932) Liturgical Assistant, Visitation
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Emily Zieres: (422-7873) Liturgical Assistant, Adult Christian Education

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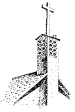
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Financial Secretary: Gail Meyer (488-5619)

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Memorials

Given For:	Given by:
Bev Mandigo Oct 1, 2011	Mrs. Fred Hartmann Robert & Doris Keane
Jack Heesemann 7/13/2011	Mary Circle

Thank You

Dear Pastor Janet and my St. Michael's Family,

I thank you for all the prayers, cards and flowers since I fell and broke my shoulder. Also, thank those you who brought me tea, coffee and goodies at Coffee Hour. I appreciate it very much. I thank God and ask His blessing on all of you.

Love and hugs,
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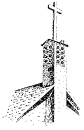
I want to thank my church family for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday on Oct. 7 with a lovely birthday cake and for the birthday greetings.

Also, many thanks to Pastor Janet and Betty Rising for the visitations when I'm home bound.

With appreciation,
Anne Gavurniik

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Christmas Worship Services

December 18

10:30 a.m. - Lessons and Carols with Sunday School Living Tableau of the Christmas Story

Note: No 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service

6:45 p.m. - Christmas Prelude Music

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service of Holy

Communion

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Worship
for the Nativity of Our Lord

January 1, 2012

10:30 a.m. & 7:00 pm. Worship Celebration
for the New Year

Note: One service only at 10:30 a.m.,
Evening Worship Service in Fellowship Hall