

St. Michael's Trumpet

CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us...¹³By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us of God's Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them... ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear...¹⁹We love because God first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

from 1 John 4 New Revised Standard Version

Dear Friends –

'Tis "in the bleak midwinter...snow has fallen, snow on snow on snow...", (to quote the words of the poet Christina Rossetti, which are used as lyrics in one of our Christmas hymns). Yet in the midst of this "bleakness" comes February with its Valentine's Day holiday on the 14th, dedicated to love, and so now we see all the pink and red heart shapes associated with it, brightening up the bleakness with some vibrant colors, reminding us of the warmth, vitality, and passion that love – in all its forms – brings to our lives.

There are all kinds of sentiments, cards, and gifts out there in the marketplace that have come to symbolize our contemporary American culture's ideas of Valentine's Day and what we should give to show our loving feelings for one another. For Christian people, we have an understanding of love that goes beyond what our culture offers us for this once-a-year holiday, and that understanding is grounded in the everlasting love of God revealed to us in human form in Jesus Christ.

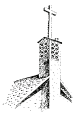
The beautiful, inspiring, and sustaining words of 1 John that I have shared with you here are one place where we hear in the Bible the message of promise and calling to love one another as God has loved us. Such love expands beyond feelings into acts of free will done with love, inspired by what God has done for us, for and with one another – acts which may not always come easy to us because they may ask us to go the extra distance, or to delve more deeply into our relationships, in order to do the loving thing for and with one another.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God..." I give you these words this month in my message as my Valentine's Day gift, from God to all of us. Reflect on how they call us to be a faith community of God's beloved, where such love is experienced in our words and actions, with and for one another and for the world God so dearly loves. If our newsletter were like one of those greeting cards where you can record a special song to share, I'd sing the following hymn for you to sing along with, as a way of helping us keep in our hearts and minds the gift and teachings of the words of 1 John upon which the hymn is based.

Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- * **WELCA Communion Brunch**
- * **Upcoming Youth Events**
- * **2011 InGathering Project**
- * **Sunday Forum Schedule**

*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God...'
Think about these words especially during this month, and how they can speak God's love into your life each day."*



Pastor's Message continued

(Standing over the copier as the newsletter is printed and singing the hymn as a real loud incantation apparently is not going to do the audio recording trick here). So, in the absence of that audio technology, I give you the visual with these words to meditate on and pray about, for you and your daily walk with the Lord through your life. May they be for us signposts on our lifelong journey of faith – and may they speak to us as well the empowering and comforting words of the love of God that is for all days, and that will never let us go, no matter what may come.

*“Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.*

*With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.*

*Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.*

*Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.*

*Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.”*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn #359

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK AND WORSHIP WITH A NEW ORLEANS FLAVOR

AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SUNDAY EVENING CELEBRATION CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

MARCH 6

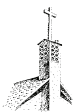
IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL

POTLUCK DINNER AT 6 P.M.

WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

More details to follow in upcoming Sunday bulletins and on our website



Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Diana Luscombe, Diaconal Minister, 468-0953

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High School Youth News

Youth Meeting

On December 12 the high school youth group got together for lunch and a service project. The group put together 12 holiday care packages for military troops serving domestically. They brought in all sorts of granola bars, hard candies, hot chocolate and puzzle books. Many thanks to Rick LaMarre who helped locate service men and women who would benefit from the packages. Everyone had a great time serving in this way and expressed an interest in doing it again. Time was also spent brainstorming ideas for upcoming opportunities to spend time together.

Luther Bowl

On Monday, January 17, while celebrating a day off of school to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 65 youth in grades 7-12 from all over the Central Crossroads Conference of Upstate New York Synod, ELCA, gathered together for worship, food and bowling at the ninth annual Luther Bowl. Of that 65, 15 were youth affiliated with St. Michael's (two of those were friends brought by our youth)! St. Michael's also had 7 adults there: Beth Healy, Laura King, Jan Kunkle, Caren Paventi, Jeff Pelletier, Karen Smith, and me.

Feasting and Fellowship

On Sunday, January 23 members of the group gathered at IHOP to feast together before worship. A great time was had eating good food, being playful and even talking about some serious topics.

Ice Skating in Clinton Square

Sunday, February 13 the high school group will meet in the youth room at **noon** for lunch before heading to Clinton Square to go ice skating. The cost for skating is \$3 and skate rental is another \$3. We will return to the church by 3:30 PM.

Confirmation Corner

Lock-in

Friday, Jan. 8, 13 of our confirmation ministry participants gathered at the church for an evening filled with play, learning and discussions. Rick LaMarre joined the group after dinner to talk about his experiences serving in the National Guard. He showed us pictures of, and talked about, the ways our military forces help to build up communities in places around the world. The group discussed the role of our faith in war and peace times. After some sleep the group woke up Sunday morning and attended worship all together. We offer many thanks to Rick for his presentation and to Jeff Till for spending the night. **Mohawk Valley**

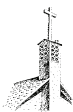
Lutheran Confirmation Camp

June 26 - July 1

Confirmation Camp is coming up once again! All youth participating in the confirmation ministry program at St. Michael's are asked to attend confirmation camp at least one summer during the program. This week of camp at Vanderkamp is run by rostered and lay leaders in the Central Crossroads Conference, ELCA, and the curriculum focuses on themes pertinent to youth participating in confirmation ministry programs. A \$50 deposit is due by May 1. Please look for more information to be coming soon. If you have any questions please contact Caren Paventi (carenmp@live.com.)

Sunday Evening Celebrations

Feb. 6 will be our next Sunday Evening Celebration worship services which will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. **Please join us before worship for a potluck dinner open to everyone, hosted by the Confirmation Ministry families.** We will do "make-your-own ice cream sundaes" following worship. Please join us to experience this more contemporary worship service. If you have thoughts or ideas pertaining to this worship experience please contact Pastor Janet (RevJFP@twcny.rr.com) or Elizabeth Constantine (evcmusic@gmail.com).



Director of Youth and Family Ministry continued

Team Meeting

There was a Youth and Family Ministries Team meeting held in December. We spent time talking about where we feel God has called each of us to live out the mission of Christ in our daily lives. We continued to brainstorm ideas for engaging with youth and families in ministry at St. Michael's. If you have ideas to share, or would like to be a part of this team, please let Diana know.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Follow God, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.

-- Anonymous



In order to help support youth and family ministries at St. Michael's we ask that you donate your soda cans, water bottles, and glass bottles with deposits to the redemption center located behind the Thrifty Shopper and Rite Aide on West Genesee St. When you bring your bottles and cans please tell them you would like the monies put on the St. Michael's account. Money collected from the redemption center will be put in the Jenna Youth Ministry Fund, the St. Michael's fund that helps youth and adults participate in youth and family ministries oriented events. Thank you!

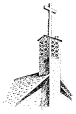
(The Jenna Youth Ministry Fund is available to help defray costs of participation in youth events if needed. Please talk to Diana)

Mark your calendar

- Feb. 6 Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM
Potluck Dinner 6 PM
Sunday Evening Celebrations 7 PM
 - Feb. 11-12 West Genesee High School presents Beauty and the Beast
 - Feb. 13 Faith in Action 9:15 AM
High School Youth Meeting 12-2 PM
 - Feb. 20 Faith in Action 9:15 AM
Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM
 - Feb. 27 Faith in Action 9:15 AM
 - Mar. 6 Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM
Potluck Dinner 6 PM;
Sunday Evening Celebrations 7 PM
 - Mar. 11-12 Volleyball Marathon
 - June 26 - July 1 Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirm
- *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.*

Volleyball Marathon

The 32nd Annual Volleyball Marathon of the Central Crossroads Conference, ELCA will be held at Syracuse University on Friday, March 11. This event serves as a fundraiser for Lutheran Charities of Central New York. The 7-12 graders who attend from St. Michael's are being asked to raise a minimum of \$30 each as their contribution to this event. Look for more information to come, including a list of youth who will be participating through whom you can make your contribution.



Library Corner

Carol Argus - 469-4995

A work meeting has been called for Thursday, Feb. 3, at 11:00.a.m.. We can use volunteers to help file, process books, and take inventory. If you can help, please call Carol Argus (469-4995). Bring a sandwich or a snack, and spend whatever time you have chatting and working with us.

Please check your bookshelves and return any library books you may have forgotten.

Thank you!

Traveling Parishioners

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

*Mount Bethel Church-
Mount Bethel, PA*

*St. Mary with St. John-
Walton-on-Thames, England*

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church-
Savannah, GA*

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
NY, NY*

*First English Lutheran Church
-Syracuse, NY*

*Skidaway Island United Meth-
odist Church- Savannah, GA*



CALLING WOMEN TO PRAYER on Sat., Feb. 5 – 9:00 A.M. in the Library

Calling any woman who would like to explore a more prayerful life! We are using the booklet *Prayer Made Easy*. Our Women's Prayer Group meets on the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Emily Zieres (422-7873) or Christine Jones (468-5902).

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Winter Thrivent Choice Voting Event: Jan. 24 to Feb. 28

The second Thrivent Choice Voting Event will be held Jan. 24 to Feb. 28, featuring seven national nonprofit organizations in the area of health and human care. Thrivent Financial will distribute \$1 million among the participating charities. Specific amounts will be based on the percentage of votes each organization receives.

The seven nonprofit organizations participating in this winter's Voting Event will be:

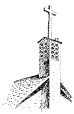
- Bethesda Lutheran Communities
- Feeding America
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- Lutheran Services in America
- Orphan Grain Train
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Wheat Ridge Ministries

When the Voting Event opens on Jan. 24, associate and benefit members (age 16 or older) will be able to vote in two ways:

- Online at Thrivent.com/choicevote.
- By calling 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and saying

"Thrivent Choice."

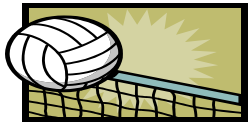
For more information on Choice Dollars, contact your local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Office and speak with Kyle F. Mumpton, Richard Roth, or Richard Hummel at 315-451-0252.



Lutheran Campus Ministry



Lutheran Campus Ministry Festival & Silent Auction
Sunday, April 10. Come and celebrate the coming of spring with us. Good eats, great music, treasures and fun for all who support brining the Gospel to Syracuse University campus.



Youth Volleyball Marathon for Lutheran Charities Overnight Friday, March 11 through March 12.

ConSupps, Intergenerational conversation and supper with contemporary issues at the Parsonage, Feb. 6 and March 6, 6:15-8:30 p.m.



Learning at the Crossroads

Learning at the Crossroads
March 5

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

\$20.

includes continental
breakfast and lunch

Luther Memorial Church

“The Old Testament
and Grace”

Led by
Pastor Diane Wheatley

Grace has been the foundation of Gods’ interaction with people from the very beginning.

Registration forms are available on the Narthex table. Pre-registration is required.

People often speak as if the Old Testament presents a God of Law and the New Testament the message of Grace. However, a survey of the Old Testament will provide dramatic evidence that

Sunday School

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

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: “A Simple Christmas Pageant”, arranged by Sheldon Curry, from a book by Cindy Sterling & Sheldon Curry, was one of the most successful programs we have ever done! This was because of Elizabeth Constantine our Youth and Children's Choirs Director. She coordinated the whole event. Let's give her a BIG THANK YOU. Thank you also, to all of our children who participated, all the teachers who helped, Rob Smith, accompanist,

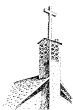
all our Choirs, Adult, Youth, and Children's, as well as all our musical instrumentalists. Plus, we can't forget the people behind the scenes, Bill & Sandi Knapp, Bill Kunkle, Jim Breault & Paula Hansen. Last, but not least, YOU the parents whose support is so vital. Thank you, ALL!

Advent Family Ingathering: Thank you to all our Sunday School families that donated gifts. (See Christian Outreach article for more on this successful project).

Valentines: We have made and sent Valen-

tines for our missionary family in Argentina.

Lent: Our Sunday School children will be bringing home Easter gift boxes for the children and families to save their extra change in and donate that for the ministries of our church. We will also be providing Lenten devotions, books with stories and stickers to use each day of Lent.



Ingathering Project

2011 Ingathering Project

The Upstate New York Synod, Women of the ELCA have adopted the "Little Dresses for Africa" project for its 2011 Ingathering. The dresses have been made by many organizations over the last few years and we are hoping to add hundreds more dresses to this effort. Samples of the dresses are in the Fellowship Hall along with directions. Directions for the dresses are also on the table in the Narthex. You may access more information and instructions from the website: www.littledressesforafrica.org.

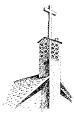
The dresses are very simple. They are essentially a tube of fabric, made of one width of the fabric sewn together. Bias tape is used to trim the armholes and to make straps. Dresses may be trimmed in any way and many have pockets sewn on the front. At last year's Synod WELCA Convention we also made yarn dolls that were to go with each dress, tucked into the pocket of the dress. All dresses we make will be taken to the WELCA Synod Convention in September. They will be distributed to some synod groups who will be going on mission trips, or sent to the Michigan address where distribution takes place.

I am planning a Saturday workshop to construct these dresses. I am hoping that those of you with sewing machines and sergers will come and we can quickly assemble many of these dresses. Even if you don't sew we will need people to cut fabric and to do some pressing. I am looking for donations. This is the chance you have to clean out your stashes of fabrics and trims. We need cotton fabric - no knits or heavy fabric of any kind. The length of fabric donated should be at least 3/4 of a yard - no less. We will also need bias tape, and 1/4 inch elastic. Dresses can also be made from pillowcases. We will also accept donations of pillowcases, clean and in decent condition, that you no longer need. All donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall, near the display. A basket will be placed there to collect donations and completed dresses. Look for an announcement in the bulletin for a workshop date.

St. Michael's Women of the ELCA is going to continue collecting items for health kits. We will distribute them locally or through Church World Service. We will also accept monetary donations toward the dresses or the health kits. Checks should be made out to Women of the ELCA and given to Joanne Blake, put in the offering plate, or given to the Church Office.

Karen Settembre

Secretary, St. Michael's Women of the ELCA



Altar Guild

Ruth McConnelee
488-3078

There will be no Altar Guild meeting in the month of February.

Thank you.



Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

We will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at church in the Fellowship Hall. Betty Rising will do devotions and refreshments.

We will be in charge of the food for the WELCA Communion Brunch on Feb. 12. Make sure you sign up for a reservation.

We welcome new ladies to our group at all times. Please come and visit to see if you would be interested in joining us.

We would like to commend Joanne Blake for her tireless effort for working at the St. Paul's Food Pantry every month.

Mary Circle

Emily Zieres - 422-7873

All women are invited to Mary Circle Wed., Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin our study of the Book of Ruth again, so please bring your Bible. Join us for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

Sunday Night Worship

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Feb. 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Ministry Class

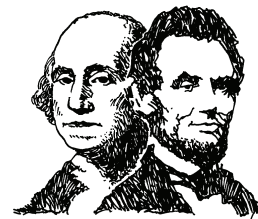
4:00-6:00 p.m.

followed by

Pot-Luck Supper

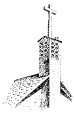
All Welcome!

6:00 p.m.



Presidents' Day

February 21



Sunday Forum

WHAT DO MOSES, KING DAVID AND THE APOSTLE PAUL HAVE IN COMMON?

Come and find the answer at Sunday Forum, 9:15 a.m. in the Church Library. We are on a journey to know more about our Bible and the story it tells us about our God and our faith. Through February and into March, we are exploring the interesting history and writings of the Old Testament.

THE GREATEST STORY

A BIG-PICTURE OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE, IT'S STORY, AND HOW THAT STORY CONNECTS WITH OUR OWN STORIES.

Feb 6: Samuel through Chronicles: **KINGS AND KINGDOMS**

Feb 13 : Kings, Esther, Lamentations, Daniel: **TRAILS OF TEARS AND JOY**

Feb 20 : The Prophets: **WHEN GOD SPEAKS**

Feb . 27 Wisdom and Poetry: **FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN**

March 6: The Old Testament Story for Us: **PEOPLE OF PROMISE**

Facilitators for this exploration are Emily Zieres, Christine Jones and Lucille Teufel. Join us for lively discussion and some insight into our faith-filled ancestors.

Lucille Teufel
Deacon, Adult Christian Education

Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your generous support at Christmas!

Please continue to save your plastic bags for the pantry.

The needed items are listed to the right. Please refer to this list when grocery shopping.

We have been very busy at the Food Pantry, with lines going out the door.



Food Pantry List

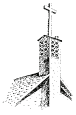
- Soups, dry or canned
- Macaroni, spaghetti, rice
- Beans, all kinds
- Tuna fish, Spam, stews
- Pork & beans, kidney beans
- Tomatoes and spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned vegetables / fruit
- Cereals
- Juice
- Jell-o and desserts

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



Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,
468-5902



Happy New Year! How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? It's okay if you have slacked off - there is no hard and fast rule stating resolutions can only be made at the beginning of the New Year. It's never too late to make healthy changes in our lives. Here are ideas for change to think about to improve our health:

Get a check-up. You should have at least an annual physical. Make the most of your visit by being prepared to talk with your health care provider: take a list of questions you want to talk about; ask about screening tests you may need; take an updated list of the medications, including over-the-counter medicines, with you.

Eat healthy. Lose weight. Get active. Physical activity has many health benefits including: weight loss; maintaining weight loss; improving a person's mood; lower BP; improve blood flow. Talk to your health care provider about the best activity for you.

Quit smoking.

Limit alcohol intake.

Update your immunizations.

Know your blood pressure, cholesterol level and risk factors for heart disease/strokes/diabetes/cancer.

Take control of your diabetes. Learn all you can about your disease and set goals with your health care provider to best manage your diabetes and prevent/delay some of the serious problems it can cause.

Make your home as safe as possible. To prevent falls have adequate lighting; remove throw rugs; wear non-skid shoes; remove things from the floor and stairs. Be aware that many medications can make you unsteady on your feet. Change positions slowly. When you go outside, watch for ice which may look like puddles of water. Wear good fitting shoes with non-skid soles. Use handrails when taking the stairs. Use flashlight when walking in poorly lit areas.

Protect your eyes from sun, eyestrain, and injury. Wear sunglasses that block

ultraviolet light A and B rays. Wear safety glasses when working with power tools or chemicals. Wash hands before touching your eyes. Avoid eyestrain by looking away every 20 minutes when reading or working on the computer. Have regular eye check-ups.

Take time to help others.

Grant me a willing spirit to sustain me, Oh, Lord. Psalm 51:12

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:

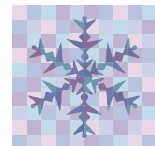
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Peg Hermann
Bob Keane
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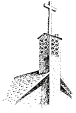


**Monday
February 14
1:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael's
Fellowship Hall**

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





Christian Outreach

Mary Eileen Wood - 468-1025

What a joy to see our congregation respond to the need of our Advent Blessing family! Did you see the happiness in people's faces as they brought their treasures to the Fellowship Hall for the Blessing collection? Makes me wonder if joy is actually a process like love. Love is an active pouring of God's grace through us en route to another. Is joy our feelings along for the ride, only real and vibrant when love's grace is flowing through us in prayer or action? Now there's something to think about ...

Red Cross Advent Blessing Family



Heaping bags and boxes of church members' treasures collected in the Fellowship Hall for our Advent Blessing family. What an outpouring of Christmas kindness flowed to "our" mother and father and their five children!

This picture shows our gifts in the Red Cross lobby, ready for their driver to deliver. Local Gap Store employees heard about the project (thank you, Kind Messengers) and sent new clothes. They fit in perfectly with other donated pieces, so every person received new coordinated outfits, and every child had new PJs. We sent a family membership to the MOST- it was the only thing for which Mom and Dad asked. Dolls and stuffed animals, dress-up clothes and warm things would

provide comfort to these children who had faced such trauma that year. Indoor and outdoor toys, magazine subscriptions and books, art supplies and games – it was as if Santa's sleigh had made a surprise stop to empty itself. Please know what a wondrous thing you did!

Science Fair

Is it odd to find a science fair in a church's Christian Outreach column? What a constructive way to combat the dismal attitude that science conflicts with faith. Did God make us passive observers of all Creation, simple slugs without understanding? Or does the curiosity God gave engage us so we will explore what God has created? Does that help us honor and serve that Creator? Science, technology, engineering and mathematics are all tools that we can use to learn more about the miracles surrounding us. And if people of faith use those tools to do good, to "be for the world signs of God's gracious presence," is this not God's path for us?

So ... you can encourage children to learn more about the wonders of our world and our place in it. Judge or volunteer at the Tri Region Science and Engineering Fair at Onondaga Community College on Mar. 19-20! If you have a high school diploma, you can talk with the middle school students about their posters or experiments; the key there is to listen carefully to them and encourage their continued learning. With a college degree in science or engineering, education or law, you can meet with the high school students at the fair, listening with your "ear of faith" to what they are trying to learn, how they hope to make a difference in the world. This science fair even has awards and scholarships based on how

a student's work can make the world a better place!
www.YingTRSEF.org

Other Outreach Opportunities

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.

Samaritan Center 472-0650
www.thesamaritancenter.com



The next time you bake a dessert, make a double batch and bring the extra one to the "Sam Center" at 310 Montgomery St. Just call ahead so someone will be available to answer the doorbell. Would anyone like to pick up and deliver those baked goods to Montgomery Street on the way to work in the morning? We can post a sign in the Narthex.



Mercy Flight Central Local Base:
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Since its beginning in 1992, Mercy Flight Central has transported over 10,000 critically ill

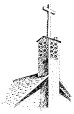


and injured patients regardless of their ability to pay. The critical care teams that accompany the patients and the rapid transport by Mercy Flight can mean the difference between life and death. Donations to their Full Tank Campaign go 100% to purchasing jet fuel!

As you may know by now, I'm the director of the science fair at Onondaga Community College. I believe I was called to that work, to pass forward the blessings our family received through our son Christopher's participation in the Syracuse science fair for eight years. I'm not alone in that call. The fair's committee includes eight deeply faith-filled members who work year-round to open this door to kids. On fair weekend, we make sure to walk through the OCC buildings where we will work, praying for God's blessing on every person gathered and all that we do. It's a profound experience, one that I find flooded with grace. Not only can young people explore the talents God gave them, but also every moment they spend learning more about God's creation is a moment in which they are NOT throwing away learning opportunities, or making destructive choices.

Yes, I do believe that with God's grace comes joy! Thank you, Lord, for your Creation, for the eyes to see it, and for the minds to marvel! Thank you for the joy of serving.

-Mary Eileen



Women of the ELCA



Ling Allen-672-5213
Emily Zieres - 422-7873

I begin with a sincere word of thanks to all who baked for and/or bought from our Holiday Cookie Sale. A total of \$368.00 was made and that was divided evenly between St. Paul's Food Pantry here in Syracuse and the churchwide Women of the ELCA Organization. Thanks also to all who donated items for the "Mitten Tree" and the Lutheran Homes in Clinton.

The cancelled January Quarterly Dinner Meeting will not be rescheduled. However, Carol Argus will give her program of her recent trip to Paris and Mont Saint-Michel on Normandy at our Quarterly Dinner Meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Service Guild will be the Hostess. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. I apologize to all who were inconvenienced by the cancellation of our January Meeting. It was a hard call to make. However, with the snow and roads that were said to be slick because it was too cold for the salt to do its work, we felt it was the safest thing to do. A decision had to be made in the morning for those who were cooking or baking for the pot luck. We were able to advise all who signed up in advance of the cancellation.

A Communion Brunch will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday, Feb. 12 to celebrate the role women play in the life of our congregation. We will begin our day at 10:00

a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a Communion Service led by Pastor Janet. This will be followed with a delicious brunch made by the Service Guild. The guest speakers will be two women from "Women Transcending Boundaries." Please plan to attend and bring a relative, neighbor and/or friend to this inspirational event. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or you may RSVP to Emily Zieres at 422-7873 by Feb. 6.

The following day, Feb. 13, will be Women's Sunday. Please remember to wear red. We ask that you sign-up to be an usher, lector or greeter at either service. Again, these sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Please join us for cake at the Coffee Hour following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the WELCA Executive Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Besides the Executive Board, it is requested that all Committee Chairpersons and Guild and Circle Chairpersons attend this meeting.

Our two-fold Ingathering Projects for 2011 are Health/Hygiene Kits for the people of Zimbabwe and Zambia, and "Little Dresses for Africa". The list of items needed to make up the Health/Hygiene Kits is elsewhere in this issue of the *Trumpet*. Please place the needed items in the box marked "Health Kits" under

the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall. You may also make a donation to WELCA and the money will be used to buy needed items or cover shipping costs. (Please mark "Health Kits" on the memo line of your check.)

Please see the "Little Dresses for Africa" display on the WELCA table in the Fellowship Hall. See Karen Settembre's article about this part of our Ingathering Project elsewhere in the *Trumpet*.



A big thank you from West Side Family Health Center and staff for the boxes of mittens that were donated to us. These mittens will be given to refugees that attend our clinic.

WSFHC Staff

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 2- Marcy Circle, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 5- Women's Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Library

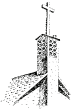
Feb. 8- Service Guild, 7:00 p.m., Church

Feb. 12- WELCA Communion Brunch, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

March 2- Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m.

March 7- 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild

March 8- Service Guild, 7:00 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.*

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Allison Evans Henry, Organist/Adult Choir Director
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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
Lucille Teufel: (474-0732) Liturgical Assistant, Christian Education, Visitation
Emily Zieres: (422-7873) Liturgical Assistant, Adult Christian Education

Congregation Council

President: Pastor Janet Pro-tem
Vice-President: Christine Jones (468-5902)

Committees

Christian Education: Jan Kunkle, Council Liaison, (468-2400)
Christian Outreach: Mary Eileen Wood, Chairperson (468-1025)
Evangelism: Emily Zieres, Council Liaison (422-7873)
Fellowship: (non Council) Patti Garrison (299-4279) and Karen Smith (487-7894), Coordinators
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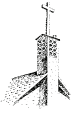
Congregational Officers

Secretary: Dorothy Wrase Hares (638-1992)
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Financial Secretary: Gail Meyer (488-5619)

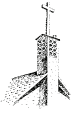
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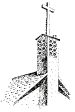


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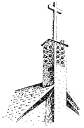
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In Sympathy

Our condolences and prayer are with the families and friends of those in our church family who have recently passed into life eternal.

Toni Rae a previous long time and active member of St. Michael's has died.



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Ecclesiastes 11:9, NIV