

St. Michael's Trumpet

CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*"Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.*

"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace", verses 3, Hymn #684

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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Dear Friends –

This season of the church year, the Season After Pentecost, focuses our attention on the church carrying out the work of Christ in the world today – God's work, our hands. In this and upcoming issues of this newsletter I will be highlighting the wider ministries outside of St. Michael's that we support through our benevolence* giving, which we are currently blessed to be able to continue during these challenging financial times by using the funds available through the investment – generated interest in our Mission Endowment Fund. (*The term "benevolence" is from the Latin meaning an act of good will or kindness).

So...where in the world is our benevolence money being used for good works?

Starting close to home, let's begin with InterFaith Works of Central New York (formerly the InterReligious Council). Currently our contribution to their work is \$250 a year. I have served on it's board of directors and so know first hand the good work it does in our communities to build bridges of understanding among the diversity of folks living in central New York. Here are some excerpts from their last newsletter to let you know what crucial programs we help to support through the work of this organization.

OUR MISSION

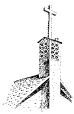
InterFaith Works, through education, service, and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding among us.

PROGRAMS

- > Community-Wide Dialogue to End Racism - Stimulating dialogue on racism to bring about racial justice and healing.
- > Interfaith Education & Engagement Program - Linking city and suburban congregations to promote interfaith relationships and citizen participation.
- > Senior Companion Program - Providing friendship and compassionate care to the homebound elderly.
- > Spiritual Care Program - Offering spiritual care for hospital patients, nursing home residents, inmates, and troubled youth.
- > Center for New Americans - Assisting refugee individuals and families in beginning new lives in America and serving as a resource and cultural center.

Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- * Rite of Confirmation Pictures
- * Summer Worship Schedules
- * Vacation Bible School
- * Youth and Family Summer Events



PASTOR'S MESSAGE Continued

And here is a story of one such refugee's experience:

"The Lord spoke to Moses saying....'When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the aliens as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.' " Leviticus 19: 1; 33-34

Refugee Success Story: Hem Sharma's Journey to Chase Bank

Hem Sharma arrived in Syracuse from Nepal on June 22, 2010. Eager to use his extensive professional skills and training to benefit his new community, he began job preparation sessions in early July. His English and professional demeanor were both remarkable, and reflected his education and work history in the financial area. From the beginning, Hem articulated a strong desire to work, especially in his chosen field of finance. Through the month of August, Hem and his wife, Nirmala participated in job prep sessions; kept all appointments and arrived on time and prepared. Hem asked many questions about the interview process to ensure that he would make a good impression and succeed in his job search. The Center for New Americans staff assisted in the completion of his resume and began sending out applications to various banks and credit unions in the area. Hem also researched jobs on his own in the newspaper. During his job search, Hem also served as a clerical case work volunteer at InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans during August and September, typing notes and providing other support services. In December, Hem interviewed several times at Chase Bank. After several call backs, and much background checking, he was offered a position at Chase Bank at James and Lodi. He is now off to a successful career as a Personal Banker, and is the proud father of a beautiful American born baby girl.

You can find out more about InterFaith Works by visiting their website – including a photo gallery - www.interfaithworkscny.org

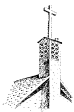
*Indwelling God, our gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face."
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In Christ –

Pastor Janet

Planning ahead for Fall: September 11 marks the 10th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on American soil that left thousands dead and injured, and that began the age of a new kind of terrorism in which we have been living ever since. There are ways we can think globally and act locally to be part of the solution in finding ways to co-exist in peace and mutual respect. One of those local opportunities is the "Acts of Kindness" Event – the "A-OK Weekend" – that has been occurring in and around Syracuse on the weekend closest to September 11 for a number of years now. Watch our Sunday bulletins and St. Michael's website for more information as it becomes available to see how you can be part of this year's activities during "A-OK Weekend". You can also check out the website of one of it's primary sponsors to see photos of last year's event and news of this year's as it unfolds at "Women Transcending Boundaries" website <http://www.wtb.org/>

Pastor Janet



Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Diana Luscombe, *Diaconal Minister*, 468-0953
stmhc_dianadm@twcny.rr.com

High School Youth News

Study Break: Dinner and a Movie

On Friday, June 3, the high school group set out to Cam's Pizzeria for dinner and then to the Carousel Mall to watch the third Pirates of the Caribbean movie. This was a great opportunity to sit back and relax in the midst of final exams and preparing for Regents exams. Thank you to Elizabeth Constantine for coming along as a chaperone.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Sunday June 12

On Sunday, June 12, Jake Jaworski, Megan Pierpoint, David Smith and Brad Till affirmed their faith and assumed for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf in their baptisms. With the laying on of hands and the presence of the spirit (represented by red candles) these four were sent out to, "let their light shine before others so that all may see their good works and glorify God in heaven." Let's all continue to encourage and empower these young people to share their faith with the world.

Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp

June 26 – July 1

This year St. Michael's will be sending six of our confirmation ministry students to Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp (MVLCC). We are also sending one of our graduating seniors to be a part of the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Team, the ministry opportunities for high schoolers at confirmation camp that focuses on helping youth develop skills for leadership.

This year we will be studying some of Jesus' parables from the book of Matthew. Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers throughout this week: Ryan Healy, Eric Isgar, Daniel and Peter Jeske, Leah Knapp, Colin Riley, Sandra Simmons, Caren Paventi, Pastor Janet and Diana Luscombe.

Family Ministry

Sunday Evening Celebrations

Our Sunday evening worship services are taking a summer break and will begin again in October. If you have thoughts or ideas pertaining to the planning of this worship experience please contact

Pastor Janet
(RevJFP@twcny.rr.com) or
Elizabeth Constantine
(evcmusic@gmail.com).

Summer Events

Chiefs Game

Mark your calendars for a night of family fun as St. Michael's cheers on the hometown team! Jeff Till is spearheading a trip to a Chiefs baseball game on Saturday, July 16. There is now a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and if enough people sign up there could be a group discount on the tickets. If you have any questions please contact Jeff at 487-4140.

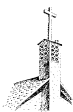
Pool Party: Aug 7

Jan and Bill Kunkle will be hosting the third annual youth group pool party at their home on Sunday afternoon, August 7 for youth going into grades 7 - 12.

We want to know what our youth and families are involved in *outside* of the church, so we might 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.

Also, share any accomplishment with your church family so we can all celebrate with you!



Director of Youth and Family Ministries continued



Please keep your donations coming! In order to help support the 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. telling 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 encourages youth and adults to participate in youth and family ministries- oriented events. You can also directly contribute bottle return money from other venues - or financial support from any source - to our Jenna Youth Ministry Fund through the offering plate or Church Office, checks made out to "St. Michael's Jenna Fund". This fund is being used more and more by our youth and their families to defray the costs of going to church camps during these difficult financial times. Thank you for your support of these ministries!



Are your children looking for a fun and faith-filled way to spend their summer? Check out Vanderkamp's summer camping programs at www.vk.org. There are brochures located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. **Be sure to ask about discounts for attending a second week!**

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

Mark Your Calendar

July 17 - Chiefs Baseball Game
7 PM

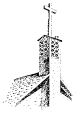
Aug. 7-Youth Pool Party at the
Kunkles -7th - 12th
Graders
Afternoon gathering

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 Middle School
Retreat at
Vanderkamp

Oct. 9-10 -High School Retreat at
Vanderkamp

Some people give time,
some money,
some their skills and
connections,
some literally give
their life's blood...
but everyone has
something to give.

~ Barbara Bush



Traveling Parishioners Prayer Requests

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church-
Beachwood, NJ

Peace Lutheran Church-
New London, MN

St. Luke's Lutheran Church-
Sidney, NY

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:

- Ken Barry
- Peg Hermann
- Bob Keane
- Diana Luscombe
- Beverly Mandigo
- Anita Pichaske
- Phyllis Prigge
- Cliff Rode
- Alice Schoenhals
- Herman Schultz
- Mary Smith
- Ann Spencer

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

Heather Williams graduated with Cum Laude honors from the University of Maryland School of Law. She was a member of The Maryland Law Review during her second and third years; during her third year she was the Executive Articles Editor. Heather was one of the recipients of The Joseph Bernstein Prizes, "awarded annually to graduating students, who adjudged by the faculty advisor, submitted the most significant piece of legal writing for publication in each of the University of Maryland School of Law student publications". She was also one of the recipients of The William P. Cunningham Awards, "presented annually to graduating students selected by the faculty for exceptional achievements and service to the School of Law". Heather worked for two years for the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts in Washington DC. In August she will begin a clerkship in Baltimore with the Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge for U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

If you own a home or a car, you'll eventually need to make an emergency repair. Avoid running up costly credit card debt by creating an emergency fund.

Most financial professionals recommend you set aside approximately 10% of your pay before spending it on anything else, but you need to decide what amount is right for you. Saving—even if only a few dollars a month—is important.

Saving takes discipline and is about making intentional choices to not spend today

so you can take care of yourself and family tomorrow. Plus, when an emergency occurs, you'll be prepared.

For help creating a budget that includes saving, contact:

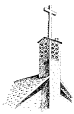
To learn more, contact Kyle Mumpton, CFP, Richard Hummel, or Richard Roth at 315-451-0252 today, or visit Thrivent.com.

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Happy 4th of July

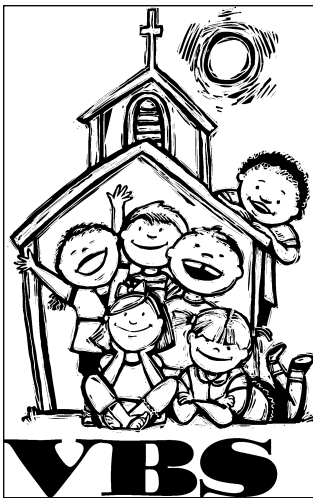


Sunday School

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

Sept. 11, 2011 will be the first day of Sunday School, beginning at 9:15 a.m. We will also be having the "Blessing of the 3 B's" at both services. Please bring your school back packs, Bibles and business gear (tools, briefcases , laptops etc.) to be blessed as signs of God's presence with us in our daily lives.

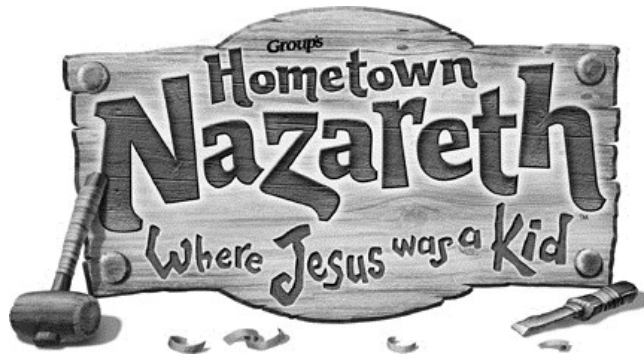
Join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on August 1-5. Don't miss out on a great week!



Vacation Bible School

You are Invited to
Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.)

Mark your calendars for
August 1- 5
For kids ages 3 - 5th grade



Learn how Jesus got his name, how Jesus goes to temple, what Jesus' home was like, and we might even get to talk to Mary, Jesus' mother. Jesus had childhood adventures just like we do. We will visit with Him in Nazareth for a great week.

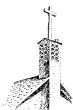
Pre-registration forms are available on the Narthex table. Please sign up early and help the VBS team make plans.

Cinema/Sandwich

Bring your lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

Then we view our movie in the Library after lunch. Join us on July 11 and August 8

Mon., July 11:
"The Princess Bride"



Property Committee Report

Bill Kunkle, 468-2400

The main issue facing the committee at this time is the air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Over the winter, a large accumulation of ice on the roof and eaves fell onto the three A/C condensers and crushed the casings, fans, and some internal devices. These units are not stocked locally and our heating contractor is getting prices and delivery dates from the factory.

Church Mutual, our insurance carrier, has been on site and has given verbal permission to proceed with replacement.

In the meantime, we will be using fans in the Narthex to bring in the cooler morning air. The air conditioning unit that services the Narthex and the Choir Loft has been reprogrammed to run colder during the week days in an effort to prevent the building from getting so warm.

Also, steps will have to be taken to protect the new units when they are installed. Budget quotes have been received for the installa-

tion of sheets of ice slide, a product that prevents the accumulation of ice on the eaves (\$2500), and a protective enclosure (\$1200).

Insurance will cover the cost of purchasing and installation of the new units after the \$1000 deductible.

LCM

Ling Allen-672-5213

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Thank you for your continued support of Campus Ministries at Syracuse University. Watch the September *Trumpet* for plans for upcoming campus events.

Treasurer's Report

John Woodman-828-699-8096

Through the end of May, I'm happy to report that our regular envelope collections are slightly ahead of budget projections and that overall income is higher than expenses by some \$2,500.00. However, we're coming into the summer season when historically attendance and contributions both drop. So we are asking everyone, as you are able, to meet, or exceed, your pledged contributions.

The staff, Congregation Council, and Finance Committee are all working hard to get the best results from your contributions in St. Michael's ministries.

**All Church Picnic
July 31
at Marcellus Park
Creek Hollow Pavilion**



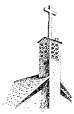
Please bring:

**A salad or dessert to pass,
lawn chairs and sports equipment.**

The church will provide:

meat, drinks, and paper products

A free will offering will be received to help with the cost of the meat and beverages. Please sign up today or e-mail Patti Garrison: pattig30@gmail.com



Altar Guild

Ruth McConnelee -
488-3078

We will not meet until September. Mark your calendars for Sept. 12 when we will meet at Joanne Oram's home.

Thank you for your continued help as you serve St. Michael's each week.

Have a blessed and restful summer!



Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

Our next meeting will be Sept. 13.

During June, the church kitchen was cleaned, and we urge you to put things back where you found them.

We would like to thank Joanne Blake for opening her home for our annual picnic.

We would also like to thank Nell Hartmann for her generous donation to our guild.

We welcome new member Lois Fehlau to our group.

Have a good summer!

Mary Circle

Emily Zieres - 422-7873

The members of Mary Circle will have its first meeting after the summer on Wed., Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m. (Please note- this is the 2nd Wednesday in September.) Our hostess will be Emily Zieres. We will be writing fall greetings to our special needs members. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you join us!

Lutheran Homes

Janice Allen - 834-9914

July and August and coming fast and time for our summer Bingo days with the residents at the Lutheran Homes at Clinton. The dates for this year are JULY 13 and AUGUST 10 (the 2nd Wednesday of each month).

We are looking for drivers and volunteers to help out at Bingo and, of course, to provide cookies for the residents. We leave St. Michael's at 10:30 a.m, have lunch with the residents and then off to the games.

Please call Janice Allen - 834-9914 - or sign up in the Narthex if you are willing and able to help.

Women's Bible Study Group

Women's Bible Study Group:

This fall, another Mini Bible Study Retreat will be held using this summer's *Lutheran Women Today* magazines series, "Renew, Respond, Rejoice!" (This is also the theme of this year's WELCA Triennial Gathering). This study will invite us into the dynamic web of life that is anchored by this theme of "renew, respond, and rejoice". Who are you and how are you called to service in a world so full of surprises? There is so much to do. How can we stay spiritually healthy in the face of overwhelming need?

Please see the September issue of the *Trumpet* for more information and an exact date.

Choirs Update

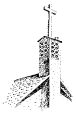
Elizabeth Constantine
Children's and Youth Choirs
Director

Thanks so much to the Children's and Youth Choirs and their families for all their hard work this last year. Though we may be small in numbers we were mighty in worship and praise. Anyone interested in joining us next year can talk to any of the choir members or Elizabeth Constantine. See you all again in September!

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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

Thank you for your faithful service throughout the year. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in July for rehearsal before worship at 9:30 a.m.



Confirmation Class of 2011



Left to right: Diana Luscombe, Diaconal Deacon, Director of Youth and Family Ministries; David Smith, Bradley Till, Megan Pierpoint, Jacob Jaworski, Deacon Caren Paventi and Pastor Janet



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 !

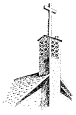
Joanne Blake
469-1417
St. Michael's Liaison
to St. Paul's Food Pantry

Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your continued support the Food Pantry. Please continue to save both paper and plastic bags . Please place them in the plastic tub in the Chapel entrance way. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on July 21, at 9:30 a.m. to put

the bags together for the Food Pantry. We appreciate all the help that you continue to give to this important ministry outreach program.



Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,
Health and Wellness Ministries
468-5902



July is National UV (ultraviolet) Safety Month. We

need to protect our skin from the sun today to help prevent skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common kind of cancer in the U.S. and is curable when found and treated early.

The most common kinds of skin cancer are basal cell cancer and squamous cell cancer - they are non-melanoma skin cancers.

Melanoma is the most dangerous kind of skin cancer as it can involve internal organs as well as skin. Staying out of the sun and using sunscreen can help prevent skin cancer, wrinkles, and blotchy skin.

UV radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. Tanning booths and sunlamps also emit UV radiation. Anyone can get skin cancer but some people are at higher risk including: light-colored skin with freckles; blond or red hair; blue or green eyes; unusual or multiple moles.

Important to take simple steps to prevent skin cancer:

1. Try to stay out of the sun during 10AM and 4PM when the sun's rays are the strongest.

2. Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. New FDA regulations require protection for both UV B rays and UV A rays. Look for a product labeled as "broad spectrum" which will protect against both UV rays.

3. Cover up with long sleeves, a hat, and wrap-around sunglasses.

4. Check skin once a month for any changes in skin, birthmarks, growths, and sores that take long time to heal. Notify health care providers of any changes/concerns.

5. Share these sun health tips with family members and friends.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunizations are not just for infants and children. We all need immunizations to protect us from serious illnesses/diseases which can be prevented. The following are guidelines from the

Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

1. People ages 6month to 106 should have a seasonal flu shot every year.

2. Children under the age of 6 years need MMR (measles/mumps/rubella), chicken pox, polio and hepatitis.

3. All 11-12 year olds need tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough (TDaP) and meningococcal meningitis shots.

4. HPV vaccines are recommended for girls at ages 11-12. HPV (human papillomavirus) is the most common sexually transmitted disease. It can cause cervical cancer in women and genital warts and anal cancer in men and women. This vaccine works best when it's given before a person is sexually active. Boys may also receive this vaccine also.

5. Young adults ages 19-26 should receive flu shots, measles/mumps/rubella.

6. Adults over the age of 19 need to receive one time TDaP then booster tetanus/diphtheria every ten years. Hepatitis A&B, varicella, pneumonia vaccine depending on risk

factors.

7. For people over age 60, it is recommended to have Zoster vaccine to prevent shingles, as well as a pneumonia shot.

Talk with your health care provider regarding which immunizations you and your family need.

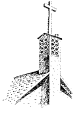
Have a safe and joyful summer.



**Monday
August 15
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

It happened again – it's Wednesday and God struck with another miracle.

This morning there were still four openings for a professional development workshop my science fair will sponsor with NASA up in Watertown next week, so to fill the slots I started making local calls, because heaven forbid a single slot be wasted. Seems that yesterday wonderful educators from the MOST were at the Nation School planning their fall sessions. Key issue – getting the NASA Digital Learning Network training for the teachers BEFORE the fall program kicked off.

I expected to kick off local outreach Tuesday, but all day other stuff kept delaying me. So, today is when God has me working down my list of local contacts. The MOST leapt out at me. The result? As I sit here typing up this Trumpet article, a MOST educator is passing along all the workshop info to her Nation School partners.

Thank you, Lord, for Your working in the minutia of our lives.



Fourth of July ... the whole month version

The Veterans Administration's Homeless Veterans Program faces a frightening increase in the numbers of veterans for whom they

must provide shelter and supplies. The Red Cross Military Assistance folks are doing all they can, of course, but the need is overwhelming the agencies. So, St. Michael's, WE CAN HELP! The month of July is hereby declared "We Care for Our Veterans Month." Here's what will be collected in the Narthex Basket this month... Towels, towels, towels; twin and full sheets; twin and full blankets; NEW pillows (health codes do not permit accepting any used pillows). In case you didn't pick up on the hint, their towel supplies are miserably low; they can't keep up with the demand. So ... I'm off to the Salvation Army to check out their inventory. Meet you there?

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.



Cradle Beach

www.cradlebeach.org/

The wonderful ministry at Cradle Beach outside of Buffalo started in 1888 and continues today ... with three decades of help from several of our congregation's members, a group of American volunteers, and lots of

other good people. This camp serves the needs of disabled and disadvantaged children from Western New York, providing a healthy environment and organized activities to promote socialization, self-worth, and decision-making in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. The cost is a sliding fee scale based on proof of income, and the experience is truly powerful.

Syracuse Habitat for Humanity

<http://syracusehabitat.org>
422-2230



On Thursday, August 4, the annual Syracuse Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing begins at Pompey Club. It's a 12:30 p.m. Shot Gun Start, so plan to be on time! To join in the fun, it's a \$400 donation for a foursome, or \$125 for a single golfer. Your gift includes a round of golf at the Pompey Club, a cart, boxed lunch, golf gifts, and custom made-to-order steak dinner! For info or to register call Kristin at 422-2230 or email event@syracusehabitat.org.



Ride for the Rescue

www.ridefortherescue.org
701-3891

On Saturday, July 16 in the Syracuse Inner Harbor, FIVE separate rides will be held to

earn money for the homeless and hurting people served by the Rescue Mission. From a short Family Fun Ride to the 62-mile endurance one, or even the great option of being a "virtual rider," individuals or teams will be able to celebrate their ability to serve those in need. When you get back to the Inner Harbor, prepare for great food, entertainment and other family fun. This one's a win:win!

Baltimore Woods

www.baltimorewoods.org

673-1350 Baltimore Woods is looking for volunteers to join our land management crew – and these Woods are one of our blessings here in the Western Suburbs. If you can do moderately strenuous work, such as shoveling snow or pushing a lawnmower and can commit to volunteering one day per week, then you are qualified to join The Crew. They meet weekly on Wednesday mornings and takes on a variety of management/maintenance tasks, everything from changing a light bulb to maintaining the Center's six miles of hiking trails. You can count on a free cup of hot coffee and the companionship of others who share a commitment to helping people realize there is no place like here and no time like now to enjoy, understand, and protect the natural world.

Those tucked-into-the-day miracles God sends never cease to amaze me. I hope that you will find at least one of the mailbox treasures here something the Lord sends to YOU today.

Blessed be the Lord!



Women of the ELCA



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

Women of the ELCA

It is hard to think of fall with summer just beginning, but here are important dates to put on your calendar for September and October.

Friday, Sept. 9- Sunday, Sept. 11: Annual Convention of the Upstate NY Synod of the Women of the ELCA This convention with the theme: "Saying yes to God! God Women and Prayer!" will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua. A wonderful weekend is being planned for us with interesting speakers, informative workshops and fun activities for our free time. The registration fee is \$50 and due by Wed., July 20. The room rates are \$175 for either a single or double room, meals included. The cost to attend Saturday only is \$60. Consider a late summer get away weekend in a beautiful location on Lake Canandaigua while enriching your faith with other Lutheran women from across upstate NY. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible. The forms are on the WELCA table in the Fellowship Hall or contact Ling Allen (672-5213).

Thursday, Sept. 22: WELCA Executive Board Meeting- 7:00 p.m. it is requested that all Board members, Chairpersons of the Circles, and Guilds and all WELCA Committee Chairpersons attend this meeting.

Saturday, Sept. 24: WELCA Central Crossroads Conference Fall Assembly- The Fall Assembly will be held in Fulton and hosted by the women of Grace Lutheran, Oswego. Exact location in Fulton and the day's program will be available in August. Save the date!

Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.: WELCA Quarterly Dinner Meeting - The Altar Guild will be our Hostess for our program. Pastor Janet will speak about her experience visiting the beautiful Church of the Transfiguration while on Cape Cod this past spring.

We ask our Lord to grant Karen Settembre safe travel to and from the WELCA Triennial Convention in Spokane, WA, July 12-16. Karen is a delegate representing us all well as the Upstate NY WELCA Synod group.

Remember our two Ingathering projects this summer: **Health /Hygiene Kits for the people of Zimbabwe and Zambia and the Little Dresses for Africa.** Shirley Till reports that dark colored, heavy weight hand towels are needed to complete more health/hygiene kits. Please place them in the box so marked under the WELCA table in the Fellowship Hall. If you sew, directions for making the Little Dresses for Africa can be found on the table in the Fellowship Hall where the dresses are displayed. If you are not a sewer, there are also directions for making the little dolls that will be sent with the dresses or you if you wish. A monetary donation can be made toward with project. The monies will be used to buy needed items or cover shipping costs. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA" and give it to Ling Allen, Emily Zieres, or through the Church Office. Please remember to mark "Ingathering Project" or "Health Kits" or "Little Dresses for Africa" on the check memo line.

Upcoming Events:

July 12-16- Triennial Gathering /Convention, Spokane, WA

July 21, WELCA sorting bags, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 9-11- Upstate NY Synod WELCA Convention, Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua

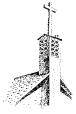
Sept. 13- Service Guild Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 14- Mary Circle Mtg. 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 22- WELCA Executive Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 24 - WELCA Central Crossroads Conference Fall Assembly, Fulton

Oct, 13- WELCA Quarterly Dinner Mtg. 6:30 p.m., Pastor Janet presentation (see article for details)



Update from Our Seminarian

Greetings from Red Hill, PA

So it has been a few months since the last time I wrote, which has certainly not been intentional, but internship has been keeping me very busy these last several months. My internship experience here in Red Hill has been wonderful and I feel that I have grown in so many ways as a result of the opportunities that I have been given since I started here.

One of the big draws of coming to Red Hill was the presence of their weekly child care ministry in which I am involved every day. Each afternoon I spend the hours of 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. with the school age program, grades 1st through 6th. Before I came to Red Hill I had virtually no experience working with children and I admit the thought of working with kids was a bit anxiety-producing because of my lack of experience. After being in Red Hill I can no longer say that. I have grown very comfortable working with the children, playing games, leading activities and teaching weekly Bible lessons. I have developed great relationships with most of the kids, which will certainly make it difficult to leave this August, but I am so grateful for this year and my work with them.

I have also grown a lot in the area of preaching. I have enjoyed preaching ever since my first class in it at seminary and have taken extra classes so that I could become an even better preacher. St. Paul's has allowed me the opportunity to preach regularly each month, with my supervisor and me splitting the preaching responsibilities evenly. That means that I am preaching every other Sunday or two to three times a month. This has helped me to shrink the preparation time that it requires for me to craft a sermon as well as helping me to work on my presentation style. My internship support committee has been very helpful in providing constructive feedback to help me in this area.

Katie is also doing well here, and since I last wrote you she has completed her spring semester classes and started her summer course earlier this week. She is still enjoying her studies a lot, although she and I are both beginning to get a little tired of being students and are looking forward to both of our graduations next spring. Our time here in Red Hill is quickly coming to an end, unfortunately, and come August we will be moving back to the seminary campus and I will resume my studies there for my last year in the fall.

I wanted to once again thank you all for your support over the past few years that Katie and I have been on this journey. We are both incredibly blessed to be a part of the community at St. Michael's and we are so thankful for the wonderful friendships that we have with you all. We eagerly await the next time that we will be able to worship with you all (hopefully this fall), and we hope that everything is going well with you all.

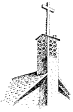
Blessings and Peace to each of you.

Your Seminarian,

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St. Michael's Mission Statement

*We believe God calls
St. Michael's Lutheran
Church to be
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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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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
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Emily Zieres: (422-7873) Liturgical Assistant, Adult Christian Education

Congregation Council

President: Christine Jones (468-5902)
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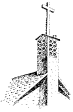
Congregational Officers

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

*Note: Council Liaison indicates elected Council Member who serves as liaison with, but not Chairperson of, a committee.

Seminarian

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Memorials

Given For:	Given by:
Rev. Walter Kopp April 13, 2011	Sue Schiller Christine Jones Family of Rev. Walter Kopp

Thank You

To My Church Family:
A big "Thank you" for the "Get Well" cards, phone calls, flowers, and concern extended to me these past few months. They certainly made for cheerier days, especially during the winter we had.

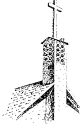
Sincerely –
Lillian Fechner

New Address

Laura & Dan King
134 Feldspar Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219



- INGATHERING**
2011-Special Project
Hygiene Kit
- ★ One hand towel, medium to dark color (16"X 28")
 - ★ One washcloth, dark color
 - ★ One bath-size bar soap– in wrapping
 - ★ One adult-size toothbrush-in wrapping
NO toothpaste
 - ★ One comb, wide tooth
 - ★ One nail clipper –No metal files or emery boards
 - ★ Six band-aids prefer- 1/2"x 3/4";
Please do not add other items.
All items should be new.
 - ★ Please leave your supplies in the storage bin so marked in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!
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All Church Picnic

July 31, Marcellus Park ~ Noon

