

# St. Michael's Trumpet



CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ"*

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."*

*Philippians 1:2-6 New Revised Standard Version*

Dear Friends –

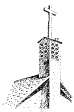
This is one of my favorite Bible passages because it speaks so beautifully about the life we share as Christ's beloved community, the Church. These words went through my mind again and again during my time away these past weeks, while on retreat on Cape Cod, or while walking around New York City when I was visiting a dear friend, or while traveling the highways and byways of New York and New England. And these words became part of my prayer when I went into the chapel of a church I visited on the Cape. As I walked through the door, the first icon that met my eye was St. Michael the Archangel – seemed like a not-so-subtle hint that it was time to pray for God's people at St. Michael's, Camillus. I have felt supported by your prayers as I remembered the kindness and compassion of St. Michael's congregation and lay leadership, the support of my fellow staff members, and the cooperation of my clergy colleagues that made it possible for me to take these six weeks away from my life as a parish pastor to get my personal life on the path of healing.

So the heart of my message to you this month is a heartfelt "Thank you, thank you, thank you" for the gifts of time away and personal space that have served to spiritually and physically work in me God's healing and wholeness. God's hand was truly at work guiding me, through the people I've encountered and the experiences I have had these past weeks, and for all those blessings I am truly thankful.

And what a joy it was to return to you on Easter Sunday, our highest Holy Day, the Day of Resurrection when we proclaimed together: "Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! ...God gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead. God has called us from our darkness into the light of God's day ...Alleluia!"

### Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- \* Library Update
- \* Property Committee
- \* Youth Events
- \* Sunday School Schedule



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE Continued

As I move into the future, in the days and months ahead I'll be sharing with you some of the experiences I had with spiritual direction, and what that can do for all of us to open up different ways of reading the Bible that work to make it more personally meaningful. I'll be inviting you to join with me in various ways of praying through being "in conversation with Scripture". And I'll be telling stories from "on the road", especially those about the different churches I visited and faith communities with whom I worshipped, and what insights into both the local and larger view of our shared life of faith I received from those sojourns along my "pilgrimage". (Plus, today's special, since Lent is over and we're in the season of Easter sweets: an extra added bonus bit of info. - the name of a wonderful chocolate shop in Orleans, Mass., where you can get unusual treats like chocolate toffee covered pistachio nuts ! Look for the little shop "The Chocolate Sparrow", at the main intersection in Orleans, in the small building just behind the CVS parking lot).

I end this message with a prayer we prayed in the "Navigating Life's Transitions" workshop in which I participated, a prayer that I think beautifully speaks the silent thoughts of many hearts of those going through our lives' transitions:

*Guide of Weary Travelers,  
take my hand as I wander  
through the unnamed wilderness  
in search of my true Home.*

*Companion of Those Who Journey,  
assure me of your presence  
while I search aimlessly  
in the foggy land of "don't know."*

*Source of wisdom and Guidance,  
be the Star that leads me,  
shine the truth onto my path  
and bless me with direction.*

*Wings of Shelter,  
embrace me with your comfort  
when the road is lonely  
and life feels desolate.*



## Pastor's Message Continued

*Wellspring of Hope,  
be my source of courage,  
my fountain of faith  
when I teeter toward despair.*

*Wind of Spiritual Liberation,  
enter and unleash any shackles  
that bind and restrict me  
on the path of true freedom.*

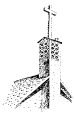
*Heart of Compassion,  
taste my tears,  
heal my wounds,  
rest my pain in your love.*

*Bounteous Power,  
dance in my bones,  
sing in my spirit,  
energize me toward action.*

*Endless Joy,  
infuse my wilting spirit  
with radiant vitality  
and the sweet savoring of life.*

*"A Prayer in Times of Transition"*  
from *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems,  
and Reflections for Every Season*  
by Joyce Rupp

In Christ,



## Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Diana Luscombe, Diaconal Minister, 468-0953  
stmhc\_dianadm@twcny.rr.com

### High School Youth News

#### Property Exploration

The high school youth group will be meeting on **Sunday, May 22** from **12-2 PM** for lunch (please bring your own drink) and then to spend time exploring the property owned by St. Michael's that surrounds the church. The group will check out the trails, help clean them up and brainstorm ideas for ways to utilize the space. Wear your hiking boots!

#### Actors and Actresses

Many thanks go to all the youth who participated in bringing our Lenten message to the congregation through the **Christ on Trial** sermon series during worship. You really helped bring the characters to life in sharing some of the inspirational stories of Jesus' ministry!

#### Lenten Soup Suppers

### Confirmation Corner

*Thank you to all those confirmants and their families who helped serve our soup suppers and led the evening worship services during Lent.*

#### Easter Breakfast

This year's Easter Breakfast, hosted by the confirmation group, **fed over 90 people and after expenses raised \$343 to help support our Jenna Youth Ministry Fund and Vanderkamp Center.** Thank you to all those who

came out to celebrate Easter and support our youth. Many thanks also go to Caren and Sam Paventi and the confirmants for the food and hard work!

#### 8th Grade Retreat ~ May 14

On May 14 the four 8<sup>th</sup> Graders preparing for confirmation will head to Vanderkamp for a daylong retreat. The retreat will focus on what it means to Confess Our Faith, Confirm Our Convictions and Claim Our Call as baptized Christians. A dinner for the youth and their parents will be held at St. Michael's beginning at 6 PM.

#### Worship Site Visits

On Sunday, April 10 the confirmation group did a worship site visit to the Vineyard Church in Syracuse. We spent time in worship with their middle school-aged young people, in fellowship with their community and touring their facility. This was an interesting site visit for the group where we experienced what it's like to get a little caught up in the "comfortable" feel that congregation advertises on their billboards and in their mailings. This visit has generated several follow-up conversations regarding what we as Lutherans believe about the saving power of God's grace through Jesus Christ and how our members, church building and worship services portray those beliefs.

On Friday, May 27 the group will visit the Temple Concord in Syracuse. Here we will explore the history and faith we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters and where our faith stories diverge from one

another. We will meet St. Michael's at 5 PM to carpool to the Temple.

#### Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp

June 26 – July 1

**Registration forms and the \$50 deposit are due May 1.** All youth participating in the confirmation ministry program at St. Michael's are asked to attend confirmation camp at least one summer during their two-year program. This year's theme is *The Parables*. **In 2011 all youth who attend from St. Michael's will receive a \$100 scholarship from the Jenna Youth Ministry Fund to help defray the cost.** If you have any questions please contact Caren Paventi, [carenmp@live.com](mailto:carenmp@live.com), or phone 484-6257

### Family Ministry

#### Movie:

#### Jesus Christ Superstar

A handful of young people gathered on April 17 for lunch and the movie, Jesus Christ Superstar. This proved to be a genre of movie that our young people were unfamiliar with, which sparked some great discussion. This artistic expression of the Passion of our Lord was an intriguing way to begin Holy Week.

#### Sunday Evening Celebrations

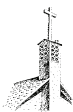
**May 1** will be our next Sunday evening worship service held in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joe McGarry of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville will be our guest preacher. There will be

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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

a potluck dinner at 6 PM hosted by our confirmation families; **all are welcome.** Worship will follow dinner at 7 PM. "Make-your-own ice cream sundaes" will follow 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](mailto:RevJFP@twcny.rr.com)) or Elizabeth Constantine ([evcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:evcmusic@gmail.com)).

### Youth and Family Ministries Team

We had a great team meeting on April 7 in which we brainstormed ideas for ministry for the rest of the school year and into the summer months. The team is looking to provide opportunities for fellowship and service in the summer. We will meet again on Thursday, May 19 at 7 PM in the Youth Room (the blue room next to the Adult Library) to finalize plans for the summer. If you have ideas to share, or would like to be a part of this team, please let Diana know.



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 and 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. Thank you for your support of these ministries!



As a **Christian Retreat Center & Summer Camp** Vanderkamp is a cooperative ministry of Presbyterian and Lutheran churches that helps congregations fulfill their purposes of evangelism, service, and faith formation. Immersed in the beauty and serenity of God's natural world, we offer facilities and support for retreats, meetings, and gatherings, and provide camp programs for youth.

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](http://www.vk.org). There are brochures located in St. Michael's Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

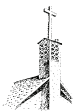
*(The Jenna Youth Ministry Fund is available to help defray costs of participation in youth events and trainings if needed. Please talk to Diana)*

### Mark your calendar

- May 1 Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM  
Potluck Dinner 6 PM  
Sunday Evening Celebrations 7 PM
- May 14- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Vanderkamp 9 AM - 5 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Dinner 6 PM; Fellowship Hall
- May 15- Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM
- May 22- High School Youth Meeting 12-2 PM
- May 26- Youth and Family Ministries Team Meeting 7 PM
- May 27- Confirmation Group Visit to Temple Concord 5 PM
- June 5- Confirmation Ministry 4 - 6 PM  
Potluck Dinner 6 PM  
Sunday Evening Celebrations 7 PM
- June 12- The Rite of Confirmation
- June 19 - Celebration of First Holy Communion
- June 26 - July 1 Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp

*I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.*

*~ Mother Teresa*



## Traveling Parishioners

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

*Trinity Episcopal Church-Fayetteville, NY*

*The Community of Jesus Church of the Transfiguration, Orleans, MA*

*St. Mary of Magdala Church-Harwich Port, MA*

*St. John's Lutheran Church-Stanford, CT*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral - Syracuse, NY*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Fayetteville, NY*

*St. Timothy Lutheran Church-Genesee, NY*

*Christ Lutheran Church-Hilton Head Island, SC*



**CALLING WOMEN TO PRAYER  
on Sat., May 9, 2011  
9:00 A.M.  
In the Church Library**

**Our theme for this month is  
"Praying in Color"**

**You are invited to join us!**

## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

## Community News

### CHERISH OUR CHILDREN

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans? You can help support Cherish Our Children's work for child abuse prevention with your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible benefit members are given a certain number of Thrivent Choice Dollars, based on qualifying insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members may direct Choice Dollars to Cherish Our Children. HOW?

Visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-Thrivent (800-847-4836) and say, "Thrivent Choice."

First English Lutheran Church  
501 James St., Syracuse  
Presents an afternoon concert with  
**Pianist Bob Milne**  
**Sunday, May 22**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
This will benefit the Empire State Theatre & Musical Instrument Museum on the State Fairgrounds.

Tickets:  
\$10 advance, \$12 at the door; Children & students \$5  
For tickets call: 458-4755

### CHICKEN 'N GRAVY WITH BISCUIT DINNER

**Tues., May 3, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

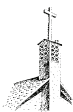
**First English Lutheran Church**  
501 James St., Corner of James & North Townsend Streets

Please support us to raise funds for our Summer Program for Northside Kids

Adults: \$7.50; Children 6-12: \$3.50; Children 5 and Under: Free  
Families with Children: \$20 Max

### CAMILLUS ROTARY CLUB

The Camillus Rotary Club is looking for host families in the WGHS school district to host a 17-year-old female high school student from Japan. Each family would host the student for 3-4 months during the 2011-12 school year. This is an exciting opportunity for the Camillus community. For over 75 years, Rotary clubs in more than 80 countries have participated in the program, sponsoring 80,000 students each year. Please contact Cheryl Hevier at [chevier@gmail.com](mailto:chevier@gmail.com) or 243-7221, or Tony Adorante at 487-0210.



## Sunday School

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

It's been a long winter and the children are enjoying the better weather. We still have lots of Sunday School and activities planned. On June 12, we have Confirmation Sunday and June 19 is First Holy Communion. Also, June 19 is the last day of Sunday School.

### THINK SUMMER!

Vacation Bible School will be Aug. 1-5, Mon.-Fri.. The theme this year is **"Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus Was a Kid"**. We will learn how Jesus got his name, how Jesus goes to temple, what Jesus' home was like and we might 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 this August! See you there!

## Library Corner

Carol Argus - 469-4995  
Library Chairperson

Thank you so much for supporting our Spring Book Fair! Our Book Fair not only adds to the support of our church libraries, but provides families with the means to grow and share in our Christian faith.

We also want to express our appreciation to Sue Schiller for donating Children of God by Tu-Tu, and Mary Eileen Wood for donating Gifted Hands: Ben Carson to our libraries. Both of these new books will be available from the Children's Library.

Our libraries continue to grow with everyone's generosity! Through the sale of new books as well as books we carried over from our last Fair we were able to add a little over \$300.00 to our Library Fund.

The libraries are always open during regular church hours. Help yourself! Just sign the book card in the back cover and leave card on one of the desks. Thank you!

## Learning at the Crossroads

Learning at the Crossroads  
Saturday, May 21  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**\$20.**  
includes continental  
breakfast and lunch

Luther Memorial Church  
No. Syracuse

**"Augsburg-the Confession  
for Lutherans"**  
led by pastor Gail Wolling

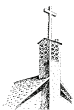
The Augsburg Confession is the beginner's guide to how Lutherans organize biblical stories into statements of faith. Who is God? Why Jesus? What makes the Church the church? Take another step in wrestling with your faith by reading and discussing this historic document.

Pre-registration is required.

(Satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on Lutheran Identity)

## Cinema/Sandwich

Bring your lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall at noon.
Then we view the movie in the Library after lunch on Mon., May 9
We will view: The King's Speech



## Property Committee Report

Bill Kunkle, 468-2400

The weather has cleared up early this year and has allowed access to the grounds sooner than normal. Projects and cleanups will be able to get off to a good start.

The Fairmount Fire Dept. has agreed once again to replace the tower flood lights. They have the replacement bulbs and will make the change out during a routine training exercise.

We have received a budget price for repaving the parking lots. Two contractors have responded and a third will visit later this month. Cost of paving the upper lot will be \$23,744. Paving both the upper and lower lots would cost \$34,500. It's possible that in lieu of paving the lower lot a repair/sealer would be applied. I am waiting for a price on this option. In both cases the price includes the painting of stripes and handicapped symbols.

A contract has been signed with DeMarco Landscaping of Elbridge for lawn mowing services this summer. The contract will run for 12 months and include snow removal next season. DeMarco's bid

was nearly \$1000 less than the nearest competitor.

The annual spring clean up will be held Sat., May 14 this year. Start time is 9:00 AM. Coffee and doughnuts/bagels/muffins will be served as usual. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex with jobs listed. There will be spaces at the bottom for jobs that need to be done that haven't been listed. If that's the case feel free to write them in and even sign up to do it. All hands are welcome and NEEDED so make room on your busy schedule for an hour or two for St. Michael's!!

Thanks in advance.  
Bill Kunkle, Property Committee Chairperson

## Thank you!

Thank you to all the greeters, ushers, acolytes, lectors, liturgical assistants, nursery attendants, Little Lambs leaders, counters, and Coffee Hour hosts for all your time and effort during this Lenten season. We would also like to thank those that volunteered for "Christ on Trial:" Kelton Burnside, Elizabeth Constantine, Steve Carlic, Karin Simmons, Aren Burnside, Kaitlin Cash, and Jim Breault. Also for those that took part in our Wednesday evening services: Allison Evans Henry, Elizabeth Constantine, Diana Luscombe, Caren Paventi, Emily Zieres, Angela Silverstein, Joan Rasi, Aren Burnside, Eric Isgar.

*Elizabeth Constantine*

### NEW BUNN COFFEEMAKER

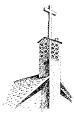
**A new coffee maker was purchased by Service Guild with money donated by the Wenham family in memory of Marie Wenham.**

Thank you to everyone who "stepped up" and went the extra mile during Pastor's leave. You have all been so wonderful and I am so proud of each of you. You have much to be thankful for at St. Michael's and at the top of the list is each other.

Thank you again and again,

*Paula Hansen*

You are invited to Celebrate  
Pastor Emeritus  
Kenneth Heuermann's  
80th Birthday  
Sunday, May 1  
Following 10:30 a.m. Worship  
St. Michael's Fellowship Hall  
We will have cake and ice cream.



## Altar Guild

- Ruth McConnelee -  
488-3078

Altar Guild will meet on Mon., May 2 at the home of Brenda Williams, 4948 Bryn Mawr Dr., Syracuse, 492-6884. If you are interested in the ministry of Altar Guild please speak with me. Also, a big thank you to all who helped make our Altar so beautiful at Easter! It was indeed a great day of celebration.



## Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

We will be meeting on Tues., May 10, at the church. Emily Zieres will be providing refreshments and lead devotions.

**A new coffee maker was purchased by Service Guild with money donated by the Wenham family in memory of Marie Wenham.**

We will be providing sandwiches to the Ten Tons of Love program at First English. They will be made on Tues., May 10 and delivered on May 11.

If you are looking for a project to do, why don't you join us!

## Mary Circle

Emily Zieres - 422-7873

Mary Circle will meet on Wed., May 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Hostesses this month will be Donna Miller and Carol Miller. We will write notes to our special needs members. We would be delighted to have you join us for coffee and cake and Christian fellowship.



May 30

## Sunday Night Worship

**Pot Luck and Worship**  
**Sunday, May 1**

**Fellowship Hall**  
**Guest Pastor: Rev. Joe McGarry**  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church,**  
**Baldwinsville**

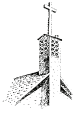
**Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Worship - 7:00 p.m.**

**All are Welcome**

## Notes from the Choir Loft

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

Thank you to the choir and soloists for their excellent music leading up to Easter. We had a great Easter Sunday also. It is a pleasure serving here at St. Michael's. Thank you for your faithful service.



## Sunday Forum

### THE GREATEST STORY

#### Sunday Forum in May – 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Library

**May 1:** Final chapter in our Bible study series, “The Greatest Story.” Join us as we look at how we all are part of the New Testament Story.

**May 8, 15 and 22:** We will look at the Lessons that are read in the worship service. The Lessons are listed in the bulletin each Sunday. Take your bulletin home, read through the lessons for the following Sunday, and then join us for a discussion at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Library in our Education Wing.

**May 22** will be the last Sunday that Sunday Forum will meet this spring. We have enjoyed a number of interesting ventures into Bible study this year. What would you like to see happening in Sunday Forum next year? It’s not too soon to start planning for meeting together with friends from our church family for conversation on Sunday morning. Think about adding it to your Sunday morning schedule.

Lucille Teufel  
Deacon, Adult Christian Education



#### 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 !

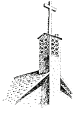
Joanne Blake  
469-1417  
St. Michael's Liaison  
to St. Paul's Food Pantry

## Food Pantry

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

Please save your Wegman's plastic bags for us. We like these because they are a bit bigger and Wegman's has cut the amount they donate to us.

We will meet on Thurs., May 26, at 9:30 a.m. to put together the bags for the food pantry. Please join us if you are available. We have fun working together and end up with a coffee time.



## Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,  
Health and Wellness Ministries  
468-5902



May is the National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Getting active

increases your chance for living longer and healthier by controlling your blood pressure, blood sugar and weight. Aim for at least 2 hours of moderate activity a week, such as walking, biking or dancing. It is important to do muscle stretching activity at least 2 days a week because of the need to strengthen all major muscle groups, including legs, hips, back, chest, abdomen, shoulders and arms. Try to keep an "activity journal".

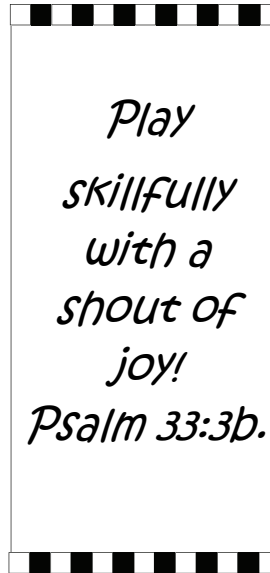
Make smart choices for your meals by planning ahead. Keep meals simple. Cook several main dishes when you have extra time such as on weekends; freeze them to use during the week. (I do this). Cook extras to have for later use.

Quick and easy ways to start eating healthier:

- No time for breakfast? Then grab an apple, orange or any other fruit as you head out the door in the morning. Or pack baby carrots, nuts or dried fruit for a snack. Munch on veggies, pretzels or popcorn.

- Eating at a fast food restaurant? Then try grilled chicken sandwich with a side salad; split an order of fries; leave off mayonnaise, sauce and spreads on sandwiches.
- Want to cut fat in meals? Then trim visible fat from meats, remove skin from poultry. Use cooking spray instead of oil. Add fiber rich beans/peas to salads instead of cheese and heavy dressings.
- Need to get moving? Then park in the farthest space, not the closest. Socialize with family or friends by taking a walk, in place of watching videos or dining out. Take a walk or bike ride with your kids after work. Run up and down the stairs with the laundry, get up and change the channel. Join some type of exercise class.

One of the worst habits we can have is sitting in front of the computer all day, as it affects our posture; makes us fatter; and causes low back pain. Ways to combat this include taking 2 short breaks an hour, to get a drink of water, pop over to say "hi" to co-workers, or stand and stretch for a minute. How about standing during phone calls? And walk to a co-worker's desk instead of calling or e-mailing.

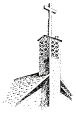


**Monday  
June 20  
1:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
St. Michael's  
Fellowship Hall  
Please call  
1-800-448-3543  
to schedule an  
appointment.**

### 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



## Christian Outreach

Mary Eileen Wood - 468-1025

*Know how we are called "an Easter people"? I like that. Do you?*

*But I'm writing this during the darkness of Holy Week, when Christ looked down from the cross and forgave those who condemned Him. God forgives us. Though we spend Holy Week remembering where not-God leads, the radiance of Easter is that proof and promise of God's infinite love. We witness our God greater than the darkness, strong enough to carry any burden, and always willing to help and love us. How we respond to such a promise determines how closely we follow God's path.*

*Consider the project below, please, with eyes opened by the Easter Promise. We have blessings to pass forward. Is this a way to do that?*



### Food, Faith and Climate

The ELCA has produced a unit on hunger and climate change we can access online for free. St. Michael's has also received **Cool Harvest**, an Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) kit that examines hunger issues through the lens of global warming.

For those of confused

about global warming, here are two simple stories to clarify what's happening:

### HEAT

To warm a can of soup, it's just a few moments from can opener to steaming bowl. Step away for a moment and it's tepid. When I am canning, though, and must heat that huge pot of water to boiling, it easily takes 45 minutes! That's a lot more energy from the same burner set to the same "high." When I finish, the canner won't be cool enough to move safely until the next morning.



The ELCA reports that since 1975, our earth's air temperature has risen 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit. If you think of our beautiful planet Earth as a mega-canner, just imagine how much energy it has already taken to do this. And while Earth has warmed and cooled before, this change is dramatically faster, as if heating by blow torch instead of stove.

### CHANGE

Remember pumping your legs when you were swinging, so you could soar up into the sky? Your food energy made your legs move, and that kinetic or moving energy carried you higher every pass.

Use that idea to think about "warming"; imagine

"pumping" our Earth. Since our atmosphere wraps our Earth, imagine that everything happening inside that gas envelope is being kicked up, so we see more extreme weather. Hotter hot spells, longer droughts, more extreme storms in both summer *and winter* ... in other words, exactly what we are seeing in droughts in Africa so long that centuries-old agricultural patterns such as the Masai reliance on cattle are having to be abandoned for alternatives, in repeated 100-year floods around the world, in terrible US hurricanes and Asian typhoons.

Now what does a canner-Earth or a pumped-up atmosphere mean to St. Michael's and hunger? Well, our long-time commitment to hunger issues through the food pantry, Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief Fair Traded Coffee, and Heifer Project means our congregation already knows a lot about food and food production options. **Cool Harvest** adds the info. that about 1/5 of the pollution connected with global warming comes from the food industry – more than from all transportation combined! With **Cool Harvest** we can add our hunger-related understanding to successful programs that could reduce our "foodprint" as individuals and as a community of faith! (No, that's not a typo; I wrote "food," not "foot.")

So, Outreach asks ... who wants to explore how our

congregation could use the **ELCA Hunger Education Tool Kit** and **Cool Harvest** to learn about:

- local food and CNY farmers' markets
- our county's three farms involved in Community Supported Agriculture
- environmentally-friendly farmed and harvested seafood
- farm bill advocacy to help our Upstate family farmers
- community gardens.

We can access short films great for Sunday Forum or youth programs, handouts and discussion guides, potluck ideas – lots of good and useful tools. Plus, in our community we are blessed with certified master gardeners and a host of people and organizations from whom we can learn, or even partner.

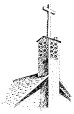
What do you think we should do?

*Dearest Lord, You have created the All and placed us here to witness this gift with eyes and minds You also gave us. May we show our gratitude for Your Easter Revelation by caring for Your creation. Please guide us in protecting Your Gift.*



*Blessed be the Lord.  
Mary Eileen Wood*

PS: If you want to find out more, call me (468-1025) for the website info. for the various programs and resources.



## Women of the ELCA



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

**Women of the ELCA: The WELCA Executive Board** will hold its meeting on Thurs., May 26, at 7:00 p.m. The Board members, the Chairpersons of the Circle and Guilds, and all Committee Chairpersons are requested to attend this important meeting. We need to address our financial situation and the need for a Treasurer.

**The WELCA Quarterly Dinner Meeting** will be held on Thurs., June 9; at 6:30 p.m. Mary Circle will be the Hostess. Sign-up sheets will be up shortly. We will make dolls that will go in the pocket of the "Little Dresses for Africa".

**The WELCA Triennial Gathering/Convention** will be held July 12-16 in Spokane, WA.

**The Upstate New York Synod Women of the ELCA Convention:** "Saying Yes to God! God, Women and Prayer" will be held Fri., Sept. 9 through Sun., Sept. 11, at the Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua, NY.\* The setting is lovely on a hillside overlooking the lake. We will be the only group at the Center so we will have the place to ourselves. The workshops will include Finger Lakes Grape program, Susan B. Anthony House and Sonnenberg Gardens, among others. The registration fee is \$50 and due by July 20. Room rates are \$175 for single room and double room. Meals included. The cost, should you wish to attend

Saturday only is \$60. Registration forms are available from Karen Settembre, Ling Allen or Emily Zieres. Space is limited, register early! Come and share the joy of sisterhood in Christ in their beautiful setting. Please note: the Convention is a month earlier this year and the weather should be good! (\*Note from Pastor Janet: I've been to this retreat center many times on pastors' retreats. Not only is the setting beautiful, the building is very accessible, the rooms are very nice, the food is excellent and plentiful, the chapel is lovely, and the grounds have paved and level walking paths that provide great views of the lake with benches for sitting along the way.)

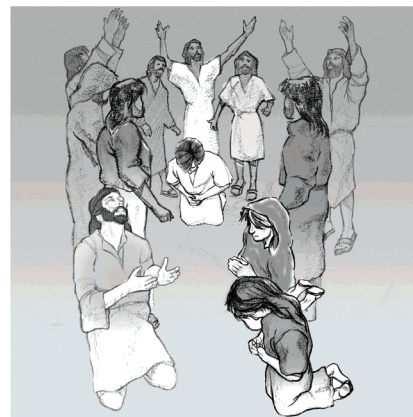
**Remember our Two Ingathering projects for 2011: Health/Hygiene Kits** for the people of Zimbabwe and Zambia and Little Dresses for Africa. Items needed for the Health/Hygiene Kits can be found in this issue of the *Trumpet*. **We especially need dark colored heavy weight hand towels.** Please place them in the box so marked under the display in the Fellowship Hall. If you sew, simple directions for making the "Little Dresses for Africa" can be found on the WELCA table in the Fellowship Hall. The following items are being requested for a workshop to assemble the dresses: cotton fabric (at least 3/4 yard- no less); bias tape; elastic; and clean pillowcases in good condition. The Little Dresses donation box is under the dis-

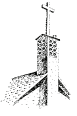
play. Or you may make monetary donations toward either Ingathering Project. The monies will be used to buy needed items or cover shipping costs. Make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA" and give to Ling Allen, Emily Zieres or through the Church Office. Mark "Health Kits" on the check's memo line. We are also still collecting white socks for Karen Settembre to take to the Triennial. And remember "Ten Tons of Love"! Please read the article elsewhere in this issue of the *Trumpet*.

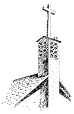
- Upcoming Events:**
- May 2 - 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild
  - May 4 - Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m.
  - May 10- Service Guild, 7:00 p.m.
  - May 26- WELCA Executive Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
  - June 9- WELCA Quarterly Dinner Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
  - July 12-16- Triennial Gathering /Convention, Spokane, WA
  - Sept. 9-11- Upstate NY Synod WELCA Convention, Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua

*Her children  
arise and call her  
blessed;...*

*Proverbs 31:28*







## Ten Tons of Love

Emily Zieres-422-7873

**Ten Tons of Love- 2011**  
 Thurs., May 5 through  
 Friday, May 20. First Eng-  
 lish Lutheran Church, on  
 the corner of James and  
 Townsend Streets, Syra-  
 cuse, is once again asking  
 for volunteers to sift, sort  
 and organize all the dona-  
 tions (food, clothing and  
 household goods) that are  
 trucked down from the  
 Syracuse University dorms  
 and off-campus housing  
 to their church. Sign-up  
 sheets are in our Narthex  
 and Fellowship Hall. Pick  
 a weekday (or days be-  
 tween Thurs., May 5 and  
 Fri., May 20 that works  
 best for you. Sign up for a  
 morning shift (10:30 a.m.  
 to 1:00 p.m.), an after-  
 noon shift (12:30 p.m. to  
 3:00 p.m.) or a full day  
 (just 4 1/2 hours-10:30  
 a.m.to 3:00 p.m.). Re-  
 member lunch is includ-  
 ed. Ask a few friends to  
 join you; it's more fun  
 when you work together.

First English is also look-  
 ing for volunteers to pro-  
 vide a nutritious lunch for  
 approximately 35 helpers.  
 Just check the food box  
 after you sign up if you  
 are interested in helping  
 in that way. Ten Tons of  
 Love is also asking for  
 men to help with unload-  
 ing the three panel trucks  
 and sorting large plastic  
 bags. You would be need-  
 ed in the morning be-  
 tween 10:30 a.m. and

11:30 a.m. and are then  
 invited to stay for lunch.  
 Or, come at 12:30 p.m.  
 for lunch and work be-  
 tween 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.  
 If you can help, please  
 sign up for the day and  
 time that works best for  
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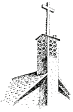
This is an amazing experi-  
 ence - come and join the  
 fun! Sign up up soon as  
 possible so we can let  
 First English know when  
 you are coming. First Eng-  
 lish is also accepting gifts  
 to defray the cost of stor-  
 age, bags and boxes, gar-  
 bage bags, bottled water,  
 pizza, etc. Everything  
 brought down off the hill  
 is shared with those in  
 need in Syracuse. Keep  
 this ministry and all its  
 volunteers in your pray-  
 ers. Any questions, please  
 call Emily Zieres, 422-  
 7873 or Paula Hughson  
 at First English, 471-  
 1678.



**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!

*Women of the ELCA*



### 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

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.)  
Upstate New York Synod

Rev. Janet Fechner-Pelletier, Pastor  
Diana Luscombe, Diaconal Minister, Director of Youth and Family Ministries  
Allison Evans Henry, Organist/Adult Choir Director  
Elizabeth Constantine, Children's and Youth Choirs Director, Contemporary Worship  
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: Christine Jones (468-5902)  
Vice-President: Emily Zieres (422-7873)

### Committees

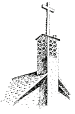
Christian Education: Jan Kunkle, Council Liaison, (468-2400)  
Christian Outreach: Mary Eileen Wood, Chairperson (468-1025)  
Evangelism: Emily Zieres, Council Liaison (422-7873)  
Fellowship: (non Council) Patti Garrison (299-4279) and Karen Smith (487-7894), Coordinators  
Finance: Don Daily, Chairperson (487-2114)  
Missions: Karen Settembre, Contact Person (488-0537)  
Property: Ed Haven, Liaison, (487-3465),  
Bill Kunkle, Chairperson, (468-2400)  
Staff Support: Pastor Janet, Council Liaison (487-2324)  
Stewardship: Vacant  
Worship and Music: Christine Jones, Chairperson (468-5902)  
Youth and Family: Jan Kunkle, Council Liaison (468-2400)

### Congregational Officers

Secretary: Dorothy Wrase Hares (638-1992)  
Treasurer: John Woodman, (299-8799)  
Financial Secretary: Gail Meyer (488-5619)

## Seminarian

Christopher & Katie McKinstry: 7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119,  
PH: 315-720-4202, E-Mail: christoher.mckinstry@gmail.com



## Memorials

Given For:	Given by:
Rev. Walter Kopp April 13, 2011	Nancy Olson

## Births

Congratulations to Carrie and Steve Ford on the birth of their son Evan E. Ford on April 1. Congratulation to proud grand-parents Ruth and Larry McConnelee.

## New Address

Ed & Anita Dietz 4484 Frank Gay Rd. Marcellus, NY 13108 Phone: 494-1027	Mrs. Richard Loomis 11 Hanover Ln. South Windsor, CT 06074
Jeff Pelletier 337 Martin Rd. Cleveland, NY 13042 Phone: 313-3291	

## MEMORIALS

Our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of those who have recently passed into eternal life:

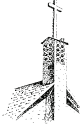
**Rev. Walter Kopp** died on April 13, 2011 at the age of 90. There will be a Memorial Service on June 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's in Liverpool.

Letters can go to Hilde Davis, 103 Edgeroad Lane, Wlilmington, DE 19803 or [www.mccreryandharra.com](http://www.mccreryandharra.com) In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made through the Upstate NY Synod of the ELCA to the Walter R. Kopp Endowment Fund for seminarians; St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liverpool; or St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

## Thank You

My thanks to all of you for the many prayers and cards. They meant a lot to me. Also, I thank Paula for her prayers with me and to my children and Ruth Coe for tending to my needs each day. God bless each and every one of you. Each day strength returns slowly but surely. Again thanks to all of our church family

*Betty Rising*



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NOTE:**

**8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
MAY 14**

**SR. HIGH YOUTH MEETING- MAY 22**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY- JUNE 12**

**FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY- JUNE 19**

**CONFIRMATION CAMP- JUNE 26—JULY 1**  
Registration Deadline - May 1

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (V.B.S.)  
AUGUST 1-5**

**Ten Tons of Love 2011**

**It's a Massive Effort!  
Thurs. May 5 through Fri., May 20,  
and we will surely collect  
Ten Tons of Love!**

First English Lutheran Church (FEL), in cooperation with Syracuse University, Lutheran Campus Ministry at SU and the office of Off Campus and Community Services, will once again (is this our 16th year?) move a huge amount of gifts....food, clothing, household goods and furniture out of Syracuse University's dorms and off-campus housing and into First English Lutheran Church on the corner of James and Townsend.