

St. Michael's Trumpet

CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path....Everything's falling apart on me, God; put me together again with your Word.... I inherited your book on living; it's mine forever— what a gift! And how happy it makes me!"

Psalms 119: 105; 107; 111 from The Message, Contemporary English Translation

'I'm inviting you- and anyone else who is interested/curious- to join me in our Chapel on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. for 1/2 hour of prayer and meditative Bible reading in the Lectio Divina tradition, starting on Tuesday, October 4.

Dear Friends –

One of the gifts of the time I spent while on spiritual retreat last Spring was reconnecting to a deeper engagement with meditation, prayer and Bible reading. Now you may think that us pastors just naturally come by that in ways differing from lay folks, but it is often just as difficult for us as it is for the rest of the whole people of God to keep those Christian disciplines, what with all that is on our daily schedules and responsibilities, just as it is with your lives.

I've been thinking that it is time that I offer that gift to share with others – and also help keep me committed to these spiritual disciplines as well. And so I'm inviting you- and anyone else who is interested/curious- to join me in our Chapel on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. for 1/2 hour of prayer and meditative Bible reading in the *Lectio Divina* tradition, starting on Tuesday, October 4. *Lectio Divina* can also be used at home, while traveling, etc., for our personal devotional time.

Here is an explanation of *Lectio Divina* from the United Church of Christ (UCC) website, www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/spiritual-practices/lectio-divina.html from a link on our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) website:

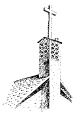
HOW TO USE THE BIBLE AS A TOOL FOR MEDITATION

In Latin, one of many ancient languages spoken by those who first followed Jesus, *Lectio Divina* literally means "divine reading." It can also be translated as "holy reading" or "reading with God."

Lectio Divina is a way of praying meditatively with the Bible so that the Word of God can reach into our hearts and minds. It's a simple and natural way of meditation...It can help us let go of our own agendas when we read the Bible. Like other forms of meditation, it silences the noise of the world around us, leading us in stages to an inner silence where God is waiting for us. But *Lectio Divina* is not an escape from the world. Instead, God's Word helps us see both our lives and the world around us through God's eyes—and to love what we see in the heart of God. It is both inner-directed (to the presence of God within) and outer-directed (to the world God created).

Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- * Sunday Forum Schedule
- * Confirmation Class Update
- * WELCA Quarterly Dinner
- * Youth and Family Events



PASTOR'S MESSAGE Continued

When we listen to God's Word in this way, meditation can be both a calming and a disturbing experience. Sometimes, God may want to quiet our fears and hold us gently. At other times, God may want to confront us with uncomfortable doubts or unanswered questions.

In the 12th century, a Carthusian monk named Guigo described four stages in the practice of *Lectio Divina*:

Lectio (Reading): Read the Word of God slowly and reflectively. Any text from the Bible can be used for this purpose, but the reading should not be too long.

Meditatio (Reflection): Think quietly about the text you read it. You can read the text many times to let the words sink into your mind and heart.

Oratio (Response): Leave your thinking aside and simply let your heart speak to God.

Contemplatio (Rest): Let go of your own ideas and plans. And you can go deeper: let go of your holy words and thoughts. Simply rest in the Word of God. Listen at the deepest level to God who speaks within you with a still, small voice.

As you read, reflect, respond and rest, you can leave yourself open to be transformed from within by God's Word. Whether over time this transformation has an effect on the way you see and live in the world is one test of the authenticity of prayer. You take what you read in the Word of God into your daily life....

Written by Lynne Bujnak and Andy Lang
United Church of Christ

On October 31 Lutherans mark "Reformation Day", commemorating and celebrating the gifts of God to Christ's Church that were re-enlivened with the work of the re-formers of church life that began in the 16th century. As in that day, we offer through our church the opportunity to connect with God's Word speaking to us today, everyday, as a pathway on the journey of spiritual health and wholeness in our personal lives and our life in Christ's beloved community. Please join me on that journey....and bring a friend!

"God's Word shall stand above its foes, shall end all their thanksgiving.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.

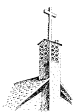
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

Though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won.

The kingdom's ours forever !"

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Evangelical Lutheran Worship #505, verse 4, adapted

In Christ,



Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Diana Luscombe, *Diaconal Minister*, 468-0953
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High School Youth News Youth Group Meeting

On Sunday, Sept. 18 the high school youth group met from 12 – 2 PM to catch up on what everyone did over the summer and how the school year is going so far. We watched and discussed a video by [Nooma Productions](#) which focused on the labels we use to define ourselves and others.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 12-2 PM in the youth room. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a drink.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Ministry

Our Confirmation Ministry is now in full swing! This year we have 12 participants, nine of whom will affirm their baptismal promises in the spring. All of these young people will be becoming more active in our worship services and community life. Please do all you can to help support them.

We are starting this year learning about Martin Luther and the history of Lutheran Church. For more information about what the confirmation group is doing check out our bulletin boards in the middle section of the Fellowship Hall across from the windows.

Our schedule:

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

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

Community Meal & Evening
Worship the 1st Sunday
beginning at 6 PM

As part of this year's program we are changing some of the language we use to talk about various aspects of our program. For example, in the past confirmation ministry participants have had to complete a certain number of "service hours" both inside St. Michael's and in the greater world. This year we are re-framing that idea into "Living Your Faith Opportunities." These are opportunities **we all have** to reach outside ourselves and serve our neighbor. For more information about what you can do, check out the Christian Outreach article submitted by Mary Eileen Wood.

Living Your Faith Opportunities

CROP Walk – "We Walk Because They Walk"

This year's CROP Walk is happening on Sunday, Oct. 16, beginning at 1 PM. We will order pizza for after church, asking \$2 per person, and will leave St. Michael's as a group to head to the Methodist Church in the village. Our Confirmation Ministry program that day will be from 2:30 PM to 4 PM to make it easier for confirmands to participate. Contact Caren Paventi carenmp@live.com with any questions.

Family Ministry

Community Meal

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

Sunday Evening Worship Celebrations

JESUS ROCKS!

Liturgy using the music of the Beatles

Please join us Sunday, Oct. 2 for our next Sunday Evening Celebration service beginning at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have thoughts or ideas pertaining to the planning of this worship experience please contact Pastor Janet (RevJFP@twcny.rr.com).

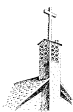
Youth and Family Ministry Team Meeting

We will be having our first Youth and Family Ministry Team Meeting of the year on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 PM in the youth room (blue room with couches at the end of the Education Wing). If you have thoughts or ideas you would like to share, or if you are interested in becoming part of this team, please feel free to contact me!

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



Director of Youth and Family Ministries continued

Enchanted Beaver Lake

Over 400 specially carved jack-o-lanterns of different shapes and sizes plus glowing luminaria light the way along two winding, wooded trails greeting participants as they venture through the darkness at the award-winning Enchanted Beaver Lake. Face painting, fortune telling, magic shows, and storytelling are all a part of this magical experience, one that is truly unique to Central New York. The Friends of Beaver Lake will be selling hotdogs, donuts, caramel apples, popcorn and cider. Flashlights are recommended.



Recycle for the Jenna Youth Ministry Fund and the Earth

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



Weekend Retreat Opportunities at Vanderkamp

www.vk.org

315-675-3651

High School Retreat: 9th-12th Grade

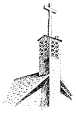
Sunday-Monday of Columbus Day weekend, October 9-10, we will be offering a retreat for 9th-12th graders to discuss the big issues facing teenagers of faith in the modern world. We'll talk about what it means to be a Christian leader in a peer group that might not share our values, and how difficult that can be. We'll have a modern worship and some games - but we'll really be trying to focus on leaving with a plan of action to take with us as we return to the outside world as confident Christians. The cost for this retreat is \$55.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 2	No Faith in Action Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM Community Meal 6 PM Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM: Jesus Rocks!
Oct. 9-10	High School Retreat at Vanderkamp
Oct. 12	Youth and Family Ministries Team Meeting 7 PM
Oct. 16	CROP WALK 1 PM Confirmation Ministry 2:30-4 PM
Oct. 23	High School Youth Meeting 12-2 PM
Oct. 28	Enchanted Beaver Lake Excursion
Oct. 30	Alternate Worship Site Visit
Nov. 6	No Faith in Action Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM Community Meal 6 PM Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM

Restlessness and discontent are the first necessities of progress.

~ Thomas A. Edison



Traveling Parishioners

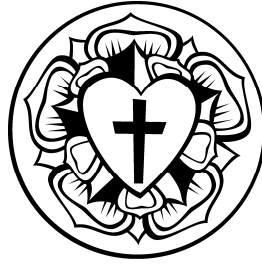
Catching up on our travelers over the last several months, they have visited:

Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church – Syracuse NY

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Orchestra at Temple Square – Salt Lake City, UT

Bruton Parish Church – Williamsburg, VA

King of Kings Lutheran Church – Liverpool, NY



Learning at the Crossroads

Learning at the Crossroads

Sat., Oct. 22
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$20.
includes continental
breakfast and lunch

Luther Memorial Church

“Have We Created an American Religion?”

Led by Tom Henry

“Fifteen years ago, I (Tom) gave a series of talks asking the question, ‘Have we created an American Religion?’ That was before 9/11, two wars, the election of an African American president, several financial meltdowns, huge natural disasters, the meteoric rise of nondenominational mega-churches and

Mormonism, and the increased polarization of politics. What have been the effects of these on American Religion? We will re-examine the question and the validity of the old conclusion, and decide whether this Religion is a unifying or divisive factor in modern America.”

All workshops are held at Lutheran Memorial Lutheran Church, 435 S. Main St., North Syracuse, 458-1481. You must pre-register.

Application forms can be found on the Narthex table.

Note: Tom Henry is the husband of our Organist and Adult Choir Director, Allison Evans Henry.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Each of our life situations is different in terms of the money available and the phase of life we are in.

The idea of stewardship is powerful. We all want to make a positive difference in the world we live in – the biggest difference we can, given our resources.

With this in mind, here are some areas for you to consider stewarding your God-given resources—time, talents and treasures:

Your church and community?

Your family and friends?

Yourself?

For help stewarding your financial resources, contact Kyle Mumpton, CFP, Richard Hummel, or Richard Roth at 315-451-0252 today, or visit Thrivent.com.

Appleton, Wisconsin
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• Thrivent.com • 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

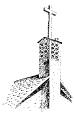


Prayer

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:

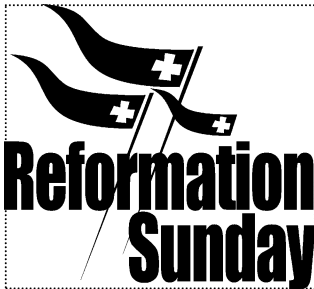
- Ken Barry
- Peg Hermann
- Bob Keane
- Diana Luscombe
- Beverly Mandigo
- Anita Pichaske
- Phyllis Prigge
- Cliff Rode
- Alice Schoenhals
- Herman Schultz
- Mary Smith
- Ann Spencer



Sunday School

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

We had a great Rally Day last month for the start of Sunday School. We invited our parents to come and register the students, have coffee and donuts, and visit our rooms. All of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will bring their Spark Bibles home to read and use during the week. Please remember to bring your BAG to carry it in. Our teachers this year are: Laura King, Joanne Oram, Caroline Spang, Jan Kunkle, Kaitlin Cash and Nicole Walz. Later this fall, we will be welcoming back Jenna Downing.



On October 30, which is Reformation Day, we will receive special Bible book-marks for our third graders, made by Joanne Blake, from our Service Guild.

Lutheran Homes

Janice Allen-834-9914

Friends of the Lutheran Homes at Clinton

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Nearly New Sale". I would like to inform all of you about what happens to the profits of this sale and donations sent to The Friends, which is a volunteer activity of the Homes.

They hold several social events for all residents of the homes, such as the annual ice cream social with entertainment by the community band, and four special picnics, one for each Unit, which are outdoor events - weather permitting- to which the residents invite their families

to participate. These are all special times for families of the residents to be with each other for enjoyable times.

At Christmas each of the residents receive a customized individual gift.

During the year center-pieces are placed in the Home to reflect the various seasons and holidays.

The Friends are made up of volunteers from various churches. Their funds are all donated and some churches have special groups and /or fund raising events to contribute to this service group.

For further information, please contact Janice Allen, 834-9914.

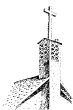
Cinema/Sandwich

	Bring your lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall at noon.	
	Then we view our movie in the Library after lunch.	
	Join us Mon., Oct. 10 to view: "October Sky"	

**Sunday Evening
JESUS ROCKS !
Worship Celebration
Liturgy using the music
of the Beatles**

**Fellowship Hall
Oct. 2**

**Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service
at 7:00 p.m.
Please Join us!**



Property Update

Bill Kunkle-468-2400
Property Chairperson

Several issues concerning significant facilities' needs remain open:

- Parking lot. Both parking lots require resurfacing. These two lots have been sealed in the past but the degrading of the surfaces requires that it is now necessary to repave. As you can guess this will not be an inexpensive problem to correct. The cost of petroleum products increases every year. The bottom line is that the longer we wait the more expensive it becomes.
- Emergency doors. There are three emergency doors that require replacement or maintenance. The door at the southeast corner of the Educational Wing has rusted through in several places and requires replacement. The other two doors - one in the Fellowship Hall and the rear door by the storage shed - may be saved with maintenance.
- Church sign. The church sign is ten years old and showing signs of wear. The people that built the sign can address these problems as they exist with repairs of some of the lettering, gold inlay, and highlights that are fading or chipping away.
- Air conditioner protection. Three new air conditioning condensers were replaced this summer due to ice damage. To ensure this doesn't happen again it will be necessary to install protection over the units. This must be completed before winter.

Snow removal:

Snow removal for this coming winter has been contracted to DeMarco Landscaping. DeMarco also maintained the lawn this summer. Some issues occurred last season with regards to timely snow removal or lack thereof altogether. DeMarco has the experience and a large convoy of trucks, equipment, and personnel to keep up with the snow removal.

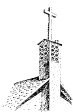
Security issues:

As noted above, the back door in the Educational Wing is not operating well. This door is sometimes used for egress. This door will not close on its own - it must be pushed closed from the outside. If this door is not closed shut - or any of our doors, including the two front doors to the church itself, aren't closed shut - then when the security system is activated in the overnight hours the doors left ajar will cause the security alarm to go off, with the result that the police and/or firefighters will come, and the church could be fined for continued false alarms. **PLEASE BE SURE YOU PUSH ALL DOORS COMPLETELY CLOSED.**

Also, September and October are two of those "tweener" months when it's nice to have the windows open. Unfortunately, when this is done, there are many times that the windows are left open or not lock-latched after closing. This is a major security issue especially if the windows are on the back side of the building facing the woods. It's not unusual for people to walk through our grounds and an open window can be very tempting to those looking for that kind of opportunity. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE BUILDING.**

Thanks for your cooperation in caring for our church facilities.

Bill



Altar Guild

Ruth McConnelee -
488-3078

The October meeting of Altar Guild will be held on Oct. 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ruth McConnelee, 111 Barcroft Dr., Camillus. Please call her (488-3078) if you are interested in learning more about the ministry of Altar Guild.



Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

The next meeting of our guild will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lois Fehlau will provide refreshments and Ruth Coe will give devotions. The project for next month will be filling bags with candy for the Meal-on-Wheels clients. Come and enjoy the fellowship of our ladies.

Mary Circle

Emily Zieres - 422-7873

Mary Circle will meet on Wed., Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Schiller will be the Hostess. We will be studying the Old Testament book of Ruth. We would be happy to have you join us for coffee, fellowship and a study of an ancient story of love and loyalty that is still so relevant in our world today.



INGATHERING 2011-Special Project Hygiene Kit

The following items are needed to complete the Health Kits for 2011. We especially need dark hand towels and nail clippers.

- One hand towel, medium to dark color (16"X 28")
 - 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
- Please leave your supplies in the storage bin so marked in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Women of the ELCA

Women's Bible Study Group

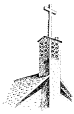
Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group will hold the first of several Mini-Retreats on Sat., Oct. 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. We will follow the *Lutheran Woman Today* (now known as *Gather for Faith and Action*) magazine's 2011-2012 study, which is based on the Gospel of Mark. The emphasis is on what it means to follow Jesus Christ today and is an invitation to discipleship in the 21st century.

Our first retreat will cover the first and second sessions: "Jesus of Nazareth" and "Mother and Brothers". We will begin our day with coffee, break for lunch, (please bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided) and close by 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. Future retreats will be held in January, March and May of next year.

Please join us for this study of the Gospel of Mark and see the ways in which this ancient account of Jesus' actions and Jesus' identity intersect your own life. I think you will find this to be a terrific study. Mark is full of amazing stories. Any questions - please contact Emily Zieres at 422-7873.

P.S. You don't need a subscription to the magazine to participate in this study. Copies of the lessons will be provided.



Tabitha's Crafters

Joan Rasi-487-0792, Deacon

The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17

We are updating our list of people who would be willing to deliver our finished items to various local charities. There are some in our congregation who have made deliveries for us in the past who are no longer able to do so. We make deliveries approximately two times a year. You are not expected to do anything other than drop off the bag of donations to the facility. If you are able to do this, please call me (487-0792) or email me (joanr@twcny.rr.com) with the name of the facility you would like to deliver to. The facilities that we currently support on a regular basis are:

Upstate Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital

St. Joseph's Hospital (Betty Rising/Dorothy Hares)

Vera House

Francis House

St. Camillus Health and Rehab

Van Dyne Home

Veterans Administration Hospital (Chris Jones)

We have decided to discontinue the Basket Ministry for a variety of reasons. Any donations that we had left in the closet we have donated to an appropriate charity. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is separate from the Basket Ministry and we are continuing to receive prayer shawls and to deliver them where they are needed.

Over the past several months we have been given a large amount of yarn and fabric. Please feel free to use any of it as you make items for Tabitha's Crafters. There is yarn in the closet by the display table in the Fellowship Hall as well as in under that display table. In some cases there is enough matched dye lot yarn in the boxes in under the table to make afghans as well as lap robes.

As always, you are always welcome to bring a project to work on and attend any of our work sessions. We meet on the third Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. There is usually a core group of women who attend but others drop in from time to time so the group is always changing.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: OCTOBER 15 - 10:30 AM - Fellowship Hall



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

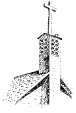
Joanne Blake - 469-1417, Liaison
to St. Paul's Food Pantry, Syracuse

Thank you for answering my call for plastic bags. Each bag of food has two plastic bags over the brown bag. These bags of food are heavy, thus the 3 bag system.

Please continue bringing in

the plastic bags. And please place them for easy and compact storage in the grey plastic bin so marked inside the entryway by the upper parking lot side Chapel entrance.

Thank you for your continued donations of food also!



Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,
Health and Wellness Ministries
468-5902



October is National Bullying Prevention month. Bullying is aggressive behavior that involves exertion of power or strength over others. This typically is repeated over time again and again, unlike fighting which usually occurs as a single episode. As children grow in faith, they can develop skills to better relate with others, to learn acceptance, tolerance, mutual respect and love from those around them.

What can we do as a congregation?

-provide opportunities to address issues of bullying from a Christian perspective, such as in children/youth ministries, adult forums, retreats, women/men's groups

-create a safe haven and let the young members of the church know the church is a safe and comfortable place to talk about their concerns/involvement in bullying, regardless of their being the target, bystander, or aggressor

-help parents and other

church leaders to identify warning signs of bullying and provide tools to end it.

Parents cannot monitor their children at all times. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act gives parents control over what information websites can collect from kids.

What can parents do?

-set aside time every day to talk with your son/daughter and listen to their concerns about happenings at school, in neighborhood and online and talk specifically about any bullying activities, especially cyberbullying

-familiarize yourself with the technology your children are using, especially online

-work together with your child to develop a clear understanding about where, when and for what purpose phones and computers can be used; develop clear rules and fair consequences; consistently follow through.

-do not ignore the bullying problem as it will not go away but most likely escalate

-tell the child not to respond to cyberbullying

-work together to find solutions; reassure the child that the situation can be

handled and keep them safe.

-document ongoing cyberbullying

-block the person who is cyberbullying your child

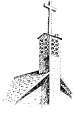
-contact law enforcement if the behavior constitutes a crime, such as threats of violence; child pornography; taking pictures of someone where privacy was expected; harassment/stalking; obscene phone calls/texting; sexual exploitation; extortion

Be persistent! Stay alert! Take a stand and stop bullying now!

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Matthew 5:44-45



Monday
October 17
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
mewassoc@verizon.net



"Daily Texts" is a book that Christine Jones encouraged me to explore, and it's been an amazing gift to my life. Weekly and daily Bible texts and prayers, and even a hymn-of-the-week! The extra blessing is that the melody plays in my head round the clock, so I'm singing the hymn around the house and in the car, humming it in stores, even whistling away in the parking lots. Voila - a 24/7 prayer!

*For the week following the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, "Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee" * is the undercurrent of everything I do. And that's a good thing, because it reminds me that my choices can become gifts to God from me and gifts from God to those whose lives I touch.*



We need only ONE person to help with the Samaritan Center Ingathering for Thanksgiving. Our Church Office Secretary Paula Hansen will have the master for our bulletin insert. Signs to post in the Narthex, corridors and Fellowship Hall will be ready to go. You simply need to make sure the basket is out each Sun-

day, and the treasures get bagged for delivery. Get in touch ASAP, please.



Make sure to read the October 16 CROP Walk information in this month's *Trumpet!* Both the Confirmation Class and the Senior Youth Group will have walkers in their midst, so grab your chance to sponsor one of them. PLEASE CONSIDER WALKING YOURSELF! This is SO not a youth-only project! Everyone meets at Camillus First United Methodist Church, 12 Main St, Camillus, at 1:00 p.m., so you'll have plenty of time for lunch before you head over after Sunday worship.



Outreach Service by our Church ...
Here's what has arrived in the mailbox since the last issue. God

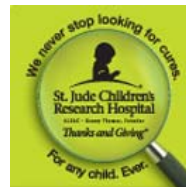
doesn't always send God's call to us by the USPS or the WWW ... but it can happen. Read this prayerfully each month. See if something resonates in that unique way marking a "God call" - and act upon it.

ELCA Malaria Campaign www.elca.org/malaria

The Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly passed the vote to launch the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Nearly 800,000 people die each year from malaria, most in Africa. In fact, our congregation's companion Synods

of Zambia and Zimbabwe are two of the eleven focus nations for this campaign. The typical child in Africa has 1.6 and 5.4 episodes of malaria each year; saddest is that children under the age of 5 are most likely to die. Because we already have a structure and health care workers in Africa through our companion churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) - and St. Michaels' - are uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease - for good. Visit the website for free brochures, offering envelopes, youth activities, posters, worship materials, craft projects, even a downloadable video!

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



www.givethankswalk.org

The Carousel Center is the site for the 2011 Give Thanks Walk for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families bringing children to St. Jude's NEVER pay for treatment not covered by insurance! Sam Provenzano is the contact - 518/649-2488 - for this Syracuse Walk on November 20. What a lovely way to set up a good attitude for the Advent Season that will follow.

Just looking at St. Michael's opportunities to serve our community and our world is an exciting experience! And more church members are taking advantage of the opportunity to use this column as a way to connect us with projects that are dear to their hearts. Thank you, Caring Souls.

Beloved Jesus, help me with the choices I make each day. "Take my life that I might be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Blessed be the Lord!

Mary Eileen

**This hymn's traditional Cantica Lauda tune is # 685 in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book, but you can also use the # 583 version, a bouncy Latin melody by Wm. Dexhiemer Pharris. For sure, # 583 will help get my fall bulbs planted in no time at all!*



Women of the ELCA



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

Please sign up for the WELCA Quarterly Dinner Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. You may bring a dish to pass or just pay \$6 at the door. Our Host will be the Altar Guild. Karen Settembre will talk about her experiences at the national WELCA Triennial Gathering, which was held this past July in Spokane, WA. A slate of officers for our unit will be presented and voted on. Join us for good food, interesting and informative conversation and Christian fellowship. Please bring a friend! Also, please bring an item for our Health/Hygiene Kits. (See next page for list of needed items).

The Women's Bible Study Group hopes you will join them for the first of five Mini-Retreats on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 9:30 a.m. The study, "To Follow and to Serve," is from the *Lutheran Women Today*, now titled, *Gather for Faith and Action*, magazine's 2011-2012 program. Please see the next page for more details on this interesting study based on the Gospel of Mark.

Our 2011 InGathering Project, Health/Hygiene Kits,

continues. We are in need of dark colored hand towels and nail clippers (without the metal files). We could also use some bath size soap, adult size toothbrushes and wide-toothed combs. We DO NOT need washcloths or band aides. Only 5 kits have been completed - we would like to be able to put more together. Please place the items in the InGathering box which is under the WELCA table at the far end of the Fellowship Hall near the large closets. (Not under the Tabitha's Crafters tables please.) You may still make a monetary donation to this project, if you wish. Please make your checks payable to "Women of the ELCA and mark "Health Kits" on the memo line. They may be given to Ling Allen, Karen Settembre, and Emily Zieres or through the Church Office. The monies will be used to purchase needed items or to cover shipping costs.

Watch the November issue of the *Trumpet* for information on an Apple Pie Sale for Thanksgiving. Please note: There will be no Christmas cookie sale this year.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1- Women's Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Library

Oct. 3- Altar Guild, 10:00 a.m., Ruth McConnelee's home

Oct. 5- Mary Circle Mtg. 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 11- Service Guild Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 13- WELCA Quarterly Dinner Mtg. 6:30 p.m., Karen Settembre- on the WELCA Gathering in Spokane, WA

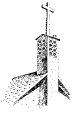
Oct. 22- Women's Bible Study Retreat- 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Nov. 5- 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

Nov. 20- Pie Sale



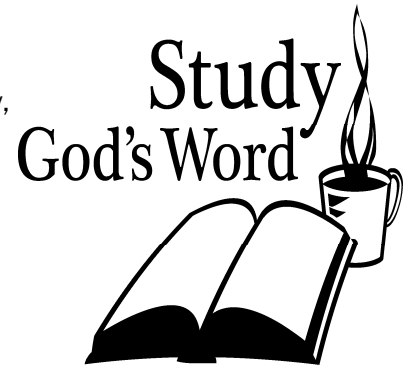
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Sunday Forum

MAKING SENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SUNDAY FORUM OCTOBER 2011

“Theology,” literally meaning “words about God,” helps us reflect on and make sense of our experience of God and our life in the world. But, just like we might trust our doctor when she or he uses words not usually in our everyday vocabulary, so we trust theologians to bring us the Good News without our completely understanding the details. But maybe it would be interesting to make some sense of those “words about God.”



Beginning on Sunday, Oct. 16, a group of us will come together at Sunday Forum, 9:15 a.m. in the Church Library, to talk about that big word, theology. It is the guide to our Christian faith and can help us make more sense of the wonderful story about our God, our world and our life. We will ask questions, and try to better understand our own life of faith, exploring the heart of that Christian faith.

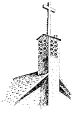
There is a book that we will use to start our conversation, Making Sense of the Christian Faith. This is by the same author, David Lose, as the series we started in Sunday Forum last year, Making Sense of Scripture. The books are in the Church Library or Narthex. You can either buy the book for \$12.00, or borrow it for as long as you need and then return it for someone else to look at. You can come to any class without a book to see if you want to read it at home.

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USHERS AND GREETERS

There will be a meeting with Pastor Janet for all who serve as Ushers and Greeters on Sunday, Oct 16, at noon in the Church Nave. If you are interested in joining in either of these capacities please join us at this meeting also. We would like all who serve to review the ministry for both Ushers and Greeters and their importance to the congregation's worship and hospitality.



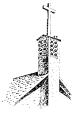


Women of the ELCA

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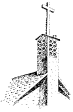
- * www.livinglutheran.com – daily blend of stories, culture and community. Connect with Lutherans every where.
- * **The Lutheran** – Monthly magazine of the ELCA. \$17.95/year Subscribe: www.thelutheran.org or 800-638-3522
- * **CAFÉ** – boldcafe.org – Read. Connect. Grow. An award winning web-based magazine for young women with a Lutheran perspective. Monthly pod-casts available, discussions, Bible study, and more.
- * **Gather** – (The new Lutheran Woman Today) \$12.00/year, 10 issues. Reflections, stories of comfort and challenge that lift up the mission of the Women of the ELCA: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Subscribe: 800-328-4648 or subscriptions@augzburgfortress.org
- * **Upstate Update** – monthly e-newsletter from Upstate New York Synod To subscribe: nfischer@upstatenysynod.org
- * **Daily Grace** – an app for your iphone or email – daily thoughts and devotions – most are excerpts from Lutheran Woman Today, but are applicable to all: www.womenoftheelca.org
- * **Bold Connections** – free monthly e-newsletter of Women of the ELCA. Subscribe through the website: www.womenoftheelca.org
- * **Evangelines** – newsletter of the Upstate New York Synod Women of the ELCA. Issued three times a year. Available free via email, or \$6.00/yr for mailed issues. Contact Marilyn Dyer dyerm48@gmail.com or 518-326-5276
- * **Prayer Newsletter** – monthly e-letter, with prayer concerns for nation, synod and friends. To share concerns or subscribe: snalle@gmail.com Offered to Women of the the ELCA – Upstate New York Synod
- * **Facebook** – see Upstate New York Women of ELCA, ELCA or Women of the ELCA for latest news and updates





St. Michael's Trumpet

Vanderkamp Update



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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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
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)
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committees

Christian Education: Jan Kunkle, Council Liaison* (468-2400) ,
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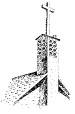
Congregational Officers

Secretary: Dorothy Wrase Hares (638-1992)
Treasurer: John Woodman, (299-8799)
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

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



Memorials

Given For:	Given by:
John Heesemann July 13, 2011	Fred & Barbara Risser

Births

Congratulations to Garth and Michele Kmiecjak on the birth of their daughter, Ava Estelina, born on Sun., Sept. 11.

Welcome to baby boy Soren Elio Olson, born to Scott and Gianna Olson on Sat., Sept. 17. Proud grandmother is Nancy Olson.

Thank You

Dear members of St. Michael's:

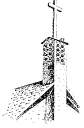
My family and I thank you for the birthday cards for Jack and the cards of sympathy and for your many kind words. Jack loved his church family.

With appreciation,

Dot Heesemann

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Anne Gauvernik who turns 90 years old on Oct. 7. You can send her birthday greetings: 4899 Grolier Rd., Apt. 2, Syracuse, NY 13215. We will have birthday cake for her on Sunday, Oct. 9 following morning worship. Please join us in wishing her "Happy Birthday"!



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