

# St. Michael's Trumpet

CELEBRATING 5 DECADES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*“Bread now  
break and wine  
now pour,  
Jesus, feed us.*

*Make us one,  
our hope restore:  
feed us with your  
love.*

*“Jesus Christ is the living and abiding Word of God. By the power of the Spirit, this very Word of God, which is Jesus Christ, is read in the Scriptures, proclaimed in preaching, announced in the forgiveness of sins, eaten and drunk in the Holy Communion, and encountered in the bodily presence of the Christian community. By the power of the Spirit active in Holy Baptism, this Word washes a people to be Christ's own Body in the world. We have called this gift of Word and Sacrament by the name ‘the means of grace.’ The living heart of all these means is the presence of Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit as the gift of the Father.”*

from The Use the Means of Grace

*A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament*

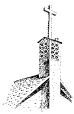
Dear Friends –

This quote – which comes from one of the documents adopted for guidance and practice in our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – I share with you as part of an invitation for you to join in a conversation this fall about our practice of Holy Communion at St. Michael's. At the request of some of our congregation's families to lower the age for receiving first Holy Communion, our Congregation Council has been studying this document from our denomination throughout the last year at our monthly meetings' study period, and discussing a whole spectrum of concerns and perspectives about Holy Communion. The document sets guidelines but leaves any specifics and/or age requirement up to individual congregations to decide. This has been an inspiring and enlightening experience for all of us involved in it, helping us deepen our own spiritual life as we reflected on what part this sacrament plays in our life of faith.

As a result of this year of study and discussion, our Council voted at our last meeting to recommend that we lower the minimum age to six years old for the reception, with preparation, of first Holy Communion. Our current practice has the minimum age as fifth grade. A child's readiness for this would be discussed with the parents and child first – there is no mandatory expectation here. The congregation will be asked to vote on this change of policy at our Annual Congregational Meeting in November.

### Several Points of Interest in this issue:

- \* **Back to Sunday School**
- \* **9/11 WORSHIP SERVICE**
- \* **Blessings of the 3 B's**
- \* **Youth and Family Events**



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE Continued

In preparation for this vote, we will be offering the opportunity for you to join in this discussion this fall. Our Sunday Forum on Sept. 18, 25, and Oct. 2 will be that opportunity. Sunday Forum meets at 9:15 a.m. during the Sunday School hour, in the Adult Library, located at the far end of our Educational Wing. I will be leading these discussions, and there will be a variety of resources available for you to use both for our time together and for your own personal reflection. While this discussion is occasioned by the review of our own communion practices at St. Michael's, it will be broad enough to be of interest to anyone curious about the why, how, and for whom of this Christian faith community's sacrament, so please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to come to Sunday Forum with you.

*"Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.  
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.*

*Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore: feed us with your love.*

*Grant forgiveness in the feast – Jesus, feed us-  
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.*

*Thank you for this gift we share, Jesus, feed us.  
Save God's children ev'rywhere; feed us with your love."*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn #464



In Christ,

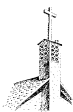
Dear Members of St. Michael's,  
It is with joy, and a bit of sadness, that I tell you that my husband, David, has accepted a position with the "President's Own" United States Marine Band and that we will be moving to Washington, DC soon.  
I am honored to have served this church as a member and employee. The memories created with the choirs, Sunday School, and youth will continue to bring a smile to my face. I appreciate how you welcomed me with open arms as I appeared out of nowhere a year and a half ago. I have enjoyed my time in Syracuse, and am sad to leave it behind.  
Thank you all,  
*Elizabeth Constantine*  
Children and Youth Choirs' Director;  
Contemporary Worship Coordinator

*Please join us on Sept. 11  
at Coffee Hour  
after 10:30 a.m. worship  
to say farewell and God speed to  
Elizabeth and David Constantine  
as they move to  
Washington, D.C.*

*Add your personal best wishes for them...*

*plus, there'll be cake!*

*Pastor Janet*



## Director of Youth and Family Ministries

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

### High School Youth News

#### Youth Group Kickoff

On Sunday, Sept. 18 the high school youth group will meet from 12 – 2 PM in the Youth Room. Come share stories from your summer and your hopes and dreams for this school year. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a drink.

### Confirmation Corner

#### Confirmation Ministry

This year's Confirmation Ministry program will kick off with a mandatory meeting for participants and parents at 9:15 AM on Sunday, Sept. 11. Youth will meet in the Youth Room and parents will meet in the Adult Library.

This year's schedule will follow the same pattern as last year with: Faith in Action the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:15 AM

Afternoon class the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 4 – 6 PM

Community Meal & Evening Worship the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday beginning at 6 PM

### Family Ministry

#### Community Meal

The first Sunday of every month beginning in October there will be a St. Michael's community meal served at 6 PM for all who would like to

join in fellowship over food before our Sunday evening worship service. Please stay tuned for more details.

#### Sunday Evening Celebrations

Our first Sunday evening worship service of the new school year will be on Oct. 2, so please join us! If you have thoughts or ideas pertaining to the planning of this worship experience please contact Pastor Janet ([RevJFP@twcny.rr.com](mailto:RevJFP@twcny.rr.com)).

### Summer Highlights

#### Chiefs Game

Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest, a group from St. Michael's did not attend a Chief's game this summer. Thank you to Jeff Till for organizing and advertising this event.

#### Pool Party: August 7

Jan and Bill Kunkle hosted the third annual youth group pool party at their home on Sunday, Aug. 7. The weather held out until after we had eaten when it began to down-pour! A good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Kunkles for their hospitality!

#### Reflections from Caroline Spang

This summer I went on a trip with 24 other West Genesee students, along with 3 of our teachers, to Europe. We spent 10 days traveling around Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, learning about history and other cultures.

#### Reflections from Erik Breault

I spent a week in North Dakota by myself living the life of an aviation major college stu-

dent. I had such a great time that I applied when I got home and recently received my acceptance.

#### Reflections from Jillian Breault

This summer I was part of the West Genesee Marching Band, along with Ellen Smith, Deirdre Garrison, Caroline Spang, Brad Till, and my brother, Erik. We have been rehearsing since July 25, Monday through Thursday from 6-9 p.m. We are very excited about this year's season and we appreciate our community's support. Hopefully we will have a great year!

#### Reflections from Sandra Simmons

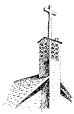
Over the summer, I helped out at the Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp (MVLCC) at Vanderkamp Center as a member of the LEAD team for a week. I enjoyed my time so greatly that I returned to Vanderkamp for a three week stay as an LIT, or Leader In Training. Both of my excursions to this Christian Camp and Retreat Center were partially funded through the Jenna Youth Ministry Fund. The memories made, laughs shared, and my personal growth in faith have made this summer one I will never forget.

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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

### Jenna Fund Update

Thanks to your generous donations, this summer the Jenna Fund helped to send **nine** of our youth to various summer camp programs held at Vanderkamp! The experience of attending summer camp will last a lifetime, so we thank you and ask that you please keep your donations coming! You can do so by continuing to donate your soda cans, water bottles, and glass bottles with deposits to the redemption center located behind the Thrifty Shopper and Rite Aid on West Genesee St. telling 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!

Diana Luscombe, Diaconal Minister  
 Director, Youth and Family Ministries



### Weekend Retreat Opportunities at Vanderkamp

[www.vk.org](http://www.vk.org)

315-675-3651

#### High School Retreat: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday-Monday of Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 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.

#### Middle School Retreat: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### "Growing in Faith"

We are offering our very first programmed middle school faith retreat for youth in 6th-8th grade, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. This program will center on helping youth discover where they are in their faith and talk about it. We will have focused small group discussions and larger group activities, including worshipping with music, playing games, and enjoying fellowship with other Christian youth in the area. The cost for this retreat is \$99.

### Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 11 - First Day of Sunday School 9:15 AM- Confirmation Meeting with Youth and Parents

Sept. 18- High School Youth Group Meeting 12-2 PM, Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM

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

Oct. 2- No Faith in Action, Confirmation Ministry 4-6 PM, Community Meal 6 PM

Sunday Evening Celebration Worship 7 PM

Oct. 9-10- High School Retreat at Vanderkamp

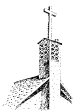


### A message from St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Mark's Lutheran Church has been a part of a Baldwinsville softball league for many years. Each year it is harder and harder to put together teams for a league. We are reaching out and see if there is any interest in combining leagues or teams to better enhance the experience for everyone. If you would be interested in talking about this please contact Pastor Joe McGarry at: 315-638-0406

*As we grow as unique persons, we learn to respect the uniqueness of others.*

*~ Robert H. Schuller*



## Traveling Parishioners Prayer Requests

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

*First Lutheran Church-  
Albany, NY*

*St. Paul Lutheran Church-  
Vancouver, WA*

*All Saints Parish-  
Corning, NY*

*The Pulaski Congregational  
Church - Pulaski, NY*

*Weedsport Baptist Church-  
Weedsport, NY*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

**LIBBY JOHNSON-** She graduated with honors from Cornell University in the Applied Economic and Management School with a degree in marketing. She is a 4-year letter winner on the women's varsity lacrosse team, serving as Captain her junior and senior year. She was a member of the Red Key Society, the athletic honor society, and Sphinx Head, Cornell's oldest senior honor society. She will be working for Uni Lever in their marketing department, which is located in Englewood Cliffs, NJ and living in Hoboken, NJ.

## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

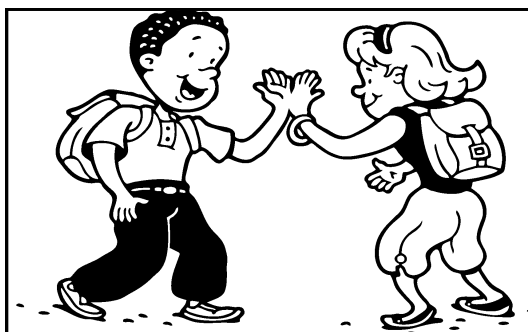
It's been a difficult couple of years in the financial world. Even if the worst is behind us, the recovery isn't over. No matter what the future holds, you can count on the strength and stability of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:** We offer:

- >Insurance protection
  - >Retirement products
  - >Volunteer opportunities
- And more!

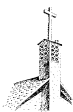
Plus, we help our member support the causes that are important to them – in their communities, their congregations and around the world.

Want to learn more? Let's sit down and discuss how Thrivent Financial and I can help you build a more secure financial future. Contact Kyle Mumpton, CFP, Richard Hummel, or Richard Roth at 315-451-0252 today, or visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).



# September

Blessing of the 3 B's:  
Bibles, Backpacks and  
Business Gear  
Sept. 18  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
worship



## Sunday School

## Cinema/Sandwich

**Rally Day - Sept. 11**  
*Please Join Us*  
**It's Fall with a  
New Sunday School Year!**

**Back to Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.**  
**with a special children's story**  
**Coffee & Donuts for the Parents**

**Make Sunday School a habit.**  
**Study God's Word with us each week.**



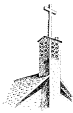
**Jan Kunkle-468-2400**  
**Laura King-380-7325**

**Co-superintendents**

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

Then we view  
our movie  
in the Library  
after lunch.

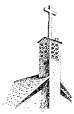
Join us  
Mon., Sept 12:  
"Princess Bride"



## Financial Update

### St. Michael's Lutheran Church Income & Expense Actual vs. Budget 2010 January through July 2011

	Jan - Jul 11	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
301 - Regular Envelopes	95,428.24	97,502.55	97.8%
302 - Loose	1,891.19	1,484.00	127.4%
303 - Sunday School	218.95	330.75	66.3%
304 - Other Regular Envelopes	5,145.00	5,200.00	98.9%
314 - Maintenance - Building Use Fee	3,956.00	3,536.70	111.9%
315 - Coffee Fund / Fellowship	470.16	403.35	116.6%
317 - Flowers	1,017.50	945.00	107.3%
318 - Special Music + Gifts	1,295.00	175.00	740.0%
323 - Vacation Bible School	393.00	150.00	262.0%
325 - Miscellaneous Income	102.00		
325.1 - CCF - Dir. YFM Expenses	7,452.50	8,706.25	85.7%
360 - Parsonage Synod Usage	3,350.00	3,350.00	100.0%
400 - Designated Funding (Pass Thru)	5,244.15		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>130,655.72</b>	<b>125,665.40</b>	<b>103.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
450 - Designated Expenses (Pass-Thru)	3,938.53		
500 - Budgeted Expenses	13,490.72	13,650.36	98.9%
503 - Worship	2,445.89	2,881.00	84.9%
504 - Education	1,529.29	1,966.55	98.6%
505 - Service/Witness	1,944.00	1,491.35	130.6%
506 - Salaries	49,347.16	45,395.40	108.9%
507 - Benefits	53,617.17	54,359.25	97.0%
508 - Travel	5,205.12	3,186.65	163.3%
509 - Utilities	7,690.19	8,030.00	95.8%
510 - Church Administration	4,072.15	5,564.80	73.2%
511 - Maintenance	15,106.59	12,581.55	120.1%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>137,989.19</b>	<b>130,087.50</b>	<b>106.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,423.47</b>	<b>-4,229.10</b>	<b>57.3%</b>
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## Altar Guild

Ruth McConnelee -  
488-3078

Mark your calendars for Sept. 12 when we will meet at Joanne Oram's home, 104 Hallmore Dr., Camillus. (487-9368)



## Service Guild

Ruth Coe - 487-0477

Time to get back in the groove! Come and join us at Service Guild on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Joanne Blake will be serving refreshments. We hope to see all the "old faces" at this meeting to plan the new season.

## Mary Circle

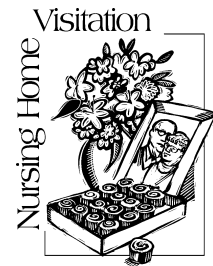
Emily Zieres - 422-7873

The members of Mary Circle will hold their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note: this is the second Wednesday in September, rather than the usual first Wednesday of the month meeting time, due to the Labor Day holiday). We will be writing fall greetings to our special needs members. Emily Zieres will be the hostess. We invite you to join us for a morning of coffee and fellowship. Please come!

## Lutheran Homes

Janice Allen - 834-9914

Thank you to all who participated in the Lutheran Homes at Clinton visitation. Thank you to the cookie bakers, gift givers and those that went to the home to pay Bingo and visit with the residents.



## Women's Bible Study Group

### Women's Bible Study Group

The focus of this fall's Mini-Bible Study Retreat has shifted to the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine's 2011-2012 study, which is titled: "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark". This nine month study is based on this theme verse: "Take heart, get up, (Jesus) is calling you", which is from Mark 10:49b. This study emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today and is an invitation to discipleship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Since this study runs from September 2011 through May 2012, we will cover it in four to five Saturday mini retreats, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and ending by 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. with a break in between for lunch. The first mini retreat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, and will be based on Session 1: "Jesus of Nazareth", and Session 2: "Mother and Brothers". Future retreats will be held in January, March and May of next year.

For those who cannot commit to joining us on a Saturday, there is a possibility that they can do this study online. More details about this in next month's issue of the *Trumpet*.

Please note: *The Lutheran Woman Today* magazine has just changed its name to *Gather for Faith and Action*.

## Choir Update

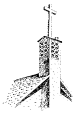
Allison Evans Henry,  
Organist, Adult Choir Director,  
695-6677

Greetings from the choir loft! It has been a pleasure to work with our fine Adult Choir through the month of July and to enjoy the talented symphony musicians during the month of August.

We said farewell to Angela Silverstein, who moved to West Virginia for her new teaching position. We will miss her in the choir loft.

The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals conclude at 8:30. Sunday

warm up rehearsals begin at 10:00 a.m. Interested singers can contact me at home at 695-6677 or touch base with me on Sunday mornings. We could use more singers on all four parts, but I believe the sopranos and altos will support me in looking for more tenors and basses in the ensemble. Come join the rehearsal fun and fellowship on Wednesday evenings!



## Tabitha's Crafters

Joan Rasi-487-0792, Deacon

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things."* *Philippians 4:8*

Tabitha's Crafters will meet on **Sept. 17 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our ministry is to make items that others may find useful and then give them away to charities, nursing homes, hospitals, and shelters, which lets someone less fortunate know that someone cares and hopefully brightens their day. We invite anyone who would like to join in this mission to join us at our monthly work sessions. To those who aren't able to join our group, we invite you to make things at home and drop them off on our display table to be delivered to our various charities. We can supply you with materials and patterns or you can use your own patterns and materials.

We are so very grateful for the many different items that all of you are making and donating to our cause!

Joan Rasi



### Food Pantry List

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

*Please continue to save paper and plastic bags.*

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

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

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

## Food Pantry

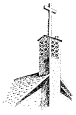
Joanne Blake - 469-1417, Liaison to St. Paul's Food Pantry, Syracuse

Thank you for your continued support of this very important outreach. The need continues to be great.

Please continue to save you plastic and paper bags. You can deposit them in the plastic tub in the Church entrance by the Chapel, off of the upper parking lot.

We will meet on Sept. 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the

Fellowship Hall to put the bags together for the Food Pantry. Please join us for fellowship and a service project.



## Health and Wellness

Deacon Christine Jones,  
Health and Wellness Ministries  
468-5902



**BULLYING  
AFFECTS  
EVERYONE**

### Bullying

can affect a person's physical, emotional and psychological health. Many, if not most, of us have been effected by bullies in some way in our lifetime.

What is bullying? Bullying is intentional, repeated, hurtful behavior involving an imbalance of power and intention to cause harm, and it is repetitive.

Forms of bullying include:

Verbal: name calling

Social: spreading rumors, and/or isolation, such as leaving people out of group activities

Physical: hitting, shoving, punching, damaging personal possessions

Cyber-bullying: the most damaging and vicious form, as the messages are instant, can be seen by millions and cannot be taken back!

Bullying happens everywhere. There are no differences in rate of bully-

ing in urban, suburban or rural communities. Bullying occurs in all schools but more often in larger schools. Both boys and girls become involved in bullying but the forms of bullying may vary by gender.

Parents can play a key role in preventing and stopping bullying. But they first need to know if their children bully or are bullied by others. Many parents don't discuss this topic with their children and many children don't raise this topic with their parents or trusted adults. Some parents of children who bully may actually support this behavior without knowing it. Children may learn this behavior if parents use power and aggression to solve conflicts. Or parents may fail to recognize or stop bullying when it occurs at home.

Here are some tips for parents to help prevent/recognize bullying:

1. Talk to your children about your concerns about bullying. Encourage them to freely talk to you about problem relationships so you can work it out together.

2. Play the 'what if' game - what would you do if: you saw someone being picked on? ...someone

was spreading mean rumors about you?...you hurt someone's feelings?

3. Look for signs of being bullied, such as: your child doesn't want to go to school; is acting unhappy or depressed; complains of frequent headaches, stomachaches, or feeling sick; comes home with damaged or missing clothing or belongings; has unexplained injuries; has trouble sleeping/bad dreams; often feels like they are not good enough; acts differently than usual.

4. Look for signs of your child bullying others, such as: enjoys teasing others; has a hard time controlling anger; gets onto physical or verbal fights with others; is often sent to principal's office or detention; is quick to blame others; has extra money or new belongings that cannot be explained; has friends who bully others; needs to win or be the best at everything.

5. Learn more by talking to other parents and your child's school to find out how they handle bullying.

The start of the new school year is the best time to increase your awareness of bullying with children and young adults. October is "National Bullying Prevention Month" so we will

discuss what we as a congregation can do in next month's *Trumpet*.

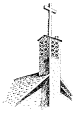
*"Those who persecute me with evil purpose draw near;...yet you are near, oh Lord, and your commandments are true."*

*Psalm 119:150-151*



**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



*Sitting at my computer a few days before State Fair opens has me thinking about summers past, fall coming, and the whiz of the seasons' zooming along. The SIX burgeoning bags of sheets, towels and blankets donated by our members to the Homeless Veterans program at the VA represented such support for the men and women serving our country. What a summer blessing that was!*

*We're sharing our gardens' harvest bounty already downstairs at Coffee Hour on The Abundance Table each Sunday – another of God's every-coming blessings. Such visible expressions of God's love can remind us that each of us is in charge of our own "blessingness" – of our role in BEING the light of the world by DOING all God sets before us.*

Next is our timely "heads up" on the Christian Outreach plans for each month of this coming school/church year. Remember that "outreach" is not simply an assignment for a Congregation Council member to report at each meeting. Christian

Outreach is our holding up the Light of the Spirit that fills each of us to shine in the dark, sad, poor, lonely corners of the neighborhood, the county, the country and the world. Each opportunity needs only one person to lift the lamp and say, "I'll put up the signs" or "I'll deliver what comes in." Pick your favorite and give me a call or email!

September  
**CROP\* recruitment** (\*CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger at home and round the world).

October  
**CROP Walk - Oct. 16**

November  
**Samaritan Center**  
Thanksgiving Ingathering

December  
**Advent Blessing**  
Ingathering for our Red Cross family

February  
**Sunday School**  
Lenten ingathering project

March  
**Science Fair**  
Call to volunteer and judge—lots of fun  
**White Ribbon Campaign**  
Recruitment for Vera House White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence

April  
**Vera House White Ribbon Campaign**

May  
**Ten Tons of Love**  
Working with First English

Lutheran, Syracuse, gathering usable goods left behind by Syracuse University Students, to be distributed to those in need  
**Mother's Day**  
Ingathering of baby supplies for Women, Infants, and Children health dept. nutrition program (WIC) families (led by WELCA)

June  
**Samaritan Center**  
Father's Day ingathering of caps for people served by the Center

July  
**Thank you for our freedom**  
Military Ingathering of bedding + towels + pillows for homeless vets



**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.*

**Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse ... and STAPLES!**

Staples® is rampant with back-to-school sales, another God gift, though perhaps not so obvious. You see, the Boys and Girls Clubs desperately need school supplies for students without the resources to buy the long lists of things expected when they enter their classrooms. Just stop by Staples at the bottom of the

Hinsdale Road hill, and pick up their promotions of the week. Simply pop them into the donation box at the front of the store! There's always a rack of flyers by their front door, so don't worry if you've already recycled your newspaper.

And more good news – if you are a teacher anywhere, you can get TWENTY-FIVE of certain featured items each week for the 25¢, 5¢, even the 1¢ price each! Please stop by their front desk, set up your free Teacher Account, and put all those pencils and notebooks, crayons and folders, whatever you harvest from their sales. All of it goes to our Boys and Girls Clubs in the city!



*Hmm, lots of things we can do, that's for sure. Thank heavens that GOD will help and guide us in our choices and in our planning and in our doing.*

*Blessed be the Lord!*

*Mary Eileen Wood*





## Sunday Forum

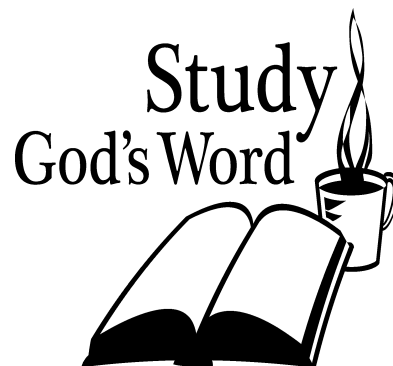
### MAKING SENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SUNDAY FORUM OCTOBER 2011

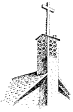
"Theology," literally meaning "words about God," helps us reflect on and make sense of our experience of God and our life in the world. But, just like we might trust our doctor when she or he uses words not usually in our everyday vocabulary, so we trust theologians to bring us the Good News without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

In October 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 will be in the Church Library in September. 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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### 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

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## Deacons

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

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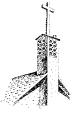
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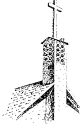
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<b>Memorials</b>		<b>Birth</b>
Given For:	Given by:	<p>Congratulations to Chris and Brianna Tice on the birth of their daughter, Willow Ava, on July 13. Proud grandmother is Kathy Tice and great grandmother is Betty Rising.</p>
Rev. Walter Kopp	Estate of Walter Kopp for the Jenna Fund	
Loved Ones	Michael Separack Beth Separack LeRoy	
<b>Thank You</b>		
<p>John Heesemann July 13, 2011</p>	<p>Morton &amp; Kathy Davis Sue Schiller Christine Jones Ed &amp; Judy Haven American Legion Knifetown Post 1540, Camillus Lois Meyer Stephen Shope William &amp; Ruth Meyer Kathleen Michel Doris Hall Mony Credit Union Karen Settembre George &amp; Lucille Teufel LaVerne Powell Joanne Oram Rick &amp; Marilyn Rosenberger Art &amp; Joan Johnson Richard Hamann Robert &amp; Doris Keane Bev Roser Nell Hartmann Ron &amp; Donna Miller Carol &amp; Leon Miller Nancy Olson George &amp; Mary Warfield Don Daily Chuck &amp; Nancy Kemp Charles &amp; Janice Allen Marguerite Thompson Anita Dietz Bob Esposito Victor &amp; Yvonne D'Amico Joe &amp; Ruth Mannix Beverly Lawless Robert &amp; Ginny Kontak Lois Fehlau</p>	<p>Dear St. Michael's,</p> <p>A great big thanks to St. Michael's! For caring for our parents through the years and your love and prayers and strength you showed them.</p> <p>With love, <i>Kopp kids</i></p> <p>Friends at St. Michael's,</p> <p>*We are so touched by your huge contribution to our ministry! Contributors like yours go directly to bringing under-privileged you to be part of our Christ-centered community. We are thrilled that you would be so generous, and promise that we will dedicate ourselves to making sure every dollar goes toward bringing a child closer to Christ.</p> <p>In His Service, <i>James Davis</i> Director Vanderkamp Center</p> <p>*This was a campership contribution from our WELCA group.</p>



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## Rally Day - Sept. 11

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
with memorial for 9/11



Back to Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts

with a special story for the children

Confirmation Class Parent Meeting in the Library