

The Link



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2010

From the Pastor:

“Spring is just around the corner.” As I write this, the freezing temperature is in the news, there is a new-fallen snow, and Punxsutawney Phil has predicted six more weeks of winter. Yet hope springs eternal, and Spring offers eternal hope.

We are a people in mission, to bring that sense of hope to a desperate world. Congregations exist for the sake of mission. This is a basic truth as to why St. Paul's has been in service to Christ since 1867. We expect to thrive as we do God's will and look forward to being more than a place preoccupied with holding worship services and paying the bills. We need to look at how God is present and working in everything we choose to do.

From the earliest days, the identity of the Christian church and its mission have been expressed through proclamation, fellowship, and service. We proclaim a rather challenging message of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead by which salvation from sin, evil powers, and death had been won. We share that hope and belief with others. Jesus offers a living presence when we gather in his name. Forgiveness of sins, deliverance from evil, and eternal life are gifts offered by Jesus Christ as we worship, almost too good to be true. We plant seeds that grow in our life together.

We gather as a community of believers to share these gifts. Holy Communion uses all our senses as we taste and see that the Lord is good. We pray for one another, we listen to one another's joys and concerns, and we care for one another. We welcome all God's people in the name of Jesus. Every person is special as a child of God.

We receive the Body of Christ to be the Body of Christ in the world. The Body of Christ is called the church. Jesus defined human greatness not with images of great wealth or authority, but with the image of the servant kneeling down to wash dirty feet. (John 13). Such service today takes place as our Lutheran Youth Organization makes soup to help folks in downtown Rochester and in Haiti, or they go without food for 30 hours to make themselves aware of God's abundance in their lives. Such service takes place as a family offers pocket change to change the lives of refugees who come to this country with nothing, and are grateful for anything. Such service takes place as the shelves of the Pittsford Food Cupboard never are empty. God sees us as we can be, but loves us as we are.

Stephen Grellet is quoted as saying these words to live by: “I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good

therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show – to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

Life is fragile. Handle it with prayer.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Jeff Hedin

ATTENDANCE

“WE COUNT BECAUSE YOU COUNT”

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	
Jan.	17	82	64	146	16
	24	171	-	171	4
	31	113	93	206	14
Feb.	7	80	97	177	12
	14	72	64	136	5

Average Sunday attendance through
January 2010 - 156

Average Sunday attendance through
January 2009 - 130

Average Sunday attendance through
January 2008 – 136

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

1/31/2010 Ashlynn Marion Kuby

Funeral:

1/30/2010 Cathy Short

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From the Deacon's Bench!

The **Men's Club** will meet in March; check the weekly bulletin for time and place (also see the LCM website)

The Adult Forum and the Wednesday Bible Class has been meeting since September and is looking forward to welcoming you. Please come! At the Adult Forum we have previously discussed the ELCA Social Statement concerning Sexuality. We are now discussing "Documents and Myths from Old Testament Times" and will be choosing a new subject for Lent and Easter.

From the Internet:- Computer support ? **This ought to make you feel better about your computer skills!**

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have? **Customer:** A white one...
Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.
Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day.. How may I help you? **Male customer:** Hello... I can't print.
Tech support: Would you click on 'start' for me and.....**Customer:** Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates.

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Dolph, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.

Customer: I have problems printing in red. **Tech support:** Do you have a color printer?
Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am? **Customer:** A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore. **Tech support:** Are you sure it's plugged into the computer? **Customer:** No. I can't get behind the computer. **Tech support:** Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back. **Customer:** OK. **Tech support:** Did the keyboard come with you? **Customer:** Yes. **Tech support:** That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

Customer: I can't get on the Internet. **Tech support:** Are you sure you used the right password? **Customer:** Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it. **Tech support:** Can you tell me what the password was? **Customer:** Five dots.

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use? **Customer:** Netscape. **Tech support:** That's not an anti-virus program. **Customer:** Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer....

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you? **Customer:** I'm writing my first email. **Tech support:** OK, and what seems to be the problem? **Customer:** Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

A customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer. **Tech support:** Are you running it under Windows? **Customer:** 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.'

And last but not least.....

Tech support: 'Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.

'Customer: I don't have a P. **Tech support:** On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean? **Tech support:** 'P'...on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

Yours in Christ,

Al Herpich.

2010 Dates To Save

March	14 th	Italian Café
	21 st	Church Council Soup & Bread and Open Forum
	21 st	Friends of Music
	27 th	Palm Cross Making
	28 th	Palm Sunday
April	1 st	Maundy Thursday
	2 nd	Good Friday
	3 rd	Easter Breakfast Set Up
	4 th	Easter Sunday. Easter Breakfast.
	5 th	Easter Monday – Office Closed
May	2 nd	Seminary Sunday
	23 rd	Confirmation Sunday
July	18 th – 23 rd	Confirmation Camp at LCLC
Sept.	12 th	Annual Picnic
Oct.	24 th	Church Council Open Forum
Dec.	19 th	Pageant
	26 th	One Service 11:00 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's is a welcoming Christian family. We are created by God, saved by Jesus Christ, God's Son, and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Through joyous worship and Mission Commitment, St. Paul's furthers the word of God's Saving Grace.

Church Council News

Welcome to our new Council members; Vicky Baldauf and Reid Cunningham.

At the Church Council meeting on Monday February 15th the following items were discussed –

Minutes of the January meeting,
Minutes of the Annual Meeting,
Action list updates,
Election of Officers,
Council Responsibilities,
January's financial reports,
I Wish/I Like cards.

Please see the Church Council notice board in the hallway for copies of the minutes of the last meeting. Copies of previous meeting's minutes can be found in the Church Office, or by visiting our web site www.stpaulspittsford.org

Please contact the Church Council via e-mail or leave messages in the Church Council folders in the work area of the offices.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be held on Monday March 15th at 6:45 p.m. A Church Council Open Forum will be held on Sunday March 21st at 12 noon.

News from the Church Office

A New Idea

As more volunteers are assigned to each service, there are more swaps arranged. To help the process there are now "swap forms". These can be found on the notice boards by the lay calendars, at the back of the sanctuary, and in the Foyer. Once a swap has been arranged fill out the form and return it to me, either via the collection plate or to my mail tray in the copier area of the office.

Please note that you do not have to complete one of these forms, but I do need clear news of swaps to get names right in the bulletin so that the wrangler knows who to look for. Those who use e-mail to tell me of swaps should continue to do so. The new form is intended to make it easier only for those who do not use e-mail.

Volunteer Updates

Thanks very much to Mary-Evalyn Stephens who has efficiently checked and bought the kitchen supplies for the past few years. She will not be continuing with this role, so if you see that we are low on such items as tea, coffee, creamers, hot chocolate mix, please write it on the yellow sheet on the clip board in the kitchen.

Kathy Silverman has volunteered for the role of publicity coordinator. Kathy will be using the free advertising provided to non-profit organizations to

make sure the community knows of the wonderful things that are happening at St. Paul's.

Reminders for March

Our Pictorial Directory is here. Free copies are available in the Foyer for all who had their photo taken. Please take only the one with your name on. Other copies will be available. If you did not have your photo included, but would like to purchase a copy, please write your name on the sheet in the Foyer.

If you are a Sunday coffee clean up volunteer, a nursery volunteer or a worship assistant, please look for your volunteer schedules either by e-mail or for pick up from the Foyer on Sunday February 28th or March 7th.

Any volunteer who has given us an e-mail address will receive their schedules and any other communications via e-mail. If you have e-mail but prefer a paper copy, please let me know.

Articles for the March edition of the "Link" must be received by 9:00 a.m. on Monday 15th March. It will be mailed on Tuesday 23rd March. Please sign up to help mail it in the volunteer work area.

If you have any questions on volunteering, if you would like to begin volunteering, or if you are not sure what a volunteer role entails, please call me in the Church Office at 586-0580 or e-mail me. For lengthy discussions appointments are needed.

Janet Harris, Church Coordinator

Lent Events

Look for the Lent table in the Foyer and take a **free gift**. There are devotionals, calendars and books for all ages available.

During Lent, beginning Wednesday February 24th, our **Wednesday morning Bible Study** will conclude with a brief worship service at 11:00 a.m. each week.

Each Sunday during Lent we will share **soup and bread** after our 11 a.m. service. Please join us. Each Sunday will feature a different presentation and gives us a great opportunity to get to know each other better. Chris Petit will present a musical story of Lent on Sundays March 7th & 14th and the Church Council will hold an open forum on March 21st. Thanks to those who have signed up to provide the soup and bread.

We will be collecting **loose change** during Lent and will have coin boxes and "Count Your Blessings" leaflets to assist you. All proceeds will go to Saint's Place to assist refugees newly arrived in our area. (Please see page 10 for more information on Saint's Place.) Collection boxes are available from the Foyer.

On **Thursday evenings** in Lent at 7:30 p.m. there will be a time to grow in faith with a study and worship opportunity. The hour and 15 minutes sessions, entitled "Lord Teach Us To Pray", will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include worship.

During Lent we invite you once again to spring clean your closets and help us collect items for **Monroe Community Hospital's wish list**. We all have bits and pieces leftover from past craft projects in our homes and the Hospital would like to have them.

Items needed are jewelry boxes, small boxes, Valentine candy boxes, ribbons, trims of all kinds, beads (any kind), buttons, shells, fabric (does not have to be large sizes), netting, miscellaneous craft items, items that can be used with glue for decorations, cards, envelopes, yarn, silk flowers, seasonal decorations, pine cones, dry flowers, pieces of jewelry, and pieces or parts from craft projects finished or those never tackled.

We will be collecting the items listed only until Sunday March 21st. Boxes for your donations are in the Dorcas Room.

Church Signs

All God's angels come to us disguised.

Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of **wait**.

A prayer is not a wish list.

A shut mouth gathers no foot.

Smile - it increases your face value.

Keep looking up - God is looking down.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

SIN = Soul in need.

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday **March 28th**

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday **April 1st**

Dorcas/Rachel Circle 9:45 a.m.
followed by Communion Lunch 12 noon.
Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday **April 2nd**

Prayer Vigil 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.

Saturday **April 3rd**

Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday **April 4th**

Sunrise Service at the Canal 7:00 a.m.
Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m.
Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

Join us!

Use a flower envelope from the pew backs to sponsor an Easter lily. A free will donation is asked for. The last day to donate is Sunday March 28th.

As Easter approaches it brings many opportunities for volunteering.

Sign up to help make *palm crosses* on Saturday March 27th. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level kitchen. No experience is needed as full training will be given. They are very easy and fun to make.

We need help with our *Maundy Thursday and Good Friday* services. We will need greeters, ushers, acolytes, prayer leaders, communion assistants and readers.

We will hold our traditional *Easter Breakfast* on Easter Sunday between the two services. This is always a very well attended, popular event and we need many volunteers to make it the usual success. The specific needs are as follows;

Set up and decorate tables in the morning of Saturday April 3rd,

Provide baked goods, drinks, fruit and other refreshments for the breakfast, to be brought in by Easter Sunday morning, (those who provide items are encouraged to take any leftovers home with them to help with the clean up process),

Assist setting out of donated food items on Easter Sunday morning, (this will involve greeting those bringing in food and showing them where the set up is and helping find serving knives, spoons or plates if necessary),

Help clear up following Easter Breakfast, (not tables & chairs – just food and drink items).

Sign up sheets are in the Foyer. If you have any questions please call Janet Harris in the Church Office at 586-0580.

A FRIENDS OF MUSIC

♪ NOTE ♪

Save the date! On Sunday, March 21, at 3:00 pm we will again welcome Musica Spei to a Friends of Music recital.

Musica Spei, which means Music of Hope, is a group of non-professional Rochester singers who perform a repertoire of sacred, unaccompanied choral masterworks from the early, 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries.

Singing without a conductor, those of us who were at their last recital at St. Paul's were amazed at the beauty of their music! We look forward to hearing some Lenten music from this wonderfully talented group.

Please invite a friend and join us. As always, some pleasant beverages and tasty nibbles will complement the music.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Dinner

If you are interested eating a delicious Italian dinner catered by Mario's AND helping St. Paul's support Habitat for Humanity, please sign up for your tickets to the Dinner & Silent Auction on March 6th. This event will be held at St. Louis Church in Pittsford beginning at 6PM. Sign up is in the Foyer and tickets are \$5 for children (ages 5-12) and \$18 for adults.

For those who attended 3 years ago, you'll remember it was a fun evening and a great way to support a worthy effort that St. Paul's participates in to help families become owners of homes.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity efforts,
Dick Poduska

The 6th Annual Italian Café Night is all set for March 14th.

Sign up for this highly anticipated evening of fun, fellowship, and of course food. A free will donation will be asked for. A detailed sign-up sheet is located at our Italian Café Table in the Foyer.

Dorcas Rachel Circle

Thursday, March 11th

Dorcas Room

9:45 a.m.

Program: Cherish our Children

Speaker: Barb King

Devotions: Barb Granger

Hostesses: Jane Pfromer

Muriel Herpich

Vicky Baldauf

Bring: Paper goods for the Pittsford Food Cupboard

Bring: A dish to pass or your own bag lunch if you wish to participate at the Fellowship Luncheon following the meeting.

Upcoming Book Review will be lead by Pam Poduska in May. The book title is **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. At the end of March, Pam has reserved 8 copies from the library and they will be available for the ladies to share for 8 weeks.

The Annual Crop Walk

will be held in Fairport on Sunday May 2nd beginning at 12:30 p.m. A coordinator of walkers from St. Paul's is needed. Please ask Janet Harris for more information if interested.

Kitchen News

Unclaimed Items.

In our Dorcas Room kitchen there are several items that have been left following events. These include dishes, plates and baskets. To help keep the counter tops clear for working there will be a kitchen clean out in March. Please check the table of items in the Dorcas Room on Sundays March 14th to 28th. Items not claimed will be donated to the Super Sale to benefit Saint's Place held at St. Louis in April.

Left over food procedures.

Following special events there is often food left over. Those who clean up are asked to put it away in the refrigerator ready to be used on the next Sunday. Those who open on Sunday mornings are asked to check the refrigerator for food to be used. If you put food in the freezer please make sure you leave a note to let the openers know that it is there to be used.

If you have food or drinks in the refrigerator that are reserved for a special occasion, please label it.

Kitchen Supplies

If you see that we are low on kitchen drink supplies (coffee, tea, creamers, etc) please write it on the yellow sheet on the clipboard. Paper goods (kitchen towels, tissues etc) are kept in the sexton supply closet, either in the handicapped bathroom or downstairs. Coffee cups are now bought in bulk and if needed, supplies of these can be found in the storage room with the safe downstairs, between the two bathrooms.

De-caffeinated coffee.

In response to requests made at the Annual Meeting via the blue "I Wish" cards, de-caffeinated coffee is now provided on Sunday mornings. If church openers have any questions about the process, please call Janet Harris in the Church Office at 586-0580.

Thanks to all who regularly clean, tidy and replenish the kitchen.

More Church Signs

There's no such thing as too many prayers.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

ASAP: Always say a Prayer.

Love someone not because he is a Christian, but because you are.

Ask not what God can do for you, but what you can do for God.

A kindness done is never lost.

When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

To lead the orchestra, you must turn your back on the crowd.

Saint's Place

Our Lent loose change collection will once again benefit Saint's Place.

Saint's Place assists refugees from war-torn countries seeking asylum in the United States. They are legal immigrants arriving in Rochester, New York through the Refugee and Immigration Department of the Catholic Family Center. Approximately 700 refugees arrive in Rochester each year from all around the globe.

These weary people arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, having escaped from war-torn countries. Some have lived in refugee camps for up to seven years waiting for a country to sponsor them.

We cannot even begin to imagine the horrors of life that these people, our brothers and sisters, have had to endure. Since its inception in 1998, Saint's Place has supported the resettlement of hundreds of refugees each year.

Saint's Place relies on local financial and material resources to ensure that newly arrived refugees are provided adequate initial housing and support services. Donated furniture, household goods, appliances, and clothing are stored until needed, and then used to set up an apartment for each newly arrived family.

The tutoring program provides much needed support to both school-age children and adults that are new to our country. Volunteers work one-on-one with the refugees once a week to help them with English, as well as any school subject that they may need assistance with. Saint's Place provides tutoring services at two locations within close proximity to our refugees' homes. They currently serve up to 150 children and adults in the tutoring program.

Volunteers are needed as follows; Van Driver, Student Advocate/Tutor, Ministry House donation sorting, Public relations/marketing expert, Secretarial/Computer assistance, Development/Fundraising Professional and help with Special Events.

For more information, pick up a flier from the Foyer or contact:

Saint's Place
46 S. Main Street
Pittsford, New York 14534
(585) 385-6860

Saint's Place will hold its Annual Super Sale to support the humanitarian needs of refugees in the Rochester area.

Sale dates are Wednesday April 21st from 2 pm to 8 pm, Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd from 9 am to 4 pm, and Saturday 24th from 9 am to 12 noon.

The sale will be held at St. Louis Church, 60 S. Main Street, Pittsford.

Sale items include quality collectibles, antiques, glassware, jewelry, handbags, cookware, dishes, kitchen utensils, pottery, pictures, linens, toys, games, furniture and books. Hot dogs and drinks will be sold at lunchtime on Thursday and Fridays from 11 am to 2 pm. All proceeds from the sale will directly support the humanitarian needs of newly arrived refugees to the Rochester area.

If you have quality, almost new, items to donate please take them to Saint's Place, 46 S. Main Street before April 13th or contact 385-6860 for pick up of larger items.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, assist with the sale and clean up. Volunteers who work for four hours or more can pre-shop on Wednesday morning before the sale opens to the public. Please call 385-6860 to help.

Women of the ELCA

This year the Women of the ELCA are assembling Hygiene Kits for Lutheran World Relief. There are 7 items to go in each kit. Each month we will collect one item. By the end of the summer, we will have all the items ready to bag into kits.

March is WASHCLOTH month.

A box will be in the Dorcas Room for your donations.

Upcoming Events

Communion Brunch

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Location: Transfiguration Lutheran Church

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Program: Communion Service
Pastor Frank Hanrahan

Brunch following the service

Bring: Non perishable foods for Irondequoit Food Cupboard

Spring Assembly

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Program: Cherish Our Children

Bring: Thank Offering Boxes

More Church Signs

A budget helps us to live below our yearnings.

Everyone wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die.

For peace that lasts, put God first.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

More Church Signs

Preaching is reaching and teaching.

Give your troubles to God - he's up all night anyway.

Don't have anything to be grateful for?
Check your pulse!

Thanks to you in January

A box of socks collected by the Women of the ELCA was delivered to Saint's Place,

Eggs were collected one Sunday by the LYO for Pittsford Food Cupboard,

\$360 was donated to the ELCA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund,

Combs were collected for hygiene kits for Lutheran World Relief,

10 bags of bath towels and blankets were donated to Lollypop Farm.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5th, 2010
Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church
1200 Winton Road South
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration fee \$3 at the door

Bring own brown bag lunch (dessert and beverage provided)

Theme; "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God"

This year's service was written by the Women of Cameroon and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee

ST. JOHN'S GREEN HOUSE® PROJECT

Many of you know St. John's Home, which represents a nursing home as well as a complex of apartments and cottages and many programs, all devoted to the care of elderly citizens. Members of this congregation have benefited from the devoted care for which St. John's is known, and we have a supportive "member church" relationship with St. John's.

Although known for its high quality of care already, St. John's is one of the first organizations in the country to bring to elders even better care through the Green House® Project. Instead of living in large, more institutional settings, residents will live in individual homes, in or close to their own home communities. These will be large ranch style family homes that will house ten elders in settings throughout the Rochester community. A central dining area with adjacent kitchen and living room will allow residents, family and friends, and staff to have family style meals together. Each resident will have a private bedroom and bathroom. A fireplace will be built into each dwelling, one example of the ways in which a home-like atmosphere will be created. At the same time, the special services needed by elderly and disabled people which are present in nursing homes will be available.

This initiative aims at having elders live in a home-like setting, with ten residents in each dwelling and availability of the services supplied by a nursing home. For example, ceiling-mounted lift technology will be utilized for moving residents safely. Even for those who have severe disabilities, a high quality of life will be possible.

Construction will begin soon on two homes in Henrietta and another pair in Penfield. They should be ready for occupancy in the fall, and the ultimate goal is to construct 47 houses throughout the Rochester area, allowing residents to live in or near their hometown. This arrangement will allow elders to be near their families, neighbors, and places of worship.

In addition, this emphasis on being within the home town will allow community members to be actively involved in the care of elders, and will allow the residents access to community resources. There can be a positive impact on local employment and services. Additionally, opportunities are created for community service, both to and from the residents, involving volunteer work, organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, and programs such as school age asset building.

Although the Green House® Project will be allowing residents to live in a genuine home setting, the services available in a traditional nursing home will be built into the system. The central staff member will be a universal worker with the unusual title of Shahbaz, who will work directly with residents and attempt to bring forth the abilities that reside inside every individual.

Interested persons can find out more by calling 760-1333 or going online to www.stjohnsliving.org/green_house.php

Dear Pastor Hedin and Friends,

Bob and I would like to thank you for your calls of concern and your get well wishes.

We pray to God things will continue to improve.

Fondly,

Bob and Betty Patterson

Let's celebrate in March

- 2nd Happy Birthday to Holley Haynes
- 3rd Happy Birthday to C. J. Lang and Holly Comstock
- 7th Happy Birthday to Florence Gruschow
- 8th Happy Birthday to Wilma Lawrence, Virginia Pschirrer and Jori Cincotta
- 10th Happy Birthday to Julia Jones
- 12th Happy Birthday to Lena Graupman
- 13th Happy Birthday to Marilyn Larson and Happy Baptism Anniversary to Addilae Canning
- 14th Happy Birthday to Jim Hoagland
- 15th Happy Birthday to Joanna Kane
- 16th Happy Birthday to Virginia Pixley
- 19th Happy Birthday to Sadri Abdylji, Dan Payne, Marcella & Natalie Cincotta and Kelly Gangloff
- 21st Happy Birthday to Harlan Granger
- 22nd Happy Birthday to Ian Yates
- 25th Happy Birthday to Andrew Hedin and Jeanne Stewart

- 27th Happy Birthday to Linda Wallace
- 28th Happy Birthday to Anna Rose Ecklund and P.J. Kuhn
- 29th Happy Birthday to Barb Servé
- 30th Happy Birthday to Jack Whitaker
- 31st Happy Birthday to Austin Joseph Ange

More Church Signs

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

The end is only the beginning.

Prayer doesn't need proof, it needs practice.

Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.

A large heart can be filled with very little.

He who sings his own praises is usually out of tune.

If you are tempted to lose patience with others, stop and think how patient God has been with you.

The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the try-angle.

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

Come to worship, leave to serve.

Cross-eyed people have the best vision.

When you listen to God, He hears you.

ELCA Haiti Response Update

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." –1 Corinthians 12:26

More than two weeks have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The outpouring of gifts from members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to ELCA Disaster Response has enabled a swift response on behalf of this church.

Thank you for your generous financial support which now totals more than \$2.5 million. Many gifts are still being counted. Our community-based partners are already providing:

- Two **water** purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people.
- Emergency **food** and **medical supplies** to thousands.
- Blankets and tents to **shelter** 10,000 people who are homeless.

Funding, distributed through three partners, will increase as giving continues.

- \$300,000 has been sent to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a key responder and member of Action by Churches Together (ACT). The funds support LWF efforts to provide shelter to people left homeless by the quake.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, for material aid.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Church World Service (CWS) for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials.

In addition, \$25,000 has been sent to Lutheran Services of Florida for initial support to refugees and Haitian Americans entering or returning to the United States.

We are pleased that Louis Dorvillier, director for International Development and Disaster Response in the ELCA Global Mission program unit, is part of a delegation to his country of origin with LWF and ACT.

Your generosity makes this life-saving work possible. As we celebrate this outpouring of gifts and prayers, we also know that we have a long road to travel together. There is so much more to be done. This church is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Haiti for years to come; your continued support is needed to provide ongoing care.

I encourage you to visit www.elca.org/disaster for updated information and details on how to offer financial support. General mission-support dollars and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission make it possible for 100 percent of your gifts designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief to be used entirely for this response effort.

To donate online visit www.elca.org/haitiearthquake or call 800-638-3522.

In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.S. View more photos of your gifts at work (www.elca.org/bishopstatement).

Lake Chautauqua
Lutheran Center
Upcoming Events



5013 Rt. 430
Bemus Point, NY 14712
716-386-4125
lclc@windstream.net

Brochures on all L.C.L.C. spring and summer events can be found in the Foyer on the bookshelves or on the community news notice board.

**U.F.O. Retreat:
Un-Finished Objects
April 23-25, 2010**

Spend the weekend working on your favorite unfinished object like quilting, scrapbooking, reading, knitting, or painting. Enjoy a weekend devoted to your hobby without the distractions of home. The following activities will also be offered:

AM Devotions, Worship, Bible Study, Hiking
Delicious Food, Fellowship Time

Cost: (Includes a \$10 non-refundable deposit)
\$100/person double occupancy
\$140/person single occupancy
Includes programming, great meals, delicious snacks, and lodging in the Retreat Center.
The program runs from 7:00pm Friday through brunch on Sunday.
Registration deadline is April 12, 2010.

Our annual **Spring Work Day** will be on **Saturday, May 1st**. Come and help us get ready for the summer season! Special projects, trail clearing, cabin cleaning, painting, and more. Believe it or not, spring will be here before we know it!

**Confirmation Camp
Reminders**

Confirmation Camp is July 18th to 23rd.

Confirmation Camp applications and a \$65 deposit made out to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* are needed by March 21st.

Total cost for the week is \$290 per camper. The church will be providing camperships for all who request them. The remaining \$225 will be due by May 23rd.

More Church Signs

All people smile in the same language.

The company you keep helps determine the trouble you meet.

Life is like a mirror - it never gives back more than it gets.

The devout have no doubt.

The brook would lose its song if God removed the rocks.

If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

“Identity Theft: What you need to know” is a free 50-minute educational workshop that helps you gain a better understanding of how identity theft can occur. You’ll also learn about steps you can take to help protect your identity and what you can do if identity theft happens to you.

The workshop will be offered at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, 250 Pinnacle Road 14623, on Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative Joseph Mynio, MBA. Refreshments will be served. The registration deadline is Friday, March 12th. To register, call 585-586-1170 x222, e-mail georgette.peterson@thrivent.com or register online at thrivent.com. For more information, call Georgette Peterson at 585-586-1170 x222.

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Starting January 1, eligibility expands for conversions or qualified rollover contributions to Roth IRAs. This means more people can take advantage of Roth IRAs and the benefits of federal tax-free growth and withdrawals.¹

Now, even if you have a modified adjusted gross income of more than \$100,000, or are married filing single tax returns, you can take advantage of Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA offers...

Federal income tax free growth of earnings
Federally tax-free withdrawals¹
No required minimum distributions (RMDs)²
Sound interesting? Attend a complimentary workshop to learn more and to discuss whether a Roth IRA conversion is right for you.

Tuesday, March 2nd 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Pinnacle Lutheran Church
250 Pinnacle Road, Rochester 14623
The guest speaker will be Joseph Mynio, MBA, Financial Associate, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Light refreshments will be served during the presentation.
To RSVP to this event, please contact Georgette Peterson at 585-586-1170 x222.

Thanks very much to Carole Sack who has retired as our Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Representative. Over the past several years Carole has been responsible for obtaining many hundreds of dollars for St. Paul’s fundraisers through the Thrivent Matching Funds Program.

Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation, Upstate New York Chapter is a national voluntary health organization dedicated to improving lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

Help is needed for the annual Rose Day sales for the Arthritis Walk in May. The walk is Saturday, May 8th at Seneca Park, registration starts at 9:30 am and the walk begins at 10:30 am.

Roses are \$20 for 1 dozen red roses and should be ordered by Friday April 23rd.

See the flier on the community notice boards or call 585.264.1480 for more information.