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# VOICE

February 2011

JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION - HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.



*4th Annual Women's Retreat*

**March 25 & 26, 2011**

**Hotel Indigo**

Friends in Christ:

Welcome to LivingLutheran.com

Grab a cup of coffee, pull up a chair and join us at the table for a conversation about what it means to “live Lutheran.”

LivingLutheran.com serves up a daily blend of culture, conversation and community for ELCA members and friends. We’re looking for answers about what it all means and hope you’ll stop by to put in your two cents.

You won’t find breaking news here, although there’s plenty of commentary on what’s happening in the world and what ELCA members think about it. We have resources for congregations, videos to inspire and amuse and places to share what’s on your mind.

This new website from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has only been up and running for a couple of months now. We wanted to spread the word to you, in the hopes that those of you who spend some time on the internet might wander over to this site and take a look. As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the church, like every other institution, is searching for new ways to connect people with people. We like this one.

There are blogs by pastors and laity all over the country, there are inspirational stories, reports about missions and congregational creativity. If you have a few moments, stop over and take a look. Learn more about our church and what it’s doing to spread the good news of God’s love to the world.

Pastors Wendy & Tim



**LIVING LUTHERAN**  
A daily blend of stories, culture and community

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# STUDY THE WORD

## Daily Lectionary



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Let your light shine!*

M	Psalm 119:57-64 Proverbs 25:11-22 Romans 12:9-21	Sa	Philippians 2:25-30 Psalm 131 Isaiah 31:1-9 Luke 11:14-23
Tu	Psalm 119:57-64 Genesis 31:1-3,m 17-50 Hebrews 12:14-16	<b>8th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
W	Psalm 119:57-64 Proverbs 3:27-35 Luke 18:19-30	Su	Isaiah 49:8-16 Psalm 131 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34
Th	Psalm 131 Proverbs 12:22-28 Philippians 2:19-24	M	Psalm 104 Deuteronomy 32:1-14 Hebrews 10:32-39
F	Psalm 131 Isaiah 26:1-6		



Visit & recommend to friends St. Paul's Website  
[www.stpaulswilliamsville.org](http://www.stpaulswilliamsville.org)

### On our website you can find:

- ▶ St. Paul's monthly "Activities" Calendar (Just in case you misplace your copy of the "Voice.")
- ▶ Links to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) website and the Upper New York State ELCA Synod website.
- ▶ St. Paul's Church Council and Standing Committee Members in case you want to direct a question or comment to any of our leadership team.

**If you haven't visited our website please take a moment to review it, and more important, remember to direct others to our website!**

**Thanks again** to everyone who participated in the many projects taking place during the Christmas Season. The response at St. Paul's is always gratifying.

**January brings some very cold weather and we still have people in our community who need warm clothing and warm food.** As you clean out your closets to make room for all the new clothing you received last month, please remember these people. Bring in your clean, used clothing and place it in the "upper room" near the Friendship Room. We will also take used blankets, afghans and sample or hotel size bottles of hygiene products. All donations will be delivered to Friends of the Night People.

**Arlene Bossert is getting the calendar ready for volunteers and substitutes who serve dinner the fourth Monday of the month at the Friends of Night People soup kitchen.** If you are interested or need more information, talk to Arlene. We also have a group of ladies who prepare meals at the site on the second Thursday of each month.

**In conjunction with North park Lutheran,** we also support the food Pantry at Parkside Lutheran Church.

**There are several boxes in the Social hall** where you can place old cell phones, used stamps, old eye glasses and eye glass cases, hearing aids and small items for the Lutheran Nursing homes to be used as prizes for Bingo games.

**At our Falls Cluster Committee meeting** recently we found a few more ways to recycle some of those products we throw out. Each church in the cluster is responsible for shipping out different items so the responsibilities and workloads are shared.

**Resurrection House is in need** of large paper bags and the plastic Tops and Wegmans plastic bags (apparently these two brands are tougher than the others). They use them to bag food for the people who come to their food pantry.

**Campbell Soup labels** are another product that has gone by the wayside. We learned that the Navajo Evangelical Mission School

## WOMAN OF GOD

### 4th Annual Women's Retreat - March 25 & 26, 2011

(beginning at 5pm on Fri., 3/25, ending at noon on Sat., 3/26)

**Place:** Hotel Indigo, 10 Flint Rd.,  
Amherst, NY (716-689-4414)

**Cost:** Double room: \$89.00 (If two  
Share, \$44.50/ person)  
Friday Dinner: \$25 incl. Tip  
Saturday: Hot Buffet Breakfast \$14.50 incl. Tip  
Total cost per person if sharing a room = \$84.00



*This promises to be a very special retreat. This year we have more women: not only the women of St. Paul's and North Park but also Salem Lutheran (Lois's former church). We are allotting for only 50 women so if you plan to attend please get your reservation in ASAP. More details will follow in a letter to you upon receipt of your registration!*

#### Please note: Deadline for registration is March 1st!

Complete the form below and mail with your check for room and meals in the amount of \$84.00 per person (if sharing a room) to:

**Lois Gibbons, 64 Coventry Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221**

*Questions? Call Lois at 634-4481. Send one registration/ room*

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*Enclosed please find check payable to St. Paul's LYO for the following:*

#### Roommates' names and addresses:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Indicate dinner choice by number of each:*

**Herbed Crusted Pork Loin** \_\_\_\_\_

*Roasted and finished with port black pepper and demi glaze*

**Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast** \_\_\_\_\_

*Boneless breast of chicken fill with a zesty bread stuffing and baked to Perfection with poulet sauce*

**Baked White Fish** \_\_\_\_\_ *Tender filet seasoned and baked in a lemon*

*butter sauce (For the vegetarian, Pasta Primavera is also available)*

# STUDY THE WORD

## Daily Lectionary

Tu	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 2:1-16 James 5:1-6	1 John 2:7-17 Sa Psalm 119:1-8 Deuteronomy 30:1-9 Matthew 15:1-9
W	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22 Luke 6:17-26	<b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>
Th	Psalm 112:1-9 Deuteronomy 4:1-14 1 John 5:1-5	Su Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
F	Psalm 112:1-9 Isaiah 29:1-12 James 3:13-18	M Psalm 119:9-16 Exodus 20:1-21 James 1:2-8
Sa	Psalm 112:1-9 Isaiah 29:13-16 Mark 7:1-8	Tu Psalm 119:9-16 Deuteronomy 23: 21-24:4, 10-15 James 2:1-13
	<b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	W Psalm 119:9-16 Proverbs 2:1-15 Matthew 19:1-12
Su	Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20	Th Psalm 119:33-40 Exodus 22:21-27 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
M	Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 22:3-20 Romans 11:2-10	F Psalm 119:33-40 Leviticus 6:1-7 Galatians 5:2-6
Tu	Psalms 119:105-112 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25 2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Sa Psalm 119:33-40 Leviticus 24:10-23 Matthew 7:1-12
W	Psalm 119:105-112 Proverbs 6:6-23 John 8:12-30	
Th	Psalm 119:1-8 Genesis 26:1-5 James 1:12-16	<b>7th Sunday after Epiphany</b>
F	Psalm 119:1-8 Leviticus 26:34-46	Su Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

**21 International Mother Language Day**

Give thanks for Pastor Abraham Lu and the members of Grace Chinese Lutheran Church, Elmhurst, N.Y.

**22** Lift up the ministry of the members of Fordham Lutheran Church, Bronx, N.Y., reaching out to African Americans and Hispanics with the mission statement, "Serving Jesus by serving our neighbors," and their interim pastor, the Rev. John **Backe**.

**23** Give thanks for all who participate in the life and ministry of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina. Remember especially the Young Adults in Global Mission, Jenna Engquist, Krystle Moraska, Emily Singleton, and Rachel Smith as they serve in congregational and social service ministries in Argentina.

**24** Pray for mission developer pastors and lay leaders, who will meet for training February 24-28

**25** Pray for Martin and Suzanne Shoffner, who are serving in Jerusalem. Martin serves as the coordinator for both the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Palestine and the Holy Land trips program.

**26** Thank God for the work of Ellen D. Walid, executive director, and the staff of Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, as they struggle to meet increasing needs in an area plagued by natural disasters.

**27 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany**

Holy God, we give you thanks for the witness of Christians in Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino. Grant renewal and strength to the churches in these countries, that the Gospel might reach those who have not yet heard the words of our Lord.

**28** Praise God for the witness of Pastor Jeffrey Truscott. At Trinity Theological College in Singapore his classes in liturgy and theology equip students from many Asian countries to cultivate a worship life that will shape their faith communities.



**Social Ministry continued from page 3:**

in Rock Point, Arizona has been collecting them from Lutheran churches all over the nation and has actually been able to buy 7 vans to transport their students! If you are not donating your labels and "box tops for education" labels to anyone, please bring them into church. There will be a box for them in the Social Hall along with a list of participating products. Extra copies will be available if you want to take one home. The part of the label we need is the UPC.

**Don't forget to save your "Dash's receipts.** There is a box for them in the narthex. Pastor Wendy takes care of them and cashes them in for the Youth Group.

**Another item to collect and bring are all those coupons** that come in the mail or the Sunday paper. The American Legion clips them and sends them to Army bases around the world. The families can redeem them at the army base stores. So, there will be a box for them in the Social Hall also.

**Take a look at all the boxes lined up in the Social Hall,** and every week bring in a handful of some items on our list. It won't cost you any money, just a few minutes to cut and pack!

**If you have any questions** or know of another charity that could use our help, please let Nancy Noble know.



**BOOK CLUB**



Book Club will meet Friday, March 18 at 7:30pm in the Friendship Room with hostess Peg Clukey to discuss **Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by Jamie Ford.



Deadline for the March 2011 issue of **THE VOICE** February 14<sup>th</sup>



# Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 12, 2011

4:30 – 7:00pm

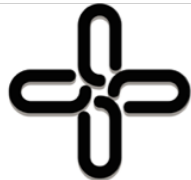
## North Park Lutheran Church

310 Starin Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216

Price: \$8.50

Includes dinner, dessert, and beverage

**Eat in or take out!**



**Prayer Chain**

### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH February 2011 Prayer List

Beginning with this edition of *"Voice"* members on the prayer list will be printed each month and members encouraged to support each other with prayer.

June Atkins  
 Marion Dodd  
 George Dodd  
 Caroline Edwards, St. Joe's  
 Dick Edwards, Sr.  
 Donna Edwards  
 Elizabeth Gentz  
 Susan Grau  
 Gertrud Guth  
 Pearl Kibler  
 Mike Kolb, Suburban  
 Arline Muhr, Odd Fellows



Roger Murbach, Harris Hill  
 Vi Ogren, Beechwood  
 Gail Olson  
 Maryann Pavel  
 Joanne Plant  
 Bob Retallack, Suburban  
 Carl Roeser, home  
 Betty Rubins, Glenwood  
 Katherine Senn  
 Pat Valentine  
 Ray Valentine, Sr.  
 Katherine Van Patten

**10** Pray for Rebecca Lee, a short-term English teacher in Hong Kong, as she engages students from different parts of Asia studying at Lutheran Theological Seminary. She is part of a wider work by the ELCA and churches in Asia to engage the needs of churches in the region.

**11** Pray for the staff and ministries of the ELCA churchwide offices as they experience a time of transition into the ELCA reorganization.

**12** Please pray for all who serve international congregations, especially Mary Ann & Timothy Stewart as they serve the American Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway.

**13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
O God, you who stand in the midst of the silent ones, bless the churches of Portugal, Spain, Italy and Malta, and their ministries among children, workers, the sick and the elderly.

**14** Ask God to guide the Rev. Albert (Al) Starr, Jr., and other leaders of the African American Lutheran Association, as they seek to help ELCA congregations reach out to people of color with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**15** Remember Jenifer Brown and Matthew Linden as they prepare to end their service as English teachers in Kumamoto and Tokyo, Japan, as part of the J-3 program of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**16** Pray for the Racial Justice Ministry Program as it strives to address the church's climate on race, ethnicity, culture, inclusivity and diversity.

**17** Pray for the many young people participating in the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Today remember Erin Bonawitz, Amelia Decker, Tricia Ernst, Nathan Lescelius, Nathaniel Murken, Kari Beth Shobe, Heidi Sjoberg, Kathleen Snyder, Elizabeth Sorenson, and others who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in Great Britain.

**18** Thank God for Lutheran Services in Iowa, its director, the Rev. Douglas E. Johnson, and other staff and volunteers, who serve people of all ages, genders, nationalities, religions, ethnicities and sexual orientations in a wide variety of ministries.

**19** Pray for the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy as they have their annual retreat February 21-25, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
We give you thanks, O God, for signs of your presence and activity among the people of Germany and France. Continue to bring vitality, we pray, to the churches, that the awakening that happened with the Reformation may live on in ongoing renewal



**February  
2011**

1 Give thanks for Revs Michael and Terri Church, in their second year working with an English-language ministry in Romania in cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania and the Metropolitan New York Synod.

**2 Presentation of Our Lord**

Lift up in prayer the ELCA ministries in the Holy Land, especially the Revs. Fred Strickert and Elizabeth McHan, working with Bishop Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, for peace in that troubled part of the world.

3 Pray for campus ministry staff as they gather in regional conferences this month.

**4 World Cancer Day**

Give thanks for the ELCA Board of Pensions health plans and all who support the ministry of preventing illness and sustaining health for staff and retirees throughout the church.

5 Pray for Sarah and Pastor Peter Grow-Hanson who live in Dakar, Senegal, serving in theological education and leadership development with the Lutheran Church of Senegal. They also provide support for ELCA-related development ministries in Senegal and facilitate a pilot Christian-Muslim immersion program.

**6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

God in heaven, bless all who strive for peace and human welfare in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Take away any anxiety about the future and give them a sense of responsibility for where you have called them.

7 Lift up in prayer all graduating seminarians who with great excitement wait to be assigned to a synod where they will begin their service in God's mission in the church.

8 Thank God for Kirsten and Pastor Stephen Kienberger. Pastor Stephen Kienberger is a parish pastor of the American Church in Berlin, Germany. Pray for all international congregations who seek to bring together people of different nations and denominations as followers of Christ.

9 Give thanks for the service of David Hardy, who concludes his service as chairperson of the Board of Directors of ELCA Risk Management at the end of the board's winter meeting in February.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20 NIV

Welcome  
New Member

Welcome into the fellowship of St. Paul's  
William Podlewski  
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Telephone: 634-4045



**Congregational Care**

St. Paul's Congregational Care Committee is concerned with assisting members who are in need by providing meals, transportation, respite, childcare as well as social and Eucharistic Ministry visits. To accomplish this ministry, we need to have a current listing of people who are willing to prepare meals or volunteer their time. Please consider what you can do to help in a crisis, complete the checklist below and place it in the offering plate or in the Congregational Care mailbox in the church office.

I will help members in need with

- \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Preparation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Childcare
- \_\_\_\_\_ Respite for family caregivers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will visit members who are home-bound or in a facility
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will join the Congregational Care Committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

**In December and January** our Sunday school numbers averaged approximately 11 kids throughout each month. We miss those of you who haven't been able to make it lately and hope you will be able to join us for February.

**During the month of December**, the children learned about baby Jesus and Erin also had the children rehearsing for the pageant, which was very well performed by the children. The congregation not only applauded the children but also Erin Jankowski who worked very hard on the songs and the volunteers who assisted with the development of the pageant. Thank you all for your time and dedication.

**As for January**, the children began learning about the three Wisemen and the gifts they brought to the newborn king, then we moved into Jesus' baptism and discussed what occurs during this celebration and what it means for those of us who are baptized. The children had a lot of questions regarding this process; therefore, the volunteers for the month allowed each child to "baptize" a baby. They had a good time and I think it will definitely stick with them. The last lesson was Jesus chooses his Disciples. All of the children wanted to be chosen to be Jesus' disciple; tis what the lesson was all about.

**To wrap up**, I would like to let the congregation know, that during the months of September, October, November and December, the Sunday school children raised about \$200.00 to give as a gift of love to our partner church, North Park Lutheran church. The children should be very proud of their contribution!! As for the offerings for January, February, and March we are still undecided, but will have a final decision by the beginning of February. Thank you to all the volunteers this month; Lori Lorenz, Alexa Hutchinson, Bob Pim, Jenna Pim, Kim Retallack, Tom Hutchinson, Mitch Woite and Tammy Harhigh (nursery).

# Lutheran Charities

**If not us, who? If not now, when?**

2011 continues to roll right on! How is your New Year's Resolution holding up? Mine never to do too well, which could explain why I don't make them anymore.

I wanted to invite you to check in on the Lutheran Charities website in February 2011 for more information on a brand new venture called: "LC Freelance Disciples." The idea is this: every month we'll designate a consistent day and time that we will have some time/event of serving the WNY community through one of our LC supported agencies. It'll be like a flash mob meets Jesus-freaks! You'll receive an email early in the week that tells you where to show up and what to bring. It will give you a chance to get onsite and work on and through our LC agencies. Or maybe it'll be behind the scenes: painting, cleaning up property, stacking food. Or maybe it will give you a chance to bring something to one of those agencies: food for the food pantries, medical supplies for a health clinic, sports equipment for LCLC.

Keep watching the website [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org) for updates, places to plug in and information about how to get onboard. Did I mention you can even give financially online now through that site!?

If you want to be added to the email devotions that go out once or twice a week, email [lutheranchairites@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranchairites@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to add you.

Again, thanks for your partnership...past, present and future!

Still in One Peace,  
Steve Biegner  
Lead Servant of Lutheran Charities of WNY

**St Paul's  
Prayer Circle**  
*All are welcome!*

**Meets**  
**2nd & 4th Thursday of each month**  
**10:00am**  
**Friendship Room**



**Be part of an  
important  
ministry of  
our church**

The title of our message this morning is "Be Humble"...  
May I know those who are humble here?  
Hmmn, I got the right message.



*It's time again to wam up for the*

**St. Paul's**

# Soup Cook-Off

**Sunday, February 27, 2011 - 2:00pm**

**St. Paul's Social Hall**



**Bring your best recipe in a  
Crock pot to be judged!**  
**(Everyone attending will judge)**

**1st Prize is a pair of Sabres tickets**  
**Also, 2nd & 3rd prizes will be awarded**



**And for the kids, we will also hold a**

## Children's Bake Off

**1st Prize - Toys-R-Us Gift Card!**



**Also, 2nd & 3rd Prizes will be awarded!**

**All entrants will receive a prize just for entering!**  
**Sign up sheet is in the Social Hall**



**Please join up for fun, fellowship**  
**And a GREAT WINTER WARM UP!!**