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JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION - HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.



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March 9, 2011

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St. Paul's Staff & Volunteer Leadership



It has seemed like a longer, colder, snowier winter than is usual around these parts. It's been a time for us to be grateful for furnaces that work, soups and stews that warm our insides, and even for a nice warm pair of

woolen socks that keep our toes from getting cold. Who isn't looking forward to a good spring thaw?

Sometimes, in our spiritual lives, we get hunkered down like we do in winter. We get all wrapped up in our own lives, our own problems. **The Season of Lent** is the spring thaw for our souls. "Lent" comes from an early Middle English word "*lencten*" which means "spring." It's the same root word from which we get the English word "*lengthen*." The spring of the year brings the lengthening of daylight. More opportunity for the sun's rays to take the chill out of the air, a time to **watch** for new growth as buds push up from the earth, and leaves begin to open; a time to **listen** for the sound of the birds returning.

In the same way the Season of Lent is a time to **watch** for new growth, as we become more attentive to the working of God in our lives. It's a time to **listen** for the voice of God, as God calls us to new opportunities and directions. Lent is a profoundly spiritual time, when the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death is presented again to us, and we are invited to see how his death means life for us.

St. Paul once described each Christian as "God's field." God has planted within each one of our lives, spiritual seed which we can expect to grow. What seeds has God planted in you? What kind of harvest can God expect? Take advantage of this holy season to grow in grace and faith. Shake off winter's chill. Thaw out your spirit!

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STUDY THE WORD

Daily Lectionary



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Let your light shine!

W	Psalm 32 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14	Th	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23
Th	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7	F	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22
F	Psalm 121 Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31	Sa	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6
Sa	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10	3rd Sunday in Lent	
2nd Sunday of Lent		Su	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
Su	Genesis 122:1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	M	Psalm 81 Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13
M	Psalm 128 Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6	Tu	Psalm 81 Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
Tu	Psalm 128 Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13	W	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39
W	Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53-8:11	Th	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:10-21 Ephesians 4:25-32

The Ground Hog may well have seen his shadow, but winter is still here for a few months. Keep sending in those warm clothes you don't need to the "Friends of Night People". Please leave clothes in the "Upper room" - the room right near the Friendship room. Canned goods can be put in the box in the Social Hall.

Our "Souper Sunday" went very well. We filled 4 bags of soup for the North Park Food Pantry. The NFL may have won the Super Bowl but chicken soup is still the favorite at St. Paul's! 18 cans of beef soup (NFC), 23 cans of chicken soup (AFC), and 8 cans of vegetable soup (Super Bowl commercials) was collected.

Just a reminder, we maintain boxes in the Social hall to collect used stamps (that's right – "used", cell phones , hearing aids, eye glasses, Campbell soup labels, Dash's tapes , and just about anything else that you are throwing out!. Even your plastic Wegman's bags can be recycled at church. If you have questions, refer them to Nancy Noble or Arlene Bossert.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare food and serve at Ken Kolb's Funeral Reception. The luncheon went well and the family was overwhelmed with St. Paul's generosity.

Please take note of the "Voice" advertisements for special dining opportunities in March. Both St. Paul's and North Park are sponsoring events.

Each month the Niagara Lutheran Homes (there are three facilities) put wish lists in their newsletter. They are always looking for bingo prizes, but this month they added a few items like shawls, or over the shoulder scarves, birdseed, birdhouses and old teacups. If you have any of these items, place them in the Niagara Lutheran Homes box located in the Social Hall.

Yes, it's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! This year we will be at Williamsville Methodist Church from August 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Mark your calendars! Our theme is "Shake it up Cafe". You can check it out by going



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www.stpaulswilliamsville.org



Overcome By a Tree Lent 2011

At the beginning of the Bible's story of humanity, God planted in the Garden of Eden a Tree: the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat its fruit. Nestled in the branches of that tree, the serpent tricked them into disobeying God. Sin entered the world and paradise was lost. Humanity was overcome by a tree.

On a hill outside of Jerusalem, Jesus Christ was executed on the tree of the cross. As he hung there in suffering, humanity was reconciled to God, and the way to eternal life was opened by the obedient death of Jesus. Satan was overcome by a tree. These themes will play out over the Sundays of Lent this year and we invite all of you to keep a holy Lent, with regular church attendance, prayer, and acts of charity toward others.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 9th**. There will be two opportunities for worship that day:

2:00pm **Holy Communion and distribution of ashes.** A simple, spoken service.

7:30pm **Solemn Communion and distribution of ashes.**



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 April 2011 issue of **THE VOICE** **March 21st**

30 Pray for the Virginia Synod and Roanoke College as they host a conference titled; "We Love To Tell The Story," July 14-16.

31 Thank God for the faithful service of Barbara Robertson in the area of the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, especially in their deepened engagement in community health work and in ministry among people living with HIV/AIDS.

STUDY THE WORD Daily Lectionary

Tu	Psalm 104 1 Kings 17:1-16 1 Corinthians 4:6-21	Ash Wednesday W Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
W	Psalm 104 Isaiah 66:7-13 Luke 12:22-31	Th Psalm 51 Jonah 3:1-10 Romans 1:1-7
Th	Psalm 2 Exodus 6:2-9 Hebrews 8:1-7	F Psalm 51 Jonah 4:1-11 Romans 1:8-17
F	Psalm 2 Exodus 19:9-25 Hebrews 11:23-28	Sa Psalm 51 Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7
Sa	Psalm 2 1 Kings 21:20-29 Mark 9:9-13	1st Sunday in Lent Su Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
	Transfiguration of Our Lord Su Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	M Psalm 32 1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18
M	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 Exodus 33:7-23 Acts 7:30-34	Tu Psalm 32 Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14-5:10
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21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Pray that all ELCA members will work to bring to fruition the church's statements on education, which have placed great importance on equity to benefit the poor and extend their choices. They have singled out racial discrimination as impermissible.

22 World Water Day

Pray for Pastor Sam and Cindy Wolff, who serve at Nairobi International Lutheran Church in Nairobi, Kenya, a congregation of the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church, which includes many emphases, including a Water Project.

23 World Meteorological Day

Ask God to help ELCA members take to heart the task given in Genesis, "The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15)

24 World Tuberculosis Day

Thank God for the opportunities we have with companion churches and the ELCA Global Mission program unit as they grow in their capacity to respond to HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria,

25 .Give thanks for Diane Persson and Daniel Johnson who serve with the Amity Foundation in China, teaching English at a university in Baotou, Inner Mongolia.

26 Pray for the many Lutheran Campus Ministry groups as they venture out and are welcomed into new communities on their alternative spring break trips, that they open their eyes, ears and hearts to embrace the people they meet and build new relationships.

27 Third Sunday in Lent

Loving God, we pray for the people of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore, that they may be strengthened to meet the many challenges of a pluralistic world. We thank you for the companion relationships among the ELCA Southeastern Synod, the Lutheran Church in Singapore, and the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore.

28 Pray for the Seward Peninsula Lutheran Ministries Conference of the Alaska Synod, serving Alaska natives, to be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Nome, Alaska, April 13-17.

29 Remember in prayer Pastor Wayne Nieminen and Pastor Christa von Zychlin, seminary professors at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Praise God for the dedication of the students, many of whom go forth to serve in Asian countries including Cambodia, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, and Hong Kong.

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going online to cooksbury.com. Last year we reached at total of 100 children during the week. This year our goal is to reach 100 children every night! We will need a lot of help as well as children, so reserve August 8-12 on your calendar.

Please continue to keep these verses ever present in your mind as together at St. Paul's we strive to serve God as Jesus has instructed us in Matthew: "For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me." They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?" He will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25:42-45).



St. Paul's Famous Fish Dinner (at least in our mind)

Friday, March 18th

Tickets on sale beginning February 20 (yes, you are already late)

Fish or Shrimp Dinners - \$10.00
(Half portions are available for \$5.00)

Our fish is ordered from Hayes Fish Market however, we make our own salads and desserts (and they are goooood!)



We need people to cook potatoes or macaroni, bake desserts, and help on March 18th.

Dinner proceeds will be matched by Thrivent Financial

Dinner proceeds will benefit the Michael Kolb family





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!

Reservations: 836-2785.

If you can help by making a dessert call Nancy or Arlene



ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

March 2011 Prayer List

June Atkins

Marion Dodd

George Dodd

Caroline Edwards, St. Joe's

Dick Edwards, Sr.

Donna Edwards

Elizabeth Gentz

Susan Grau

Gertrud Guth

Pearl Kibler

The Kolb family

George Lorenz

Dee Marinov

Arline Muhr, Odd Fellows

Roger Murbach

Eva Paulson

Maryann Pavel, Suburban

Joanne Plant

Bob Retallack, GreenField

Carl Roeser

Betty Rubins, Glenwood

Katherine Senn

Sylvie Torkelson, MF Gates

Pat Valentine

Ray Valentine, Sr.



10 Pray for the Central States Synod Mission Fund Appeal. The funds from this appeal will be used to do the work God is calling the synod to do in the four mission foci the synod has identified.

11 Thank God for Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, who serve at Kyushu Lutheran College, a college of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kumamoto, Japan. Patrick teaches English and Jacqueline works in the music program.

12 Pray for Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Wash., as they offer food, fellowship and a place to do homework for students of Oak Harbor High School.

13 First Sunday in Lent

We give you thanks, O God, for the vitality of the churches in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Build up these dynamic communities, that they may encourage other churches within the Lutheran communion.

14 Give thanks for the continued work of Pastor Viking and Marissa Dietrich who are in Ghana, West Africa. Viking is one of the regional representatives for the West Africa Region and Marissa serves in an associate appointment capacity.

15 Pray for the Lutheran World Federation staff on the ground in Haiti, including Louis Dorvilier, ELCA staff, as they continue to provide food, water, housing and health care for victims of the 2010 earthquake.

16 Thank God for Pastors Claudia Bergmann and Scott Moore, serving in Germany. Pastor Scott Moore is the ELCA coordinator in Wittenberg.

17 Pray for Chelsea Mathis, inspired as a teenager to volunteer for the ELCA as it works to promote peace in Palestine; she is now helping to promote travel to the Holy Land so others will be as inspired as she was.

18 Pray for Pueblo de Fe, St. Paul Minnesota, a bilingual new mission start in St. Paul's Wes Side.

19 Lift up in prayer the staff and volunteers of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Tucson, Ariz., providing immigration services to refugees and asylees to assist them in achieving independence and stability in the United States.

20 Second Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, we pray for the future of China, Hong Kong and Macao, as these countries journey through a long period of adjustment and seek to form peaceful long-term relationships. We praise you for the continued growth of these churches as they spread the Good News about your love and compassion.



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1 Lift up in prayer Randall and Carol Stubbs, teaching music at Makumira University College of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Rejoice with them and their students as they learn the gifts of music and friendship.

2 During Lent pray for our seminary students, that their hopes of fulfilling their vocational dreams of serving in the mission work of the church may be realized.

3 Pray for Dr Dorcas Wang as she teaches leadership development and capacity building among companions in the Chinese church and ministers at an international congregation in Beijing.

4 Pray for the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary as it hosts a retreat, "Career Crossroads," March 4-6, where participants will explore what God might be calling them to do.

5 Pray for congregations in the Upper Susquehanna Synod going through the Transformational Ministry process together: St. John Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore, Pa; Grace Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore; Garman Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore; Trinity Lutheran Church, Avis, Pa; and St. James Lutheran Church, Rauchtown, Pa.

6 Transfiguration of Our Lord

We lift up to you, merciful God, the members of the emerging Christian communities in Myanmar and Thailand, that they may expand their holistic ministries.

7 Pray for Blair Lutheran Church in Blair, Wis., served by Pastor Christine Hallemeier, a new congregation formed by the people of Zion Lutheran and First Lutheran in Blair for the sake of doing more effective ministry and mission together in the same community.

8 United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace

"For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others, Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us." (from "Service of Word and Prayer for Peace")

9 Remember in prayer Dr. Edna Johnson as she coordinates a new Masters in Nursing Education program in Liberia and as she continues to provide support to Curran Lutheran Hospital in Zorzor.

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

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

**Intercessory
Prayer
Ministry**

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



Follow Kyle Agius as he sails around the world during his college semester enrolled in "Semester at Sea." The program he is enrolled in can be viewed at www.semesteratsea.org/currentvoyage/overview. For Kyle's personal log of his travels read his blog at KyleAgius.blogspot.com.

Seen on a church sign:

"Sign broken. Get the message inside on Sunday."

*“What God can do with
nothingness...”*

Lenten Midweek Services

Mother Teresa was a holy woman who gave herself to the service of God, by serving the poorest of the poor in India and around the world. Our Lenten Midweek Services will focus on her stories and writings, to help us be encouraged in our own relationship to God and our service to “the least of the brethren.”

Join us on the five Wednesdays of Lent for a simple supper and moving worship.

Supper is served each Wednesday at **6:30pm**. **Worship** begins at **7:30pm**

Midweek Services will be held on March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

The title of the Midweek Services comes from Mother Teresa herself: “What God can do with nothingness is to me the greatest miracle of all.”



A Special Note of “Thanks” from the family of Michael Kolb

The family extends a special “thank you” to Pastor Tim , Pastor Wendy, and Rosemary Rizzo for their visits and prayers while Michael was in the hospital and during rehabilitation. Also, a “thank you” to all at St. Paul’s who sent cards and prayed for Michael and, to Faith White and all the ladies who put on such a nice lunch on the day day of the funeral. “Thank you to Sharon for taking all the messages about Mike.

The family of Michael Kolb is grateful for your kindness.

Lutheran Charities

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

Our Lutheran Charities Supported Agencies include:

Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
Lord of Life Adult Day Care Center
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Lutheran Youth Organization
Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center Adult Program
Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center Pastoral Ed.
St. Peter’s Lutheran School
Ragtime - Resurrection
Peaceprints Prison Ministry
Resurrection Health Center
Family Promise



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
 I will join the Congregational Care Committee

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Bishop Marie Jerge to Visit the Buffalo Area in March!

Bishop Marie Jerge will be visiting the Conference area to meet with members of congregations councils and pastors to share information, answer questions, and speak about her trip to Zimbabwe last summer. For convenience of travel, one site is set up centrally and one is located in the northtowns.



Bishop Jerge will be at Crossroads Lutheran Church on Monday, March 14 at 5:30pm for an evening with lay members of congregations. (Please bring a snack to pass!)

On Tuesday morning, March 15, she will meet with the clergy at St. John's Lutheran in Lancaster for monthly Ministerium Meeting from 9:30am to noon. On Tuesday evening, March 15, she will meet with members of congregations at First English Lutheran Church in Lockport at 5:30pm. (Refreshments will be served.)



From the Parish Register

All memorials go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.

Deaths: Michael Kolb, died January 27, 2011
Funeral Service at St. Paul's on January 31, 2011

Baptism: Annie Elin Andrea Qvick
Baptized February 6, 2011
Parents: Lars and Andrea Qvick

In Memory of Michael Kolb

Karl & Judy Kristoff - Endowment Fund
William & Dorothy Shaver - Endowment Fund
Lois Yoerg

2011 St. Paul's Church Council



Pictured left to right in the front row: Al Weisser, Pastor Wendy, Patty Walker. Middle row left to right: Wayne Pachioli, Vice-President & Treasurer; Bob Pim, Kim Retallack. Back row left to right: Ray Hopkins, Deb Waldrop, David Johnston, President. Not in photo: Emily Dufrene; Kim Brown, Financial Secretary; Dee Malinov, Cathy Lambert.

On February 6, 2011 Lars & Andrea Qvick and their children, Linus & Annie were welcomed into fellowship at St. Paul's. The family resides at 204 Mill St., Williamsville, NY (716-880-5323). Also, on February 6th Annie received the sacrament of Holy Baptism during 9:00am Worship.

Welcome
New Member

