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# VOICE

September 2011

JESUS IS OUR FOUNDATION - HIS SPIRIT, OUR WINGS.



*As we approach the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the failed attempt ending in Pennsylvania, we cannot help but be reminded of the violence that was brought to our shores and continues daily around the world. Pray for peace and generously share Christ's love with others.*

September 2011



Friends in Christ:

On Thursday, August 18, I joined well over a hundred Christians, Jews, and Muslims, to celebrate the "Tent of Abraham" at the Islamic Center on Heim Road. I've been doing this for a number of years. What made this year's celebration a bit different was the presence of representatives from the FBI and Homeland Security. They have been working with the leaders of the Islamic Center because of threats the Center has received: threats of violence, to their people and property.

The tragic loss of life that occurred on September 11, 2001 is still fresh and 10 years is a significant anniversary to remember. It's a shame that the honor we pay to those whose lives were lost, is diminished by those who cannot distinguish between the friends and neighbors here who practice Islam, and terrorists who fanatically practice violence, sometimes in the name of religion.

As recent events in Norway have shown, not all terrorists are Muslims. And on September 11<sup>th</sup>, our Muslim neighbors will grieve along with the rest of us, the tragic events of a decade ago.

We will have a time for remembrance at Church that morning. There will be many civic events that will occur also on that day. In whatever way you remember. Pray for peace, an end to violence, and for reconciliation such as I experienced at the Islamic Center on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Tim

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# STUDY THE WORD

## Daily Lectionary

M	Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16 Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 27:1-29 Romans 16:1-16	M	Matthew 21:23-32 Psalm 28 Judges 14:1-20 Philippians 1:3-14
Tu	Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 28:10-17 Romans 16:17-20	Tu	Psalm 28 Judges 16:1-22 Philippians 1:15-21
W	Psalm 106:1-12 Isaiah 41:1-13 Matthew 18:1-5	W	Psalm 28 Judges 16:23-31 Matthew 9:2-8
Th	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 12:17-28 James 4:11-16	Th	Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:14-22 Colossians 2:16-23
F	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41	F	Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:23-37 Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4
Sa	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33		
<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
Su	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13		



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Let your light shine!*

**Summer is rapidly coming to a close . Soon we will be starting our Fall Projects. In the meantime, please remember to:**

- ◆ bring in food for the food pantry. The box for food is in the Social Hall.
- ◆ clothing for Friends of Night People. Clothing goes in the "Upper Room" next to the upstairs bathroom.
- ◆ shampoos and soaps you collected on summer vacations!
- ◆ paper boxes for the "Angel Tree Project". Boxes can be stored in the Youth Room.

# YOUTH GROUP

Planned for Youth  
In  
Grades 3rd - 8th

The first activity planned is Bowling on Sunday,  
September 25th at 2:00 pm.

“Stay tuned for more information as plans unfold.”



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



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



Children and parents will attend 9:00am Worship and will be excused to attend their classes during the service. A pancake breakfast will follow at approximately 10:00am and then games and fun!

**Volleyball**  
**Clown**  
**Face painting**

**Can-Jam**  
**Balloons**  
**Fun for all ages**

Start the fall season right by getting in the habit of bringing your children to Sunday School. In our increasing secular world shouldn't your children hear God's story and His plan for our lives?

A special "thank you" for all of the prayers, cards, meals and good wishes from everyone following my surgery. You are such a wonderful and caring church family. There are no words to express my gratitude for all you do - just a heartfelt "Thank you" for your kindnesses.  
 Pastor Wendy

# STUDY THE WORD

## Daily Lectionary

Th	Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:1-14 2 Corinthians 12:11-21	Sa	Psalm 103:1-13 Genesis 45:1-20 Matthew 6:7-15
F	Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:15-27 Romans 10:15-21	<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
Sa	Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 33:1-6 Matthew 23:29-36	Su	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b>		M	Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29
Su	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Tu	Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29-50:14 Romans 14:13-15:2
M	Psalm 119:65-72 Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16	W	Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25
Tu	Psalm 119:65-72 Deuteronomy 17:2-13 Romans 13:1-7	Th	Psalm 14:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-4
W	Psalm 119:65-723 Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28 Matthew 21:18-22	F	Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Th	Psalm 103:1-13 Genesis 37:12-36 1 John 3:11-16	Sa	Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30
F	Psalm 103 1-13 Genesis 41:53-42:17 Acts 7:9-16	<b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		Su	Jonah 3:10-4:11

## St. Paul's Financial Ledger



FROM THE APRIL 2011  
TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Fund expenditures through July:	\$134,100
Current Fund receipts through July:	\$112,600
Current Fund deficit at the end of July:	\$ 21,500

Synod Mission gifts through July were \$11,400. This sum is \$200 above the funds necessary to meet the annual pledged giving from our members 2011 pledge cards.

Almost every expense category except utilities has increased from last year. Member giving is down about \$3,000 from last year.



In October GreenField Manor (our residential apartment homes) and GreenField Court (the assisted living apartments) will be celebrating ten years of providing senior living options and care as part of the GreenFields Continuing

Care Community. In honor of this milestone, we are holding a special worship service:

**10-Year Anniversary**

**Worship Service of Thanksgiving**

**Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 1:00pm**

**Richard Seibold Chapel and Auditorium at GreenField**

**Manor**

**5953 Broadway - Lancaster, NY**

## VACATION



Hope you had a beautiful summer. We may wonder what vacation has to do with wellness. Rest and re-creation, as we know, are ways to contribute to our well being. How do we carry vacation into the busyness of the fall? Americans value

activity and some may think that they are idle if every minute isn't scheduled. When fall programming starts, some may come to dread how they are going to fit everything into their lives. School, work, maintaining a home, caring for family, etc. may come to be dreaded. How do we choose priorities? What is the best use of our time in any given situation?

"Seek ye first the Kingdom". Is what we choose to do centered in Faith? When we come to Sunday worship, we can set the tone for the week. Do we push into the day without asking God to be with us to guard what we think, say and do?

Is family a second priority? Is our family blighted by all the distractions of modern life? Setting goals for family time may help us feel more satisfied. When we are home, do we worry about work? When we are at work, do we worry about the family? We can only be in one place at one time.

Work is our third priority. Yes, we may say we need to work to maintain ourselves and that work should be first. If our job changes, what do we have remaining? May the Lord prosper the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17).

And what of yourself? Many busy people say they need time for themselves. Can we say no when we are being asked to do something in order to maintain balance with the above three priorities? How do we care for ourselves? Do we realistically assess our need for physical rest? Do we schedule some self care into our week? Because we honor ourselves, we come full circle to our connection with God. We can Spiritually rest in God's Love. RE-CREATE this Fall!

Rosemary Rizzo BSN, RN



## From the Parish Register

*All memorials go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.*

**Marriages:** Kristen Bossert and Brendan Jordan  
St. Paul's Church, July 30, 2011

**Deaths:** Raymond L. Valentine died June 27, 2011  
Funeral Service at St. Paul's, July 1, 2011

Jacqueline K. Thompson died July 23, 2011  
Funeral Service at St. Paul's, July 27, 2011

**Baptisms:** Jace Albert Davis born March 25, 2011  
Baptized July 24, 2011, St. Paul's Church  
Eric & Julie Davis, Parents

Jacob Ryan Smith born June 20, 2011  
Baptized July 24, 2011, St. Paul's Church  
Jay & Sara Smith, Parents

### **In Memory of Arline M. Muhr**

New Horizons Chapter 879 O.E.S.

### **In Memory of Ray Valentine**

Eva Paulson - Organ Fund  
Lois Yoerg  
Tony & Rosemary Rizzo

### **In Memory of Betty Rubins**

Ken & Phyllis Hallock - Endowment Fund  
Ted & Judy Myers  
St. Paul's Lunch Ladies  
Olga Lockwood  
Eva Paulson - Organ Fund  
Julia Levy  
Patricia Burns  
Vivien Parker, Queen Mother of the Antique Red Hatters of  
Amherst

## NOTES FROM OUR CHURCH LIBRARIAN -

**LYNN JONES**

The library wishes to acknowledge with "thanks" the recent donation by Celeste Christ.

Anyone interested in learning more about Lutheran World Relief should visit their site, [www.lwr.org/giving](http://www.lwr.org/giving). To make a credit card gift by phone, please call 800-597-5972.

"The love of God performs a miracle of grace in graceless human hearts. Human love and lesser loves must wither into the most glorious and highest love of all—the love of God. Then we shall see not only each other's faults, we shall see the highest possibilities in each other, and shall love each other for what God will yet make of us. Nothing is too hard for God, no sin too difficult for His love to overcome, not a failure but He can make it a success." (The Love of God, Oswald Chambers; <http://utmost.org/>)

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**THRIVENT MEMBERS** are now required to vote as to where their dollars go. **St. Paul's can receive your choice dollars using #504733620.**

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**OLD SANDALS & SNEAKERS** are being collected for the poor people of Nicaragua. A box is in the social hall.



**Congratulations to  
Viola Ogren  
on her 100th birthday  
August 20th**



Deadline for the October 2011  
issue of **THE VOICE**  
September 19<sup>th</sup>



# September 2011

"Prayer Ventures," which is provided by the ELCA was not posted on their website on Thursday, August 25th. Apparently, due to staff cuts the staff is having difficulty providing timely service. Most monthly newsletters similar to our "Voice" must be finalized before the end of the month and therefore, for the second time we cannot provide this prayer tool to our readers. Please go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and search the site for "Prayer Ventures." I'm sure it will be posted early in September for the month of September.

**WINGS FUNDRAISER – FLIGHTS OF HOPE**  
 Hosted by Joe & Diane DeMarco  
*Help in making free flights available for patients in need of medical treatment*  
**Sat., Sept. 17 at the Erie County Fairgrounds**  
**4:00–11:00pm (rain or shine)**  
 LIVE BAND FEATURING HIT & RUN  
 CHICKEN DINNER, FOOD, RAFFLES, CHINESE/SILENT AUCTION  
**CALL 667-0815 FOR TICKETS**  
**PRE-SALE: \$30 — AT THE DOOR: \$35**  
**21 and older unless accompanied by an adult**

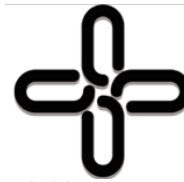


## BOOK CLUB



**BOOK CLUB** will meet Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30pm in the Friendship Room to discuss *Without a Word: How a Boy's Unspoken Love Changed Everything* by Jill Kelly. Hostess is Sharon Gorczyca. Questions? Call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.

**HELP IS NEEDED ON THE HABITAT THRIVENT BUILD.** Please call Jon Olsen, 839-1744, if you can help.



## ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### September 2011 Prayer List



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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| June Atkins           | George Lopez                |
| Pastor Wendy Buckley  | Gail Olson                  |
| George Dodd           | Maryann Pavel               |
| Marion Dodd - Oakwood | Joanne Plant                |
| Caroline Edwards      | Bill Podlewski              |
| Dick & Donna Edwards  | Gary Rasmussen, Oakwood     |
| Beth Galmarini        | Carl Roeser                 |
| Elizabeth Gentz       | Katherine Senn              |
| Susan Grau            | Dorothy Senior, St. Francis |
| Phyllis Hallock       | Pat Valentine               |
| Pearl Kibler          | Al Weisser, MF Suburban     |

### CLARENCE SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

Board Members Needed - Would you like to devote a few hours a month to enriching the lives of seniors? Clarence Senior Citizens, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing social, recreational, and educational programs to persons in the community age 55 and older. Several openings are available to serve on the Board of Directors. Deadline for applications is Thursday, September 15th. Please call 633-5138 for more information.

### St. Paul's steeple is being re-roofed!

Under the old asphalt shingles are the original wood shingles nailed to spaced horizontal wood planks. Hopefully, the new roof will serve the church as well as what appears to be only two former roofs over the past 100+ years!





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 8-12, 2011

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# Big Success!

VBS was another success this year, thanks to the many members, parents, friends and children who attended. A successful program is only as good as the people implementing it, so hats off to all of you! Our Ladies Aide, manned the kitchen each night, turning out delicious suppers! (A few men were in there also!) Most of the volunteers came from our church, so thanks to all of you. If I counted correctly, we had around 35 volunteers during the week and 26 children attending from St. Paul's. In all we had 91 children registered with an average of 75 each night. Generous free will offerings made it possible to stay within our budget by. Each of the three churches contributes \$350 for VBS. Offerings at supper each night helps buy materials and food. Thanks to all the ladies who sewed the aprons.



Photos of Vacation Bible School continue on page 13

Vacation Bible School (continued from page 8)



VBS photos courtesy of Tony Rizzo



Rev. Retallack earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa, earlier this year.

He is the son of Robert and Kimberly Retallack of Williamsville. Rev. Retallack and his wife, Olivia, reside in Lancaster.

## **James Retallack Ordained ELCA Clergy**

Ordination of the Rev. James Retallack took place on July 24 in his home church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Williamsville. Bishop Marie Jerge, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA was the ordaining minister.

In September, Rev. Retallack will be installed as associate pastor of youth and families at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Depew. In 2000 while still known at St. Paul's as "Jamie," he graduated from Williamsville South High School and, in 2004 graduated cum laude from Daemen College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

