



# The Voice

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## Pennies from heaven? More than pennies!

On October 16, world scientists announced that something was seen that had never been seen before. They witnessed the collision of two neutron stars in faraway space. This explosive impact created ripples in space-time that traveled all the way to earth where they were detected back on August 17<sup>th</sup>, according to a report on NPR's program *All Things Considered*.

What fascinates scientists is that the vast clouds of dust that spread as a result of the explosion contain gold, platinum, and uranium, among other things. This dust travels through space and eventually, after a long process, becomes the gold we value so highly, and the other heavy metals that we have sought and used since the beginning of our life on earth. Pennies from heaven? No. Much, much, more than that.

November is the time when we consider how best to support our church, and the work of God's kingdom in this world. How much of our "gold" will we give for this important work? The reporting on the source of gold in the collision of neutron stars, invites us, to ask an old question in a new way: Whose was the gold, before it was ours? Psalm 19, verse 1 says: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; the firmament proclaims his handiwork." I never before thought of this as a stewardship verse, but from now on I will. In the collision of stars in far off space, comes the dust that enables God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done.

We call gold a "precious" metal. How we have fought over it in our long history. How many have died in pursuit of it? How many have hoarded it with no sense of shame for others in need? Stewardship is just another way of saying that all we have comes from God. Even the (gold)dust in our pockets.

May the God who sends us gold from the heavens, bless its return trip back to God in your generous response this year.

Pastors Wendy and Tim

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME



Are you looking for a chord organ? Dick and June Atkins have a chord organ they would like to **donate** to someone that could put it to use. Any questions contact Dick @ 839-4111.

Thank You

Pastor Tim for putting the newsletter together last month so we were able to enjoy a vacation to celebrate our anniversary.

*Debbi & Ray Hopkins*



**TURKEYS NEEDED**

You will certainly enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner more when you know you have helped someone else be able to be fed. Once again we will be collecting turkeys for Friends of The Night People. We are in need of people to buy turkeys and also people to cook them. See Faith White and watch the bulletin for details.

**Celebrate Veterans Day**

**On November 12<sup>th</sup>**

We will honor our **veterans** with a display in the Social Hall.



If you have items that relate to the service such as photos, ribbons, etc please plan to include them in the display.

Marty Nowak is in charge of the display so let him know what you are bringing to insure that enough space can be set aside. With such a large interest in this event please limit your mementoes to 4 or 5 items.

You may call Marty at 688-7945.



**Fundraiser for the Wakili family**

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's parishioners will have one last opportunity to order any soups or entrees that appeared on the Mission: Houston fundraiser menus from May through September.

**Orders will be accepted that day only.** The ordered items will be produced one item at a time, and will be made available the following few (or more likely, many) Sundays. All proceeds from this event will go support the Wakili family, in order to help them better respond to unexpected costs and needs. Order forms will be available in the Social Hall before and after both services on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## 2018 Stewardship Drive November 12th

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning...



Did you sing that song in Sunday School or VBS in your early years?

It's the theme of our 2018 Stewardship Drive, inviting you to consider how to keep St. Paul's faithfully witnessing to Christ in our Church and neighborhood for another year. You simply bring your pledge card with you on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and place it, along with your Sunday offerings in the basket. As a lead up to that day, the Sunday Sermon on November 5<sup>th</sup> will also develop our 2018 theme.

We are a small congregation, but we have never let our size limit our witness. Your generous response in our 2018 Stewardship Drive will insure that the oil in our lamps will keep on burning, and Christ will continue to be served in this place well and long. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>



Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here. We hope you'll come by church on **Wednesday** evening, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, for a special worship to thank God at His table, before you thank him at YOUR table, the next day. We're inviting our friends at Calvary Episcopal Church to join us as well.

**Worship is at 7:30pm.** “

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. God's steadfast love never comes to an end.--Psalm 136:1



November 10 & 11

Doors open @ 6:00 PM

6540 Main St.

St John's Lutheran Church

Tickets \$35

[Lcmysterydinnertheater2017.brownpapertickets.com](http://Lcmysterydinnertheater2017.brownpapertickets.com)

To benefit Lutheran Charities Of WNY

## Our Annual *Angel Tree* Project

Again it's that time to join in bringing some cheer to children with our angel tree project. Join us in providing gifts for children in pre-K–grade 4 at School 74 in Buffalo.

Please purchase an outfit and toy for each child's name you receive, wrap the gifts, put them inside the large box provided, and attach the label provided to the end of the box.

All gifts must be returned to church by

**December 10.**



If you are interested in sponsoring a child but would rather not shop that's no problem. You can see Arlene Bossert or Debbi Hopkins and they will be happy to assist you.

**We are also in need of copy paper boxes for these gifts. If you have access to them please leave them on the stage**



**BOOKS for the children in School 74:** In conjunction with the Angel Tree project, your gift of \$1 will sponsor a book, and our goal is to provide a book for each child help us give the gift of reading to a needy child this Christmas. Watch for us in the social hall beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>.



Our annual congregation Tree Trimming Party will be

**Sunday, December 10**

from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Join us to help trim the social hall tree, frost cookies for our shut-ins, enjoy a yummy pot luck dinner, let the kids shop in our fabulous elf shop AND a visit with a special guest from the North Pole!

Details and sign up sheets are in the social hall



**December 10 @ 9:00 AM**



**December 17 @ 9:00 AM**



### Holiday Bazaar

Come browse over 50 vendors at GreenField Manor and GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center. Don't miss out on our resident library committee book sale! Other vendors will include home parties, crafts, home décor, jewelry, holiday treats, and more! With fun for the whole family, other activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, a balloon artist, and visits with Santa Claus! Kettle corn, fried dough, cotton candy, hot chocolate and cider will be some of the refreshments for sale, with a lunch menu available at GreenField Manor. Shuttle service will be provided for shoppers to go between the two buildings. For more information, call (716) 684-8400.

**Saturday, Nov 11, 2017 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**GreenField Manor and GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center**  
**5949 Broadway Lancaster, NY 14086**



**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
**ST. PAUL'S EGGERTSVILLE**  
**4007 Main Street Eggertsville**

Crafts, Gifts, "Re-Gifts" & Gift Baskets for purchase  
**Saturday November 18, 2017**  
**9 -2 pm**

**62nd Annual**

### CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

**Candlelight Procession, Choral, Instrumental Music,  
Congregational Singing**

**DECEMBER 3, 2017 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd.,  
Tonawanda**

**Free Will Offering benefiting Pioneer Camp and Retreat  
Center & Valparaiso University**



### For your shopping pleasure

Starting your Christmas shopping? At least starting a list?? Here's a catalog to solve all your gift giving: the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. Over 90% of your purchase directly supports the programs, and it's tax deductible. You can creatively personalize the gift to the people on your list too. To honor a teacher, you can send a girl to school for \$40, send a woman to farming school for \$75, or buy school supplies for \$10. For a fisherman, \$250 develops a pond, fish, and training for a whole community. A businessman might appreciate knowing a small business was started with a microloan for \$125. A doctor or nurse would be interested in providing vaccinations (\$30) or supplies for a clinic (\$75). And for the honey in your life, \$20 buys bees which will not only provide food, but the wax to make soap and candles. And there is lots more—animals, water wells, mosquito nets, fruit trees. Can't decide? You can send any amount and it will be used where it is most needed. For each gift, you will receive a card to give to the honoree. This is perfect for that hard-to-buy-for person, and easy for you. Just visit [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org), click on the "Resources" tab, and you can download the catalog. Shopping with Good Gifts supports work in 83 countries around the world! **Thank you!**

**Altar Flowers: 2018** date desired \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_  Cash \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment received on: \_\_\_\_\_

To place flowers on the altar for any Sunday in 2018, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office **along with payment of \$40.**

**Given by** (name of donor as it will appear in bulletin):

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**  In memory of:  In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate date** if 1<sup>st</sup> choice is taken: \_\_\_\_\_



Dick & June Atkins	Eric Madsen
Dick Edwards	Peggy Murray
Ursula Grau	Pat Nowak
Beverly Heinricher	Eva Paulson
Ed Jacobi	Art Plant
Marge Kolb	Tony Rizzo
David Kuehpus	

**Happy Birthday**  
November 24 Les Busdiecker



***The deadline for our December edition of the voice is Monday, November 13, 2017***

***Note earlier deadline do to Thanksgiving holiday***

***Please send your articles to [stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com) or in our box in the office.***