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# The Lutheran Light

*"As the Body of Christ, St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others."*

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## The Pastor's Prism



### Beginning at the End

As 2012 begins, so does the reflections and celebrations on our 250<sup>th</sup> year as a Christian congregation come into focus. While the year will be commemorated by particular worship and celebratory events, it is hoped this will be a year in which we deepen and broaden our faith as Christians who happen to be Lutherans. To commemorate is to know that we part of a continuum of Christians that goes back not just 250 years but 2000 years in the reconciliation ministry of Jesus Christ through His cross.

**"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting the trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us."**

(2 Corinthians 5:17-20a)

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a tentative calendar of some items that have been planned for the year. Our first "official" recognition for the anniversary will be a 1748 worship service, believed to be similar to what would have been used in 1762 by our ancestors. This will occur on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, during our 9:30 a.m. service. The last observance would also be in the

context of our worship service on November 25<sup>th</sup>, Christ the King Sunday, where we are reminded that we are servants of Christ the King, the Alpha and the Omega, Whose sovereignty extends over all time.

There will be at least one joint worship opportunity with St. Mary's UCC congregation on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be other events and activities in recognition of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary scattered throughout the year. Souvenirs and mementoes are in the planning stages. Articles of particular interest, mostly from past church council minutes, are being identified and will be shared in newsletters throughout the year. The possibility of placing a new time capsule for the year is being explored. There may also be a Gospel-music fund raiser during the summer. Community forums may also be offered. A CD is being developed which would have pictures of the church and music that includes the Moller organ. A little booklet featuring anecdotes/memories and more history information is underway.

What could be the most significant aspect for our anniversary year is a proposal to address the needs of people in the Silver Run community facing economic difficulties. One way might be through establishing a food bank ministry here as a kind of satellite distribution center for Carroll County Food Sunday. This could be a very tangible way for us to share our concerns for our neighbors, illustrating that continuum we have with our spiritual ancestors who have

preceded us in caring and witnessing to those in need..

Currently serving on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee are Jim Crist, Cindy Lawyer, Glen and Marion Matthias, Brenda and Gary Meadows, Helen Wolf, and myself. We have had 9 meetings to date and more are planned. You are always invited to share your ideas and to join the group. We will keep you posted.

Let us continue to remember that we just happen be the Christian people at this juncture of St. Mary's history, and others will follow us in the years that come. May the Lord in Jesus Christ send His Spirit to assist us as we look back to our history here but also look forward to the new ways He might be leading us in ministry with sharing His Good News of hope and salvation that is for all people.

+ "Pr. Lee"

Almighty God, as You led our spiritual ancestors to establish a community of Christian faith here at Silver Run, send Your Spirit to lead us to remember that we are merely a part of a continuum of that faith for this present age. Bless us in this anniversary year to celebrate Your providential care over us as we seek to carry Your mission forward in worshipping You, witnessing our faith, and sharing from the bounty You have given us for those who are in need. We pray this through Him Who is our Light and our Savior, Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.  
AMEN



## Council Highlights

The council met on December 12, 2011.

1. The council decided to make a three year commitment to the ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Program which supports missionaries like Barbara Robertson. St. Mary's has supported missionaries in the past and feels that this is part of our mission to spread God's Word to the world.
2. As part of our fire prevention plan we now have new grease fire extinguisher in kitchen.
3. The Long Arm Crik musicians will be playing music 30 minutes before the service begins on January 8, focusing on Epiphany music. Come early and enjoy the music.
4. The social hour scheduled for the last Sunday in December which is also Christmas Day is cancelled.
5. The council would like to thank the choir members and other members of the congregation that spread the gift of music this Christmas Season to our shut-ins. They were able to spread joy to the following church members: Jessie & Carrie Eyler, Naomi Bowersox, Violet Flickinger, Roma Harner, and Bob Spangler.
6. The church council would like to thank Junior Miller for serving on the church council the past six years. He has completed two terms on the council.
7. The council is still looking for someone that might be interested in joining the church council.
8. If you are interested contact Pastor Lee or a church council member.
9. The church council would like to thank the many people that work behind the scenes to help with the mission of the church. A special thank you goes out to everyone that helped to make this year's Christmas Bazaar, Children's Live Nativity, and Christmas dinner a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Wisner, Secretary

## News Around the Parish

**ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY EXPLORATION COMMITTEE'S** next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 @ 6:30pm in the Parish House Kitchen. We are hoping to finalize details with the possibility of moving forward in late February. All are welcome to attend! Any questions, please feel free to call Brenda Meadows @ 410-346-6994 (home) or 443-244-0453 (cell).

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Christmas Bazaar a success. Thanks to those who helped with set-up, gave donations of items and money, decorations, cooked, baked, silent auction, working the tables and in the kitchen. Over 30 people helped make everything run smoothly. Thanks to the crafters who sold many items before the bazaar and are still selling. Thanks to the bakers who made approx 75 dozen cookies and they all sold. Because of the many donations, the work of the crafters and bakers we made the biggest profit yet. Approx \$4,200.00 with money still coming in from post sales.

**THANKS TO ALL** those who contributed the 105 pounds of food during November, which was taken to Carroll County Food Sunday on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**A CARD WITH THE WORDS**, "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed" and containing lamps colored by Mahantesh Baburaru has just been received. Mahantesh is the India youth we support through the World Vision program.

### Where did Quilts and Kits gathered by Lutheran World Relief Go in 2011?

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of U.S. Lutherans, LWR sent

355,786	+	166,427	+	311,763	+	72,610	+	21,234
Quilts		School Kits		Personal Care Kits		Baby Care Kits		Fabric Kits

a total of more than \$12.6 million of aid that went to people in need in 26 countries this year.

Thank you for extending Christ's compassion with Lutheran World Relief.

[lwr.org/getinvolved](http://lwr.org/getinvolved)   [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org)   800.597.5972

## Go Green for 2012

Help save resources by joining St. Mary's newsletter email list, you'll be notified monthly when the newsletter has been posted in PDF format to our website, and a paper copy will no longer be printed and mailed for your household. To join, send an email to newsletter@stmaryselc.org requesting to be placed on the list.



## Friends of the Village

Friends of the Village presents Winter Games to benefit the Ministry of Caring Endowment. Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Hospitality Building, Bistro/Dining Room. \$13 per player. Cards, Board Games, Food, 50/50, Door Prizes. Ticket Information: Betty Thomas 410-848-1814 or Ed & Ruth Jane Barth 410-848-5706.

## Past Facts

*Each month during our anniversary year Cindy Lawyer will be selecting items of interest from our congregational council minutes beginning in 1876, and perhaps other sources, from past history of St. Mary's.*



March, 1876 - Certain members of the congregation were requested to appear before the Council to answer for circulating petitions regarding German preaching. After investigation it was agreed by Pastor and Council to have occasional German preaching if possible.

July 1876 - A member was notified to appear before Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July to give satisfaction for charges of slander against the Pastor and Council. The member appeared with Counsel and seven witnesses to prove his charges. The witnesses were examined and not one testified that they heard a Council member make a false oath. He also failed to produce one witness that heard the Pastor promise positively that he would furnish German preaching. Two of the four charges made by the member, he denied making. Council passed resolution to suspend member from rights, communion and fellowship of this Church until he comes forward and apologizes for his conduct toward Council and Pastor.

~ Cindy Lawyer

## Carroll Lutheran School

Dear Congregation Members,

CLS has created a technological "wish list" to improve the resources for our students, both in the classroom and in the school library. If you are interested in funding any of the items either through a one-time gift or a pledge, please contact Lexi Schafer at board@carrolllutheranschool.org or 410-857-7985.

1. Four computers for the library, allowing for efficient sign-in and sign-out of books & research our holdings. \$2,500.00.
2. One computer with a software program to act as a server for the library, helping with inventory and management of our holdings. \$3,500.00.
3. New batteries for the laptops in our mobile computer lab; these computers were purchased almost 2 years ago and batteries have about a 2-year lifespan. \$2,100.00.
4. Microsoft Office software on all our laptops and classroom computers. The software being used now is not compatible with Word that many of the children have at home. Price to be determined from Tech Soup, an educational discount consortium.
5. 47 new classroom computers to replace the refurbished ones that were given to us. \$30,000.00.
6. Two Mimeo Teach stations. This instructional tool allows teachers to display educational web sites for all children to see and makes them interactive with the magnetic white boards in each classroom. Each station consists of a laptop, display projector, a mimeo teach bar and a cart. Approximately \$5,500.00.
7. Two document cameras. This instructional tool operates much like an overhead projector but it can display any item onto a wall screen without the use of a transparency. Approximately \$1,100.00.

*We thank you for your prayer consideration.*

## Newsletter Information

**Newsletter Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

**Church Office Hours:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-1pm

**Please contact the office when:**

- ✓ your committee plans a meeting/activity so it can be listed on the master calendar.
- ✓ you have an announcement to be included in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin. (Announcement forms are available on the church and parish house bulletin boards. Please fill out a form and place in the church office's "In Box". You may also email your information to the church office, to the Secretary's attention.)

**Tentative Calendar for 2012**, as additions/deletions may occur (see monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins where we will announce changes. Worship services relating particularly to our anniversary are circled.)

JANUARY 2012						
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<u>29</u>	30	31				

1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
 6 - Epiphany  
 8 - Baptism of Our Lord  
 29 - 1748 Liturgy

FEBRUARY 2012						
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<u>26</u>	27	28	29			

5 - Scout Sunday/ Souper Bowl  
 14 - Valentine's Day 21 - Shrove Tuesday  
 19 - Transfiguration 22 - Ash Wednesday  
 20 - Presidents Day 26 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

MARCH 2012						
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<u>25</u>	26	27	28	29	30	31

4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 18 - Healing Service/ Holy Communion  
 18- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 25 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

APRIL 2012						
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<u>29</u>	30					

1 - Palm Sunday  
 5 - Maundy Thursday  
 6 - Good Friday  
 7 - Holy Saturday  
 8 - Easter Sunday  
 15 - Rogation (blessing of seeds and plants)  
 19 - Yom Hashoa Day (comm, on 22)  
 29 - Soil & Water Conservation Day  
 29 - Liturgy 1855

MAY 2012						
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17 - Ascension  
 13 - Mother's Day  
 20 - "Founders Day" -  
     Eucharist @ St. Mary's Lutheran - 8:30 a.m.  
     Worship Service @ St. Mary's UCC - 10 am  
 27 - Day of Pentecost  
 28 - Memorial Day

JUNE 2012						
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2 - Strawberry Festival  
 3 - Trinity Sunday  
 17 - Father's Day

JULY 2012						
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1 - Outside Service CSB (1917) & Picnic  
 4 - Independence Day

AUGUST 2012						
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12 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord (moved)

SEPTEMBER 2012						
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3 - Labor Day  
 9 - Grandparents Day  
 30 - SBH, 1958

OCTOBER 2012						
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<u>21</u>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<u>28</u>	29	30	31			

7 - Creature Blessing Service  
 8 - Columbus Day - Luther's Mass  
 21 - Healing Service / Holy Communion  
 28 - Reformation Day/Luther's Chorale Mass

NOVEMBER 2012						
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4 - All Saints Sunday/ Visit to Pastor Bager's grave in Abbottstown, PA  
 6 - Election Day  
 11 - Veterans Day  
 22 - Thanksgiving  
 25 - Christ the King/Conclude Ann. Year

DECEMBER 2012						
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2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday  
 8 - Christmas Bazaar  
 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday  
 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Sunday  
 23 - 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday  
 25 - Christmas Day

# January 2012

\*\*Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday\*\*

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Name of Jesus - White Numbers 6: 22 - 27 Psalm: 8 Galatians 4: 4 - 7 Luke 2: 15 - 21 <b>Basket Offering</b> - Carroll Co. Prison Ministry <i>Long Arm Crik prelude - 9 a.m.</i>	2  Vicki Harner	3  Mark Ruby Sonja Spencer	4  John Haladej	5	6  Gail Wisner	7
8 The Baptism of Our Lord - White Genesis 1: 1 - 5 Psalm: 29 Acts 19: 1 - 7 Mark 1: 4 - 11 <b>Church Council Installation</b>	9  Linda Bupp  <b>Church Council - 7:00 p.m.</b>	10  	11	12	13	14
15 Mary Carrington, Janet Heltbridle, Joy Utz 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - Green 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 20 Psalm: 139: 1 - 6, 13 - 18 1 Corinthians 6: 12 - 20 John 1: 43 - 51	16  Crystal Ruby  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17  Suzy Spriggs	18 Melvin Leese <b>Newsletter Deadline - 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Food Pantry Meeting - 6:30pm</b> <i>Confession of Peter</i>	19	20  Laura Bennett Roma Harner	21
22 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - Green Jonah 3: 1 - 5, 10 Psalm: 62: 5 - 12 1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31 Mark 1: 14 - 20	23  Donald Lawyer Zachary Scott	24 Donald Stansbury <b>250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - 6:30 p.m.</b> 	25  <i>Confession of Paul</i>	26	27	28  FOV Winter Games 1 - 4 pm
29 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - Green Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20 Psalm: 111 1 Corinthians 8: 1 - 13 Mark 1: 21 - 28 <b>Social Hour</b> - Council Members <b>1748 Liturgy</b> 	30	31	<b>Worship Helpers</b> Acolyte: Gillian Scott, Anna Ruby  <i>(From 2011 Schedules, please send the church office updated information)</i> Usher: Craig Fleischer Altar Guild: Fran Crist/Jill Spriggs Communion: Jim Crist		Anniversaries: Donald & Shirley Stansbury - 1/10/1960 Ronald & Susan Blizzard - 1/24/1998 Robert & Dorothy Bowman - 1/29/1956	