

# 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

### Remembering to Whom We Belong

Most of us probably have some sense of belonging. We recognize that by circumstances of our birth we belong to a certain gender, belong to a family with a certain name, belong to a community, belong to a state, and belong to a particular nation. Furthermore, there are voluntary groups to which we belong such as service organizations, sports teams, clubs, and the like.

Increasingly in our culture, the groups to which we belong are becoming a matter of individual choice, even those which were a circumstance of our birth. Names can be changed, families are changed by marriage and divorce, we can move to somewhere else. Also, these days more and more persons live together in non-permanent arrangements, presumably so that they won't "belong" to another, and if things don't work out in that arrangement separation can occur in hopes that there will be a minimum of emotional and financial loss.

Decisions about to whom and what we belong are increasingly individualized. If individuals make mistakes in one place, they can generally move to another place where they are not known and start life afresh without their past haunting them. At least this seems to be the way things go in our secular society. Thus, there is an increasing tendency for individuals to belong most of all to themselves with less responsibility toward others.

As Christians we belong and participate in the secular society but we recognize an added dimension which affects everything we do. We belong first and foremost to God as numerous

Scriptural texts refer, including but not limited to the following:

**"So God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them."** (Gen. 1:27)

**"Is not He (God) your Father, Who created you, Who made and established you?"** (Deut.32:6b)

**"Yet You have made them (humans) a little lower than angels, and crowned them with glory and honor"** (Psalm 8:5)

**"The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world,, and those who live in it."** (Psalm 24:1)

**"Know that the LORD is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture."** (Psalm 100:3)

**"...you are not your own, for you were bought with a price"** (I Cor.6:19b-20a)

**"He (Christ) is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions—all have been created through Him and for Him."** (Colossians 1:15)

Remembering that we belong to God has a profound meaning for our lives and how we orient our lives. We are not here to merely fulfill our individual desires and wishes, in the pursuit of personal happiness, but for serving our heavenly Father and His people.

Knowing that we belong to Him is a stewardship issue of how we use our time, our bodies, our minds, our skills and the possessions with which He has entrusted to us. That we belong to Him means taking care of what He has

entrusted to us. For example, belonging to God means that taking care of our bodies by exercising and eating properly are not now done primarily just to look or feel good but in order that we might be able to serve God in that which we are called to do in life. We don't have to live in life styles and homes that project our affluence but learn to live more modestly so that our consumption does not drain excessively on resources and the environment. Because we belong to God we seek to hear Him through the Bible and as His Word is proclaimed.

Thus, belonging to God can free us from the worries of concern over our lives, what we will eat, and we will drink. (see Matthew 6) We will come to appreciate that our heavenly Father will provide that which we need more and more as we grow in our understanding that we and all we have belong to Him.

+ "Pr. Lee"

Almighty God, we are grateful that You have claimed us as Your own by creating us, and then making us Your children through Holy Baptism.

Knowing that we belong to You, help us to offer our lives, and living more and more in serving Your will with that which You have entrusted to us. We ask

these thing through Him Who came to give us all things new through His cross, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
AMEN



## Council Highlights/Thank You

The Church Council met on August 8, 2011.

Many thanks to everyone who had anything to do with our "Sonharvest County" VBS, including Laura Bennett our director, along with Kelli Scott; Jill Spriggs; Gail Wisner; Rick, Cindy and Victoria Sparacino; Gary and Brenda Meadows; Helen Wolf; Gail Wisner; Tammy Fairbank; Mark and Crystal Ruby; LouAnn Snyder; Jim Crist; and Ann Brumback. From setting up; to serving dinner, teaching, crafts, etc. we were very appreciative of

the many adult volunteers during that week – without all of you, it wouldn't have run so smoothly. Thanks again for an enjoyable week for the children.



Children attending were: Zachary, Gillian and Ella Scott; Brooke and McKenzie Bennett; Katie Fairbank; Suzy Spriggs; Olivia Costa; Delancy Schwartzman; and Anna Ruby.

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## Ordination Anniversary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, August 14, I was completely surprised by the way you honored me in celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> year ordination anniversary. I only knew something was up when I saw our son, Jacob, from Oregon, walking toward the church. Your presence, along with family and friends from near and far, gave me a special joy that day in leading our worship helped our worship that day make a as we gathered around God's Word, received the Holy Eucharist, and celebrated the Baptism of Audrey Baxter.

Then, there was more to follow our worship, thanks to your orchestrating and hard work, which I understand originated almost a year ago, with a delicious and filling meal, followed by some thoughtful and interesting comments and presentations, which came to a head with the presentation of that beautiful hand-done quilt that depicted our ministry together over the years. Carrie Eyler, Linda Bupp, and Faye Boughter put in some 108 hours in quilting, not counting all of Jim Crist's efforts in selecting and getting pictures for the quilt! I was humbled by the kind remarks of Brenda Meadows, Dwyn Fleischer, Carol English, Pr. John Fehringer, and Nina, the latter two representing our Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and our two sons, Hubert and Jacob.

I can identify with how Paul must have felt as he wrote to the Philippians (1:3-7a) for how they had supported the ministry they shared together in Jesus Christ, **"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my**



Ann and Pastor Lee Brumback are before the quilt along with their sons Hubert and his wife Tam from Honolulu Hawaii and Jacob from Portland, Oregon, who came for the celebration.

**prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this that the One Who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you because you hold me in your heart for all of you share in God's grace with me..."** Thank you. May our ministry in Jesus Christ continue as we seek to know and serve His will in worshiping and witnessing.

An ever grateful brother in Christ,  
+ "Pr. Lee"

# Carroll Lutheran Village News

**FOV Auxiliary Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Krug Chapel Auditorium.**  
**For questions or to RSVP, call 443-605-1011**

Friends of the Village  
**A TASTE OF ITALY**  
Saturday, September 10, 2011  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Carroll Lutheran Village  
Hospitality Dining Room & Bistro  
900 Mission Square

Adults - \$13.00 Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$8.00

**Ticket Price Includes**  
**Choice of Lasagna or Chicken Parmesan w/Spaghetti**  
**Green Beans Almandine, Salad, Garlic Bread**  
**Beverage & Dessert Choice**  
*Wine available for purchase*  
**Music by Bob Kaye**  
Tickets Available at the Door

Net Proceeds from this event will be used to support home-like care to health care center residents.  
Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

## Contact Information

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## Helping Shepherd's Staff

Recently Shepherd's Staff has seen a great increase of households looking for help. Let's try to help fill their "Blessing Closet" - there is a great need for items. Boxes will be in the overflow room and parish house to put your donations in. Collection of the items listed below will be ongoing as long as there is a need.

Pull-ups (all sizes), disposable diapers (all sizes), baby care items, liquid food supplements, Depends/Attends (all sizes), shampoo, conditioner, paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, bath tissue, powder laundry detergent, all purpose cleaners, bleach (small bottles), feminine supplies, men's toiletries, dish washing liquid, trash bags, baby ointment, baggies, foil, toothpaste, toothbrushes, first aid products, light bulbs (energy efficient), bar soap, liquid soap, baking soda, vinegar, alcohol/peroxide, combs, brushes, and washclothes.

Shepherd's Staff have a "Service Brown Bag" project. These bags help those that come in hungry and need a meal or need a shower. Help bring in the following items and we'll see that they get bagged into the kits. Thanks!  
~Jill Spriggs

Breakfast cereal bars, fruit cups, boxed fruit juice, raviolis, spaghetti o's, Jello cups, cup-a-soup, crackers, mac & cheese, apple sauce, pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruit, tuna helper, canned tuna fish, canned vegetables, rice, canned beans, travel size soap, travel size shampoo, disposable razors, wash clothes, and combs.



Friends of the Village  
of Carroll Lutheran Village  
Cordially Invites You To Attend

*Fall 2011 Fashion Show*

**Flourish in Every Season of Your Life**

**October 9, 2011**  
**Martin's Westminster**  
**1:00 p.m. (Doors open at Noon)**  
**Silent Auction / 50:50 / Door Prizes**

**Tickets - \$35.00/person**

**For Ticket Information, Call 443-605-1011 or 410-848-0090**

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## 250th Anniversary Pictorial Church Directory

We Want ALL Families!

The Anniversary Directory will include portraits and information on our members and families along with some of our history from the past 250 years. Our last directory was 8 years ago.

The final Olan Mills Portrait date is Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> (in the Parish House). At publishing time there were four appointment slots open.

Sign-up before or after church by seeing Helen Wolf or Pat Armstrong or call Susan in the church office (M-W-F, 9 - 1) to schedule your sitting time.

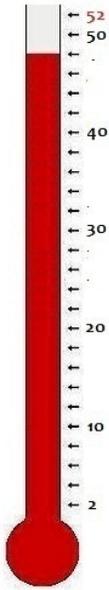
All participants will receive a free copy of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate which replaces the free 8x10 portrait (valued at \$20). Use your \$25 gift certificate toward a variety of portrait products.

Additionally, our church will receive a \$2.00 donation from Olan Mills for each family who schedules an appointment and has their picture taken.

If you are unable to attend a photography session, please contact the church office to make arrangements to have your family picture included by either mailing a picture to the church office or scheduling a congregational member to come to your home to take your picture with their camera.

**We want everyone in our church family to be a part of our Special 250th Anniversary Directory!**

Anniversary Committee: Jim Crist, Cindy Lawyer, Glen/Marion Matthias, Gary/Brenda Meadows, and Pastor Lee



## Hand in Hand Global Mission Support Digest

*Megan Stubbs, 17, is the oldest daughter of Randy and Carol Stubbs, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania where they teach music at Makumira University College*



Megan Stubbs playing cello at a wedding in Zanzabar.

### ***What do you like about Africa?***

I like the general attitude of the people: "You get there when you get there, take your time, you are always welcome in our home." The pace of life is also slower than that in America. I also enjoy being able to go to the local market.

### ***Do you know Swahili?***

Yes. I'm basically fluent.

### ***What do you miss about America?***

First, I miss my family (grandparents, cousins, etc.) and our friends. The other thing I really miss is playing in an orchestra. I got the chance to go back to a summer music clinic in Madison, Wis., last summer, and I scored first chair in the honors orchestra! That was a really good experience. Little things that I miss once in a while are ice cream, bike riding and tree climbing (here you don't do that because of the monkeys).

### ***Do you like America or Tanzania better?***

I don't like either better. They are so different that I don't even begin to compare them. However, I definitely feel "at home" here more than in the States.

### ***What is the most wonderful thing and the most undesirable thing about being here?***

The most wonderful thing is that we are always welcome anywhere and people are so warm and friendly. The most undesirable thing I would have to say is that when I venture out of Makumira and the surrounding village I am in a fish bowl. Except for the people that know me, I am just "the white person." Sometimes I would just like to fit in, just a bit, and maybe go to a market or some place and not be charged at least twice the price because of my color (this is where bargaining comes into play). But even though sometimes it's a bit wearing, I wouldn't leave for anything!

### ***What was your reaction when your parents told you "We're moving to Tanzania"? Did you miss your friends?***

Well, I thought it was AWESOME! I couldn't wait to get here! I didn't think much about leaving my friends because "we were only going to be here for one year." Ha. Of course, once we got here, I loved it so much that when we were told we could stay longer I was elated!

### ***What are you planning for college?***

To be honest, at the moment, I'm not. I will concentrate on finishing high school first, and I am planning to stay here in TZ as long as I possibly can. If that means taking a year or two or three off between, that's fine with me!

## Property

Main door of the parish house has been replaced and now operational, thanks to the efforts of Gary Meadows. Keys for our old door will work on our new one. After the door is opened and to protect the threshold and lintel, the door must be "dogged". The door is dogged by inserting the hex key (Allen wrench) hanging on the orange plastic pin on the side door panel. Follow the instruction on the door push-bar for dogging the door, or see Susan or Pastor Lee.

Also, those holding keys to the basement door, which we used during the time when the door was inoperable, are asked to please return them to the office. Thank you!

## Palms Need Winter Home

Our two palms presently located in the pavilion are looking for a home in which to over winter. Can you help them? Please contact Pastor Lee if you're interested. Our thanks to Jim and Fran Crist for over wintering them this past year!

## Missionary Visit

Missionary Barbara Robertson visited us on July 31, 2011, for a covered dish lunch. She shared with us a little of her ministry through a power point presentation.

Cross from Tanzania presented to St. Mary's congregation by Missionary Barbara Robertson during her visit here.



One interpretation: "God descends to us through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit Who reaches out from His atoning cross to all people. We respond in humble gratitude with lives of faithfulness."

## Sunday School News

Please contact Laura Bennett our Sunday School Superintendent at 443-847-0602 or monsterjb@verizon.net if you will be enrolling your child in the 2011-2012 Sunday School Program.

Classes offered include:

**Pre-K & Kindergarten** - teacher, Kelli Scott

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class** - teacher, Laura Bennett

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class** - teacher, Ann Brumback

**Confirmation Class** - Pastor Lee will hold from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Parish House.

Pastor Lee is willing to meet with adults at another time for Bible discussion if there is sufficient interest.



Women of the **ELCA** 

## Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2011 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
827 Leister's Church Road  
Westminster, MD

9:30 - Registration w/continental breakfast  
10:00 - Devotions, Immanuel Lutheran Woman  
10:15 - Program,  
Hillbilly Bible Study - Blessings

For planning purposes, please call  
Gloria, 717-359-7681 or Helen, 410-848-3874  
by October 10th

## Baptisms

On Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> Audrey Anne Baxter joined the church of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her sponsors are Frank Blickenstaff and Ann Brumback. Please welcome Audrey in the name of our Lord!

## Prayer Ventures

Prayer Ventures for September 2011 were not available at the time of newsletter publication. Copies will be distributed through the Sunday bulletin when available. You may also check [www.elca.org/prayerventures](http://www.elca.org/prayerventures) and print a copy once it is posted.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where does the list of readings for our Sunday worship come from?

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America uses a system of readings for Sundays in the church year. Any system of readings from Scripture is called a "lectionary." Lectionaries come in two basic forms: a list or table of the Scripture citations to be read from the Bible, or a book in which each lesson is printed out in full for the purposes of public reading and proclamation in the worship assembly.

### The Revised Common Lectionary

The lectionary system authorized for use in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is called The Revised Common Lectionary. This lectionary was developed by an organization called the Consultation on Common Texts. This ecumenical organization is made up of representatives from several church bodies in North America. Materials prepared by this group are always subject to the adoption of individual church bodies. The ELCA approved the use of this lectionary by action of the Church Council in 1993. Several other church bodies in North America have adopted this lectionary system. The result is that there is an ecumenically shared use of the same readings in a growing number of church bodies each Sunday. You may visit an Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Methodist, or other church where the readings are the same as or similar to those your own congregation is using on Sunday.

The Sunday lectionary readings do not include the whole Bible. They are chosen specifically to highlight the unique and saving ministry of Jesus Christ, and they work with the church year to unfold that reality. These readings do expose Christians assembled for worship to much of the gospels and other New Testament writings. It is a powerful tool for the church's proclamation of Jesus Christ.

The Revised Common Lectionary is divided into three annual cycles of readings. In year A the gospel readings come

primarily from St. Matthew. In year B the gospel readings come primarily from St. Mark. In year C the gospel readings come primarily from St. Luke. St. John is used in all three years. Each cycle begins on the First Sunday in Advent of the church year and continues through out the final Sunday, Christ the King.

The Revised Common Lectionary also provides for two systems of readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). One is based on lessons that relate to the gospel for the day. The other uses continuous reading from the Hebrew Scriptures. The ELCA has chosen to encourage the use of the related lessons, rather than the continuous reading. However, the lectionaries published by this church that contain full texts for reading provide the continuous track in an appendix.

This lectionary is a Sunday lectionary, that is, it includes a set of three readings and a psalm for each of the Sundays in the church year. Because Sunday is the oldest festival of the Resurrection of Christ, Sunday is regarded as the foundational day of celebration of Word and Sacrament. Readings for daily celebrations or lesser festivals and commemorations are not a part of this lectionary. Individual church bodies have different practices regarding these celebrations. See the Worship FAQ about Lesser Festivals or Commemorations for more information.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* also provides a daily lectionary (beginning on page 1121.) Within the daily lectionary, readings appointed for Thursday through Saturday prepare for the coming Sunday's readings while readings appointed for Monday through Wednesday reflect back on the previous Sunday's readings.

(Information from [elca.org](http://elca.org))

# September 2011

\*\*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
<b>Worship Helpers</b> Acolyte: Katie Fairbank, Suzy Spriggs Usher: The Adams Family Altar Guild: Marion Matthias Communion Asst.: Ann Brumback	<b>Anniversaries:</b> Garry and Sheree Miller - September 2, 2006 Mark and Crystal Ruby - September 15, 1994 James and Nettie Haines - September 15, 2001 Jesse and Carrie Eyler - September 25, 1945 Mark and Roxanne Wood - September 25, 2010			1	2	3
4 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11 Psalm: 119: 33 - 40 Romans 13: 8 - 14 Matthew 18: 15 - 20 <b>Basket Offering</b> - Lt. Seminary, Gettysburg	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  Labor Day	6	7	8 Brandon Myers	9 Susan Blizzard	10  <b>"A Taste of Italy"</b> @ CLV 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
11 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 50: 15 - 21 Psalm: 103: 1 - 13 Romans 14: 1 - 12 Matthew 18: 21 - 35 <b>Sunday School Begins</b> Grandparent's Day	12 <b>Church Council Meeting - 7 p.m.</b>	13 Cindy Sparacino	14	15 Brenda Foglesong	16  Citizenship Day	17
18 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Jonah 3: 10 - 4:11 Psalm: 145: 1 - 8 Philippians 1: 21 - 30 Matthew 20: 1 - 16	19	20	21 Paul Bollinger  <b>Newsletter Deadline - 10 a.m.</b>  <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	22  <b>Olan Mills Portraits (in Parish House)</b> 1:00 - 8:20 p.m.	23  Fall Begins	24
25 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Ezekiel 18: 1 - 4, 25 - 32 Psalm: 25: 1 - 9 Philippians 2: 1 - 13 Matthew 21: 23 - 32 <b>Social Hour</b> - Christian Education Committee	26 Emily Middleton Sarah Middleton	27 Victoria Sparacino	28 Dwyn Fleischer Jason Utz	29 Nancy Sell   <i>Michael and All Angels</i>	30	