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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



### Spring Blessing Festival

It seems to be human nature that we often take for granted the things that God has given to us to manage in His creation, like the soil, water, plants, and seeds, from which we get our food. Our grocery stores are constantly filled with produce from our country and from all over the world to suit most any appetite. This is true whether or not we make the connection of these coming from God or not, **"For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on righteous and on the unrighteous"** (Matt. 5:45b)

In the Middle East, where semi-arid conditions prevail, historically the relationship of the creation to God seems to have been more fully recognized and appreciated. In these semi-arid conditions, life threatening drought was often experienced (e.g., Genesis 12:10, 26:1, 41:27f., 2 Samuel 21:1, I Kings 8:37). The people seemed to recognize their dependency on God's grace acting through the creation to supply their needs as is celebrated in so many of the Psalms (e.g. 8, 65, 104, 111, 126, 136, 148, 150).

In general, those of us living in temperate climates receive adequate weather conditions for plants to thrive most of the time. However, in the year 470, after a series of natural disasters, Archbishop Mamertus of Vienne, France, called for the people to fast and asked God's blessings upon crops that were just

beginning to sprout. In agricultural societies, highly vulnerable to the uncertainties of nature, the Archbishop's idea of blessing the soil and crops caught on throughout Europe, becoming known as Rogation Days (from the Latin word, *rogare*=to ask). In time, Rogation Days became an annual event, being celebrated on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day.

To praise and thank God for all that He has provided for us and seek His blessings, we will be holding a "Spring Blessing Festival," a modified rogation service, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*[On May 15, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. in the overflow room of the church, rather than at the 9:30 a.m. service.]*

Please dress casually as we hope to hold the service outside if weather permits. Also, please bring for that Sunday a container of soil, and/or seeds and/or plants from your home setting to receive a blessing. Additional information will be provided on use of these items for when you return home.

**Thanks to the Carroll Soil Conservation District, we will be offering free blue spruce transplants to those who attend; and thanks to Bowman's Home and Garden Center we will have free flower seed packets to hand out.**

This could be a wonderful opportunity

for us all to invite others to bring items, mentioned above, from their homes and join us for worship and receive a free tree and free packet of flower seeds to glorify God and enhance the beauty of their home environment and elsewhere. The trees could serve as a constant reminder of God's grace in the creation so we can give thanks to Him for all He has given:

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits."** (Psalm 103:1-2)

+ "Pr. Lee"

**A**lmighty God, we praise You for Your creation that surrounds us and sustains us every moment of our lives. We thank You for the beauty that we see in Your works and the way You have made everything work together. We pray that You would help us always to live and rejoice in thanksgiving for Your creation and for the privilege You have given us to be stewards of Your creation. To You belongs all power, praise, and honor for all You gifts to us. Hear us, O Lord, for we ask this through our risen Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN



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## Upcoming Events

**COVERED DISH MEAL, MAY 1** - Our teaching parish student, Laura Heller's last Sunday is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Following worship we will have a covered dish meal to honor her and wish her well. Please bring a dish or two for sharing. We'll provide paper goods and drinks.

**SPRING BLESSING SERVICE, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** - during our regular worship time. Please feel free to dress casually as we plan to hold the service outside in the pavilion, weather permitting. Bring some soil

from your yard, garden, or field for blessing, along with any plants or seeds you would like blessed. Also we'll be distributing free blue spruce transplants (courtesy Carroll Soil Conservation District) and free flower seed packets (courtesy Bowman Home & Garden Center).

**250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.** We will continue updating the calendar for 2012, and share progress reports, while discussing additional ways to enhance the anniversary year.

# Council Highlights



Council met on April 11, 2011.

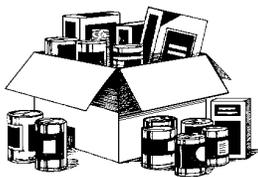
1. Sunday, May 15 will be Spring Blessing Sunday with a casual service outside, weather permitting. Each family is asked to bring soil from their home, plants, and/or seeds to be blessed for spring planting. Carroll Soil Conservation District will be providing 50 blue spruce pines and Bowman's Home and Gareden Center will provide 50 seed packets for distribution during the service.
2. The council has approved to have Olan Mills come to take family pictures to put together a new church directory. Photo sessions will be scheduled for Aug. 2 and Sept. 22 from 2pm - 9pm. We are in need of someone to help organize and be a contact person for this endeavor.
3. Zach Stuart, an Eagle Scout candidate has approached the church council with a possible Eagle Scout project. The council is interested in his plans and he will continue the approval process within the Boy Scout Organization.
4. It was brought up to the church council that Carroll County Food Sunday is looking for locations outside of Westminster to serve as satellite locations to serve the outlying areas. The church council agreed to look into this further to see if there is a need for a satellite location in Silver Run and how we can help in the process.
5. The council would like to thank Laura Bennett for all her efforts in organizing the successful Easter Egg Hunt and fellowship time with Monte Leister on Saturday, April 9 and the brunch on April 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Wisner, Secretary

# Carroll County Food Sunday

St. Mary's is looking at the opportunity of working with Carroll County Food Sunday (CCFS) in its exploration of increasing its outreach in the County. Some general background information on need is currently being gathered, but before we go any further I'd like to know if anyone is interested in working toward our serving as a satellite location for distribution in Silver Run. According to CCFS, there is a great need to be met here and we have the perfect location. We are in the very early stages and are looking to find interested individuals to met to discuss (and possibly develop) the concept. We will be looking to meet within the next couple of weeks so we can provide some level of feedback/interest back to CCFS. Please let me know if you are interest in joining in the conversation by calling either my cell 443-244-0453 or home 410-346-6994 or feel free to email me at Checkg@aol.com. This could be a very exciting step into the future for us regarding our outreach into our local community. Thanks for your consideration. ~ Brenda Meadows.



# Learning from Tanzanians

[As we help support Barbara Robertson, an ELCA missionary who serves in Tanzania, we are sensitive to those who have learned from their experiences there.]

*<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner fro him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." John 12: 1 - 8 NRSV*

### Holy Hospitality \*

*"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." (v. 8)*

Several years ago, I spent three weeks in our congregation's partner parish in Tanzania. Our group from the U.S. marveled at how wonderfully they fed us. Tanzanians greatly value hospitality. After my daughter and I raved about a delicious chicken dish, our host family made a point of preparing it for us again the next day even though it meant killing one of the few chickens left in their yard. We were their guests. Every day was a celebration. We had come together in the name of Jesus. We were given places of special honor at their table.

We can learn so much from our Tanzanian brothers and sisters. They trust in God to provide for them, so they are willing to share their gifts with others. Hospitality and generosity are never wasteful. Even the most ordinary meals become holy because the Lord is in our midst.

Judas scolded Mary for "wasting" costly perfume to anoint Jesus. Yet, Jesus recognized it as a holy moment because she chose to honor him for the brief time he was with them. In much the same way, whenever two or more gather in his name today, Jesus blesses us with his presence.

***Lord Jesus, help us savor ordinary moments made holy by your presence. Amen.***

\* Christ In Our Home - April, May, June 2011, volume 58, Number 2, p. 22

**Carroll Lutheran School**  
**5th Annual Yard/Book Sale & Flea Market**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2011 8am - 2pm**  
**Held Indoors - RAIN or SHINE!**

**Stop in and Shop!** - A gymnasium packed with flea market vendors and yard sale families. The Board tables are always full of items donated by our supportive churches and friends, and the Teachers Book Corner is crammed with donated books.

**Rent a Space!** - All are welcome to purchase a space in the sale and sell their own things; space is \$25. Tables may be available if you need to rent one for additional \$10.

**Lunch is Served** - Food will be sold on-site to help energize you as you work your way through the bargains!

**Have Saleable Items to Donate?** - Spring cleaning time is here. If you have good saleable merchandise that you would like to donate to the sale, please contact us at the listed e-mail address or phone number. Donations should be given to us no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact us for details regarding donations.

Contact Dennis Kniss for more information -- [dkniss@carrolllutheranschool.org](mailto:dkniss@carrolllutheranschool.org) or call 410-848-1050 (School). You may also telephone 443-605-4963 or 717-359-7681 and leave a message.

## Notes & Thank Yous

**Caring Carroll, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 842, Westminster, MD 21158  
410-775-5596

April 13, 2011

Dear Friends at St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

On behalf of Caring Carroll, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$773. Referrals to our program have been on the increase as people experience cuts in services, so your support is especially important. It will help us to increase outreach, and recruit and train more volunteers to provide services such as friendly visits, light housekeeping, transportation, yard work, and minor home repairs to more frail and disabled adults in Carroll County. Please feel free to refer to us any congregants, friends, family, neighbors who you feel could use our assistance.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Caring Carroll and those it serves. We could not do what we do without you!

Sincerely yours,

Margaret L. Kunz, MPH  
Caring Carroll Program Coordinator

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## ELCA World Hunger -

### Meet Rizvan

[www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)

#### PAKISTAN

It was a wet summer evening, and 10-year-old Rizvan was playing with his younger sisters and brothers in the one-room house they shared with their parents. It had been raining nonstop for two days. Suddenly, a wall of raging water slammed through the front wall of the house. As their home filled with water, his parents used gardening tools to break through the back wall—just before the house was swept away by the flood.

The floods were the worst in living memory—a fifth of the country of Pakistan was under water. Rizvan, his family and millions of others were left with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Rizvan was put in charge of the household when his father left to look for work. When the family's food ran low and Rizvan didn't know what to do, an emergency food package of wheat flour, lentils, rice, tea leaves, sugar and cooking oil helped keep the family going—made possible by your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response. In addition to providing emergency food, your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response are supplying clean water, shelter and health care to those with the greatest need.



*Financial gifts are urgently needed to continue this vital work in Pakistan. Your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for Pakistan, will be used entirely—100 percent—for this response.*

*Please make your check payable to "ELCA Disaster Response" and write "Pakistan" on the memo line. Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300. To give online with a credit card, please visit [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster).*

**YES! I would like to support the work of ELCA DisasterResponse in Pakistan.**

- \$200 could support a family with a two-month supply of food.
- \$75 could provide a survival kit (tarp, water jug, clothes and cooking supplies).
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. To give online with a credit card, please visit [www.elca.org/hungerdonate](http://www.elca.org/hungerdonate). [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster).

# Prayer Ventures

**1 First Sunday of Easter** - God of wisdom, we lift up to you the leaders and people of Sudan and Uganda. May peace accords and reconciliation efforts bring restoration to the hearts and lives of those who have suffered for so long.

**2** Pray for Christians who serve in areas of the world where Christians are persecuted or exists as a minority.

**3** Pray for Aaron Schutte, Global Mission Volunteer who teaches at Kibeta English Medium Primary School in Bukoba in the Northwestern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**4** Pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they continue to seek solutions for the security, peace and justice of all people there.

**5** Praise God for Erin Ostroski and Isaac Smith who are serving in Uruguay this year through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**6** Pray for the Florida-Bahamas, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Minnesota and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods of the ELCA as they gather for assembly this week.

**7** Pray for those who suffer from the fallout of nuclear disaster.

**8 Second Sunday of Easter** - Living God, we praise you for the witness and joy the churches of Kenya and Tanzania bring to the world. Let us join our voices in rejoicing. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**9** Pray for the work of the ELCA World Hunger program that addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty through relief, development, education and advocacy.

**10** Give thanks for those who volunteer to teach at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Košice, Liptovsky Mikulas, and Tisovec, Slovakia. Pray for Jennifer Christen, Alicia Cooke, Jonathan Covell, Heidi Hartwig, Benjamin Leeney and Rachel Liptak who will return to the United States in summer 2011.

**11** Pray for those who are recovering from natural disasters, especially the people of Haiti, Japan and Indonesia.

**12** Give thanks to God for the Rev. Arden Strasser, who serves in leadership development in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia.

**13** Pray for the Northern Great Lakes, Rocky Mountain, Metropolitan New York, Northeastern Ohio, Northwest Washington, Southeast Michigan, Southwestern Washington, Sierra Pacific, Eastern North Dakota, Northwestern Minnesota, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and Southwestern Texas synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly this week.

**14** Thank God for the Rev. Joshua and Susan Magyar, who are serving in the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Josh is the coordinator for Theological Education by Extension in the diocese and Susan teaches part-time at a local pre-school in Morogoro.

**15 Third Sunday of Easter** - Almighty God, as the churches of Malawi and Zambia struggle in a cycle of drought and flood, give them strength and wisdom to feed the hungry and announce the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

**16** Blessings upon the many young people participating in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Pray for Joshua Busacker, Bethany Danielson, Christine Doidge, Jessica Fairfax, Michael Lengel and Heather Nelson who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in South Africa.

**17** Pray for the president of the United States and the Congress that the Holy Spirit will guide them to remember those most vulnerable in our nation.

**18** Pray for people in areas where individuals struggle daily with malaria and HIV and AIDS.

**19** Pray for Ruth Goehle, who is beginning her service as the ELCA consultant to the medical services rehabilitation and anti-malaria initiative in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe.

**20** Pray for the Pacifica, South Carolina, Northwestern Ohio, Saint Paul Area, Southeastern Iowa, Southern Ohio, Southwest California, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and North/West Lower Michigan synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly this week.

**21** Pray for Bishop Ambrose Moyo who serves as consultant and liaison person to ELCA Global Mission facilitating the ELCA's accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe, emerging Lutheran Churches in Southern Africa and the Zimbabwe Council of Churches in their capacity building,

peace building and institutional and leadership development programs.

**22 Fourth Sunday of Easter** - O God, look with mercy upon the people of Zimbabwe, as Zimbabwe struggles with economic and political uncertainty. May the companion relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and the ELCA Upstate New York Synod be a source of solace and encouragement.

**23** Pray for an end to the exploitation of women and children that leads to human trafficking and sexual violence.

**24** Pray for greater protection of human rights throughout the world and world leaders who work for justice, reconciliation and peace.

**25** Give thanks for the work of Linda Gawthorne serving among the indigenous Kogi people of Colombia who are displaced from their land in the Santa Marta Mountains by violence. Linda provides spiritual nurturing and helps translate the Bible into Kogi.

**26** Give thanks for all who graduate from educational institutions this spring. Pray that graduates and others seeking employment will find fulfilling and sustainable work.

**27** Pray for Joseph and the Rev. Deborah Troester and family, serving in Baboua, Central African Republic. Joe serves as water resource manager and Deborah serves as theological school instructor and communications representative for ELCA companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

**28** Pray for the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service as they offer shelter and support to displaced peoples.

**29 Fifth Sunday of Easter** - Almighty God, we give you thanks for showering your Spirit upon the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. May they find continued strength to engage the social, economic and political challenges within which they witness.

**30** Give thanks for veterans and all who gave their lives in military service. Pray for all who currently serve in the military and risk their lives in service to their country.

**31** Pray for young people who are bullied. Pray that parents, teachers and church leaders respond quickly and with compassion to those who live in fear.

## St. Mary's Veterans

In honor of Memorial Day (May 30<sup>th</sup>), we recognize the members of St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church who have served our country.



**Robert Adams, Jr.** - US Army Reserves, 1972-1990. Active in Desert Storm 1990-1992. PA National Guard 1992-1996. Retired 1996, Staff Sergeant. 24 years of service.

**Leonard Armstrong** - US Marines, 1967 - 1970.

**Bill Blickenstaff** - Navy Crash & Salvage Rescue unit. 3 years of service.

**Joseph W. Blickenstaff, Sr.** - Navy Repair Service. 3 years of service.

**Harvey Bowersox T5 / Corporal** - 63<sup>rd</sup> Division Infantry. Served April 4, 1944 to February 13, 1946.

**Steven Bueker** - U.S. Navy. 4 years of service.

**Rodney Bupp** - Army, 6/12/1967 - 6/12/1970

**Allan D. Chrest** - US Air Force, 1965- 1969

**James A. Crist** - U.S. Navy. 4 years of service (September 30, 1961 to September 26, 1965).

**Jason Eyler** - Army, 1997 - 2001

**John Warren Haifley** - 202 F.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Army ETO. 2 yrs., 10 months of service.

**Donald R. Lawyer, SP2** - 1954 - 1957 Army, Army Security Agency - Hawaii

**Curtis D. Meadows** - Corporal, Marines, 1965 - 1968

**Gary S. Meadows** - Army Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class, 66 Military Intelligence, 1969 - 1971

**Cynthia D. Sparacino, CDR Retired** - (US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Reserve) 28 years of service (1977 - 2005)

**Richard A. Sparacino, LCDR Retired** - (US Navy and US Coast Guard) 29 years service (1971 - 2000)

**Donald Stansbury** - Army Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class, 60<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 1954 - 1956

**Joshua B. Utz, PFC** - 2010 - Present, Delta Company, 1<sup>st</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry

**Dominic A. Vonella**, Army, 1996 - Present

## Strawberry Festival

Our festival will be held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. Proceeds are to benefit Carroll County Rape Crisis, Missionary Support, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund, and Special Needs of St. Mary's. The Outreach and Welcome Committee along with volunteers from the congregation plan this event each year as part of our outreach program to our community and others. Again this year we are asking for your help with the following:

- Monetary donations** to help defray the cost of the strawberries (approx. \$900.00) and the food and paper supplies.
- Donations** of baked goods, used toys, books, plants, crafts, useable household items and clothing. (Remember us when you do your spring housecleaning).
- Sell raffle tickets.** This year you could win a Hand Quilted Queen-Size Quilt, \$100 Lowe's Gift Certificate, or 2 - \$25 Gift Certificates to Bentley's Family Restaurant. Three chances to win a prize by purchasing just one ticket. Tickets are \$1.00 per chance or six for \$5.00.
- Volunteer** to help set-up, work in the kitchen, organize children's games, help at church tables, or help clean-up. Sign-up sheet is printed on the reverse side of this letter.
- Yard sale/craft/flea market, & antique** spaces are available. A Contract is required. Each space is at least 15' x 15' for \$15.00.

Contact Jim Crist, 410-848-4391, for more information.

**Whodunnit? Mystery Dinner Theatre,** Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m., at Krug Chapel Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Cost \$40 per person prior to April 30.



Based on the game Clue, audience participation is encouraged to search for clues, interrogate suspects, and solve the whodunit.

The dinner menu includes: Chef Carved Prime 'Time' Rib, 'Take Five' Cheese Baked Pasta, or 'Colonel Dijon' Chicken for the main course. The sides and dessert are equally intriguing to fit the show.

Proceeds to benefit Health Care Center renovations for resident care at the Village.

For information, please call Debbie Middleton at 410-848-2558.

## Contact Information

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. H. Lee Brumback, II 717-359-8882; **Council President:** Craig Fleischer, 410-346-6065; **Council Vice-President:** Dwyn Fleischer, 410-346-6065; **Council Secretary:** Gail Wisner, 410-346-7955; **Treasurer:** Art Wisner 410-346-7955; **Outreach & Welcome:** Jim Crist 410-848-4391; **Christian Ed Chairperson:** Laura Bennett 410-346-6729; **Property Committee:** Gary Meadows 410-346-6994; **Staff Support:** Rick Sparacino, 717-637-0067; **Stewardship Committee:**(vacant); **Worship & Music Committee:** Don Kaufman 717-637-9795; **Flower Committee:** Ruth Warfield 443-732-6030; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Fran Crist 410-848-4391; **Lector Coordinator:** Jim Crist 410-848-4391; **Funeral Reception Committee:** Viola Haines 717-633-7648, Marion Matthias 410-346-7380; **Sexton :** Mark Ruby 410-346-6840; **Secretary:** Susan Blizzard 410-848-6384; **Organist:** Joye Kaufman 717-637-9795; **Thrivent Liaison:** Donna Myers; **Carroll Lutheran School Delegate:** Jim Huber; **Carroll Lutheran Village Delegates:** Jim & Fran Crist; **Acolyte Coordinator:** Alec Shapiro; **Stamp Coordinator:** Helen Wolf

**Community Memorial Day Service**  
**Sunday, May 29h**  
**at Pleasant Valley Cemetery**



For those who wish to walk in the parade, group will leave St. Matthew's church parking lot at 1:45 p.m. for ½ mile walk to cemetery accompanied by fire department vehicles.

**2:00 p.m. - Service at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.**

(Bring a lawn chair)

St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

announces our annual

# Strawberry Festival



**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Fresh Strawberries  
By The Quart.

**Yard Sale & Flea Market Table Space Available**

Call: 410-848-4391

## **Delicious Food Served All Day**

Fresh Strawberries, Ice Cream, Grilled Chicken, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chips, Maryland Crab Soup, Chicken Corn Soup, Sodas, Coffee, Tea and Bottled Water.

*Platters include a meat, green beans & applesauce. Chicken platters also include a roll.*

**Baked Items, Crafts, Plants, Trash to Treasure Table**

**Children's Activities Including Pleasant Valley Fire Engine Display & Games**

**Music by "Carroll County Ramblers" (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) & "Long Arm Crik" (noon - 2 p.m.)**

## **Carroll County Author, Lois Szymanski, All Day Book Signing**

*"The True Story of Sea Feather", "Out of the Sea," "Grandfather's Secret."*

Her jewelry will also be available for purchase.

## **Our Church Sanctuary Will Be Open for Visiting and Meditation;**

a three minute devotion will be offered on the hour, announced by our church bell.

Guided church tours available at 5 minutes after each hour - - meet in church.

## **Carroll County Health Department**

offering free blood pressure testing & body composition screening.

## **Raffle at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:**

Hand Quilted Queen-Size Quilt, \$100 Gift Certificate to Lowes,  
2 - \$25 Gift Certificates to Bentley's Family Restaurant



Rain  
or  
Shine

## **Proceeds to Benefit:**

Carroll County Rape Crisis Center,  
Missionary Support, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund, Special Needs of St. Mary's  
(also 10% tithe to Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA)

**Worship with us 9:30 a.m. Sundays at St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church!**

(Corner of Route 97 and Mayberry Road, Silver Run, MD)

Web-site: [www.stmaryselc.org](http://www.stmaryselc.org) E-mail: [smelc@mail.com](mailto:smelc@mail.com) Phone/Fax: 410-346-7146

Our Mission: *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.*

# May 2011

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

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. Sunday School/Lutheran Christian Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - White Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 John 20: 19 - 31 (Holocaust Observance) <b>Basket Offering:</b> Habitat for Humanity <b>Laura Heller's last Sunday;</b> <b>covered dish meal following worship.</b>	2  <b>Lutheran Men's Meeting @ Grace, Westminster - 6:30 p.m.</b>	3	4	5  <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	6	7
8 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - White Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41 Psalm: 116: 1 - 4, 12 - 19 1 Peter 1: 17 - 23 Luke 24: 13 - 35 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 <b>Church Council Meeting - 7 p.m.</b>	10	11	12	13 Glen Matthias Steven Wisner	14 Blake Sigmon <b>Annual Yard/Book Sale &amp; Flea Market @ CLS 8 am - 2 pm</b>
15 Sharon Wolf 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - White 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. - Spring Blessing Service Acts 2: 42 - 47 Psalm: 23 1 Peter 2: 19 - 25 John 10: 1 - 10	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter - White Acts 7: 55 - 60 Psalm: 31: 1 - 5, 15 - 16 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10 John 14: 1 - 14	23 	24	25 <b>Newsletter Deadline - 10 a.m.</b> <b>250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - 6:30 p.m.</b>	26 Derek Myers	27 Viola Haines Lenny Armstrong	28 Cathy Bowman-Buckingham Taylor Blizzard
29 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- White Acts 17: 22 - 31 Psalm: 66: 8 - 20 1 Peter 3: 13 - 22 John 14: 15 - 21 <b>Social Hour - Christian Education</b> <b>Last Sunday of Youth Sunday School</b>	30 Allan Chrest Robert Adams, Jr. <b>Church Office Closed</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 <i>The Visitation</i>	<b>Worship Helpers</b> Acolyte: Katie Fairbank, Suzy Spriggs Usher: The Miller Family Altar Guild: Marion Matthias Communion Asst.: Dwyn Fleischer		<b>Anniversaries:</b> Pastor Lee & Ann Brumback - May 2, 1970 Matthew & Jill Spriggs - May 5, 1991 Lenny & Pat Armstrong - May 23, 1970	