

# 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



### Negative Campaigning May Infect Us

Some have commented that the political campaigning we've experienced this fall has gone on for a longer period of time, is more intrusive into our lives, and is particularly negative. This is probably happening because of a change in campaign laws brought about by a Supreme Court decision that now allows corporations and others to give clandestine amounts of financial support to those candidates they favor. One recent report on National Public Radio said that spending was up 75% over the campaigning of two years ago.

Furthermore, negative campaigns are apparently used because they work! R. Michael Alvarez comments that negative political ads are based on creating threat and anxiety in people's minds, so that they will support the candidate who sponsored the negative ad.<sup>1</sup>

Both major political parties engage in negative campaigning as George Connor, head of the political science department at Missouri State University, noted, "If your opponent's going to go negative, it's a Cold War analogy. It's first strike and second strike capability. If you know [the enemy] is going to go negative, you go negative first. And it creates this 'mutually assured destruction,' [and this] is what we called it during the Cold War."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>"The Psychology Behind Political Debate," R. Michael Alvarez, Internet article in Psychology Today, May 27, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted in Adams Hammond internet article, "Negative Campaign Ads: Why?" KSMU, Oct. 10, 2010.

It seems we have little choice to view these ads if we are watching a TV show during prime time. Of course, we could turn the TV off but most of us won't do that, but just endure these ads even if we object to them. Conner also notes that negative ads have become more personal in their attack on opponents.

Also, consider how many of these negative political ads are built on half-truths, misinformation, and statements taken out of context in an effort to paint the opponent in the worse possible way.

The danger is that even as we can sometimes see through what the politicians are claiming in their negative ads, we will be affected and infected by them. Our respect for politics and candidates is likely to be lowered, and we might be less inclined to involve ourselves in the election process.

More insidious is our tendency to unconsciously adopt the approach used in negative ads as we communicate about others who oppose us personally in similar ways, i.e., going negative, spreading half-truths, using misinformation, and communicating negative comments without giving the context. Unfortunately, it's just human nature to model the practices to which we are constantly exposed to in life.

Also we need to remember the truth of what is posted on our church's Route 97 bulletin board, which is graciously maintained by Crystal Ruby, "Satan subtracts and divides; God multiplies and multiplies."

St. Paul warned the Christians of his time about the danger from the society in which they lived while showing that the way of living in Christ was different. In Ephesians 4:17-5:2, he talks at length

about the different way in which Christians live, **"Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds...clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another...let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear...be imitators of God, as beloved children and live in love, as Christ loved us..."**

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Almighty God, too often we unconsciously model the political culture of being negative toward others with whom we disagree or who are opposed to us. Send Your Spirit to stir up in us the memory that we and all people have been made in Your image. Help us to find ways to recognize those things in others that will build them up rather than tear them down, even as we pray that they will deal with us in similar way. When we falter, turn us back to seek Your forgiveness, grasp Your Word, and know Your mercy and grace. We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

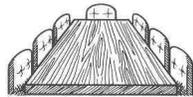
## Pastor's Prism - continued

Throughout his letters, Paul indicates that those who follow Christ are new persons and given a new way of living, which differs from the surrounding culture (e.g., Romans 8:1-11; I Cor. 10:31-11-1; Col. 3:1-17). As Christians we are to see all persons made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), even those who may differ from us or opposed to us. Our role, even if we have differences with others, is not about tearing them down but to find ways of building them up, focusing on the gifts that God has given them.

+ "Pr. Lee"

## Council Highlights

Council met on October 11, 2010.



Council Meeting

1. The Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 14 at 11:30 in the parish house. The Sunday school will be providing a Brunch at 11:00am after church and prior to the annual meeting to help support [Mahantesh Baburao, the youth from India we help support through World Vision]..
2. The council would like to thank Gary Meadows for all the work he did in getting bids and good pricing for our roof repair with Brothers.
3. There will be a Fall Cleanup day scheduled Nov. 6 from 8-12 to spruce up our building and grounds.
4. The Council extends an appreciation to Bill Miller for his generous donation of \$10,000 to St. Mary's. The money can be used for needs of St. Mary's Lutheran Church not associated with the roof repair or general operations.
5. The Church Council has designated November as Carroll County Food Month. Parishioners can bring in food and money to support the Carroll County Food Bank.

Submitted, Gail Wisner, Secretary

## Non-Perishable Food Drive

Help us feed the needy in Carroll County during November. Non-perishable food items will be collected for Carroll County Food Sunday. Please place them in the designated



## Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please have information in to the church by 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

## Lectors Needed

A Lector is the person who reads the First and Second Lessons and may lead a responsive reading from the Psalms in the worship service at the lectern. This is a great opportunity to share your time and talents and serve through worship. Never been a Lector before? Try it out one Sunday. See Jim Crist for more information.



Thank you to those already helping.

## CLV Annual Report 2010

A copy of the 2010 annual report of Carroll Lutheran Village, "Stepping Stones" in recognition of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is available on the rear register of the church for your perusal. Thirty-seven of St. Mary's members who contributed towards the "Friends of the Village" are found on page 14. Thanks for your support!

## Church Workday

Church workday is Saturday, November 6, from 8 to 12 noon. Various repairs and maintenance issues will be addressed. Please contact Gary Meadows if you are able to help, so that he can sure sufficient supplies are on hand.

## Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Parish House. Purpose of the meeting will be to review the highlights of church's mission over the last year, consider a proposed budget for calendar year 2011, elect church council members, hold discussion and share some hopes for 2011. The meeting will be preceded by a brunch conducted by the Sunday school children, teachers, and other interested adults. A free-will offering will be collected to support Mahantesh Baburao, the youth whom we support through World Vision.

## Church Roof Repairs

Major roof repairs totaling \$18,000 are necessary on our church. Brothers Roofing has been contracted to do the work. As this was an unbudgeted expense, donations are being requested. Please make donations to "St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church", and write in the memo section, "church roof repair".

## Church Contacts

**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, 443-824-2455; **Treasurer:** Art Wisner 443-824-3914; **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:** Shirley Stansbury; **Carroll Lutheran Village Delegates:** Jim and Fran Crist; **Acolyte Coordinator:** Alec Shapiro; **Stamp Coordinator:** Helen Wolf

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

on  
Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>,  
at 7:30 p.m.

Offerings collected will go to  
Carroll County Food Sunday.



## Poinsettia Orders

**It is time to order flowers to be placed around the altar  
for our Christmas Eve service.**

White or Red Poinsettias

**6" pot with total of 3 to 5 blooms .....\$9.00 each**

(Price guide: 1 - \$9.00, 2 - \$18.00, 3- \$27.00)

Fill in this form and mail along with your **check made out  
to St. Mary's Lutheran Church** to the church office.

**Please Print Legibly**

**Deadline for ordering: Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(How many) # \_\_\_\_\_ **White Poinsettias @ \$9.00 each**

Total paid? \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(How many)# \_\_\_\_\_ **Red Poinsettias @ \$9.00 each**

Total paid? \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Should you have questions, call Ruth Warfield 443-732-6030.

# Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar will be here before we know it. Donations of the following are needed –

**Baked Goods.** We will need baked goods, such as pies, cakes, breads and cookies. Be aware that under the Health Dept. permit baked goods cannot contain cream, meringues, or custards. Also needed are homemade fudge, brittle, candies, etc.

Donations can be dropped off Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> or early Saturday morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Silent Auction.** Put together several items to make a theme. Ex – toys and/or games for boys or girls or both. Bird feed along with a bird feeder, etc. Larger items can stand on their own. Also gifts certificates from various restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, hair salons are need to add to some items. Several members have already begun putting together themes and/or soliciting donations from area businesses.

Donations for the silent auction should be in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to give us time to get paperwork ready.

**Comforter Raffle.** Please help sell these tickets, pictures are available. All proceeds will benefit the Sunday School activities.

**Bazaar Help.** We will need help with the welcome table, Craft table, baked table, fruit table as well as floaters who will help where needed. See Jim Crist.

If you can **help in the kitchen** see Sharon Adams.

**Monetary donations** also appreciated to help with purchase of supplies.

**Setup.** We will need help setting up tables on Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please join us for a day of FUN-draising and fellowship as we hold our annual Christmas Bazaar.

A sign-up sheet is included below.

## St. Mary's Luncheon & Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 11, 2010 - 9 a.m. til 2 p.m.

The Outreach & Welcome Committee is asking for help again this year to make this fund-raiser a real blessing. Please hand in your sign-up sheet by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can donate the following baked items:  
(Please list ingredients for each baked item.)

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies (12 per bag)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice Krispie Treats   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bread    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Holiday Goodies | <input type="checkbox"/> Pies     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownies              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupcakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muffins               | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fudge                 |                                   |

I can donate handmade craft items.

I can donate a monetary contribution to offset the cost of paper supplies, soda and food items.\*\*

I can help:

- Setup (Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- At the craft tables \_\_\_ a.m. or \_\_\_ p.m.
- In the kitchen \_\_\_ a.m. or \_\_\_ p.m.
- At the bake tables \_\_\_ a.m. or \_\_\_ p.m.
- Cashier \_\_\_ a.m. or \_\_\_ p.m.
- Clean up

**For more information contact:** Jim Crist, Chairperson, Outreach & Welcome Committee at 410-848-4391.

\* Additional cakes are needed for the "cake walk".

\*\*Checks payable to "St. Mary's Lutheran Church", noted for Christmas Bazaar.

Thank You for your support!

## Notes & Thank Yous

Our thanks to Jim and Fran Crist for giving the two church palms a winter home!

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Please extend a warm thank you to Lou Ann Snyder for sharing with us her special talent on how to make “Sew-less” Blankets on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. . We had over 12 participants and everyone enjoyed their time together learning something fun and new, while creating a one-of-a-kind gift for a loved-one.

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*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers (Ephesians 1:16).*

Dear St. Mary’s Evangelical Lutheran Church,

**Thank you.** Your prayers, encouragement, and contributions to ELCA Missionary Sponsorship make a world of difference.

**Thank you.** You “hand in hand” missionary sponsorship helps make it possible for 225 ELCA missionaries to teach, preach, build, grow, heal and nurture alongside global companions in 50 countries.

**Thank you.** You are a blessing. I pray that you are also blessed by generously giving and gratefully receiving.

In Christ’s service.  
Twila Schock, director

ELCA Global Mission Support  
8765 W. Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631  
[www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship](http://www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship)

St. Mary’s Lutheran Church (Silver Run)  
3978 Littlestown Pike  
Westminster, MD 21158-1541

Amount Received: \$39.25

Gift Purpose: Gettysburg Seminary Fund

Dear Friends:

The Gettysburg Seminary community thanks you for sharing God’s abundance in partnership with us in the ministry of theological education. Your generous giving to Gettysburg Seminary makes it possible for those with the gifts and passion for ministry to pursue this calling by helping them to afford a seminary education that is well grounded in biblical studies, theology and pastoral care. Thank you for your support.

The Rev. Kathleen O. Reed  
Chief Advancement Officer

### 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.)

**Electronic Newsletter** - You’ll be notified when the newsletter has been posted on our website. To join, send an email request to: [stmarys@qis.net](mailto:stmarys@qis.net).

# St. Mary's Veterans

In Honor of Veteran's Day (November 11<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.

**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

(Please contact the church office with any updates.)

# Christmas Program & Dinner

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
4:00 p.m. in the Parish House**

Food from *Bentley's Family Restaurant*

### Tentative MENU

Broasted Chicken	Baked Ham
Baked Potato	Green Beans
Roll/butter	Dessert
Iced Tea	Coffee



### Free will offering at the door.

(Please give generously as the difference will come out of St. Mary's funds)

Please make your reservations **by December 5<sup>th</sup>** so that the proper amount of food and supplies can be purchased. Reservation sheets can be placed in the offering plate or call your reservations into the church office (410-346-7146) with the information requested below.

Yes, I (We) plan to attend St. Mary's Christmas Program and Dinner on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_

# Children under 6 \_\_\_\_\_

# November 2010

\*\*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 Wisner Family Altar Guild: Crystal Ruby, Gail Wisner Communion Assistant: Dwyn Fleischer	1	2  Election Day	3	4  	5  	6  Kaitlyn Powell
7 Arthur Wisner, Roxanne Fleischer All Saints Sunday - White Daniel 7: 1 - 3, 15 - 18 Psalm: 149 Ephesians 1: 11 - 23 Luke 6: 20 - 31 <b>Basket Offering -St. Dymas Prison Ministry</b>	8 Helen Wolf <b>11/14 Bulletin                      Deadline - 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Church Council                      Meeting 7 p.m.</b> 	9	10  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Secretary Out of Office</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                         Martin Luther's                          Birthday, 1483                     </div> <div style="width: 45%;">                         Veterans Day                     </div> </div>	11  Fran Crist	12  Jordan Blizzard	13
14 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Malachi 4: 1 2a Psalm: 98 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 Luke 21: 5 - 19 <b>11:00am - Brunch</b> <b>11:30am - Congregational Meeting</b>	15	16	17 Richard Carpenter  <b>Newsletter                      Deadline                      10 a.m.</b>	18	19	20
21  Christ the King - White Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 Psalm: 46 Colossians 1: 11 - 20 Luke 23: 33 - 43	22	23	24  <b>Sunday Bulletin                      Deadline - 10 am</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Eve                      Service - 7:30 pm</b>	25  <b>Office Closed</b> Thanksgiving Day	26  <b>Church Office                      Closed</b>	27
28 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Blue Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34 Psalm 46 Romans 3: 19 - 28 John 8: 31 - 36 <b>Social Hour - Christian Education</b>	29 Donald Phillips, Jr.	30 Carrie Eyler Doris Blickenstaff  	  Eastern Standard Time Begins	<b>Anniversaries</b> Robert & Kelli Scott - November 4, 1995 John & Brenda Middleton - November 5, 1988 James & Ann Pearre - November 8, 1975 James & Frances Crist - November 24, 1963 Dennis & Shirley Hare - November 30, 1969		

