

# The Lutheran Light

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## The Pastor's Prism



### Book of Faith Initiative

"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." You'll recognize those words of our mission statement publicized in our bulletins, newsletters, stationary, and other printed matter that goes out from our church.

Conducting this mission, particularly the part of speaking about God to others, that is our evangelical mission, is probably more difficult than worshiping God. Most of us would probably prefer witnessing by the way we try to live our lives. Furthermore, we don't want to be known as "pushy" about our faith to others, implying that we have all the answers and others don't!

Also, we recognize that we don't know the Bible as well as we should. Not knowing the Bible makes it difficult to share verbally the Good News of Jesus Christ. Luther knew the Bible well, having translated from Greek and Hebrew into German with the help of others. He worked hard so that people would have access to God's Word--to read and study what they found there so that the Word would become integrated into peoples' lives. Knowing God's Word is essential to our verbal witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It is true that our world today is much different than in Luther's times with all the communication means that are available. We can be grateful for radios, TVs, Internet, cell phones, and the host of other electronic devices that allow us to communicate constantly with one another, but these things can become distractions. What happens, so often, is that we will choose one of these distractions, which is seen as more interesting and connects immediately with our mood for any given moment. Reading the Bible is not even on the list of things to do for many today!

This is a very sad condition indeed, considering that the church is based on the Holy Spirit engaging us through God's Word.

Concerned about this condition in our churches, our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) took action at it's 2007 Assembly, "...members, congregations, synods, church-wide ministries, and institutions and agencies of the ELCA [are] to engage in a five-year collaborative initiative with the goal of raising to a new level this church's individual and collective engagement with the Bible and [It's] teaching, yielding greater Biblical fluency and more profound appreciation of Lutheran principles and approaches for the use of Scripture." Interesting this initiative for increased Bible fluency reaches completion in 2012, the same year that we celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation!

How will we react to this initiative and engage the Bible more deliberately here at St. Mary's? These are questions which are being discussed with the Church Council, but let me suggest some ways right now that it might be done individually.

First of all there has to be a commitment to engage God's Word in the Bible. The Holy Spirit will continue to do His part once we make a commitment to engage more fully His Word. Let me share a personal example of what this commitment might look like: I did not have a personal Bible until I was 15 years old, and the translation used by Lutherans of that time was the King James version. For some reason, perhaps the Spirit's work, I decided that I would read through the whole Bible. So, I began at Genesis and started reading a few chapters each night. It took me over a year to reach Revelation. There are other and better ways of reading through the Bible today, and I would be glad to point out those ways for you.

Another means to enter the Bible is through utilizing a daily devotional, such as "The Word in Season." This devotional, made available to all our members who request it, includes a Scriptural reading, commentary, and a prayer for each day.

Also consider joining our Bible study group. This next academic year, because we have no confirmands, I plan to teach an adult Bible class each Sunday for about an hour immediately following worship. We will continue to use the excellent Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. In September through November, the theme of this series is "The Inescapable God" with studies from Exodus and Psalms. Then from December through February the theme is "Assuring Hope" with studies in Isaiah and Mark. (By the way, if you were to attend these Bible studies for 6 years, you would have covered the whole Bible!)

Also, notice that this adult Bible study occurs at the same time Sunday school classes, based on Bible stories, are being held for our children.

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Lord God, we thank You for giving us Your Holy Word as It comes to us in the Bible. Send Your Holy Spirit to stir up our hearts and wills to receive eagerly what You offer in Your Word. Lead us to make the commitment necessary for our growth so that we can be faithful witnesses, not only through our actions, but through our words, to the Good News of salvation that has come to us and for all people. Hear us, we pray, for the sake of Your beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ in Whose Name we pray. AMEN



## Pastor's Prism - Continued

Therefore, you who are parents could attend our adult classes as well, rather than simply dropping the children off and a picking them up later!

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship, I am planning to offer a basic class on an overview of the Bible, where It came from, how it is organized, and some tips on reading it, and something about the different versions that are available.

I will also present other tools that might be used to help in accessing and reading the Bible.

God has taken the initiative to make us a part of this world for this time and He gives us Gifts to nurture us for serving Him and His people. **“The Word of the Lord endures forever. That Word is the Good News that was announced to you”**

-1Peter 1:25

We need to respond to what He has given us through His Word, the Bible. He has sent the Holy Spirit to help and guide us. Let us eagerly receive what He offers to us through His Word that we might continue to grow in faith and in witnessing for Him to the many that do not yet know the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ.

+ “Pr. Lee”

## Council Highlights

Council met on August 9, 2010



1. A special thanks to Laura Bennett, Kelli Scott and all who helped make the VBS a success. Thanks to Jill Spriggs and Tammy Fairbank who provided the art work, Joye Kaufman who provided the music and all the teachers and kitchen help who gave of their time. Thank you as well to everyone that donated food and money.
2. Thank you to Worship & Music Committee for seeing a need in our congregation and providing Large Print Service Books for those who need it. These books are located in the rear of the church. Feel free to use them as needed and return them at the end of the service.
3. The council would also like to thank the Sparacino family for organizing the congregational outing to Codorus State Park on Saturday Aug. 8. Those that attended enjoyed wonderful fellowship.
4. A special Thank you to Don Stansbury for standing in and leading the music when Joye was absent one Sunday.
5. The Book of Faith initiative is being discussed to increase Biblical Literacy, more information about this initiative will be coming.
6. The next meeting of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be on Sept. 21 for all people interested in helping with this special occasion.

~ Gail Wisner, Secretary

## Sunday School News

### How We Got the Bible

On Sunday, Sept. 12 following the worship service, during the Sunday school hour, Pastor will offer a brief introduction to the Bible. This will cover how we got the Bible, including something of its history, organization, and the various versions of the Bible that are available today. Suggestions will be offered on ways to read and “listen” to what God is saying to us through the Bible.

### **Sunday School Begins Sunday September 12 from 11 a.m. to noon**

Classes are offered:

#### Parish House

Nursery and Kindergarten—teacher, Kelli Scott

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades—teacher, Laura Bennett

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades—teacher, Ann Brumback

The Witness Sunday school curriculum helps teach children to “Learn from the Bible to Live the Good News” so that they might come to know God’s Word, grow in faith, and witness through their living and service to others.

#### Over-flow Room

Adults, Pastor Lee

Theme: “The Inescapable God” with discussions based on texts from Exodus and the Psalms. We will be using our Bibles and the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies materials to grow in our faith, by God’s grace, and prepare us for discipleship in daily life.

# Bishop-elect Announces New Synod Staff

Bishop-Elect Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane has announced a reorganization of the synod staff. After he takes office as the fourth bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod on September 1, there will be four assistants to the bishop, regionally deployed and each with responsibility to relate to the congregations in his/her area, including providing care for congregations and pastors/rostered leaders, resourcing the congregations in evangelism and outreach, offering conflict resolutions and shepherding call processes in his/her assigned territory. In addition, each assistant will carry responsibilities in major ministry areas.

"It's all about relationships," said the bishop-to-be. "Deploying the bishop's assistants regionally brings them closer to the pastors, the lay leaders, the congregations. It will increase communications between the bishop's office and the congregations." It will also help, said Herz-Lane, to make the call process more relational and hopefully more efficient. "I am also hoping to achieve team synergy by bringing some of the previous, often part-time 'adjunct' staff positions into the central staff," he added.

## Synod Council approves staffing plan

On July 17, the Synod Council approved the bishop-elect's staffing plan and called or appointed the candidates that he presented:

· **The Rev. Edward Kay**, formerly the part-time synod youth and family ministry coordinator and a part-time pastor at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Baltimore. Pr. Kay will relate to the 49 congregations in the conferences of the East Cluster (Baltimore East, Baltimore North, Delmarva, Harford) and also will continue his work in youth and family ministry.

· **Linda Chinnia**, to date the synod events coordinator, relating to the 54 congregations in the Central Cluster

(Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore West). Linda will also staff the Coalition of Lutherans Advancing in Mission (CLAIM), the synod's urban ministry table, and the recently developed African Descent Strategy, and relate to the Women of the ELCA organization.

· **The Rev. Roland Hobbs**, a retired pastor from Hagerstown and former assistant to the bishop. Pr. Hobbs will serve as a part-time interim assistant until a permanent candidate is identified. Pr. Hobbs will cover the West Cluster (77 congregations in Allegany, Washington County, Westminster, and Frederick conferences) as well as handle candidacy and leadership.

· **Deaconess Kati Kluckman-Ault** as the new director for evangelical mission (DEM), employed by the ELCA's Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM) unit and replacing Bishop-Elect Herz-Lane who has served in this capacity since February 2009. Sister Kati, a rostered diaconal minister since 2005, will work with new and renewing congregations, stewardship and mission support, and staff the synod's efforts in campus ministry, prison ministry, and anti-racism.

All four assistants to the bishop will begin their ministries on September 1 and will be installed alongside the new bishop on Saturday, September 18, 12:30 p.m. at New Psalmist Baptist Church, Catonsville, Md.

"I am delighted with the gifts and qualities that each of these fine servants will bring to the synod staff," commented Herz-Lane. "This is a very diverse staff in terms of age, racial background, roster status, geography ... each brings a piece of this diversity, and each was chosen because he or she has the gifts to do the job."

## 1. Council also approves support staff

Herz-Lane also announced that the Synod Council had approved three support-staff positions to round out a total synod staff of eight full-time staffers (down from the

current 9.75 positions funded in the 2010 Faith Spending Plan). The following were named to the support staff:

· **Cindy VanVliet**, member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Severna Park, Md., and former office assistant to Pr. Herz-Lane in his role at the DEM, as administrative assistant to the bishop and chief of staff.

· **Pat Walton**, continuing as administrative assistant for call process and roster concerns.

· **Jennifer Baxter**, continuing as administrative assistant for candidacy and stewardship as well as the synod's IT coordinator.

## What's happening with other staff?

Pastors Mary Miller-Zurell and Virginia Price, currently assistants to the bishop, are seeking calls. The positions of Coordinator for Communication and Coordinator for Evangelism have been eliminated, so Linda Lovell and Pr. Bill Gohl will be leaving the staff. Bill continues as pastor at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Baltimore. Linda is exploring the possibility of offering her services as a consultant.

## Palms Seeking a Home

We are two palm plants that graced the nave of your church on Palm Sunday and are now standing sentinel in your pavilion. Winter is coming and we can't stand the cold weather. We don't take a lot of care but do need a place that is out of the cold and has lots of sunlight. We do need to be watered from time to time. In return we will remove toxins, like carbon dioxide from the air in your home and produce oxygen. Also, we would love to return to the nave of your church next Palm Sunday (April 17, 2011), and future Palm Sundays if possible. Please won't you take us in? Please contact Ann Brumback or Pastor Lee if interested and for more details about our care.

# Prayer Ventures -

**1** Thank God for the witness of the 44 participants in Young Adults in Global Mission who just completed orientation and are now moving into one-year positions in Argentina, Uruguay, Jerusalem/West Bank, Mexico, Slovakia/Hungary, South Africa and United Kingdom.

**2** Thank God for the progress made by Pastor Youa Kao Vang, Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., after a bone marrow transplant. May he continue on his road to recovery and continue his faithful service.

**3** God bless Ingrid and Dr. Ronald Eggert in Arusha, Tanzania, where Ronald serves as a doctor at the Selin Lutheran Hospital and the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center.

**4** Pray for the psychological assessment training pilot project and the clinical psychologists responsible for training synod leaders in helping candidates in the discernment process, that God will guide them in this unique ministry.

**5 15th Sunday after Pentecost -** Gracious God, look with favor upon the people of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, and Serbia and Montenegro, that, in the midst of great change, they may find hope and peace.

**6** Pray for the ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants-supported Campbell Farm in Washington State, that provides an outreach and feeding program for Spanish-speaking and American Indian/Alaska Native children.

**7** Pray for the ministry of Nathan and Sharonette Bowman as they share God's love and grace in Kumamoto, Japan, where they work with social services for the elderly and children and serve a local congregation in the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**8 International Literacy Day -** Give thanks for Pam Westby and other members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids, Minn., who support community-wide displays and programs like ESL for Older Adults.

**9** Give thanks for Pastors Michael and Terri Church, who work with an English-language ministry in Romania in cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania and the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod.

**10** Ask God to be with Hammonasset, the annual gathering of youth throughout the New England Synod of the ELCA as the youth meet September 10-12.

**11** Praise God for the Rev. Joshua Magyar

as he serves as pastor and leader for evangelism in the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**12 16th Sunday after Pentecost -** We pray, gracious God that the churches of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania may be your instruments of reconciliation, both locally and in the wider world.

**13** Give thanks for John and Robin McCullough-Bade, authors of "Daily Discipleship," materials for congregational small groups who meet weekly for study and prayer.

**14 Holy Cross Day -** Thank God for Pastor Violet Little, who has offered hospitality and respect to Philadelphia's homeless through The Welcome Mission since 2007 and is now developing a worshipping community among them.

**15** Ask God to bless the ministry of Rebecca Lee as she serves as English teacher at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Many of her students are from other Asian countries, such as Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and China.

**16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer -** Pray for the scientists, teachers, clergy and interested lay people in the ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology as they expand awareness and promote conversation about the implications of science and technology for Christian faith and life.

**17** Please ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on Spirit of Truth ministry, St. Paul, Minn., as they begin regular worship gatherings of this justice-centered, relationship-based community.

**18** Pray for Kristen and the Rev. Brian Konkol as they coordinate the Young Adults in Global Mission program in South Africa and facilitate the well-being, support and guidance of volunteers.

**19 17th Sunday after Pentecost -** We give you thanks, God of the ages, for the long history of the church in Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Please continue to guide the companion relationships among the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States and the ELCA Central States and Northwest Washington Synods.

**20 International Day of Peace - 21 -** Please pray for people living in the midst of violence, suffering and fear in Iraq, Palestine, and the entire Middle East. Ask God to bless, too, the members of our

ELCA Arabic ministries in the U.S. -- Brooklyn, N.Y., Dearborn, Mich., Chicago and the San Francisco Bay Area.

**21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist -** Thank God for the energy and enthusiasm of the Rev. Kevin Jacobson, as he serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname, mastering the Dutch language and developing lay leadership training for the church.

**22** Ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit for Springdale Lutheran Church, a 135-year-old congregation in Sioux Falls, S.D., as it implements its plan for renewal.

**23** Pray for the hundreds of hunger leaders in ELCA synods, congregations, campuses and networks across the country and in the Caribbean who create awareness about hunger and poverty and raise money for the work of ELCA World Hunger.

**24** Rejoice in the ministry of the Rev. Kwanza Yu as she serves as pastor of St Paul International Lutheran Church in Tokyo. Having lived in Japan previously, Pastor Yu brings unique experience and gifts to this parish setting.

**25** Pray for the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy, that they may help leaders who suffer from alcoholism and other addictions.

**26 18th Sunday after Pentecost -** God of all kindness, we pray that you will gather the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia into your protective arms, especially as they face numerous challenges in their lives.

**27 World Maritime Day -** Give thanks for the ministry of Seafarers & International House, supported by synods in Region 7, as it serves people who generally come from countries where average wages are low and employment opportunities scarce.

**28** Praise God for Aaron Schutte as he teaches at Kibeta English Medium Primary School in Bukoba, Tanzania.

**29 Michael and All Angels -** Lift up St. Michael Lutheran Church in Blacksburg, Va., and its ministry of Micah's Backpack, a free service helping families eat more healthy meals and snacks through their local elementary schools.

**30** Pray for Milaku Tizazu, developer, and the Kansas City Oromo Mission in the growth of their ministry and the worldwide span of their Internet ministry.

## Special Church Council Meeting of St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 15, 2010 @ approx. 10:30 p.m. in the rear of church nave - draft, not yet approved

Present were Council Members: Craig Fleischer, Dwyn Fleischer, Helen Wolf, Dorothy Stansbury, Junior Miller, Cynthia Sparacino, Don Kaufman, and Pr. H. Lee Brumback II.

1. Pr. Lee introduced Laura Bennett's desire, on behalf of the Christian Education Committee to hold a yard sale on Saturday, September 4, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. One-half of the proceeds would go for the children's Sunday school fund and the other half toward an organization picked by the children.

A motion to authorize the above was introduced and carried unanimously.

2. Pr. Lee explained the desire from Charles Carroll Elementary School in a letter from Natalie Crist, Assistant Principal, dated July 30, 2010, to continue to have our church serve as a "safe haven" facility in case an emergency require and evacuation of the school. He also explained that we have been in such an arrangement with Charles Carroll Elementary School for some years, and suggested it be continued.

A motion to authorize the above was introduced and carried unanimously.

3. Meeting was concluded at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Recorded by H. Lee Brumback II, Pastor

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## 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).

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## Church Contacts

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## Hoss's Fundraiser

We had 14 families participate in our Hoss's fundraiser, resulting in a total donation of \$96.46 by Hoss's to benefit St. Mary's Sunday school program. The donation amount was calculated as 20% of total dining sales of \$482.31. [We also received additional funds through personal donations towards this fundraiser.] The children and Sunday school staff wish to thank all those who participated for their kind and generous donation.

### CHURCH -SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

for all will be held on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. following worship. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study classes will be held this day. Please bring a dish or two for sharing. We'll provide drinks and paper goods.



## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Minutes - draft, not yet approved

Minutes: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
of SMELC, 7/10/10, Meeting # 2

Present: Cindy Lawyer, Marion  
Matthias, Ann Brumback, Linda Bupp,  
Faye Boughter, Helen Wolf, Brenda  
Meadows, Jim Crist, and Pr. Lee.

Visitors Present from St. Mary's UCC:  
Stacie Fourham, Linda Mathias, and  
Becky Dutterer, Chairperson of  
Anniversary Comm.

1. Minutes of 6/9/10 meeting approved  
unanimously.
2. St. Mary's UCC 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee shared:
  - committee formed in June 2008 and  
has met 5 times to date, meeting  
twice each year at present.
  - picked a theme for anniv., "A  
Church for All Seasons."
  - schedule of events during  
anniversary year:
- + "kick-off" would be begin last  
Sunday of January 2010.
- + May 20, 2012, as "Founders Day"  
when former pastors and church  
leaders would be invited to attend and  
some to participate. We have been  
invited to attend this event which will  
be held in St. Mary's UCC sanctuary.
- + Conclusion to 250<sup>th</sup> commemoration  
would occur on All Saints' Day,  
2012.
  - mementos to be made available to  
adults and children.
  - oral and written history of

- church/congregation to be made.
  - at some stage other committees of  
church would be involved.
  - some sort of community out-reach  
would be done.
  - Greg Bechtel doing work at  
restoring "The Grove," possible log  
cabin site and location of 1762  
church.
  - plan a new pictorial directory of  
church members.
  - next meeting of St. Mary's UCC  
anniversary committee is Sept.30,  
2010.
3. Initial reactions to St. Mary's UCC  
from us:
    - Could the Founders' Day  
celebration include participation  
from our church?
    - Could the meal following the  
Founders' Day Service be held in  
our Parish House as we have the  
space for those who might attend?
    - Possible recovering worship  
services for Ash Wednesday and  
Thanksgiving Eve for that year?
    - Could "The Grove" fit into some  
sort of joint celebration between the  
churches for that year?
  4. Linda Bupp says that she has  
collected most of the Strawberry  
Festival quilt pictures from across the  
years.
  5. Linda Bupp is also working towards  
the possible development of a  
cookbook for the anniversary year,  
which might include historic recipes,  
and perhaps some German ones.



6. Possibility of perusing archives for  
items that might be used in the  
newsletter during 2012.
7. Cindy Lawyer in the process of  
checking original minutes of church,  
which Susan Blizzard, our secretary,  
and Crystal Ruby typed. Possible  
publishing of these minutes in some  
manner was briefly discussed.
8. St. Mary's UCC visitors said that the  
following artifacts from the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
church building were in their  
possession:
  - pulpit from 2<sup>nd</sup> church (brick  
church, after log cabin church,  
shared jointly between Lutheran  
and Reformed until 1892) but not  
the sounding board.
  - Baptismal fount.
  - painted banner in German from 2<sup>nd</sup>  
church which is mounted near the  
ceiling behind their sanctuary altar.
  - a chair from 2<sup>nd</sup> church.
  - hitching post.
9. Pastor Lee said there was the  
possibility of doing 6 historic services  
during the anniversary year.
10. **Next meeting: Tuesday,  
September 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Recorded by + "Pr. Lee"

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## Mission Conversations with Bishop-Elect Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane

In preparation for the start of his term as bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Bishop-Elect Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane will be holding a series of "Mission Conversations" in the coming weeks. These 90-minute events will be an opportunity to hear from the bishop-elect about his vision for the synod, to ask questions and to offer feedback. A meeting is being planned for every conference in our synod, and people are free to attend a meeting of their choice. Pastors, rostered leaders, lay leaders and members of every congregation in the synod are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please make plans now to be apart of these important conversations: Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., Carroll Lutheran Village, Westminster

**TRIP TO NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, EMMITSBURG, MD:**

**SAT., SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

Please join us for a congregational day trip to the Grotto. We'll be *meeting in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., September 18<sup>th</sup>*, and drive as a group to the Grotto. There should be plenty of room for car pooling. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Sparacino at 717-637-0067. The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is

the oldest known *replica* (1875) of the revered Lourdes shrine in France, built about two decades after the apparition of Mary at Lourdes in 1858. Following our visit to the Grotto, we'll picnic at a local community playground where the children can enjoy some play time. Please bring your own picnic lunch. Fast food restaurants are also available in the

area for take-out. Following lunch (and time permitting); we may also visit the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton which is also located in Emmitsburg. Also, if anyone is interested, the Emmitsburg Antique Mall, home to over 120 antique dealers, is a main area attraction.

**Thank You**

Our thanks for those who helped with VBS during this past week! They include Laura Bennett (director), Jason Bennett, Kelli Scott, Jill Spriggs, Tami Fairbank, Joye Kaufman, Tom Jemison, Hannah Jemison, Moriah, Brenda Meadows, Cynthia Sparacino, Victoria Sparacino, Rick Sparacino, Lou Ann Snyder, Craig Fleischer, Dwyne Fleischer, Crystal Ruby, Jim Crist, and Ann Brumback. Of course, we are grateful for the thirteen children from our church and community who participated as well!

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**Community Foundation of Carroll County, Inc.** The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Carroll County, Inc. thanks you for your contribution of \$100.00, in support of The Feather Fund on May 4, 2010.

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Dear Pastor Brumback & The People of St. Mary's,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome to St. Mary's, for the chance to bring the message and make our presentation, for a wonderful pot luck dinner and for your kind and generous gift. We truly appreciate the gift because we experienced some quite expensive car repairs during our home assignment and without your gift we would have been on the hood. Many many thanks.

May God bless you all in your ministry and in your engagement with the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastors Bob & JMe Lowden  
[missionaries in Tanzania]

**THE REV. BRIAN B. CHAFFEE**, teaching parish student here during the 2006 - 2007 academic year, was ordained July 18th. You may contact him at the church he serves:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
140 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Greenburg, PA 15601-3078

His e-mail address is brchaffee@gmail.com

**News Around the Parish**

Help! - We need persons to count, record, and deposit the offerings collected at worship each week. Contact Gary Meadows or Art Wisner for more information.

Volunteers are needed to mow the grass around the church and parish house. Thanks to Junior Miller our John Deere riding lawn mower steering has been repaired, so that the mower works better than when it was brand new! Please sign-up to mow on the list in the overflow room.

**QUILT BOOK** - Carrie and I have compiled the quilts for the strawberry festivals from the beginning. The book will be placed in the overflow room. Please look at the book and let Linda Bupp or Carrie Eyler know if there are any corrections before September 1. Thank you!

~Linda Bupp

## An Eagle Scout Project - First Aid Preparedness

My name is Sean Lillis, I am a Junior at Winter's Mill High School and I'm a Boy Scout with Troop 483 in Silver Run, Maryland. I have been in Scouts since 1<sup>st</sup> grade and I'm currently a Life Scout working towards my Eagle Rank.



One of the requirements for my Eagle Rank is doing an Eagle Scout Leadership Project. My project is for the Charles Carroll Recreation Council Soccer Program. I have been a soccer player in this program for the past 11 years. Over the last few years I became more aware of the potential injuries that can, and do, occur during practice and in competitive games. Sports and recreation activities is one of the leading causes of child in injuries. More than half of the 7 million sports and recreation-related injuries that occur each year are sustained by youth between the ages of 5 and 24.

My project, **First Aid Preparedness**, consists of the following components:

- providing every soccer coach with a First Aid Kit
- providing a quick reference First Aid Manual
- providing a basic First Aid DVD that can be accessed by the coaches (or others in the recreation council)
- providing CPR and Bloodborne Pathogens Training and Certification for every soccer coach
- Providing hands-on First Aid Training for every soccer coach

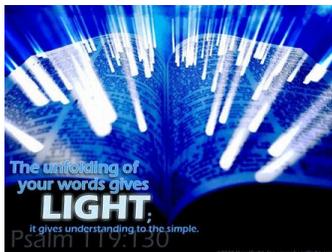
One of the requirements of this Leadership Project is to obtain the funding to carry out, complete, and help sustain the project at a t cost of \$1,100.00. I am writing to you today to ask you for a donation towards my project. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to **Boy Scout Troop 483** (please put "Lillis Eagle Project" in the memo field) and mail to me at 4425 Chilcoat Drive, Westminster, Maryland 21158. I'm hoping to receive the majority of donations by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that you will help me in my efforts towards this project. Sports injuries are accidents and we never now when an accident will happen. But, with your help, at least we can be prepared for them and have the right tools to use in case a child should sustain an injury and need immediate first aid attention.

Please contact me at 310-346-6673 or seancaseylillis@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you!  
Sean C. Lillis

### Psalm 119: 129 - 135



119:129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.  
119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.  
119:131 With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.  
119:132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.  
119:133 Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.  
119:134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.  
119:135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

# September 2010

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

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Helpers</b> Acolyte: Katie Fairbank, Suzy Spriggs Usher: The Adams Family Altar Guild: Marion Matthias Communion Assistant: Ann Brumback	<b>Anniversaries</b> Garry & Sherree Miller - 9/9/2006 Mark & Crystal Ruby - 9/15/1994 James & Nettie Haines - 9/15/2001 Jessie & Carrie Eyler - 9/25/1945		1	2	3	4 <b>8 am - 1 pm Christian Ed Yard Sale</b>
5 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20 Psalm: 1 Philemon 1 - 21 Luke 14: 25 - 33 <b>Basket Offering</b> - L T Seminary, Gettysburg	6 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee - 7pm</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8  Brandon Myers	9  Susan Blizzard  	10	11  Brian Wisner  <b>Troop 483 Picnic - 4 pm</b>
12 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Exodus 32: 7 - 14 Psalm: 51: 1 - 10 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 Luke 15: 1 - 10 <b>11 am Sunday School Begins / Adult Bible Study Continues</b>	13 Cynthia Sparacino  <b>Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.</b>	14  <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	15  Brenda Foglesong  <b>Newsletter Deadline 10 a.m.</b> 	16	17  <i>Citizenship Day</i>	18
19  17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Amos 8: 4 - 7 Psalm: 113 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7 Luke 16: 1 - 3 <b>11 am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study</b>	20	21  Paul Bollinger <b>250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - 6:30 pm</b>  <i>St. Matthew, Apostle</i>	22  <i>Fall Begins</i>	23	24	25  <b>Fleischer / Wood Wedding - Noon</b>  
26 Emily Middleton, Sarah Middleton 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green Amos 6: 1a, 4 - 7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19 Luke 16: 19 - 31 <b>Sunday School /Congregational Picnic - 11 am</b>	27  Victoria Sparacino	28  Dwyn Fleischer Jason Utz	29  Nancy Sell  <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	30		