

**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF
EVANSTON**

1004 GREENWOOD ST.
EVANSTON, IL 60201

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:15 A.M.—ADULTS
9:30 A.M.—YOUTH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9 AM–2 PM
TUESDAY 9 AM - 5 PM
THURSDAY 9 AM– 3 PM

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St. Paul 's Letter

FEBRUARY 2011



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those without
even a bowl of soup to eat.”*

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to

Interfaith Action of Evanston's Soup Kitchen Meal on Feb. 6th sponsored, prepared and served by our ELCA Confirmation Cluster Youth our 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Church Bulletin 2011

Monthly Mission - February

We focus upon the issue of HUNGER and support the Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen ministry and Bread for the World advocacy ministry with our gifts.

Envelopes are available in the pews for monetary donations to the Soup Kitchen. We will write letters to our elected officials on **Bread Sundays:**

February 20th and 27th

C o m e G r o w S e r v e

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School - continues every Sunday at 9:15 am - All Welcome!

Kids' Sunday School - continues every Sunday @ 9:30 am - All Welcome!

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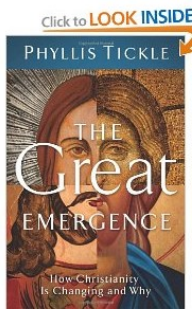
Confirmation Classes - February 2nd & 9th @ 5:30 pm and **Service Project** - February 6th @ 12:30pm

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Morning Bible Study - Wednesdays February 9th and 23rd @ 10:00 am

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Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - Monday, February 21st @ 7:30 am



Evanston/Skokie/Wilmette ELCA Book Group Begins:

On Saturday, February 5th, a group of interested folks will get together at 500 Davis Street, Room 1006 at 11:00am to have lunch & discuss Part I of the book *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why* by Phyllis Tickle. See Pastor Betty if you want more information. The next gathering (for Part II) is Saturday, March 5th - same time & place.

ELCA Metro Chicago Synod
Youth Ministry Network

ANNUAL eSKAPE LOCK-IN

Friday, February 11th @ 9:00 pm to Saturday, February 12th @ 5:00 am

Join youth from several area churches for the BIGGEST LOCK-IN OF THE YEAR! Meet on Friday night at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights (1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd.) for some opening games and presentation by the Christian comedy/drama group, *Friends of the Groom* before heading over to eSkape in Buffalo Grove.

Cost is \$40 per person, which includes pizza, unlimited bowling/laser tag/arcade games, and the theatre group performance.

Please RSVP to Pastor Betty ASAP - scholarships are available for any youth interested.



On **Tuesday, February 1st**, the Women of ELCA will hold their meeting in the library at St. Paul's. We will begin at noon and please bring a sack lunch. Mary Williams will provide dessert and coffee. Barb Horlacher will present the program "An Introduction to Mysticism" using scripture and other sources. In case of bad weather, we will cancel the meeting.

Joan Brandt, President

Metro Chicago ELCA online:

The February issue of the synod newsletter is available online at http://www.mtselca.org/news/metro_word/. The February synod supplement to *The Lutheran* is available online at <http://www.mtselca.org/news/inserts/>.



December 6, 2010

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1004 Greenwood Street
Evanston, IL 60201

Date: 12/01/10

Amount: \$720.00

Designation: Student Scholarship for Jeanine Reardon

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

In this season of preparation, we reflect on LSTC's many blessings. Certainly one is the generosity of our alumni and friends, who share with us a steadfast commitment to our mission of preparing men and women for ministry. We are inspired by your confidence in the seminary and pledge to be devoted stewards of your resources.

In the coming days leading to Christmas, may you and your family be filled with the promise of hope and peace. Thank you again for your partnership in our mission, as we prepare future church leaders for future generations to share the good news and great joy of Christ's birth. With best wishes for a safe and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Jessica P. Houston
Assistant Vice President for Advancement



January 15, 2011

Rev. Betty Landis
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1004 Greenwood St.
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Rev. Landis,

Your gift of \$500.00 to Interfaith Action of Evanston has been received with joy. The guests at the soup kitchens, warming centers and the Hospitality Center for the Homeless benefit greatly from your tangible support.

Many people of different faith backgrounds are standing together serving the needs of those who are hungry and homeless. This not only breaks barriers among faiths, but does the work which no one faith tradition could do alone.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Sincerely,

Susan Murphy
Administrative Director

Reminder!

ALTAR GUILD

Just a reminder that the flower chart for upcoming Sundays is on the bulletin board by Pastor's office. Altar flowers are 27.50 and they are ordered from Fischer Brothers Florist. You will receive a bill directly from the florist unless you bring the flowers yourself. Be sure to designate if you will provide the flowers or wish them ordered from the florist. We will not have Altar flowers during Lent (beginning March 13th). The Altar Guild is always eager for more helpers - male or female! For more information, contact Joan Brandt.

Congregational Life - Coffee Hour Treats

In the Annual Report and at the Annual Meeting, the committee announced that all persons are invited to bring Coffee Hour "treats" each Sunday. Beginning January 30th, a sign-up sheet will be used for everyone to help with this much-appreciated ministry. If no one signs up, there will be no "treats", but fair-trade coffee (the "3rd sacrament" for Lutherans) and youth drinks will be provided by the committee. *Thank you!*

Sunday Brunch Bunch Continues. . .

Our monthly Sunday Brunch Bunch will meet on **Sunday, February 13th** after Coffee Hour. Because we had The Fish Keg for our annual meeting luncheon, we will meet at the **Old Country Buffet**, 8780 W. Dempster Street, Niles. All are welcome for fun and food fellowship.

WARMING CENTER

Warming Center at St. Paul, every Monday at 1pm, will carry on through the end of March 2011. If you are available to volunteer your time and help please see Ralph Starenko or Martha Hanson. Any goodies, such as snacks, juices, crackers, cookies, are more than welcome. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

David Lasich
David Bates
David Foster
Stefan Westerberg
Lukas Westerberg
Nathan Garrett
Dorothy Louise Pernecky
Amy Bell
Sabine Schuller
Erika Nelson



For privacy Purposes, we no longer list the actual birth days in our Newsletters. Please contact the church office with your questions or concerns

COUNCIL CORNER

Council met on January 11th for the primary purposes of approving a budget, nominating persons to fill the slate of candidates for Church Council, and choosing St. Paul's 2011 Vision Keeper.

The 2010 Annual Report and proposed 2011 budget was completed and sent to all members prior to the Annual Meeting. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23rd. Immediately following worship, a delicious meal prepared by The Fish Keg was enjoyed by all. During the meeting, the Annual Report of reports was received, the end-of-year financials were discussed, and the 2011 budget was discussed and approved. Paula Ketcham and Harvey Wolf were elected to a second 3 year term on council. Mary Williamson was elected to complete the 3 year term on council begun by Miltoria Sangobiyi (Mary has been serving by council appointment since August 2010). Bill Hutchison was elected to complete Arlynn Ostlund's 3 year term (since Arlynn moved in November 2010) and Sabine Schuller was elected to a new 3 year term.

A big thank you to our congregational council for their tireless service during 2010!! As the meeting came to a close, Carol Garrett was recognized as St. Paul's 2011 Vision Keeper. The following are the remarks and prayer Carol shared with us:

I came to St. Paul's about seven years ago. I was looking for a Lutheran church where Tim could attend confirmation classes and I was prepared thereafter to give up on the church altogether if my previous experiences were not radically altered. Here I found a Lutheran church with something special. I felt welcomed here in a more open way than I had ever been before. The adult Sunday School class introduced me to people with new ideas and thoughts and we explored these in the context of our differing faith journeys. I found a church in the process of looking for a pastor that was very dedicated and engaged. The sense of community was palpable.

Harvey recently described St. Paul's as a safe place to be. The community here clearly offers a respite from the stress-filled world around us. With God's good news to guide us and one another to support each other, we find meaning and purpose in life, through the joys and the sorrows that life brings to all of us.

What is it that makes this such a safe place, and how can we be sure that we offer a similar experience to all who come through our doors? I think the simplest explanation is that we feel loved and accepted here. There are no requirements for admission. We are welcomed as we are. And there is another thing that follows. When you feel loved and accepted, the logical response is to love in return. The acceptance of community breeds the response to nurture that community and to give back.

St. Paul's is not a church that we simply attend, a place we come to worship and then leave. We are the church. The work of the church is our work. The welcoming arms are our arms. It takes the many talents that each of us brings to enable us to fulfill our collective mission. We need to remember as we gather to offer thanks and praise in worship that we are nourished not only to go out into our daily lives sharing God's love for the world, but we are nourished to give time back to our St. Paul's community as well, whether by helping to lead the service, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, reconciling the bank statement, bringing food to share to a Wednesday night supper, or by serving in the soup kitchen or the warming center, just to name a few of the kinds of things that we do. There is something here for everyone.

Let's keep these things in mind as we offer our time and talents this year. And let's never forget that our community is an open one, always welcoming whoever chooses to join us. I'd like to close with a prayer: *Good and gracious God, we offer thanks for this place and these people joined here in your Name. Help us in the busy-ness of our lives to keep a clear focus on what is good and what is important for us, individually and as a community. We ask that you help us to reflect your love in the way we live our lives. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.*

Sign-up in the
Church Office by
February 8th - Come
celebrate & support
Interfaith Action

Interfaith  Action

SAVE THE DATE!

February 20, 2011, 5:30 P.M.

Vision Keepers Dinner

Grand Ballroom, Hilton Orrington Hotel

Rev. Wendy Mathewson, Keynote Speaker

**Associate Chaplain of Alice Millar Chapel of Northwestern
University**

Stories to stir the imagination and help us keep the vision

Help us raise money for Interfaith Action's direct services to homeless and hungry people!

The Vision Keepers Dinner honors individuals who embody the beliefs and ideals of our faith communities. The cost is \$65, which includes a donation to support Interfaith Action. More detailed information will be mailed in January.

A WONDERFUL EVENING

60TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT

DePaul University will host a concert of my compositions in honor of my 60th birthday (which occurred last July) on **Friday, February 18, at 8:00 pm** in the DePaul Concert Hall, 800 W. Belden. All who are interested are more than welcome to attend. You will hear some very good performers, including pianist Aglika Angelova, former Chicago Symphony clarinetists Larry Combs and Julie DeRoche, mezzo-soprano Julia Bentley, and our own Trudy Nelson. There is parking available in the School of Music lot, and there will be a reception afterwards (perhaps with champagne). However, just as a warning, most of these compositions are in a “modern” style that may be difficult for some to enjoy listening to.

Best wishes,
Kurt Westerberg
Director of St. Paul Music Ministries

Note: If anyone wishes to carpool and/or caravan to the concert, please let Pastor Betty or any choir member know.



El Chairo Boliviano The Bolivian Stew OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we have come to the end of 2010 and stepped over into 2011, we have the chance to stop and look back on the blessings, challenges and footsteps of where God has brought us. Every time we finish a year, Justin and I are re-minded of the African American spiritual that sustained us on our pilgrimage through Spain and still speaks to us in Bolivia.

The refrain of this spiritual goes, “We´ve come this far by faith, leanin´ on the Lord. Trustin´ in his holy Word, he´s never failed us yet. Oh, can´t turn around, we´ve come this far by faith.” Truly we´ve come to the bridge between 2010 and 2011 by faith, trusting in all that God has revealed to us and all that continues to be revealed through his presence in the church throughout the world. 2010 brought with it joyous moments that we celebrated and challenging obstacles that tested our faith; the birth and baptism of our first God-child and the feelings of sinking in the midst of tension and institutional conflict. But through it all, we learned to lean on the Lord, trusting in his holy Word, which is Jesus Christ, who has yet to fail us and this, my friends, is good news!

The theme of walking by faith also calls to mind the poem, “Caminante, no hay camino” by Antonio Machado. There is a line where he writes, “caminante no hay camino se hace camino al andar” (translated: “traveler, there is no path, the path is made by walking”). Being with the IELB as their first Lutheran missionaries from the ELCA, we have had to make many a new path because there was no previous path we could take. Together with our sisters and brothers of the IELB, we learned how to walk together in life-giving ways that lift up our common mission and proclaim the gospel with every step. We are accompanying ELCA missionaries and are seeing the realities of this identity play out in many ways that excite us to see what God has in store for us in 2011.

Not only are we accompanying ELCA missionaries, but so are you. Throughout 2010, you have journeyed with us through this newsletter, Justin´s blogs and various other resources. You have blessed us in ways beyond what you can know and really it´s people like you who empower us to “come this far by faith” and remind us that we are all in mission for God.

**Here´s to a great 2010 and an exciting 2011!
God´s blessings on your new year!**

6 Kari Eller



Worship Assistants -FEBRUARY 2011

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Coordinator	Nancy Hoffman	Brigitte Bell	Marilyn Starenko	Mary Williams
Assisting Minister	Louis Bell	Miltoria Sangobiyi	Paula Ketcham	Melissa Gauger
Lector	Melissa Wynne	Grace Cable	Caroline Foster	Debbie Nelson
Communion Asst.	Debbie Nelson	Kathy Kastlahn	Melissa Wynne	Carol Garrett
	Mary Williamson	Bill Kastlahn	David Foster	Peter Hanson
Acolytes	Caroline Foster	Doug Brachman	Caroline Foster	Doug Brachman
Gift Bearers	Salisbury Family	Williamson Family	Bell Family	Starenko Family
Greeter/Ushers	Mamie Ricketts John Croft	Larry Gartman Barb Horlacher	Mamie Ricketts George Siegfried	Larry Gartman Barb Horlacher
	Sue Salisbury Bill Kastlahn	Harvey Wolf Melissa Gauger	John Croft Carol Garrett	Mary Williamson Nancy Hoffman
Counters	Joan Brandt Sue Salisbury	Peter Hanson Larry Gartman	Louis Bell Del Leppke	Peter Hanson Sue Salisbury
Nursery	Clara Williamson	Anna Cable	Clara Williamson	Anna Cable

If you are unable to assist, please find a substitute and let the church office know. Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Reconciling in Christ 9:15 AM Adult Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship 3:00 PM Soup Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Meeting	31 1:00 PM Warming Center	1 1:00 PM WELCA Lunch Meeting	2 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Dine & Discuss	3	4	5 11:00 AM Book Group @ BB Office Black & White Dinner/Dance @ Trinity
6 Souper Bowl of Caring 9:15 AM Adult Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship 3:00 PM Soup Kitchen- Confirmation Cluster 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7 1:00 PM Warming Center	8	9 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Confirmation- Trinity	10	11 E-Skape Youth Lock-In	12 E-Skape Youth Lock-In
13 Healing service 9:15 AM Adult Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship 3:00 PM Soup Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14 PB Out of town 1:00 PM Warming Center	15 1:00 PM PB returns	16	17 6:30 PM Council Meeting	18 8:00 PM Kurt's Concert- DePaul University	19 8:00 AM Deepening the Welcome Workshop -Oak Park
20 9:15 AM Adult Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship 3:00 PM Soup Kitchen 5:30 PM Interfaith Action- Vision Keeper's Dinner 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 1:00 PM Warming Center	22	23 10:00 AM Bible Study	24	25	26
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