

**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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**Pastor Betty**  
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# St. Paul 's Letter



**2011**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Isa. 9:2*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Paul's:

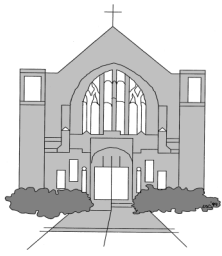
The lights of Christmastime always get to me – the lights on people's homes, the lights that shine through the windows and curtains, the lights on trees, the lights in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Light is great symbol of hope and the effect of just one (even one little light) on the darkness. It is a wonderful transition moment from the preparations of Advent to the celebration of Christmas to the full manifestation of the light throughout Epiphany. It makes me sad when folks are in a hurry to take down the symbolic lights. Since I like to celebrate the full 12 (yes, twelve) days of Christmas, I try to leave my decorations up as long as possible. It allows me to revel in the beginning of the Epiphany celebrations on January 6<sup>th</sup>: Christ be our Light!

This year, our Confirmation cluster group (the ELCA churches joining together to teach confirmation) host a joint Epiphany service at St. John's Wilmette. It should be an interesting service focused upon the transition from darkness to light; stillness to movement; and silence to joyous voices joined in song! Please come for worship and the time of fellowship afterward . . . **January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.** Our offerings will go to support *Family Promise* - the homeless family shelter that is housed for one week at a time by various churches throughout the North Shore. *Family Promise* families will be staying at St. John's during the week of January 2nd. Housing is our January mission focus - an appropriate issue to focus upon as we hear of the One born in a shelter and who became a refuge in another county - Jesus of Nazareth!

*Christ be our Light . . . shine in our hearts; shine through the darkness. Christ be our Light . . . Shine in your church gathered today. ELW 715*

+ Pastor Betty Landis

**C o m e   G r o w   S e r v e**



# *St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Evanston*

## Council Highlights

A Town Hall meeting to discuss the Draft Budget was held on December 5th. Many good comments, suggestions, and offers of help were received as a result of that meeting. On Monday, December 20th, a copy of the Draft Budget (along with other years' budgets/actual) was sent electronically to all members. A copy of the updated, Council-approved budget will be included in the Annual Report.

Carol Garrett was elected Co-Treasurer. She has been working with the Finance Team and Nancy Hoffman for the past year. She will transition into the full Treasurer duties sometime in 2011. Nominations are sought for Arlynne Ostlund's council position.

The K Team submitted the Draft Values to the Council at the December gathering and at the Stewardship Gathering at the Foster-Wynne home. Spirited discussions have already begun and there is agreement that the input of all St. Paul members and friends will be valued.

The next Council meeting is January 11th. The major agenda item is approving the budget for submission to the congregation in the Annual Report and at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Report submissions (committee, team, ministry reports) are due: January 7th. If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the 2009 report, please contact Olga ASAP.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd immediately following the worship service.

## Koinonia Team Report

Per the Koinonia process, CORE VALUES reflect the:

Unchanging Identity of the Congregation  
Unchanging Character of the Congregation  
Unifying Sense of Who We Are  
Things We Actually Value, Not Ideals  
Timeless, Bedrock Beliefs of the Congregation  
Ways We Think, Talk, and Act NOW  
Values We Discover Together - not Create

Per the Koinonia process, our CORE PURPOSE is: WHY we do what we do or OUR MISSION

Over the next 2 months, the K Team will be scheduling time with all individuals within the congregation that wish to provide input to this important process of *discovering* our Core Values. PLEASE share your input!

Here are the DRAFT CORE VALUES that we want to talk with YOU about:

**We demonstrate a preference for the spiritually & physically hungry & hurting;**  
**We provide inspirational worship;**  
**We offer opportunities for growing, learning, and cooperating in faith;**  
**We serve one another and others in love; and**  
**We are open to deepening our relationships with one another and God.**

We look forward to talking with you, *Carla Buck, Nancy Hoffman, Paula Ketcham, Theresa Nollette, and Pastor Betty*

## JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: HOUSING

**Family Promise** (Local)

**Habitat for Humanity** (International)

**Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs** (region)

**Dine 'n' Discuss** - will return on February 2nd at 6:30pm with the topic:  
Housing



### WORSHIP & ARTS

- Merry Christmas through January 5th!! Let your light shine in Epiphany!
- **Worship & Arts Meeting** - January 8th, 9:30 am
- **Epiphany Worship** - January 6th at St. John's;
- **Healing Service** w/in Holy Communion - January 16th
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Jan. 18-25th - theme: "One in the apostles teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer" (Acts.2:42);
- **Reconciling in Christ Sunday** - January 30th

### Sunday Brunch Bunch Begins . . .

Epiphany is a good time to start something new, so we are beginning a monthly "Sunday Brunch Bunch" on **Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** after Coffee Hour. For all those who are interested, we will meet at Gulliver's Pizza & Pub (2727 W. Howard, Chicago, 60645, 773-338-2166) for "brunch" around Noon. Gulliver's will donate 20% of our bill to St. Paul's, so we are taking advantage of their offer of support.

Looking ahead: on February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will order in from our favorite fish & more store: The Fish Keg. We will have a picnic in the library for all who wish to stick around for the "Brunch Bunch."

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Sunday School** - resumes January 2nd at 9:15 am

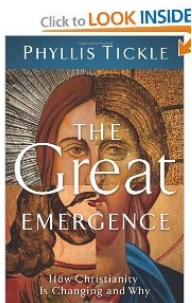
**Kids' Sunday School** - resumes, January 9th, @ 9:30 am

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**Confirmation Classes** - January 5 & 12 @ 5:30 pm and **Justice Project** - January 17th

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**Saturday School** - January 29th 9-11:00 am @ St. Paul Lutheran

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**Morning Bible Study** - Wednesdays January 12 & 26 @ 10:00 am

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**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** - Monday, January 17 @ 7:30 am



### Evanston/Wilmette ELCA Book Group Begins:

On Tuesday, January 18th, a group of interested folks will get together at Tommy Nevins' Pub at 7:00pm to begin discussing the book *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle. See Pastor Betty if you want more information.

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 [lauren@trinityvanston.org](mailto:lauren@trinityvanston.org) by Friday, January 28th.



Come and celebrate Epiphany with the Women of the ELCA.

Joan Brandt will be our hostess on Tuesday, January 4th at 1pm. The address is:

8101 W. Courte Dr. #211, Niles, IL (847.581.0626)

We will visit with the Magi. Celebrate communion and enjoy food, fun and friendship.

President, Joan Brandt

**ST. PAUL'S ALTAR GUILD**

Many thanks to all the folks who made our Advent journey so meaningful and our celebration of Jesus' birth so beautiful.

The Sanctuary with its array of red and white poinsettias and the warm glow of candles enriched our lives.

We are truly blest with a wonderful Pastor and caring members.

The sign up chart for altar flowers for the coming months is on the bulletin board outside the Sacristy.

Joan Brandt



**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**

December 10, 2010

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1004 Greenwood St  
Evanston, IL 60201-4212

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). We are grateful to your congregation for standing with us as we serve the poorest of the poor in Illinois.

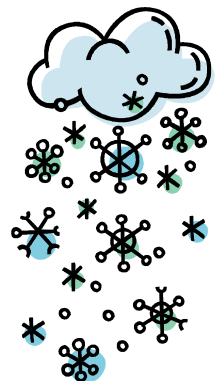
Your generosity helps bring health, healing and wholeness to thousands of people across the state. Every day LSSI responds to the Gospel by serving the most vulnerable among us. The faithfulness of congregations like St. Paul Lutheran Church is critically important in this work.

As Christians we believe that all things work together for good. Surely your congregation's gift will bring good to those who rely on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and its ministries. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

In Faith,

The Rev. Dr. Denver Bitner  
President/CEO

Gift of \$75.00 received by LSSI to benefit programs and services; check number 767, dated 12/6/2010. In consideration of this gift, no goods or services have been provided to the donor. Please retain this record for tax purposes.



## DID YOU KNOW....

### Churchgoers happier: survey

12/8/10

Attending religious services regularly and having close friends in your congregation are keys to having happier, more satisfying life, and new study finds.

Even attending irregularly increases a person's sense of wellbeing, as long as there is a circle of friendship within the community and strong shared religious identity, according to the study reported in the December issue of the American Sociological Review.

Numerous studies have shown that religious people report a higher level of well-being compared with the non-religious says Chaeyoon Lim, and assistant professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who's the lead author of the study.

Lim's study finds that when people with similar levels of attendance are compared, the key factors determining happiness are the social aspect of religion and shared religious connection. He says that "90 percent of the correlation between church attendance and life satisfaction can be explained if you have these close interactions."

*Gannett News Service*



### CONSIDER A CHURCH VOCATION

Consider a Church Vocation will be held on **Saturday, February 12, 2011**, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at the synod office, 1420 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. **Register** for this free event at [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Cynthia Hileman at **773-248-0021**, ext. 12, or [ckhileman@mtselca.org](mailto:ckhileman@mtselca.org).

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

John Croft  
Kendal McVey  
Brigitte Bell  
Nikola Bruns  
Nancy Jarvinen  
Catherine McVey  
Mary Williams  
Edna Karsten  
Debbie Nelson  
Anders Nelson  
Harvey Wolf  
Timothy Garrett  
Peter Hanson



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

Reminder!

## 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!

SAVE THE DATE

## 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CONCERT

DePaul University will host a concert of my compositions in honor of my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday (which occurred last July) on Friday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. 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

SAVE THE DATE



## **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.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2010

A message from Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation!— Isaiah 52:7*

When Jesus was born, angelic messengers broke the still calm of a Judean night to sing joyously and proclaim, "This very day in David's city a Savior is born for you — God's Promised One, your Lord." Glad tidings of great joy! Common shepherds were the first and heartiest heralds of the promised Savior's arrival then, and today the joy in Jesus' birth fills every corner of this season.

Admittedly sometimes in modern America the commercial clatter and cultural clutter of the season seem to overtake the angels' song and the shepherds' joyous news. But such a majestic message of God's salvation cannot be silenced. Some loudly lament that the world will not listen to the Gospel message, but in this season so many beckon, "Christians, sing with us. Bring your songs of Christmas, of Jesus." A few may shush you, just as there were those who would later attempt to silence Jesus and his message of God's remarkable, revolutionary mercy, even to the point of crucifixion.

If so, then that is all the more reason to enter into the commotion and clutter, to let go of your inhibitions, to join the angels in singing and the shepherds in exulting with unashamed joy: Jesus, the Savior is born!

*"Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy." "See, your salvation comes." — Isaiah 52:8; 62:11*

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP WAYNE N. MILLER

*"Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."*

By this time in the week, I expect that most of your Christmas preparations are complete -- at least complete enough that you know what to expect. You can expect that you will be receiving cards and family newsletters and gifts from those who usually write or wrap for the season. You can expect that people you haven't seen for a long time will be in church on Christmas Eve or perhaps on Christmas day. You can expect to sing Christmas carols and hear special music, and, for many, you can expect to stand at the altar on Friday night gazing at the spectacle of small flames being passed from person to person... praying that the candles in little hands do not get too close to the long hair of the person in the next pew. Most of you are probably expecting laughter and good food, and tranquil scenes of a babe in a manger surrounded by quiescent animals and adoring parents and exotic eastern star-gazers. And then, of course, we can always expect lots and lots of angels...

But the shepherds didn't. Clearly, whatever else they may have been expecting that night, they were not expecting angels... or a savior in the form of a peasant child in a cattle stall. Why should they? No one expects the unexpected.

Christmas has evolved, through the ages, as a great moment of expectation in the rhythm of our lives. This is particularly true for those of us who are called to make Christmas happen for other people. We put enormous effort, in fact, into making sure that when people gather with us on Christmas everything is prepared and in good order so that no one's expectations are disappointed, because if people don't find what they are expecting... well, you probably shouldn't expect them next Christmas.

So it is good to take a breath before the big day, I think, and to remember that the miracle of Christmas is that it is a day to suspend disbelief and to trust utterly in the unexpected gift of a God who is preparing, right now, to light up the sky around you with something you would never expect.

Blessed and Joyous Christmas

**Rev. Wayne N. Miller, Bishop, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA**

## Worship Assistants - JANUARY 2011

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Coordinator	Nancy Hoffman	Brigitte Bell	Marilyn Starenko	Mary Williamson	Miltoria Sangobiyi
Assisting Minister	Paula Ketcham	Louis Bell	Harvey Wolf	Bill Kastlahn	Melissa Gauger
Lector	Catherine McVey	Carol Garrett	Barbara Gazzolo	Kathy Kastlahn	Theresa Nollette
Communion Asst.	Bell	Mary Williamson	Prochotsky/Napravnik	Foster/Wynne	Starenko
	Family	Janis Johnson	Family	Family	Family
Acolytes	Doug Brachman	Caroline Foster	Doug Brachman	Caroline Foster	Doug Brachman
Gift Bearers	Carol Garrett	Brachman	Nelson	Hoffman/Cable	Wolf/Hewitt
	Barb Horlacher	Family	Family	Family	Family
Greeter/Ushers	Merritt Napravnik	Mamie Rickets	Larry Gartman	Carol Garrett	Larry Gartman
	Mary Prochotsky	Barb Horlacher	Louis Bell	Mamie Rickets	Barb Horlacher
	John Croft	Ralph Starenko	George Siegfried	John Croft	John Croft
	Joan Brandt	Bill Kastlahn	David Foster	Ralph Starenko	Sue Salisbury
Counters	Peter Hanson	Del Leppke	Larry Gartman	Peter Hanson	Sue Salisbury
	Sue Salisbury	Joan Brandt	Louis Bell	Joan Brandt	Del Leppke
Nursery	Anna Cable	Clara Williamson	Grace Cable	Clara Williamson	Grace 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
<b>26</b> Miltoria Leads Worship PB in Florida <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>27</b> PB in Florida <b>1:00 PM</b> Warming Center	<b>28</b> PB in Florida	<b>29</b> No Choir PB in Florida	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED PB in Florida	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>2</b> Rev. Bill Hutchison leads Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>3</b> PB returns <b>1:00PM</b> Warming Center	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WELCA Meeting@ Joan's	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation @ SPLC <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Interfaith Action Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir- TBA <b>7:00 PM</b> Epiphany Service @ St. John	<b>7</b> ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE!!!	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship and Arts Committee Meeting
<b>9</b> Baptism of Our Lord <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Class <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Warming Center	<b>11</b> <b>7:00PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation- Trinity <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Class <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study// Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Warming Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
<b>23</b> ANNUAL MEETING <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Class <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Warming Center	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Saturday School @ St. Paul
<b>30</b> Reconciling in Christ <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Class <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship <b>3:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Warming Center	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>