

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
(through June 12)

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

SEPTEMBER 2011

From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus said, "Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are *witnesses* of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24: 46-49.

Witnessing

Dear Sisters & Brothers of St. Paul's:

When you hear or read the word *witnesses*, do you think about the TV show *Law & Order*? When you hear or read the word *witnessing* do you think about that non-credible, goofy-acting person on the street corner or in the park? We too easily dismiss the word that, in Greek, is *martyr* and is the very specific word Jesus used when he sent out the disciples to all nations (with the Holy Spirit's power). As disciples, almost 2000 years later, we are witnesses and we are all called, in one way or another, to witness.

In October, we will be blessed to get a chance to practice witnessing about ministries, missions, and organizations we believe proclaim the Good News to all nations!

In order to better align our monthly mission projects (our special benevolence giving requests) with our congregation's public witness, the Council has asked that I share a list of the organizations and/or projects we have either funded directly out of the budget or with special appeals. The Council has also asked that we hold a special Public Witness Town Hall meeting on October 9th. After worship, we will circulate this list and invite individuals to briefly witness to the ministries listed or additional ministries they wish St. Paul's to support. After the public witnessing is completed, we will vote for the top 12 ministries/missions we will support through the 2012 Monthly Mission requests.

What a wonderful opportunity to practice witnessing, learn more, challenge one another, and help set our congregation's priorities! Remember this list merely reflects RECENT gifts we have given and is not (by no means) meant to be exhaustive:

Seminarian Support (Jeanine Reardon & Julie Boleyn)
ELCA Disaster Response – International AND Domestic
ELCA World Hunger AND God's Global Barnyard
CROP Walk
Soup Kitchen
Holy Land/Palestine
WELCA Thank Offering
Warming Center
Habitat for Humanity
Interfaith Housing Center of North Shore (??)
Knitting Ministry
N.U. Campus Ministry
Youth Mission Trip
Hygiene Kits – Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Canned Goods (SouperBowl of Caring – Soup Kitchen, Uptown Ministries, Elijah's Pantry)
Blessed to be working and witnessing with you,
+ Pastor Betty

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

WORSHIP & ARTS

- The choir will resume singing for worship on Sunday, September 11. We will meet at 9:40 on the 11th to prepare for the service.
- The choir's first Wednesday rehearsal will be on September 14. We will begin fifteen minutes earlier than in the past, at 7:15 p.m. and then finish by 8:45 p.m.
- USHERS needed! Please talk to Pastor Betty or contact the office if you are willing to help out in worship as an usher. Refresher training will be held in October. Thank you.
- Please see the flower and coffee hour sign-up sheets, across from Sacristy, as we have many dates available for your flower and coffee hour donations in the coming months! Thank you.
- Sanctuary "Spiff-up" Day will be held on **Saturday, October 8th** - all hands on deck! Of course, we will clean other areas of the church (e.g. kitchen, nursery, library). We'll begin at 8am for the early birds and finish sometime after lunch.
- We welcome Ashley Johnson Barney, soprano, to our choir - please help make her feel welcome and thank all of our soloists (Nicholas & Marshall) for sharing their gifts!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day , September 11th @ 9:30 - 10:15 AM - Come one and all for fun, intergenerational, interactive ways of sharing *Love in Action* and kick-starting a new year of our discipleship journey TOGETHER (young & not-so-young)

•
Adult Sunday School - begins Sunday September 18th at 9:15am

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Kids' Sunday School - begins Sunday September 18th at 9:30am

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Men's Monday Breakfast- will meet Monday, September 5th (Labor Day) @ 7:30am

•
Wednesday Morning Bible Study - September 7th and 21st at 10:00am - we study the texts for the upcoming Sundays - bring your Bible and your sense of fun!

•
Confirmation Group Meeting - For youth grades 7, 8, and 9 - Confirmation Kick-off is Wednesday, September 14th at St. John's in Wilmette. Contact PB for more details.

•
New Member Class - September 18th @ noon (lunch provided); new members will be received in worship on Sunday, September 25th

•
"Speaking Christian" - Four lectures in the language of the lay person, **Dr. Marcus Borg**
Friday, October 7 – Saturday, October 8, 2011

7:30 – 9:00 pm Friday (6:30 pm registration, reception and conversation)

8:30 am – 3:00 pm Saturday (8:00 am registration); lunch on your own from Noon – 1:30 pm

Shelton Auditorium, CTSCost: \$15 for Friday only; \$30 for Saturday only; \$40 for Friday and Saturday

Deadline: September 30, 2011 (To register via check or money order payable to CTS, mail your contact information, event name, and payment to the Office of Lifelong Theological Education, CTS, 1000 West 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46208. For more information contact Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224 or LifeEd@cts.edu.)

Children of Abraham: Christians Study Islam and the Qur'an

Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,
September 27th - November 1st, 2011
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL 60201

More than one-third of the world's human population is either Christian or Muslim. Because the 1.5 billion Muslims are as diverse as the 2 billion Christians, understanding Islam and Muslims can be both a demanding and a fulfilling endeavor.

Together we:

- Explore current issues
- Compare Bible and Qur'an texts
- And on Nov. 1, celebrate with Muslim and Jewish neighbors, Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son remembered by the three traditions; the Muslim Eid Al-Adha; and the Christian All Saints Day.

This first series is designed for Christians, however, all are welcome and especially encouraged to attend the final celebration on November 1.



Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd, interfaith lecturer and adjunct professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago teaches and facilitates, with area Muslim community leaders as guest lecturers.

Cost: \$20.00 person (includes the paperback book by John Kaltner, *Islam: What Non-Muslims Should Know*)

Please RSVP (with phone number and e-mail address) by September 13th: office@stpaulevanston.org or **847-475-3403** (late registrations will be accepted)



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**Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.
Speaking at
St. Scholastica Monastery**

Commemorating the 150th anniversary
of their presence in Chicago
the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
cordially invite you to join the community
in welcoming world renowned author
and Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister
to St. Scholastica Monastery to discuss the topic
"Only the Ancients Can Meet Our Needs."

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 2 p.m.
St. Scholastica Academy Auditorium,
entrance immediately south of 7416 N. Ridge Blvd.

RSVP – highly recommended.**

This is a free 150th Anniversary event.
Free will donations will be gratefully accepted
to cover the costs of this celebration,
to support the care of the retired Sisters,
and assist with the ongoing ministries
of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

****Contact Kathy Caudill to reserve a seat
for this special anniversary event:
kcaudill@osbchicago.org
773-764-2413, ext. 233
7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645**

INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

- St. Paul's serves Soup Kitchen THIS Sunday, September 4th - 1:00-4:30 - come for some or all the wonderful opportunity serve and be served by our guests!
- **World Day of Prayer** - Ecumenical Prayer Service, Wednesday **September 7th**, 7pm-8pm. People of all faiths and all walks of life are welcome to participate in this special service featuring prayers and sacred songs from representatives of local churches and spiritual communities. Join us and be a part of this global effort to uplift ourselves, our loved ones and our world.. (Unity on the North Shore, 3434 Central St. Evanston, IL 60201, 8470864.8977, www.UnityNS.org)
- Starting on September 27th through November 1st, Tuesdays @ 7:30pm, St. Paul's is hosting an Interfaith Educational series: Children of Abraham: Christians Study Islam and the Qur'an. Please RSVP to the church office by September 13th.

PeaceAble Cities: Evanston - 9/11 Walk and Talk

Transforming Our Community Through Dialogue

Continue the quest for peace in our community. Walk and Talk with other Evanston residents on this 10th anniversary of the tragic acts of violence that changed our nation and the world.

WHEN: Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Begin at Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid and Community Center at 2045 Brown Avenue, walk together to the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation of Evanston at 303 Dodge Avenue.

For more information see: www.PeaceAbleCitiesEvanston.org or call 847-475-5740

Strollers and wheelchairs welcome.
No bicycles, please!



Community Partners:

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Beth Emet
Chicago Area Peace Action
Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
Community of One
Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid and Community Center
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Evanston Human Relations Commission
Evanston Interfaith Action
Evanston Police Chaplain/Clergy Team
Evanston Restorative Justice

Family Focus
Friends Meeting of Evanston (Quakers)
Great Harvest Bread Co.
Hemenway United Methodist Church
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation
Lake Street Church
MOMS Saving Our Sons
Moran Center
Mosaic Experience
North Shore Coalition for Peace, Justice & Environment
Northwestern University

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
St. Mathew's Episcopal Church
St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Tannenbaum Chabad House
Unitarian Church of Evanston
Unity Church on the North Shore
Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Women Out Walking
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JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

LWR Fairly Traded Coffee Coming Soon to St. Paul's

By Joan Ehrenberg

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Equal Exchange are partners in the LWR Coffee Project. For each pound of coffee bought through this project Equal Exchange donates to the LWR Small Farmer Fund which supports programs with small scale coffee farmers.

A donation will also be made to St. Paul's.

Lutherans have been leading the charge in Fair Trade since 1996 when LWR became the first faith-based organization to establish a Fair Trade coffee project. with Equal Exchange. Today, Lutherans are Equal Exchange's largest faith-based customers. These are the organic, fairly traded coffees coming soon to St. Paul's and will available for you to purchase -Sisters' Blend (full city roast) - With this special blend women coffee farmers who are active in their co-operatives and Lutheran women in the U.S. who advocate for Fair Trade are honored. It has complex hints of sugar cane and lively citrus overtones with a buttery smooth finish. Gumutindo (full city roast) - From the Gumutindo (goo moo TIN do) a small farmer co-op in Uganda meaning "good coffee" in the farmers language. It is multi-dimensional with black pepper and savory brown spices with dark fruit, smoky, chocolaty flavors Breakfast Blend (a blend of medium and French roasts) - The most popular coffee with a balanced and smooth roasted nut and mild citrus overtones. One pound bags of the coffees with be only \$8.50. Also available with be organic Chamomile tea for \$3.50 a box."I want to thank all of the congregations that purchase our coffee. Thanks to you, we have a seed of hope in our lives."

Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, Coffee Farmer, El Salvador

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MISSION

ELCA DOMESTIC DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. HURRICANE RELIEF & MORE . . .

Strong winds and heavy rain from Hurricane Irene have left a trail of devastation throughout the East Coast. The aftermath of the storm continues as communities experience historic flood waters. Through ELCA Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is partnering with local responders in affected areas. ELCA congregations and members are already at work. In Delaware, three ELCA congregations supplied meals for neighbors who had been evacuated to shelters. In eastern Pennsylvania, teams of volunteers are being organized to assist with clean up.

Your gift to St. Paul's designated for "ELCA Disaster Response" will be used in full—100 percent—to help those impacted by Hurricane Irene, spring floods in North Dakota, and tornados in Missouri clean up, rebuild and recover.

Donations to ELCA Disaster Response allow us to immediately and effectively respond where assistance is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on the road to recovery. Thank you!

**INTERFAITH HOUSING CENTER OF THE NORTHERN
SUBURBS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF
EVANSTON ANNOUNCE OFFICE HOURS AT
THE LORAIN H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER:**

Foreclosure Prevention Services

Missed a mortgage payment? Difficulty making payments? Facing Foreclosure? Interest rate soon to increase? Wonder if you have the best loan?

Our Foreclosure Prevention Counseling includes:

- **Educating Borrowers** in one-on-one counseling
- **Acting as the liaison** between borrower and lender
- **Re-negotiating loans** at terms acceptable to the lender and borrower
- **Making Referrals** to a new lender
- **Filing a "hardship request"** for financial or medical reasons
- **Referring Troubled borrowers** to legal and financial resources

Counseling services are available at the Loraine H. Morton Civic Center Room 3108

- **Tuesday 9:00am-12:00pm**
- **Wednesday 12:00pm-3:00pm**

Landlord/Tenant Services

Interfaith Housing Center can help landlords and tenants by:

- **Providing information** and referrals regarding:
 - Security Deposits
 - Evictions
 - Repairs
 - Lock outs
 - Leases
 - Fair Housing Rights
 - Other landlord and tenant matters
- **Advise condo owners** about their rights and responsibilities.

Walk-in services are available at the Loraine H. Morton Civic Center Room 3108:

- **Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm**

Outside of the listed hours residents may contact Interfaith Housing Center via
phone 847-501-5760 to receive services.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour treats - Please see the Coffee Hour Sign-up sheet across from Sacristy. Many dates are open for any volunteer willing to provide delicious treats. Thank you!

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Change of Address:

Theresa Nollette
3325 W. Ardmore #1
Chicago, Il 60659

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Nick & Margaret Johnson
800 N. Hamlin Apt 2B
Park Ridge, IL 60068

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



David Carlson
Paula Ketcham
Louis Bell
Nate Jarvinen
Joan Brandt
Mary Prochotsky
Stephanie Bell
Kathy Kastilahn
Melissa Gauger
Gretchen Leppke

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



WELCA

Tuesday, September 10th, the Women of the ELCA will gather at the home of Mary Williams, 2320 Central St. Evanston (847.864.1374). At 1:00 pm we start our new year with a program of “Hospitality”. If you have never joined us, please take this opportunity to do so, a short meeting will take place. We have a free-will offering and refreshments. We strive to have interesting programs throughout the year. All are welcome!

Joan Brandt, President



CROP WALK & BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTER WRITING

Coming up in October

**SAVE THE DATE: Bread for the World Sunday and CROP Walk is
October 16th**

Two different, but related, ways to advocate for justice & peace - eliminating hunger in a world where God has provided an abundance of resources for food!



JOINT STATEMENT OF NORTH SUBURBAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS

Religious communities and leaders in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago joined all in the United States and people of good will across the world in grieving the terrible acts of September 11, 2001. We found these crimes against humanity to be horrendous and contrary to the core teachings of our faith traditions.

Today, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of these attacks, we call for continuing prayers for peace and unity in these difficult and uncertain times.

We abhor the stereotype-based assumptions made about and actions taken against people of any particular faith tradition, ethnicity, or nation of origin.

We urge people in our faith communities to be especially careful when they speak to children about these crimes against humanity and those who committed these horrendous acts. Even in our anger, we must not begin to hate.

If fear of the Other is not addressed, then the Other becomes less than human in our eyes and an object of our hate. How do we address our apprehension and fear of those we perceive as Other, those of a different race, religion, gender, socio-economic class, sexual orientation, or physical ability? By dwelling together in mutual regard for the common good while we celebrate the richness of the unique gifts we bring to one another.

Ultimately, the only way to begin to realize the dream of a diverse, multi-cultural community living in peace and prosperity is to **dwelling** together side by side. Mutual understanding and respect become possible through dwelling together in the same time and space while we share the same food, songs, stories, hopes, and fears as we look into one another's eyes. Dwelling in proximity to one another is not a panacea for attaining harmony. But only when we have the opportunity to look into one another's eyes can we know we have the same hopes and fears. Through dwelling and sharing together, we can learn to affirm and celebrate each as a living embodiment of the one God. We can come to repent of our prejudice and discrimination, seek forgiveness and reconciliation, and bind together in a common future. We can realize that in fact there is no Other; there is only Us.

Signed (as of August 29, 2011),

Rev. Dr. Robin Brown, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview [847-724-6060]

Rev. Susan Chamberlin Smith, Trinity United Church of Christ, Deerfield, [847-945-5050]

The Rev. Daphne Cody, Rector, St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church, Glencoe [847-858-6120]

Cantor Michael Davis, Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, Highland Park [847-432-7950]

Rabbi Bruce Elder, Congregation Hakafa, Glencoe [847-266-8854]

The Rev. Cynthia J. Hallas, St. Giles Episcopal Church, Northbrook [847-272-6622]

Pastor Suzan K. Hawkinson, First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield [847- 945-0561]

Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs [Gail Schechter, Executive Director, 847-501-5762, ext. 406]

Stephen Jackson, Member, Deerfield Baha'i Community

Rev. David Kylo, Zion Lutheran Church, Deerfield [847- 945-2009]

Lorelei McClure, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Wilmette

Rev. Richard Mosley, Jr., Hemenway United Methodist Church, Evanston [847- 328-2600]

Rev. Brian Roots, Christ United Methodist Church, Deerfield [847-945-3040]

Rev. William J. Tkachuk, St. Nicholas Parish, Evanston [847-864-1185]

Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow, Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Synagogue, Northbrook [847-498-8218]

Rev. Betty E. Landis, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evanston [847-475-3403]

Worship Assistants - SEPTEMBER 2011

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Coordinator	Diane DiFrancesco	Nancy Hoffman	Marilyn Starenko	Brigitte Bell
Assisting Minister	Louis Bell	Peter Hanson	Anne Humphrey	Melissa Gauger
Lector	Doug Brachman	Carol Garrett	Sabine Schuller	Anne Humphrey
Communion Asst.	Debbie Nelson	Kastilahn	Dave Foster	Carol Garrett
	Melissa Gauger	Family	Melissa Wynne	Diane DiFrancesco
Acolytes	Fiona Delmonico	Jonas Gonzales	Fiona Delmonico	Jonas Gonzales
Gift Bearers		Salisbury	Ketcham/Gonzales	Lasich
		Family	Family	Family
Greeter/Ushers	Joan Brandt	Mamie Rickets	Larry Gartman	John Croft
	George Siegfried	John Croft	Harvey Wolf	Mamie Rickets
		Louis Bell	Mary Williamson	Louis Bell
		Merritt Napravnik	Merritt Napravnik	George Siegfried
Counters	Joan Brandt	Sue Salisbury	David Lasich	Joan Brandt
	Larry Gartman	George Siegfried	Rita Lasich	Louis Bell
Nursery				

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

