



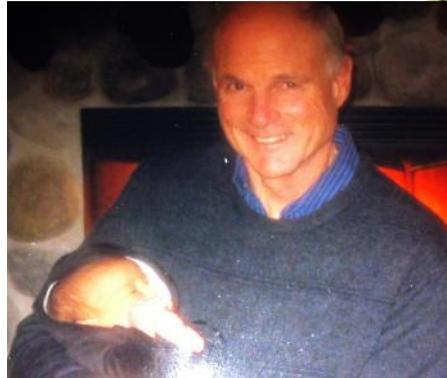
# 2013 Annual Review



*Above: Baptism of Vivienne; Eucharist Celebrated by our new Bishop Elizabeth Eaton at her November installation in Chicago; the house of our church approaches its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is pictured here during construction; kids help at the Fall Fling; Port Chester dresses up for the holiday; the Choir gives voice to our Christmas worship.*



**St. Paul's**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rye Brook NY



*Above:* Friends called home to their heavenly father, Barbara Hong-Supp, Alan Thorenz, Don Mutz. Shepherds guard their lamb at Christmas Pageant, while angels sing and Mary and Joseph cherish their baby.



*Above:* Captive Free brought the first of two concerts with contemporary music that was “plugged in”, the second concert featured the rapid, quirky sounds of “Lost and Found” and included stories from residents of Bethlehem and a visit from jolly Old Saint Nick. He posed after with his fans.



Our “Helping Hands” were busy this year with the Preschoolers events to benefit St. Jude’s hospital, a food drive for local food pantries and a Preschool Olympics to generate donations for “Food 2 Grow,” benefiting local children in need. The Center’s families and the church collected diapers as part of a community Interfaith project at Thanksgiving.



At St. Paul's we continue to explore the life of faith in things such as worship, in Bible Study, and in preparation for first Holy Communion and Confirmation and more.



In just two years, 2016, we will celebrate 150 years as a congregation since our founding in 1866 in East Port Chester. Our current building will be 50 years old that year. Our national denomination is 25 years old as the latest grouping of Lutherans who we have merged to form a broader group of Christians living in the legacy of the Protestant Reformation and the Gospel message of Grace. The Reformation turns 500 the year after our congregational anniversary.

There are many partners for our work and our outreach. We have a wonderful community that is active and eager to collaborate. For Thanksgiving six congregations came together for the second annual "Baby Shower" benefit for Port Chester's Caver Center. I continue to serve as President of the Port Chester/ Rye Town Council of Community Services, Chaplain of the Port Chester Fire Department and to be active with our partner congregations in Westchester United.



Aracelli is a teacher in our Preschool pictured above with Julia. Volunteers sported "Helping Hands" shirts at our Fall Fling. The Altar guild has a long history of service, pictured above from this year.

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