

**"Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable."**

- Paul's second letter to Timothy

# The Messenger

## Ecclesia Semper Reformanda

The church always being reformed

This October 31<sup>st</sup> Lutherans mark an anniversary for the start of the Reformation which resulted in a number of new church bodies known collectively as Protestant. It is a date that we mark each year with hymns written by Martin Luther and scripture that announces our understanding of the freedom of a Christian. We lift our eyes up to a God whose grace is a gift of salvation unmerited by us. We look to the cross of Christ and see a God who sides with the suffering of this world.

This year's anniversary marks 500 years and there have been international events for the twelve months leading up to it. Is this a year to celebrate achievements? Is it an opportunity to promote our work in education, social services and spiritual formation? The answer has been no. Instead we are taking this as a year for reflection and repentance. What happened 500 years ago was a break in the church, a split among Christians. It began a period with more than its share of bloody fighting, warfare and atrocities. We are taking this time to look honestly at our history in the light of the people God calls us to be. Last year when Lutherans gathered for a national legislative assembly we passed a resolution repenting of the "Doctrine of Discovery" and similar assertions that virtually all Christians made to allow the taking of land and the kidnapping and enslaving of people. The Christ of the cross is a clear statement of divine solidarity with the poor and oppressed. Christians have forgotten this too easily and too often.

We take this as a year to remember that our purpose is not to promote ourselves but to proclaim God's care, forgiveness and love. We should also bear that message in our actions as well as our words but scripture is full of stories of God's love for people despite their failings and mistakes. As Lutherans we believe we are both saints and sinners. We do not take that as permission to sin but we are to always remember our

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inclination to err and God's promise to forgive. We are to proclaim this to a world in need of comfort and healing. We also declare God's desire that we treat each other justly and give special attention to the least among us.

In order to mark this year in honest reflection, we are joining with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers and saying that our past conflicts have been a tragedy and we now want to walk together into a more hopeful future. For fifty years Catholics and Lutherans and other Christians have been dialoguing and cooperating more and more. Four hundred and fifty years of fighting and fifty years of détente; we have learned to focus on what unites us and learned to appreciate what makes us different.

Here in Port Chester there has been a great deal of cooperation. In my time here Protestant, Jewish and Catholic leaders have worked together in a spirit of hope and an effort for healing. Father Stephen Schenck SDB helped us launch an inter-faith diaper drive to help poor families. It

has continued years after his death and begins again next month. For the last two years, Corpus Christi has hosted a prayer service for Christian Unity.

As we continue to turn away from recrimination and accusation between Protestants and Catholics we should also notice the increased climate of distrust and discrimination against Jews and Muslims in our country today. We also need to repent of centuries of oppression of other religions, especially indigenous traditions, atheists and humanists. We should not wait another 500 years to recognize the need to speak against hate and to work for the full inclusion of all races, gender identities and sexual orientations.

Next month local houses of worship and members of the community are welcome to join a Common Prayer with Protestants and Catholics at St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church in Riverside, Connecticut. Our service is called "From Conflict to Communion: Together in Hope." We will gather at 7:30pm on Thursday November 9th. The Church is at 4 Riverside Avenue in Greenwich. We will be accepting an offering for Hurricane victims.

Peace  
Pastor Jim

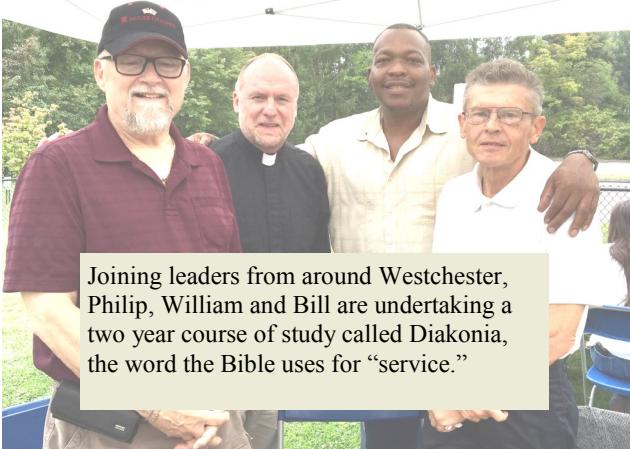
## Child Care Center



## Miss Christina Teacher in 4 Yr Olds

Miss Christina is no stranger to St. Paul's CCC. She worked as the head teacher in our infant room until 2009. She has also taught art at St. Paul's for the past 3 years. Christina has a 6 year old daughter, Arielle, and currently lives in Larchmont. She is a life-long Westchester resident. Christina has a BA from Purchase College and is 1 course away from her MSED from the College of New Rochelle. We are so happy to have Miss Christina back as one of our full time teachers!

# Happenings



Joining leaders from around Westchester, Philip, William and Bill are undertaking a two year course of study called Diakonia, the word the Bible uses for “service.”



Pitching in to help at Fall Fling.



Another great year for the Fall Fling. Missy and Rob doing craft tables.



Eighteen teens from five local Lutheran congregations got together for a “Lock-in” at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Mt. Kisco.

## Save the date

11/5 Clocks back

11/30 - Diaper Drive

12/2-3 Live Nativity

12/10 - Budget meeting after service

12/17 Caroling

# Milestones

## Birthdays

### October

- 2 David Trenck
- 2 Emily Richardson
- 7 Claudia McQueeney
- 7 Susan Anne Sullivan
- 10 Eric Rios
- 10 Inge Moeller
- 12 Terina Armstrong
- 13 Ruth-Anne Cosgrove
- 13 Barbara Giorgi
- 15 Patty Caviola
- 16 Donald Roller
- 17 Reinhold Vogel
- 18 Patty Quell
- 20 Kim Quell
- 24 Linda Thompson
- 26 Cathy Rosenfeld
- 27 Joe Supp
- 27 Cara O'Hanlon
- 27 Tayler Salvatore



### December

- 1 Jack Carello
- 2 Kim Salvatore
- 3 John Tormondsen
- 6 Scott Guinta
- 8 Peter Kausas
- 9 Richard Ciminelli
- 17 Missy Trenck
- 21 Brian Ernst
- 22 Gary Sullivan
- 27 Kaitlyn Armstrong

Photos above: Following the unrest in Charlottesville local clergy and community members got together to make a stand against intolerance and violence. The community gathered for a candlelight vigil in Lyon Park.

### November

- 3 Brendan McQueeney
- 4 Tom Giorgi
- 7 Pastor Jim
- 8 Beatriz Rios
- 13 Rev. Martha Cruz
- 16 Nicolas Wolff
- 19 Dotty Ciminelli
- 19 Julia Birttieri
- 20 Liam O'Hanlon
- 21 Joan Supp
- 21 Pat Williams
- 23 Carly Jenkins
- 27 Daniel Bruno

### Social Action Team

A new group has been discussing the ways in which Lutherans involve themselves in discussions amongst themselves and in public about issues and events in our society. They have formed a Social Action Team and are going to present Temple Talks about Social Statements adopted by the ELCA and about how our faith helps us in discerning important issues. Philip started with a presentation on policies related to poverty and hunger with resources from "Bread for the World" [Bread.org](http://Bread.org). Kristin Quell-Garguilo did a presentation on current issues concerning the environment. If you are interested in doing a presentation or reading more for yourself check out

[elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements](http://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements)

**Thanks!**

## **Letter from Suzanne Newcomb**

Thank you to all for making Fall Fling possible! Here are some special mentions! I'm sure I am missing many so please don't be upset with me if I missed your name this is a **HUGE** group effort!

Thank you CCC families for all of your help pre-selling 50/50 tickets! The prize was nearly \$700 thanks to your help. An alumni family (youngest just went to kindergarten) won the money and gave us back some too. Thank you to Adam Newcomb, Donna Smith and Laura Chen-Schultz for helping sell raffle tickets all day.

Thank you for all of the donated baskets generously donated by:

The Harrington/Mecca Family  
The Badura Family, The Pugsley Family  
The Piciulin/Giampieretti Family  
The Tormondsen Family  
The Sullivan/Cosgrove Family  
Linda Armstrong  
Carole DeNigris, Rob and Missy Trenck  
The DeBari Family, The Smith Family  
The Allen Family

Thank you for all that help to set up and Break Down:

The Piciulin/Giampieretti Family  
The Gasparini Family ,The DeBari Family  
The O'Dea Family, The Allen Family  
The Guinan/DelVecchio Family  
Miss Gwen, Miss Jasmine, Miss Ara  
The Wolffe Family,T he O'Hanlon Family  
The Sullivan/Cosgrove Family  
Ruth Anne Cosgrove, The Schultz Family  
John and Barbara Tormondsen  
Don Weber, Adam Newcomb

Thank you to Chiara Giampieretti for helping me set up the Raffle Area Saturday morning!

Thank you to Ruth Anne Cosgrove for getting the entire tag sale area set up and organized. This is no small task! Your selling skills are like none other!

Thanks to all of the tag sale workers:  
Pat Williams, Linda Armstrong  
Adriana Paulucci ,Liam O'Hanlon  
Lauren & Kitty Hay, Laura Chen-Schultz  
Elaine Makowski

Thank you to all of the bakers making Cake Walk possible:

Barbara Tormondsen, Christine Guiffra  
Kiki DeBari, Susan-Anne Cosgrove

Thank you for those that set up the grill area and cooked and served food all day:

Will Ross, The Brady Family, Ron Schultz  
Anita Wolff

Thank you to Donna Smith for organizing all of the vendors! This is no easy task!

Thank you to the Trencks for setting up and running the craft area all day! You are both so amazing!

Thank you to those that set up and supervised the jumping castles:

John Torrmondsen, Gary Sullivan,Adam Newcomb  
Ron Schultz,Dan DeBari,The Hodge Family  
Theo Makowski, The O'Hanlon Family

Thanks to Ken and Carol Satake for taking care of the jumping castle collections all day! This was a very toasty job in the sun!

Thanks to Troop 19 for the Car Wash & St. Paul's Youth for Italian Ice and Cotton Candy Sales, Pet Rescue and Food2GrowOn

Of course a **HUGE** thank you to Gary Sullivan for working tirelessly on this event for years! To say you are the chair of the event is an understatement! Gary sets up all of the fencing etc outside all by himself, he does all of the food buying, signage and promoting! He is the best!

All of these efforts make building improvements and special purchases possible! We will make some special purchases for the classrooms and we were able to create all new outlets in the front of the building for our special events and jumping castles

# Dear Members of St. Paul's

There will be a Congregational Budget meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10 after service, to review and discuss the 2018 budget proposal that is currently being worked on by our Budget Committee. We encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

St. Paul's began the year in great shape financially with a very healthy Balance Sheet and no debt. Year-to-date our normal operating expenses are in line with the budget.

With regard to the capital improvement projects (i.e. the side door repair and the bathroom renovation) our expenses are projected to be significantly higher than planned.

The side door was over budget by \$500, while the bathroom renovation is forecast to be approximately \$7000 more than budgeted. A key reason is the project scope is larger than anticipated when we applied for the MetroNY Synod grant. The good news is that St. Paul's was awarded \$13,500 in grant money to help with both of these projects (\$3,500 for the door and \$10,000 for the bathroom).

Regarding income, as of September 30, our regular member contributions were significantly under budget by approximately \$9800, and our improvement fund donations were under budget by \$900.

What does this all mean? The church is in sound financial position with available funds to cover this year's projected deficit even if more than budgeted. We have no grant projects or big plans for 2018 other than our Youth trip to Houston. We want to stress the importance of continued support from the congregation in both regular offerings and donations to the improvement fund. Donations to the improvement fund will cover any increase in our deficit due to the bathroom renovation project. The bathroom renovation is long over due, and we're excited to have water conserving and handicap accessible facilities.

We thank you for all of your generosity, giving not only of your financial resources but your valuable time and other talents. I ask that you keep the council in your prayers, so that we may be good stewards of the blessings here at St. Paul's. Please make a note about December 10's meeting to discuss the proposed 2018 budget. We know we can count on each of you to come together and pitch in because that is what St. Paul's is all about.

God's peace be with you.  
The Congregation Council

# All Saints' Sunday

Light a candle for someone who died in the past 12 months on November 5th

## COURAGE & FAITH

### Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

is the founding pastor of "The Church for All Saints and Sinners." in Denver, CO and

author of books and articles and a blog called the Sarcastic Lutheran.

She is speaking at Christ Church in Greenwich, CT as part of their "Courage & Faith" series.

**Saturday 10/28 7 pm**

The program is free but you must register.

## Food 2 Grow On

has one simple goal: To combat childhood hunger in Port Chester. We are an interfaith organization, under the auspices of the Port Chester-Rye Brook Rotary Club. We purchase, pack and distribute shopping bags of food to eligible children each week in Port Chester elementary schools to eliminate weekend hunger.

We are in need of boxes of pasta, plastic jars of pasta sauce, peanut butter and canned tuna. Donations can be brought into St. Paul's.

Any monetary donations should be made out to  
Rotary Club F2GO and sent to:  
Food 2 Grow On c/o All Souls Parish  
55 Parkway Drive Port Chester, NY 10573

# Catholic – Lutheran Joint Commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

**Thurs. November 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

An evening of music, prayer and fellowship at

**St. Catherine of Siena**

**Roman Catholic Church in Riverside, CT**

The ecumenical commemoration of five hundred years of reformation has been a year-long, global, unique and unprecedented event which involves thanksgiving and lament, joy and repentance as we commemorate the gifts of the Reformation and ask forgiveness for the division that we have perpetuated. Thanksgiving and lament, however, do not stand alone: they lead us to common witness and commitment to each other and for the world.

St. Catherine of Siena is at 4 Riverside Ave. Riverside CT

Phone: (203) 637-3661

Parking is across the street from the church.

Prayer service will include a joint choir.

A free will offering will be accepted for Hurricane Recovery.



## God's Work. Our Hands.

This year we joined Lutherans around the country in a day of service. Saturday 9/9 fifteen people worked at making Shepherd's Pies and Sunday 9/10 nineteen people set up, served and cleaned up at St. Peter's in Port Chester. (Missing in photo: Chip and Pastor Jim)

**A Global Journey of Commemoration**  
[youtube.com/c/TheLutheranWorldFederation](https://youtube.com/c/TheLutheranWorldFederation)  
From 11.00-23.00 CET on October 31st  
CET Central European Time is 5 hours ahead

Sent with a prayer to:

(914) 939-8170  
Rye Brook, New York 10573  
761 King Street at Comly Ave.

**St. Paul's**

