



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

- Paul  
second letter to Timothy

# The Messenger

Summer 2015



**"That all may be one."**

Hyacinth Mordey Imhof has been doing ministry all her adult life. We gathered to mark the 40th Anniversary of her Ordination this May. Of the four members of St. Paul's to go on to ordination she is the only woman -- so far. Fifteen years before she became a pastor Hy applied to be a missionary. She had to go to seminary first but the Lutheran Seminary didn't accept women, so she went to a non-denominational seminary in NYC. Add fifteen to the forty years to include Pastor Hyacinth's ministry as a missionary, church musician, director of Christian education AND pastor. She worked for the board of missions for five years in Argentina before becoming a Parish worker back here at her home church. Argentina called for her to come back again and to organize youth ministry among twenty four parishes. In 1970 when Lutherans voted to allow women to be pastors Hyacinth was at the front of the line.

Ordaining women was a big step for Lutherans and not everyone was on board. When visiting a hospital someone on the elevator asked incredulously, "What are you now?" When Pastor Hyacinth told them they then exclaimed, "Only Lutherans are crazy enough to ordain women!" I'm not sure if St. Paul was sane when he wrote to the Galatians, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God ... There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.... heirs according to the promise." For Sunday's gospel we heard Jesus' prayer for us to all work together in unity. It is a long prayer because it is a fervent prayer. A fervent prayer because we strain his hope. Let us join in that prayer and give thanks for each step towards oneness.

In Christ's peace, Jim

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**Child Care Center** M-F 7:30am -5:30pm  
Children 6 weeks old to 5 years  
Suzanne Newcomb, Director  
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## Children and Youth



Miss Yolanda has worked at St. Paul's CCC for a little over 1 year. She is our Part-Time Assistant Teacher in 4s. Yolanda lives in Mamaroneck, NY and was born in Mexico. She went to New Rochelle High School and has a Bachelor's Degree from Monroe College. Yolanda is sweet, caring and easy-going. We love having Miss Yolanda as part of our team!



Congratulations to Suzanne and Gwen, our director and assistant director on 10 years with the Child Care Center.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Child Care Reunion.



Mark your calendar  
**Fall Fling September 19**  
26th in the  
impossible event of rain.

*Thanks for all who helped with the  
Roller Derby!*

Madison Alli raised \$75 for Ronald McDonald House  
Nicholas Balsome raised \$65 for Forgotten Felines  
Charlotte Balsome raised \$65 for Forgotten Felines  
Callie Schultz raised \$120 for American Red Cross  
Casey Schultz raised \$135 for St. Paul's Youth attending Triennial Gathering in Detroit.

Theo Makowski raised \$30 for PetSmart Charities  
Liam O'Hanlon raised \$25 for American Cancer Society.  
\$75 towards Pet Rescue by Sydney, Daphne, and Scott Sullivan.

\$10 was given for Planned Parenthood

**150<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary Celebration**  
**1865 - 2016**

May 2016 *Charitable Walk -  
Byram to Rye Brook*

June 2016 – *Strawberry Festival*

July 2016 *Time capsule and BBQ with  
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*

October 2016  
*Festival Eucharist and Dinner*

# *Happy Birthday!*

## **June**

- 2- Ralph Edwards
- 6- Ron Schultz
- 10- Aurora Joy Garguilo
- 12- Genice Mark
- 15- Anke Sulimma
- 16- Nancy Jenkins
- 17- Kim Guinta
- 18- Laura Chen Schultz
- 19- Ian Fulton
- 22- Toni Marie Birittieri
- 25- Kate Jaffee
- 25- Linda Kausas
- 27- Casey Chen Schultz
- 27- Russell Fulmore
- 29- Andrew Schlosser
- 30- Elaine Makowski

## **July**

- 1- Lauren Disbennett
- 2- Wendy Thorenz
- 6- Heather Paul
- 6- Ben Gawle
- 7- Eileen Parker
- 7- Patty Gawle
- 8- Nicole Schlosser
- 10- Andrew Palovchek
- 11- Lindsey Jenkins
- 13- Darcy Roche
- 13- Theo Makowski
- 15- Julia Wolff
- 17- Suzanne Newcomb
- 19- Charles Severance Sulimma
- 23- John Tormondsen Jr
- 28- Joe Supp
- 28- George Dunphy

## **August**

- 1- Olivia Birittieri
- 2- Trevor Disbennett
- 3- Ross Disbennett
- 5- Veronica Scullion
- 5- Andy Richardson
- 8- Chip Gawle
- 9- Rob Trenck
- 9- Anita Charleswell
- 12- David Ridberg
- 14- Debra Ernst
- 15- Lillian Johnson
- 21- Ally Mark
- 21- Klara Severance Sulimma
- 23- Lucas Tanella
- 26- William Schlosser
- 28- Erin Tormondsen
- 29- Lorna O'Hanlon
- 31- Linda Armstrong



Mothers' Day  
Brunch





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## God's Green Earth

Celebrating our Earth as a gift  
with a day program of  
fun & activities. Ages 4-10

\$150 for week

scholarships available

June 29 – July 3 9am - 3pm

### Congregation Council

Don Weber, President

Patty Gawle, VP

Barbara Tormondsen, Treasurer

Susan Anne Cosgrove, Secretary

Jillian Alli

David Brady

Max Charleswell

Anke Sulimma

Chris Wolff

Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

Finance Committee

Rob Trenck, Stewardship  
and Richard Case

## Milestones

In our prayers we remember the family and all who mourn for William Thistle Jr (brother of Barbara Tormondsen), the family and loved ones of Hans Moeller, the family and loved ones of Kathe Sulimma, Frank Alfano and Virginia French.

Blessings and joyous thanksgiving for all who are expecting especially Dick Case's daughters Catherine and Eileen and their husbands, James and Scott.



**Joseph's  
coat of many colors  
by the Sunday School  
features his  
character traits:  
Patient,  
Trust in God,  
Helpful, Forgiving,  
Loving.**

Photos of St. Paul's past and present

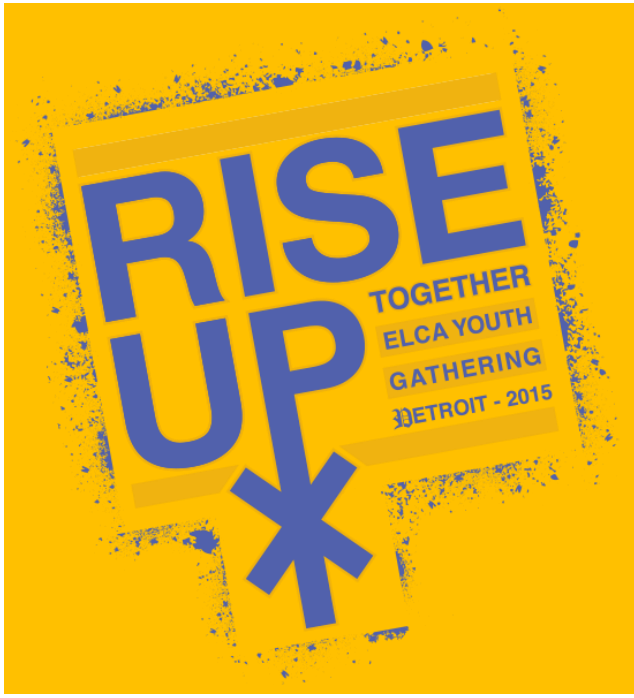
[www.churchsnaps.com](http://www.churchsnaps.com)

*Request an invite to join.*

## Lutheran Summer Conference at Silver Bay

Relax and renew at Beautiful Lake George

July 11-17 [www.lutherans-silverbay.org](http://www.lutherans-silverbay.org)



Learn more:

<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>

## ELCA

(Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America)

# This is Christ's church.

**There is a place for you here.**

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person — questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

So far we have

\$1,120

for the two high school students, myself and another chaperone who are going to the Youth Gathering in July: Cara, Charles, Bill and me.

Goal: \$4,000

You can help too. Also, follow updates:

[www.facebook.com/youthgathering](http://www.facebook.com/youthgathering)

Detroit, the host city for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering, is a diverse, distinct city with a rich history. This gathering is the largest event for the ELCA. Detroit has faced and continues to face its share of challenges. Yet there is a growing revitalization effort underway, and we believe God is calling us to learn from and serve among our brothers and sisters there.

Downtown Detroit, where the two main venues for the Gathering are located, is a hub of vibrancy and activity.

Detroit has much to teach us about being a part of what God is up to at this time in our history. There are many people in Detroit who know experiences of death, and there are many Lutherans, and brothers and sisters from partner communions who stand alongside the citizens of Detroit with the cross, proclaiming healing and wholeness in the midst of the death and despair. God is calling us to bear witness to their story, and to his creative and redeeming story of death and resurrection.

We will gather in Detroit in July 2015 to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God's work in the world.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's Work. Our Hands.

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## God's Work. Our Hands.

If you'd like a congregation with spiritual worship, compassionate outreach to the needy and intellectually engaged questions about faith, St. Paul's could be for you.

Sunday Worship 8am and 9:45am with Sunday School at 9:45am

St. Paul's Church and Child Care Center 761 King Street at Comly Avenue in Rye Brook, NY

St. Paul's is part of a denomination that believes men and women are equally capable of leading and serving the church in any role. We elect our leaders and Pastors and make important decisions as a group. We cooperate with the other local, regional and national Lutheran

Check out our new webpage. [www.stpaulsryebrook.com](http://www.stpaulsryebrook.com)

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