



The Herald

JULY/ AUGGUST 2016

MISSION OF THE MONTH: A/C – JULY - INTREPID FALLEN HEROES
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Orlando

As you know, on June 19 Orlando was host to an incomprehensible act of violence and cruelty. It boggles the mind how one man can hold so much loathing for other people to actually do such a thing. Imagining the horror of the people at the club and the grief of the families is beyond words to describe. We go about our business, because it hurts too much, or because we have become numb to violence in the news. It is hard even to pray. Yet pray we must. We pray for those lives taken, those families morning. We pray for the authorities in their work trying to protect us all.

Like you, I hope that ways may be found to identify the various causes and enablers of such terrible violence which so deeply scars our society, without giving up our values. I have many stirrings. I wonder about how we might better track or monitor persons with mental illness, who are prone to violence. I ponder how to improve security in public places. I ponder why gay persons are now afraid to move and associate like anyone else. I seek to understand the varieties of proper Islamic preaching in America, which has lost control of some young Muslims, who are unduly influenced by foreign, extremist ideas on the internet. I seek to better understand the role of guns in American homes.

I ask you to learn, too. Television is normally too simplistic because there is not enough time to process complex issues. Rather, read widely on these subjects, and not only the writers you normally agree with. Tell me what you learn. See you in worship.

Pastor Arden C. Strasser

2016 Summer Capital Campaign

Do you notice we are positioned at a great corner? Every day hundreds of cars travel by our church. Isn't there an opportunity here we have to communicate who we are and what we do with our community. Well, let's use it. Our council has decided to improve our communication with our local community through better signage. We are planning for an electric digital sign on the corner to share messages and events with thousands of drivers each week. We must leverage the location God has given us to be a brighter "light on the hill."

We have also decided to replace a bank of the circuit boards at one time in our organ which are slowly requiring replacement one at a time. Obviously, doing this at one time is far more economical than all the service calls required for individual replacements. The cost of these two projects, which are outside our budget, is \$25,000 Altogether. We already have \$3000 committed. Can you join in this campaign? This is a good time to purchase a leaf for the Tree of Life, or even a major gift.

I am enthusiastic about St David's and am proud of you. Our church is simply ALL of us, including you. So, please think about your gift to this campaign for improving the community's awareness of our church and of keeping our lovely organ singing to God, in good shape.

Four Summer Early Worship Opportunities July 10, 31 and August 7, 14

In order to help some of you fit in Sunday worship with a full summer day outdoors, Pastor Arden is holding additional services **at 8 AM this summer**. These four Holy Communion services will be simpler in format, lasting around forty-five minutes, and led with guitar. Come as you are!

Summer Preaching Series

Want to dig deeper into some practical life issues and contemporary spiritual questions? See you in summer worship.

2016 Summer Preaching Series

- Is the Bible True?
- Life after Divorce
- Prayer & Healing
- Envy: Greener Grass
- Managing Anger: Nip It
- Greed: Successful Failure
- Character under Construction
- Summer of Second Chances
- What is the Purpose of my Life?
- Is the World Advancing or Regressing?
- Worst to First: Big Turnaround Bible Stories
- Jesus in the Real World: Living Out Now What He Said Then

The Adventures of Flat Jesus

This summer, we are remembering that Jesus is with us always, with the help of “Flat Jesus.” In your travels and adventures, bring Jesus along...and tell us all about it! Take Flat Jesus out to dinner or the park, to exotic locations abroad, to the zoo, festivals, camp, in the car, on the train - wherever you go. Then snap a picture of flat Jesus in that setting with you and share the photo with St David’s. This project is for everyone, not just families with children. We’ll all get to see each other’s posts and hear some Flat Jesus travel stories in worship, too. I’m taking my flat Jesus to Africa!

How it Works

1. Cut out the Flat Jesus template in this newsletter, pasting it onto hard cardboard; decorate him. Be creative.
2. Take your Flat Jesus on vacation and summer outings and snap plenty of pictures.
3. Share your best photos, with location and stories with us all. Post as a visitor on www.facebook.com/stdavidslutheran/

Take me Out To The Ball Game. Join us for a night out to see the famous Long Island Ducks play baseball on Saturday, July 16th. We have 50 tickets in one section just for St David’s. For \$10 you get a game ticket and we’ll also have special St David’s/LI Ducks t-shirts to buy. The game starts at 630 pm, and includes fireworks after the game. It’s a great way to spend a Saturday night with friends in the warm summer. We’ll meet at the church parking lot at 5:15pm. Tickets are on sale after worship.

Summer Fun. Join us for our 2016 St David’s Vacation Bible School on August 8-12. VBS is for kids 3 years old to 5th grade, 9:30am-12noon! Kids will enjoy interactive Bible stories, hands-on crafts, high-energy music, games, making friends, snacks and more! Volunteers are also welcome to Registration forms are available on our website.

Birthdays. We’d love to mail you a birthday card on your birthday, to remember what God has done so far in and through your life since you were born. Please email your name and birthday to Rev Juanita at revjuanita@aol.com. (don’t worry. we won’t publish your birthday to the world)

Adventure Park Kids Trip (4th grade and up!)

There’s nothing like a day at The Adventure Park! Within seven beautiful acres of woodland you will find an amazing “aerial forest park.” Look up—You’ll see a series of platforms in the trees connected by cable, wood, rope and zip lines to form bridges. Each bridge presents a different challenge of how to get to the next platform. A series of bridges form “aerial trails” throughout the forest.

The date is Sunday, July 31, 2016, 3:30-8:00pm. Parents/chaperones may also register to climb! We’ll meet in the St. David’s parking lot to carpool to/from the Adventure Park. The cost is \$45 per person, payable by check to St. David’s with “Adventure Park” in the memo. Please submit payment along with the waiver below to the church office by July 20th. (There is no fee to watch from the ground.) A waiver must also be filled out for each participant online at <http://longislandadventurepark.org/general-admission/liability-waiver/>

A note from our Pastor.....

Dear Confirmation Parents,

Thanks for your participation in the May 7 car wash and breakfast at Applebee's. It was good fun.

Confirmation classes continue each Wednesday night up to and including June 8. There will be a surprise on June 8, so don't miss it!

I wish to thank you for your support in having your child receive Christian education and formation from me, as your pastor, this year. We all signed a covenant last September to commit ourselves to helping our kids develop a closer relationship with God. You are making a great investment in their lives. I also thank you for providing dinners on Wednesday nights. It has given me more time to chat with your child, which I value.

It is important that your child continue to serve as acolyte when they are assigned. If they cannot, they should find a substitute. Note that I am offering 8 AM services during Sundays in July, which will be shorter, informal, and much more interesting for teenagers. Your child committed to writing 15 sermon notes per year, and knows exactly how many they have written so far. They can catch up on these in the summer, if needed.

Join us for a night out to see the famous Long Island Ducks play baseball on Saturday, July 16th. We have a big block of tickets in one section just for St David's. For \$10 you get a game ticket. The game starts at 630 pm, and includes fireworks. It's a great way to spend a Saturday night with friends in the warm summer. Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings at church.

Our 2016 St David's Vacation Bible School is on August 8-12. I would like your child to help me as a junior counselor in the mornings 930 til noon. Please let us know if he or she can help, with interactive Bible stories, hands-on crafts, high-energy music, games, or snacks.

Also, stay tuned via email for our upcoming Adventure Park outing.

Please note now in your planner that September 23-25, 2016 is our Middle School Confirmation Weekend at Wilbur Herrlich Camp, 2 hrs away, for all kids in confirmation.

Pastor Arden C. Strasser

COUNCIL NOTES

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.....

Treasurer - April giving was below budget as were expenses. Cash on hand at months' end- \$14,506.57-
outstanding payables-\$0.00.

Old Business

Call committee- status quo, meeting this week.

Mission of The Month

June - Air conditioning and Philadelphia Seminary

July - Air conditioning and Intrepid Fallen Heroes

August - Air conditioning and Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor Arden Strasser

Good blood drive on April 24th – 39 gave blood, if we want 50 next time we need to sign up 70. James Reston's book presentation went well, will be having 8:00 A.M. services during the Summer, schedule will be in Herald.

Education

Discussed registration fees for 2016/2017, \$25 per child or \$60 per family of 3 or more by June 30th or it will go up to \$35 per child or \$75 per family of 3 or more after that date. Reviewed plans for First Holy Communion on May 15th, the Little Lambs and kid led service on May 22nd. and the last day of Sunday School on June 5th.

Coming soon- Spring Youth Activity.

Evangelism

Coffee hour on April 17th, Reverend Hilsenbeck doing a great job with King David Ministry and sending cards to shut-ins- as part of children's ministry, Little Lambs presentation in church on May 22nd, discussed parents, their young children and their worship experience, will contact Education for suggestions.

Property

Fence in parking lot replaced by homeowner, Chuck Schultz can upgrade the sound system as it has been problematic.

Social Ministry

Crop Walk raised \$3,355 to date- St. David's raised \$1,080, breakfast at Applebee's raised \$721.00 including car wash- 95 meals served, stuff-a-bus waiting for new supermarket to open where Waldbaum's was on Sunrise Highway.

Stewardship

July 16th Ducks game- further info to come, July 9th Habitat for Humanity house building from 8A.M., -3 P.M.

Worship

We need to do some necessary work on our Organ that will be costly. We have been having intermittent cipher problems on more than one occasion, and the Organ Company informed us that this is due to driver board cards. There are 64 cards in the switching system and there are 12 transistors on each card, and if we replace them one by one the cost is prohibitive- however the Organ Company contacted the company that makes the cards and they have agreed to replace them all at once for \$4,682.00 - \$2,431 on deposit and the rest when completed. Council has approved this work to be done.

Fellowship

Coffee hour going well, discussed having a Fellowship night with dinner.

Personnel

Pastor completed review for MaryAnn, Domingo will be given a \$0.50/hour raise, and Patti's new job description is in the works.

Scholarship

Scholarship money from Blood Drive goes directly to recipients school, has nothing to do with us. Must submit Scholarship applications by June 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Justus, Secretary.

See you in Church.....

School is officially out, and the long hot summer stretches before us, what fun things can we plan? picnics, beach parties, water parks, ball games, all will keep us busy, but please don't forget that St. David's is always open, no vacation time here!

Our summer worship schedule will continue as it started in June- one service on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and our regular worship service on Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. the air conditioning is working well so join us for a "cool" service.

On the Sunday mornings during July, Pastor Strasser will again have an 8:00 a.m. service (July 3, 10, 17, not on the 24th, 31), join him before start out on your day's travels.

St, David's will participate in Habitat for Humanity again on Saturday July 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call the church for further information.

Sunday July 31 the youth group will be going to Adventure Park from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. check the Herald for details.

Looking ahead to August

Worship schedule will not change until September 11th Rally Day, when there will be one service at 9:00 a.m. in order to leave time for the Rally Day Festivities on the Church lawn.

The Incorporated Village of Massapequa Park will hold their annual street fair on August 6th -7th, all are welcome.

On August 7th we will be welcoming a new member to God's family as the infant daughter of Nick and Diana Ewen – Riley Nichole- will be baptized at the 10:00 service. We ask God's blessings on this family as they await her special day.

Come Home Where People Care

Respectfully Submitted,
Worship Committee



Register Now for Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9am to 10am, this is by design to coincide with our 9am worship service. Kids and families get the most out of their Sunday School experience when parents go to church while kids are in class. That's because we use a lectionary curriculum, which means that the kids are learning the same lesson that's read and preached about in church. Talking about it with parents on the way home or over lunch, helps kids grow in their faith even more!

At St. David's we begin Christian instruction at age two—our littlest learners quickly know that Jesus loves them! In the preschool room, kids age two to four have circle time for the Bible story, say grace together at snack time, color, make crafts, sing, play, and pray together.

Elementary school kids (grades K-5) study a Bible story each week and make connections to their lives. Teachers use learner leaflets, coloring, crafts, and games to engage kids in the material. Kids also learn the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and more.

Learning how to worship is important, too, so each week we begin with a large group opening in "Children's Church" up in the old nave. Kids help light candles, read, collect offering, and participate in a short (about 15 minutes long) kid-friendly service. The highlight is Pastor's weekly visit to share the Word with the kids. And there's always singing!

Sunday School kids also participate in our annual Christmas Pageant Play which lets them step right into the story of the birth of Jesus.

Fifth graders are asked to attend three additional sessions on Saturdays in the spring to prepare to receive their first Holy Communion (which will be scheduled on or near Pentecost).

Rally Day, and the first day of Sunday School, is September 11, starting at 9am.

Beginning in grade 6, kids attend Confirmation class on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. In addition to learning, confirmation kids get involved with the life of the church as acolytes, assistant teachers in Sunday School, and more. Kids are also strongly encouraged to attend is the annual confirmation retreat at Camp Herrlich (scheduled this year for September 23-25), a long-time favorite event. Traditionally, kids make their confirmation at St. David's in November of ninth grade.

You don't have to be a member of the church to enroll your child in our Christian Education program. Please register now for the 2016-2017 school year.



St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Christian Education Registration 2016-2017

Sunday School: Kids age 2 to grade 5 meet weekly (Sept-June) on Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00am.

Confirmation: Kids grade 6 to 9 meet weekly (Sept-June) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm.

Registration fee of \$30 per child or \$70 per family registering 3 or more (age 2 to grade 9) is requested to cover cost of materials. Registrations received after July 1 will be charged a \$15 service fee. Please make checks payable to St. David's with "Sunday School/Confirmation" in the memo. Email questions to stdavidssundayschool@verizon.net.

Child #1 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #2 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #3 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #4 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Other Persons Authorized to pick up child(ren) _____

Would you be interested in volunteering in your child's class or our program at large? [] Yes [] No (check one please)

My child(ren)'s photos may be published on St. David's Website and/or local newspapers: [] Yes [] No (check one please)

Please indicate what your family goals are for your child(ren)'s Christian Education: _____



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. David's Lutheran Church, 20 Clark Blvd, Massapequa Park

August 8-12, 2016

9:30 AM – 12 Noon

Preschool Camp (VBS theme) 3 & 4 year old; Traditional Vacation Bible School K-5

Pastor Arden, the preschool staff, and church volunteers have teamed up to put on a fabulous program for kids age 3 to 5th grade! Come play, sing, craft, snack, learn, and make friends at the Barnyard Roundup!

Please register in the church office by July 1st to reserve your place!

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August 8-12, 2016

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Pastor Arden, the preschool staff, and church volunteers have teamed up to put on a fabulous program for kids age 3 to 5th grade this summer. Come play, sing, craft, snack, learn about Jesus, and make friends at the Barnyard Roundup!

REGISTER TODAY!

(Please return form and check made out to "St. David's" to church office by July 1 to reserve your place. Late registrations will be charged a \$15 service fee. Email questions to stdavidssundayschool@verizon.net)

Child #1 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week
 Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, \$40

Child #2 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week
 Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, only \$30 (multi-child discount)*

Child #3 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week
 Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, only \$20 (multi-child discount)*

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Other Persons Authorized to pick up child(ren) _____

*Note: multi-child discount is only offered to siblings registered in the Traditional VBS program for elementary school age children, it is not available for the Preschool Camp option which employs full preschool staff vs. church volunteers. The St. David's Preschool Camp for 3 and 4 year olds also has other sessions from 7/5-8/5, call the preschool if you are interested at 516-799-7832.

NEWS AND NOTES



Men's Luncheon will meet again on July 12th and August 9th at 12:00pm. Please meet us at the Corner Galley.

Help Wanted, No Experience Necessary. Will train: ushers, greeters, lectors, communion assistants, flexible schedule-Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Compensation and benefits are out of this world! No need to send your resume just call – Jo-Ann Justus 541-7127 or e-mail Justusjandj@verizon.net



Have you looked at our website recently? You can catch-up on all that is going on at St. David's! You can get back issues of *The Herald*; see the *Worship Assistants Schedule* (Ushers, Greeters, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assitants, Lectors and Acloytes) and if you can't make it to church services, you can read the *News & Notes* and the *Calendar* schedule for the week. Go to: www.stdavidslutheran.net

Come and Work Out With Lois Gaiti. Are you having trouble moving your body, do you feel blah? Come down to our exercise classes. Help yourself and help your Church too. The classes will get your body moving and stretched. You do as much as you can.

Aerobics: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Low impact increases cardio vascular efficiency, flexibility and tones your body.

Stretch and Tone: Every Wednesday at 10:00am.

We use chairs for balance and sit on to do various exercises. The exercises are designed to increase your flexibility. So Again, help yourself and help our Church. All donations collected go directly to St David's. Wear sneakers, comfortable clothing, a water bottle and light weights. Also bring a mat for the aerobics classes. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me (Lois Gaiti) at (516) 798-615.

•**Giving during the Summer** It is very important to maintain our giving to our congregation when we are out of town. Do you go out of town regularly for a few weeks at a time? Do you want to simplify your giving? With a simple process, your offering can be transferred automatically from your bank account or credit card once each month. It's easy. At the bottom of the left column of our website front page is a blue button labeled DONATE. When you click it, you are taken through a menu where you create an online profile with your address, account number, and offering amount. Your information is safe and secure and you have full control to stop or change your offering at any time. If you have any questions, just ask Treasurer Anne Anderson or Pastor.

•**Upcoming King David Fellowship Calendar:** Please mark your calendars. The next scheduled get-to-gether is as follows. **Thursday, July 21, 2016 and August 18, 2016 from 4-7pm.** FOOD...FUN...MUSIC... 32 New York Ave. Massapequa. RSVP Gloria Thorsen hostess 799-8517 or Rev. Juanita & Walt Hilsenbeck 541-5624. All are welcomed.

•**Registration for 2016/2017 Sunday School & Confirmation** –Early bird registration is \$25 per child by June 30th or \$60 per family of 3 or more. Then fee goes up to \$35 per child or \$75 per family of 3 or more.

•**Habitat for Humanity** St David's is joining the 2016 "Faith Build" initiative of Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County. Consider joining our work team and spending a Saturday, July 9th, 8:45am at the build site. You don't have to be skilled. All hands are needed. The work team is also invited back for the House Dedication when the house is complete. Please call Julie Meier at 516 974 -7009

•**Take me Out To The Ball Game.** Join us for a night out to see the famous Long Island Ducks play baseball on Saturday, July 16th. We have 50 tickets in one section just for St David's. For \$10 you get a game ticket and

we'll also have special St David's/LI Ducks t-shirts to buy. The game starts at 6:30 pm, and includes fireworks after the game. It's a great way to spend a Saturday night with friends in the warm summer. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 5:15pm. Tickets on sale after Worship in the lobby. Please call Dave Lynam at 516 680-8110.

•**WELCA Conference Bible study PICNIC** will be held **Wednesday, July 20th at 10:30am** at Cedar Creek Park (area #5) (Rain date, July 21st). All women are invited. Joyce Anderson will lead Bible study from Gather magazine. Bring lawn chair, your lunch beverage and an item to share — entree/salad or dessert. Bring Bibles & Gather magazine if you have it. Questions: call Karen Smith 798-7894.

•**Mark your calendars for Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School on September 11th!**

•**ANNUAL CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Dates: September Sept. 23/25, 2016

Place: Camp Wilbur Herrlich (www.campherrlich.org)

Who: St. David's **Confirmation Students Grades 6-9** and our friends from Our Redeemer in Seaford

What: Exciting outdoor camp activities, dorm style accommodations, great food, and a ton of fun all woven into learning about God's love for us. **Chaperones/Drivers needed.**

Five Tips for bringing young children to worship

Sit up in the front. Yes, that's right, little kids like to see what's going on, they are awed by the candles, the organ, the sign language, and more. Each summer week, Pastor Arden will have a special message for the children.

- Even the preschool kids learn the Lord's Prayer in Sunday School, so encourage them to join in that part of the service.
- Pick up a rainbow bag in the narthex, so they will have some Christian coloring pages and activities to help pass the time.
- Be sure to get a large print bulletin and show them how to follow along. Go ahead and let them color in the margins.
- Use the quiet room in the back if you need a break, maybe borrowing a toy to bring back inside for the rest of the service.
- And here's a secret, other people around you, the ones you are so worried about disturbing, are smiling at your young family, remembering the good old days when they were in your shoes...and they hope to see you again next week! Jesus loves the little children just the way they are!

Communicating

Help us to maintain regular communication with you and provide you with good pastoral care by keeping our office up date with your current address and contact information. Also, please let the office know if...

- a baby is born in your family.
- you wish to be baptized or have a child baptized
- you wish to learn about Sunday School or confirmation programming.
- you wish to be married.
- you wish to be prayed for.
- you would like to learn about joining St David's.
- you are ill or hospitalized
- you wish to receive communion at home
- you need a ride to worship.

➤ a family member dies.

**Our mission:**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Declaración de misión:

Movilizar a las mujeres para actuar con valentía en base a su fe en Jesucrist.

Metropolitan New York Synod Women of the ELCA**President's Message**

In the past few months as president I have met some of you at events or at our WELCA table at Synod Assembly or on the phone. I have found out about many things going on in our groups. Below are some of the activities I would like to make you aware of:

**Metro New York –WELCA Gathering –
September 17, 2016**

I hope many of you will come to our Metro NY Synod WELCA Gathering on September 17 at the Wartburg in Mt. Vernon. The theme is "Who is Our Neighbor" See the flyer and forms at the end of this issue of the Witness. Pastor Carol Fryer will preside over our opening worship and Pastor Cheryl Crews will be our guest preacher. Beverly Roberts, president of the Parkchester NAACP, will explore the issue of racial justice and reconciliation. Sister Carol M. Perry of Marble Collegiate Church will lead our Bible Study.

At the Gathering we will be electing new board members, secretary and vice-president. Our board needs more board members to have a large and diverse group. I ask you to prayerfully consider running for the board or encourage women from your unit to do so. The future of our organization depends on more women acting boldly in their faith serving in leadership roles. If you are interested please fill out the nominating form at the end of this Witness or e-mail me at Irene6174@comcast.net.

This year is also a special year for our Gathering as we will be voting for two Triennial voting members for the Triennial Convention July 11-13, 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These women will

represent us at the convention and will be voting on many issues. If you are interested in being a Triennial voting member please use the form at the end of this Witness.

What's going on in our WELCA groups?

In our Metro NY Synod, WELCA groups are meeting in individual units and as groups to do many diverse activities. In speaking to different people in different parts of the synod I am learning about women doing Bible Study as a conference in Eastern Nassau Conference and Bible studies in congregational units, about prayer breakfasts in the Bronx and joint activities like Shore to Shore at the end of Long Island. People are helping with activities such as the Bronx Concert Singers. An ongoing quilting group meets at St. John's, Bellmore. Many units have applied for Thrivent grants like Dobbs Ferry to make LWR school kits and Trinity Lutheran, Brewster to make LWR layette kits and quilts. WELCA groups have helped their congregations raise money for matching grants from the Synod. These include a banquet and a unique stay at home tea party at Abiding Presence in the Bronx for paving a parking lot and a Christmas Fair at Trinity, Brewster for replacing their fellowship hall windows.

WELCA units are involved in discussion groups, Bible studies, fairs, fellowship groups, and service groups. I am excited to hear of all these activities.

Peace be with you.

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With thanks to all who remembered or honored their friends and loved ones with gifts to our funds this month:

Memorial Fund:

Doris Glatthaart & Eleanore Alf By Carol Scheuer

THANKSGIVING

In Celebration of Pastor Deitz 96th Birthday by Ruth Annunziato

+IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, PLEASE REMEMBER: + KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING: Bill Geis, Sherry Vasata, George Neidhart, Ryan Rodgers, Pastor Mitch Maybury, Fran Fontane, Anne Pacifico, Marilyn Finnerty, Alexia Fink, Anita & John Grube, James Laderty, Norman Hall, Phillip Neidhart, Kim Tarry, Rita Tarry, Sam, Nancy Michaelis, Giselle Hubbert, Rosario Chichile, Wallace Family, Paul Scheuer, Joe Gaiti, Dennis Gallery, Diana Bruu, Candice Bruder, Ruth DiSilva, Ted Ho, Leo John Margrone, Peter Schiebe III, Bob Gferer, Lucy Pena, Ester Palm-Hanser, Josephine Reno, Edward Peterson, Walter Peterson, Len Schiede, Marie Wilson, Nicholas Lagravinese, Debbie Roth, Chris Brickner, Elsie Von Durring, Alfred & Francis Fesefeldt, Charles & Carol Klein, Dorothy Petersen, Esther Hansen, Susan Mast Trinder, Mildred Ulrich, Louise Landkammer, Connie Schildt, Ed & Emma Schneider.

- We continue to pray for our armed forces as they continue to stand in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa and throughout the world. May God bless them and their families.
- Names will remain on the list until the end of each month. If prayers are still requested for the following month, please advise Mary Ann in the office at the beginning of each month.

+THOSE WHO MOURN THE PASSING OF: Regina Rodgers, Richie Locke, Savid Ihrig, Elise Zschau, Dr Jean Robinson, Maribel Thorsen, Joan Maybury, Beatrice Meyers, Jack Rallo, Frank Zacchino, Eleanore Alf, Doris Glatthaar, Keith Dunn, Fran Hickey, William Schirmacher, James McGuire, June Algeo, John Fuller, Yanet Rojas, Marge Garrett.

Pray For our Staff:

Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser Pastor
 Mary Ann Ho Office Administrator
 Robert Michaelis Deacon
 Florence Poeschke Deacon
 Janet Pinto Organist, Saturday
 Bethany Porter Organist/Choir Dir.
 Janis Garone LBS Director
 Domingo Rojas Custodian
 Patricia McCarthy Deaf Min. /Signer
 Karen Corbett Parish Nurse
 Jill Ewen Parish Nurse
 Julie Meier Sun. School Director
 JoAnn Rey Sunday School Co Director/Pianist

Pray for our Preschool Staff:

Robin Lever Preschool Dir. /Teacher
 Ruth DeSilva Preschool Teacher Asst.
 Colleen Smith Preschool Teacher
 Linda Patrissi Preschool Sub/Mommy & Me

Pray For: Our Confirmation teachers

Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser, Pastor 7th 8th & 9th
 Debbie Geis: 6th

Pray For our Lay Leaders:

Lynn Benov, /President/Stewardship/Advisor/
 Planning
 Worship/Personnel/Scholarship/Craft Fair
 Jim Sheridan VP/Council/Personnel/
 Stewardship
 JoAnn Justus Worship/Secretary/Personnel
 Anne Anderson, Council/Treasurer/Advisory
 & Planning/Finance/Craft Fair/Lay Minister
 Janis Garone Fellowship Chair/Deaf Min
 /Personnel
 Karen Krieg Council/Evangelism/ Prayer
 Shawl/Craft Fair
 Diane McMahon Council/Education
 Nick Ewen Council/ Fellowship/Finance/
 Property/
 David Lynam Council/Property/Safe Envir.
 /Stewardship
 Mark Corbett Finance/Property/Personnel
 Maddie Brower Deaf Ministry/Nominating/
 Craft Fair/Social Ministry
 Keith Ryan Endowment/Evangelism
 Tom Ho Advisory & Planning
 Chris Lewis Advisory & Planning

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 +To Live faithfully, +To make Disciples
 + To show God's love to all

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Please pray for our Military men and women,
 especially...

Chief Corpsman Craig Williams
 Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Buckley