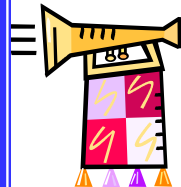


# The Trumpeter



**Good Samaritan Lutheran Church**

**October 2011**



## From the President: 2011



The sudden cool air reminds me of the coming dropping of the leaves and the fall winds. For us, the changing seasons are expected, reliable and generally predictable. So are the seasons of the church year. We begin our church year with Advent and waiting for the Christ child. We celebrate the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. We expect, anticipate, ponder and celebrate each season as a congregation. The seasons are about the rhythms and cycles through which we move. So where are we as a congregation right now? What season are we in?

For Good Samaritan's members, Pastor Tom's departure has been felt in diverse ways. For some it is cold, like winter; for some, bouncing between hints of warmth and sudden chills, like spring; for others, it put us in the lazy days of summer; and for others, it's the brisk air and chaos of falling leaves of autumn. We cannot deny that change is afoot.

Jesus tells his disciples often to not be afraid and to have faith in Him. That is what we have done and God has given us a wonderful gift. In July we welcomed Chaplain Ray Ranker who in August became Pastor Ray Ranker. He is providing pastoral care for our congregation in exchange for living in the personage and some minor expenses. We welcomed him and his new wife Karin. Pastor Ray is working with Pastor Platz at Lutheran Campus Ministry and will replace her when she retires in May 2012.

God has given us a respite to pay off our debt and ponder what we truly want to create in our midst.

As an added bonus, God has sent Pastor Platz who is working with the worship and music committee and helping Council all for the meager donations we are making to Lutheran Campus Ministry that cover the cost of a supply pastor. She is shepherding us in ways that can only be described as God's gift. She has nudged us to properly prepare the parsonage for Pastor Ray and Karin, which turned into an opportunity for many Good Samaritans to contribute to our church family while experiencing awesome fellowship. She has reminded us that our upcoming yard sale (which supports future ELCA leadership – our seminarian) is an opportunity for us to highlight our ministries to the community. She has reminded us of the importance of celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a connection that we have to the greater church and all Christians everywhere.

Church Council seems to be getting new energy to focus on who we are, whose we are, and what God is calling us to do together. We have a lot coming up. On Tuesdays through October 18<sup>th</sup> we have a presentation or workshop on women's health as part of an ELCA grant for cancer prevention. September 30<sup>th</sup> is the pricing party for the yard sale. We will gather from 4 pm until we finish and dinner will be provided. The 1<sup>st</sup> of October is the yard sale and we need help from everyone. Please distribute the flyer in this Trumpeter as you are able. October 21<sup>st</sup>, Lifeline Screening will be at Good Samaritan

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Rev. Ray Ranker  
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2011 Council President  
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to do a variety of screenings. This event is sponsored by The Washington Hospital Center and allows people to get the screenings at half the regular cost or less. October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be witness to the work being done through Shina Inc. You may remember that Pastor Tom went to Tanzania with Shina to witness firsthand the people whose lives were touched. Shina serves the most vulnerable: widows, orphans, and at risk youth, through grants.

We continue to have Sunday Worship Service at 11 am followed by fellowship, remembering that we are a community of Christ, coming together to worship and do His work. Pastor Platz presides and preaches for us 3 Sundays per month and we will have a supply pastor otherwise. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Sue Gaeta will preside over worship, preach, and join us afterward to talk about the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and how this organization is serving the needy in DC as part of our ELCA. On November 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor Phil Hirsch will preside over worship, preach, and join us afterward for a discussion to help us in our current visioning process. Pastor Hirsch is the Assistant to the Bishop.

Our ministries, whether they be internal or outreach, are re-developing. New volunteers have stepped up to help with altar guild and worship. We are a small congregation on the verge of intentionally focusing our energy on the ministries to which God is calling us. God has given us a great gift of leadership and discipleship through Lutheran Campus Ministry and it is up to us to cherish it, use it, and grow His ministry.

I hope you will join us for our monthly potlucks (always on the first Sunday of the month after worship) to share your vision of Good Samaritan and help your church family see what you need and want of your Christian brothers and sisters to help you fulfill God's mission. As we move further into autumn and prepare for winter, we also move to the new beginnings of Advent. It is a cycle God and the greater church repeats for us annually, and yet, each season is unique and will never be exactly copied. What unique ministries will spring forth from Good Samaritan is unclear. After a slow summer, Council is reinvigorated to do God's work and invites you to share in the many gifts of ministry He has given us.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Rose

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Council Meets on the Last Sunday of the month after worship.	

## Good Samaritan raises Health Awareness – Save the Date

With the support of a grant from the Women of the ELCA, Good Samaritan will host **a six week health awareness program on Tuesday evenings** starting on **September 13** and continuing to **October 13 6:30—9 pm**.

Each week we will have a different workshop to provide tips on living a healthy lifestyle.

We will hear from a community parish nurse, two nutritional experts, and an exercise instructor.

We will end with a presentation on meditation.

These programs are **free** and will be **open to the public** so **bring your friends**.

While each session will build on each other, you don't need to attend all the sessions – but please try and attend as many as you can, for your own as well as another's health.

Lilah Haxton

## Juvenile Diabetes Research

A family friend, John Viall, is spending his summer bicycling 4,000 miles across the U.S. from Maine to California to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research.

He's a retired history teacher and his blog is full of humor, history and beautiful photos.

Some people do amazing things after retirement and after age 60!

This is his second cross-country bicycle trip – last time he raised over \$20,000 for JDRF. Check out his blog at <http://viall4diabetes2011.blogspot.com/>

Lilah Haxton

# CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Pricing Party for the Yard Sale	<b>OCT</b> 1 YARD SALE 8am - 3pm
Pr Platz 2	26	Health 27	28	29	30	
Pr Gaeta 2 Pot Luck, Lutheran Vol. Corp., 50th Anniv. planning meeting	3	Health 4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Health 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	Health 18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<b>NOV</b> 1	2	3	4	5
Pr Phil Hirsch 6 Pot Luck, Our Vision Work	7	8	9	10	11	12
50th Anniversary 13 11 am—reg worship, 3 pm—special service, After worship – light refreshments	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Thanks- giving 24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>

***Good Samaritan Lutheran Church***

# **Yard Sale**

**And Bake Sale**



**10110 Greenbelt Road  
Lanham, MD 20706**

**8 am—3 pm**

**Rain or Shine**



# **Saturday**

# **October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Furniture, books, household items, craft supplies, clothes, toys and who knows what else. Come find your treasure! All proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Seminarian Fund which supports tomorrow's church leaders. For questions, call 301-794-7300.



**Please hang this page where others will see it and attend.  
We need you all and others like you Good Samaritans.**

**Thank you so much,**

**The Good Samaritan Church**

## Message from Michelle Steiner

Dear friends and Good Samaritan family,

Thank you all so much for your generous support as I prepare for my mission trip to Jerusalem as a part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. As of the deadline for fundraising, August 1, I had raised just over the minimum \$4000 required to help cover program costs, which include all my travel and living expenses for my YAGM year. I am so grateful for your contributions toward that; the church's support of my year as a YAGM means so much to me, and I hope my work abroad will make you proud to be my home congregation.

Also, I want to extend sincere thanks for the chicken supper and fundraising efforts that were made on my behalf. They were instrumental in ensuring that I reach the minimum fundraising amount, and I very much appreciate all the work and thought you put into it.

I'm leaving very soon for Chicago for our orientation, and will be headed out to Jerusalem before the end of August. This summer has gone by so quickly, and I am so glad I was able to spend time here with all of you before I leave.

Though I'm supposed to pack light, it seems as though the preparations are endless, and I will probably be working up until the night before I leave to make sure everything is done. Through all this, though, your thoughts and prayers sustain me, and I am thankful for that.

Remember, you can keep up with my journey abroad on my blog at:  
**<http://michellesyagm.wordpress.com>**.

I am so excited to begin this adventure with you!

In peace,  
Michelle

Late addition: Michelle arrived safely in Jerusalem on Sunday, Sept. 4 and has begun her in-country orientation in preparation for her mission work.  
Thank you for your continued prayers.

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For pastoral care, Pastor Ray Ranker, of Lutheran Campus Ministries, is available in the church office Mondays 3-5pm & 6-8pm. For emergency pastoral care or to set up an appointment at a different time or place, please call him on his cell, 410-294-6691.

**Mailing Label**

**Growing Together in God's Grace!**

***Coming Good Sam Events:***

**KEY FUTURE EVENT DATES:**

**Health Awareness  
Tuesdays from Sept. 13 — Oct. 18, 2011**

**Yard Sale—Sat. Oct. 1, 2011  
Contact Rose Woodruff for more information**

**Daytime Lifeline Health Screening  
Friday Oct. 21, 2011**

**50th Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday November 13, 2011**

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***Ongoing Events***

**Sunday AM Worship**  
11: 00 AM worship service

**WOC Bible Study**  
As scheduled by Kathy Bevard  
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**We're on the Web!**  
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