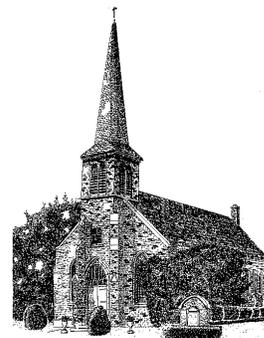


The CALLER

Our Mission: Empowering others with the Good News of Jesus Christ:
Making Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives, and Demonstrating love in God's Name



June 2014 at St. Paul's

Morning Prayer—Tuesdays at 7:00 am. (no gathering on Tues. June 3)

Sun.-Tues. June 1-3—Upstate NY Synod Assembly in Rochester

**Tuesdays at 10 — (except June 3) Bible Study—
"What Happened Next?" - Jesus rose on Easter, but what happened after that?**

**Wed. June 4 —10:00—Comforters meet in the Parish Hall including lunch with Pr. Steve at Noon.
Pot-Luck—bring a dish to share.**

Thurs., June 5—8:00-9:30 p.m. St Pauli's Brewers—craft beer & Bible Study for men over 21

June dates for Men's Club Breakfast & Bible Study—TBA

**Tues. June 9— 7:00—Council
7:00—Egbertsville Community Org.**

Remember—if you're scheduling a meeting or an event, check the planning calendar on the board by the offices to make sure space is available! Or call or e-mail the Church Office: (835-0407 or office@stpaulseggertsville.org)



Worship at St. Paul's

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord"
Psalm 122:1*

As of May 25 we are on our Summer Schedule of a single service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. through August 31

**June 1—7th Sunday of Easter - Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion**

**June 8—The Day of Pentecost - Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion
Confirmation for 6 of our young people**

**June 15—The Holy Trinity—Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion**

**June 22—2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion**

**June 29—3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- Pr. Josh McGuffie
10:00—Holy Communion**

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**St. Paul's is a congregation of the Niagara Frontier Conference of the Upstate New York Synod
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**

From Pastor Steve



Dear Friends and Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for 236 great days. As we gather on May 4th for our "church business," it will have been 236 days since we began this partnership.

I believe we are off to a pretty great start. Let's do this for another 236 at least!!! In fact, just like Tiger is chasing Jack's golf Major record, maybe we should go for Pastor Olin's record!!

OK, let's just take it slower.....But you really haven't yet. Slowed down that is. In fact, after making this switch to a 3/4 time pastor, you've actually grown, changed and thrived. Rapidly.

This has only happened because you have been open to change. Our current staff, Mary, Paul, Adam/Kristen and now Elisabeth, have done a wonderful job of living into the mission of empowering people with good news. They've adapted quickly to the changes and new ideas. Thank you to so many volunteers, Dave and Judi who continue to lead the Confirmation program; our Deacons who lead worship; our guest preachers for proclaiming God's love so well; our Sunday School teachers for trying something different; all of our 9am worshippers that have become the Impact Service; our Council and Team leaders that are rediscovering the vision of St. Paul's and working hard to seek connections, nourish faith, enrich lives and demonstrate God's love; the choir who faithfully leads us in song; the cooks that make everything from Communion bread to great sauce; the Property Team that keeps the building from falling apart; and you, who do the behind the scenes ministry, folding, knitting, visiting, loving, listening and cooking.

236 days. And all that has happened. You've added staff. Added ministries. Added websites. Added devotion. Added Impact. Added mentors. Added laughter back to Sundays. Added people in worship as you've grown by almost 15%.

So what about the next 236? We've got more to do. We're going to add more ways to plug into our local Egbertsville community. We can no longer drift out into the suburbs further. Now we need to reach our neighbors. We will walk the neighborhoods and share acts of joy and kindness. We will add a summer program week called Impact Day Camp starting July 14. We will start after-school care for local families during the week to assist the needs at Windermere school.

And we have to retire that parking lot debt. This fall we will turn our energy to putting that thing to bed once and for all!! It's from projects that are over 14 years old now, and we need to free up that money to now USE that parking lot for ministry, for summer camps, for kids to play on, for more seniors to park on as they come for lunch or community time. And I've seen your generous giving over the past 236 day. You made a mistake....you showed a Biegner your cards! Now I know we can retire 300K debt! Because what if....what if we opened a bakery....a coffee shop.... What if people could find good news at St. Paul's over a cup of coffee during the week, a conversation and danish? What if students could get their first job experience at their own church? What if....

But I digress.

Thanks. Thanks for the first 236. May God's blessing pour out over us all in the next 236. And may those blessings be very easy to see!

Still in One Peace,

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In our Congregational Family

June 2014

In my first letter as president, I would like to thank our departing council members for all their dedication and service: Mimi Fierle, Craig Maefs, Bill Niblock and Dave Wolf.

Congratulations to the following members who are beginning their new terms on council: Todd Vahue, Barbara Walter, me (Scott Fierle) and Jane Woodward (elected to a 2-year term.) I've been chosen to serve as Council President, with Todd Vahue as Vice President and Hilde Neubauer as Secretary. Bill Niblock is in the process of handing over his duties as Treasurer to Curt Chace. Thanks to all these for agreeing to fulfill these responsibilities on behalf of St. Paul's!

I look forward to serving on council. Please reach out to me anytime with your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. The church is everyone's and we should always be open in our dialog and share in our many blessings.

Scott Fierle

Pray for the Church! every day at 3:16 p.m.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen

THANKS

The 2013-14 Church Council wants to extend its appreciation to Mimi Fierle for her leadership as President of Church Council during the past 12 months. Mimi was out of town the weekend of the congregational meeting and the Council meeting, which saw the election of new officers and Council members, so there was no opportunity to thank her personally. Mimi – enjoy your retirement! We know you'll always be available to support St. Paul's.

From Brownie Troop #122—Thanks for letting our troop meet here at St. Paul's. See you next year!

From Matt, Colleen and Liam Miller—Sending so much love and many thanks from sunny Sarasota Fl. The beautiful baptismal shawl is breath-taking and such an incredible keepsake for our family. What a beautiful thing to have that our son will have this to pass down from the church that his father was baptized in. St. Paul's was very much on our minds and in our hearts on Easter Sunday when Liam officially became a member of the church. How blessed we are to receive this special gift. (Liam is the grandson of Julie and Ron Miller, and they took a baptismal shawl from St. Paul's for his Easter Day baptism.)

From Evelyn Berger—Thank you so much for the beautiful carnations. Thank you also to Joan Runckel for bringing them to my home.

From Mildred Mahoney—Thanks to my St. Paul's friends for the beautiful altar flowers delivered to me at Beechwood by Julie Miller

From Dorothy Wolff— Thanks for the beautiful bouquet of altar flowers. I really enjoy them!

From Betty Venator— My sincere thanks you to everyone at St. Paul's for their prayers, emails, cards, and phone calls of concern and well wishes. I've been truly moved by the outpouring of heart-warming sentiments and ask that you keep my continued treatments in mind as the months go on.

Youth & Sunday School Corner

Youth Ministry

ELCA National Youth Gathering Info Meeting June 1 at 11 a.m.

Youth Night at Church—June 6 6:30-9:00 for grades 6-12

Youth Room makeover—
Sunday, June 29 11 a.m.—3 p.m. for grades 6-12



Sunday School

Through the Summer we'll continue to have a Children's message each week, but instead of leaving for classes, there will be space set up in the Main Street entry where kids can come to color or do quiet crafts during worship.

And don't forget to register for:

IMPACT SUMMER DAY CAMP—July 14-18—in place of Vacation Bible School. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity! We are cooperating with Holy Trinity, Buffalo; Parkside, Buffalo; Trinity, Akron and Trinity United Methodist (Niagara Falls Blvd.), Amherst in this venture.

Confirmation News

June 2014

SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday June 8th

**Jared Dywan, John Eggleston,
Matthew Goodman,**

McKenzie Israel,

Matthew Kulikowski, Chloe Vahue

will be Confirmed

Come celebrate with us!

**Thanks for your Prayers and Support
throughout the year!**

From the Parish Register

Died—"Into your hands, O Merciful Savior..."

Robert E. Gallagher

Agnes H. Gallagher

Louise M. Will

Help Wanted – Worship Assistance—By John W. Schunak

Have you ever thought about assisting at St. Paul's worship services? If you have ever considered becoming an assisting minister, lector, or second station communion assistant, we would be pleased to talk with you about it.



Sara Gallagher, Barb Walter, Mary Wolf, and I have the honor of serving as assisting ministers at St. Paul's. Having completed my first year, I am pleased to have the experience and recommend it to anyone who would like to assist in proclaiming the word, celebrating the sacraments, serving God, and serving fellow people. The time commitment is about half an hour to prepare and the length of the two worship services for a given Sunday. I can attest, first hand, that it is a wonderful feeling to serve in this way.



David Lampe currently serves as a lector. The lector reads the scriptures assigned for worship prior to Pastor's proclamation of the Gospel. Often the assisting minister performs this task, but it is nice to have other members involved in worship in this manner. Most often the lector only reads at the 10 AM service. The time commitment

is approximately a half hour to prepare (i.e., to carefully read through the scriptures to be presented) and the time of the worship service itself.



Second station communion assistants help with distributing the wine at our weekly celebration of communion.

Several people in our congregation have helped in this important role. Usually this help is only required at the 10 AM service. The words are simple but are part of the foundation of our faith "The blood of Christ shed for you!" There is no preparation time and the help is focused during the celebration of communion.

Please give some thought to helping in one of these ways during our worship celebrations. Each of these roles is an important part of our weekly worship. Consider taking a more active part in our celebration of the gifts of Grace and of the Resurrection. Please speak with Pastor, Sara, Barb, Mary, or me if you would like to ask questions or if you would like to volunteer for one of these opportunities to serve.

eBAY News *from Sara Gallagher June 2014*

Ebay selling is doing very well. Received a donation of a Nintendo 64 game console and accompanying games, books and accessories. They were split up into eleven auctions and sold for \$261.65 giving us a profit of \$244.85 after paying selling fees.

Maybe you recognize some things on this list that you donated.

- 6 boxes of rubber rings for canning jars
- Movie DVD: P.S.
- 4 pieces of blue/white coordinating prints fabric
- Lot of 9 SONY mini discs and cases
- Unfinished Wood Memory Shelf
- Cross Stitch Kit for Carousel Horse picture
- 2 Cast Iron skillets
- 2 Wagner Ware Tea Size Krusty Korn Kob cast iron trays
- Antique Apothecary Weight Set with Tweezers
- Nativity Crèche made entirely of Straw
- Antique circa 1870 Oil Lamp
- Counted Cross Stitch Kit for "Twelve Days of Christmas" Stocking
- Counted Cross Stitch Kit for "Cats in a Row" picture
- Counted Cross Stitch Kit for "Christmas Toys Stocking
- Lot of 10 Needle Crafts and Needlework magazines

Maybe you have things just like or similar to these and had forgotten about them. You could get rid of them and St. Paul's would benefit. I'm here for you! Email SaraJG@aol.com, find me at church, or call 834-1833.

Also, in the month of May another \$500 from eBay sales was transferred into our checking account.

When Should You Call the Church Office?

- To arrange for a Baptism
- To schedule a wedding date and pre-marital counseling sessions
- Anytime you or a family member is in the hospital (*including* having a baby!)
- If there is a death in the family
- If you move or change your phone number (we have to pay the post office for returned mail!)
- When you need to talk with a Pastor. . .
- When there's a situation you think we need to know about . . .

Church Office Hours – If you've ever come to St. Paul's during the day, only to be unable to gain access because no one answered the doorbell, the following are hours when you can be certain that someone is in the building.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 am –noon; 1-4 pm; Wednesday: 1 – 4 pm.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings:

10:00—Holy Communion—through Sept. 1

Daily Prayer:

7:00 a.m. Tuesdays (except 6/3)



The purpose of the Staff Support

Committee is to affirm and strengthen the mission of the congregation and the ministry which is performed by the salaried employees. The committee serves as a channel for open communication pertaining to expectations, attitudes and concerns between the congregation and the salaried employees, including the pastor, while at all times maintaining the highest degree of confidentiality. The committee attempts to identify early warning signs of misunderstandings and makes recommendations to Church Council to defuse problem situations. The committee should be understood as a significant element in the congregation's life with regular reports to both the council and the congregation, although these reports will, of course, not include confidential matters. If you have any observations, comments, concerns, or constructive feedback, please contact the Pastor or any member of this committee to discuss. All matters will be immediately addressed with the appropriate committee or individual while keeping names strictly confidential. Thank you, Kathryn Francis, Dave Metz, Susan Mumma, June Piette and John Weiss



Do you get our E-mail Updates?

Every week (and sometimes more often!) —an e-mail update goes out from the Church Office to remind you of coming events, and to inform you of things in the life of the congregation that happen between Sundays.

If you're not on the list receiving these and you would like to be, just contact the Church Office with your e-mail address 835-0407 and let Mary know you want to be added.

We need your permission to add your e-mail to the list.

Reaching Beyond St. Paul's

The food for June is SOUP!—Please pick up a couple cans when you do your grocery shopping.

And gently used bedding and household linens are needed for the “Threads of Hope” Linens Pantry.



Making an IMPACT!

The 9am Impact service is taking a break for the summer. Over the summer we will have just one traditional service. The impact service will resume in the Fall.

Looking over the past several months as the Impact service got up and moving, it's great to reflect on the ways

that St. Paul's has reached out to our community. From visiting shut-ins to packing over 4,000 meals to feed families in Western New York. We've reached out with flowers and baked goods to our immediate neighbors and we've put together backpacks full of food to help families right in the Amherst school district. We've done a lot! It's exciting to see the impacts that these activities have had both on us as a congregation as well as the communities of Buffalo. Thank you!!

Stay tuned over the summer for some larger, monthly events to get involved in reaching out to our community. And as always, if you have ideas or see a neighbor in need and would like to get together a group to help out, email me at impact@stpaulseggertsville.org!

Over the summer, the Impact Day camps, organized by Peer Minister Dan Potaznick, will take place at several different churches throughout the Buffalo area. St. Paul's will host a week-long day camp from 8-5 the week of July 14-18. We can use your help!!

- Donating or preparing food for lunches and snacks
- Donating craft supplies
- Donating toward scholarships/sponsorships for kids in the area to attend the day camps (The cost for each student is \$50 for the week)

If you have any questions contact Elisabeth, Pastor Steve or Dan Potaznick!

PLEASE

if you're changing over from a land-line phone to a cell-phone only household, LET US KNOW how to reach you! Call the Church Office 835-0407 or e-mail: office@stpaulseggertsville.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

In 1939, Lutherans all across the United States banded together to reach out to assist Lutheran refugees fleeing Nazi Germany. Creating [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#) (LIRS) to organize their efforts, they welcomed these new Americans and walked with them as they began their new lives in the United States. Seventy five years later, LIRS has directly resettled over 500,000 migrants and refugees in the U.S., extending the love and hospitality of this great nation.

Upstate New York has been shaped by a series of different migrations throughout the centuries. Our history here goes back to Dutch, Palatine, German, and Swedish settlements among many others. “Welcoming the immigrant” is part and parcel of who we are as the church. Several of our congregations have ministries to and with those who were once refugees. Here's an opportunity to learn more and perhaps to join hands with others who Stand for Welcome. It's another way that God is changing lives.

On **Sunday, June 22**, the 75th anniversary of LIRS will be celebrated. Participate by:

1. Lifting up refugees in your prayers
2. Telling stories
3. Having a learning event

Taking an offering for LIRS

To help you, your church, or group more fully experience World Refugee Day, LIRS will send you a free Refugee Sunday Kit when you request one today. <http://www.elca.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Seeds/2014/04/140403-Planning-for-Refugee-Sunday>

God's Work. Our Hands.

Dash's Receipts = Cash!

Please continue to save your Dash's register tapes and place them in the collection box in the back narthex. They provide a source of extra income which enables the Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild to enrich the lives of the residents at the NLHS facilities. For 2013 more that \$1600 was received from this source. They really do add up!



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Coming this Summer

Morning Prayer—Tuesdays at 7:00 am. (except July 29 and August 12)

IMPACT SUMMER DAY CAMP—July 14-18 -brochures with full info were mailed with the May CALLER for additional information, to register or to volunteer, please contact Kristen Arends (481-8728 or kristen.arends@gmail.com) or Dan Potaznick (potaz91@gmail.com)

Summer Theological Institute—August 10-15 at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora; Guest Theologian is Rev. Dr. E. Werner Weinreich—Letters from Paul and Peter; other instructors and courses include Pr. Brian McCaffrey—Intro to Older Life Ministry and Pr. Dan Hoffman—From Luther to the Present. Registration materials are available from Mary in the Church Office

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