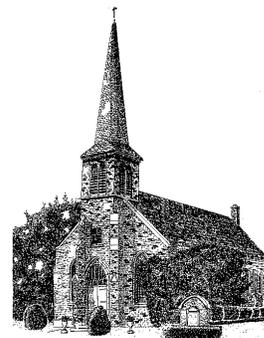


# The CALLER

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



## May 2014 at St. Paul's

**Morning Prayer—Tuesdays at 7:00 am.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4 following 10:00 worship**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—Council will meet following the meeting to elect officers.

**Tuesdays at 10 —Bible Study—"What Happened Next?"** - we know Jesus rose on Easter, but what happened after that?

**Wed. May 7 —10:00—Comforters meet in the Parish Hall including lunch with Pr. Steve at Noon. Bring a brown bag. Beverages & dessert provided.**

**Thurs., May 1—8:00-9:30 p.m. St Pauli's Brewers—craft beer & Bible Study for men over 21**

**Sat. May 3, 17, 28 —9:00 Men's Club Breakfast & Bible Study—all men are welcome!**

**Tues. May 13—7:00—Egbertsville Community Org.**

**Thurs. May 15—6:00—Evangelism & Outreach**

**Sat, May 17—Spring Clean-up—lots of help needed to get St. Paul's spiffed up after a long, hard winter! 9-Noon, come when you can; leave when you must.**

**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](mailto: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*

**May 4—3rd Sunday of Easter** - Pastor Steve  
9:00—Impact Service  
9:00—Adult Forum, Confirmation Class  
10:00—Holy Communion  
10:00—Sunday School

**Congregational Meeting follows 10:00 worship**

**May 11—4th Sunday of Easter** - Pastor Steve  
9:00—Impact Service  
9:00—Adult Forum  
10:00—Holy Communion  
10:00—Sunday School

**May 18—5th Sunday of Easter— Music Sunday**  
Pastor Steve  
9:00—Impact Service  
9:00—Adult Forum  
10:00—Holy Communion  
10:00—Sunday School wrap-up

**May 25—6th Sunday of Easter**  
Adam & Kristen Arends  
9:00—Adult Forum  
10:00—Holy Communion

*As of May 25 we move to our Summer Schedule of a single service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.*

St. Paul's Nursery is staffed for the convenience of members and visitors by Christina Weber, a Peer Minister from the Olin House next door. She will be there for both services.

**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,

A huge thanks to our Staff Support Team. Please make sure you are up to date on the work they are doing for St. Paul's. As we continue to redevelop to better serve the people of St. Paul's, the Kingdom of God in the community around us and the world, their work nurturing, guiding, goal setting and right sizing our staff positions is a crucial piece of ministry.

Obviously, the first major shift we made was a 3/4 time pastor for St. Paul's. (That's me) As we move through our first year together, we will continue to evaluate how that is working. I'm very thankful for the team of staff, deacons, campus ministers and guest preachers that are partners in our Sunday morning leadership. Without them *and your reception of their lead-*

*ership and proclamation of the gospel*, this couldn't work. So kudos to you as well.

Here is the latest update from the Staff Support Team

### **Staff Support Committee (SSC)**

The SSC serves as a conferring, consulting group for the pastor and employed staff of the congregation and reports directly to Church Council. The SSC meets annually with paid employees to review and update their respective job descriptions, provide performance feedback and discuss comments or concerns that have been confidentially shared with the SSC by members of the congregation.

Through the employee review process which began in 2012, the SSC and Parish Administrator mutually agreed that the "Full Time" Parish Administrator position has evolved into "Part-Time" due to decline in church memberships, advancement of technology and the welcomed involvement of church volunteers. SSC made a recommendation to Church Council that the church should begin the process to reevaluate and right size the Parish Administrators position to "Part-Time" over the next few years. Any changes that are made will take place slowly and prayerfully. Future adjustments and changes to the current Parish Administrator's job description will be communicated to the congregation through email, Caller and church bulletins so everyone will be on the same page moving forward.

As we move forward with this process, the top priority of the SSC will be to continue to work closely with the Parish Administrator and together develop a clear path forward to accomplish this transition while honoring Mary's 30+ years of service to St Paul's.

Remember, NOTHING will change at St. Paul's without communicating the background, needs and reasoning to the church family first. So, keep reading the Caller, keep coming to church, keep reading your emails. If you are not receiving the weekly email updates, weekly devotions and Impact Service updates from St. Paul's, please shoot me an email so we can get you linked in.

Enjoy May. Be aware of the service time changes for June through Labor Day. Keep active in your faith life and church life. Pray for your church, your family and your community around you.

And be ready to keep empowering people with the good news of Jesus!

Still in One Peace,

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## In our Congregational Family

May 2014

Wow, it sure has been an exciting year at St. Paul's. I want to say, "thank you!", for letting me serve you as a member of our Council for the past 5 years and President for my last year. We have had to make some crucial, hard, emotional and exciting decisions during this time. I have been honored to be a part of all of them. I feel that St. Paul's now stands on a very firm rock and will only become stronger as the future presents itself.

At each council meeting I glanced at the photograph of my dad (Pastor Carl Olin) and knew that he has given me guidance and strength. As my mother says – Dad would be very proud of what you have accomplished.

Now it is time for new leaders at St. Paul's - I know that you're in good hands with your new Council members. I've been saying for the past year – please get involved. Whether it be a Sunday Impact event, helping out with Sunday school, being part of the choir or joining a social group – you'll only feel better about yourself and your church when you do.

You are going to see lots of activity around the outside of the church starting in June. With gifts from the memorial committee – all new landscaping will be created in the front and side of the building. The handicap ramp will be getting a facelift – with an epoxy finish and painted handrail. The roof over the Parish Hall will have solar panels install (this is not part of the memorial fund –but an energy investment on St. Paul's behalf which will actually save us money)

The week of July 14<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's will be hosting Impact Day Camp. This is a twist to the traditional VBS. Brochures will be out soon with more information or you can visit [wnyimpactfoundation.com](http://wnyimpactfoundation.com)

Thanks again for making this a great transition year.

In God's Peace

Mimi Fierle

### **Haiti Mission meeting**

*Please join us on **Tuesday May 6th at 7p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** to learn more about the future of Haiti mission. As you know Pastor Steve and his wife, Michelle, have travelled to Haiti several times in recent years. They feel called to continue their mission work there and are seeking new interested future team members! If you have ever considered going on a mission trip, please join us to learn more about mission trips to Haiti and plans for the future. We are reaching out to folks at Holy Trinity in hopes of finding some potential team members for upcoming medical mission work. If you have any medical background at all - we have a place for you! And even if you don't....there is a role to play in Haiti!*

*Any questions - call Michelle Biegner at 868-7832 or email at [michellebiegner@gmail.com](mailto:michellebiegner@gmail.com)*

*Hope to see some St. Paul's faces there!*

### **THANKS**

From Dorothy Schugardt—Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily and your many cards and well-wishes. It is hard to believe it has been a year since my wonderful husband left me we be with our dear Lord. Once again, thank you for your encouragement. Blessings & love

From Norm & Nancy Wittholz—We with to thank Jane Woodward for delivering the beautiful church flowers, also Brownie Troop 122 for the unique Easter basket.

**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

## eBAY News *from Sara Gallagher May 2014*

Thanks for your donations. There is a lot of variety in the items that we sold since last report. You couldn't just make a list asking for these things. They are:

- Antique Curling Iron
- 11-piece Apothecary Weight Set
- Engraved Copper Cup
- Eli Lilly Insulin Supplies Travel Bag
- Milk Glass Sconce Bulb Cover
- Lot of Fisher Price Kitchen toys
- Small Statue of Venus De Milo
- 5 pieces of Glass Fruit

Donations and ideas are always welcome. Contact me by email at [SaraJG@aol.com](mailto:SaraJG@aol.com), find me at church, or call 834-1833.

### 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.

*Of necessity, Mary's responsibilities sometimes cause her to leave the building. However, now someone will be available during the above hours.*

### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday Mornings:

**9:00 & 10:00—Holy Communion—through May 18**

#### Daily Prayer:

**7:00 a.m. Tuesdays**



### 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 May is JELLY!—Please pick up some 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!**

It's Spring! Which means often means cleaning and redeveloping. The Impact worship will be right in line with that.

In the next month, the Impact service will begin to shape-shift. We're going to begin to directly integrate our service into our worship. After all, service *is* worship!

Especially now that the weather is nicer, we'll be focusing on outreach to the neighbors right around St. Paul's as well as our own members of the congregation.

**If you or anyone you know could use help with any things around the house - raking, weeding, cleaning gutters, etc. Please let Elisabeth know as we will be integrating these types of services into the Impact worship.**

We will also be collecting items for new mothers for Mother's Day - so if you have grown children, and are no longer in need of your cribs, baby blankets, playpens, onesies, bottles...etc. Don't throw them out just yet! More information to come on that.

### **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](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*God's work. Our hands.*

### **STOP, CARE, ACT**

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond to eradicate poverty and hunger.

Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. **Thank you!** From Alaska to Alabama, from Chile to China, your gifts are hard at work helping our neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your generous giving makes it possible for ELCA World Hunger to be present throughout the United States and throughout the world. As a partner of churches, social ministry organizations and development and advocacy organizations, ELCA World Hunger helps reach communities most in need throughout the world. Our relationships in the U.S. and around the world create an infrastructure that allows us to be very cost efficient and effective — less than 10 cents of every dollar is used for program administration and fundraising.

The Upstate New York Synod assembly's theme this year is “Poured out for the World—Stop, Care and Act.” The World Hunger Task Force has challenged each congregation to STOP, CARE and ACT by raising at least \$400, the estimated cost of paying for a night at an inn, transportation, and care for two people in need. Spend the month of May concentrating on this goal: collect change in a soup pot, have a special offering, designate the proceeds from a fundraiser. Pour yourself out to feed the world!  
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 in June***

**Morning Prayer—Tuesdays at 7:00 am.**

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

***Sat. June 14, 28 —Men's Club Breakfast & Bible Study—all men are welcome!***

***Wed. June 4 —10:00—Comforters meet in the Parish Hall—Pot Luck Lunch!***

***Tues. June 10 —7:00—Council***  
***7:00—Egbertsville Community Org***



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## **Youth & Sunday School Corner**

### **Christian Education Update**

Sunday School will wrap up on May 18. It's been a good year! Special thanks to all who have taught this year— Adam & Kristen Arends, Ruth Lampe, Karen Freeburg, Christine Shanley, Scott Vahue, Sue Niblock, Jean & Paul Speaker, Hilde Neubauer, and Betty Aprile. Sunday School attendance varies, but has averaged around 10-12 youth per week.



Through the Summer we'll have something different during worship. 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.

Another new thing will be our IMPACT SUMMER DAY CAMP—July 14-18—in place of Vacation Bible School. There's a flier included with this CALLER with all the details. 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 May 2014**

Members of the Confirmation Class & other youth helped read the Passion Narrative on Palm Sunday



Members of the Confirmation Class and some "alumni" gathered on the day before Palm Sunday to strip the palms and learn to make palm crosses which many people picked up to take home the next day.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday June 8th 6 of us will be  
Confirmed at 10am Worship!  
Come join us!

Thanks for your Prayers and Support  
throughout the year!

## **BABY BLESSINGS BASICS**

### **Needs are:**

new or clean, gently-used clothing - newborn to 3T, baby blankets, Bedding, crib sheets, etc., diapers, wipes, etc. Gift cards to Tops, Wegman's or Target to buy diapers and supplies

### ***No toys or baby equipment.***

Donations can be put in the shed off the parking lot at the back of the church at any time. Financial contributions are also appreciated so we can purchase needed items. Checks may be made payable to Crossroads and clearly marked for Baby Blessings Basics.

***Please join us in supporting this ministry!***

### **Thank You, Choir and Paul!**

I wanted to recognize the choir and Paul Storfer for the wonderful music they provided for the Holy Week Services. By my count they prepared at least nine anthems for the services starting on Palm Sunday. Their dedication is remarkable and they add so much to our worship. Thanks to them for their hard work!



### **DANCEABILITY 7th Annual "The Joy of Dancing"**

**Saturday, May 10 at 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.  
at Cleve Hill High School \$10/person;  
\$5/kids 10 and under—order by calling  
651-0094**



***Danceability*** co-founded by St. Paul's church-goer, Robin Bishop, is a non-profit dance and movement program for children and adults with special needs, located in Cheektowaga. We are currently seeking some new Board Members.

*If you have a special talent and would like to find a unique way to "give back" to the community, becoming a board member may be just the thing you are looking for. Whether you have a passion for theater and dance, a connection and compassion for those with special needs, or are just a talented business professional, consider checking out danceability. We are currently looking for individuals who are great networkers to spread the word about danceability in our local community and beyond. We are especially interested in those with leadership skills in fund-raising, human resources, insurance, non-profit law and donor relations. Interested people should send a letter of interest and resume to danceability07@yahoo.com. You are also welcome to visit our studios and observe classes simply by calling 651-0094.*



**From LCLC**

Dear Friends, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is truly blessed by friends like you who give to our ministry. Through gifts such as yours we are able to provide programs that encourage and nurture the spirit of our guests and campers. Your generous donation will help us continue to reach out and connect with many individuals. Your support is a true blessing!

Lee M. Lindeman, Executive Director

***A cordial invitation to: LCLC's Donor Complimentary Appreciation Dinner***

Sunday, June 22, 2014

4:00-5:00—guided tours led by summer staff

5:00-5:30—Hors d'oeuvres

5:30—Dinner is served

6:30—Entertainment by the summer staff and an update on many exciting things happening at LCLC

Please call the office at 386-4125 to RSVP no later than June 13.

**From the Lutheran Foundation of WNY**

Dear Friends, This letter is to thank you for your contribution to the Lutheran Foundation of WNY. As you know, the Foundation enables the congregations of the Niagara Frontier to better serve their communities through grants for outreach programs and loans for capital improvements. Your contribution will be added to the investment fund and will help to continue the Foundation's ability to support such programs as Lord of Life Adult and Child Services and the RAGtime program at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support of the Foundation's mission and your continued partnership in the philanthropic Lutheran community.

Barbara W.M. Biegner, Secretary/Treasurer

**From the Niagara Frontier Conference Diakonia Program**

Dear Friends, We acknowledge with gratitude your continuing support of this program that provides educational opportunities for individuals and congregations in the Niagara Frontier Conference! Diakonia is lifelong education for the whole people of God in service to the world. We offer educational events for personal spiritual growth; training in worship leadership, visitation and preaching; core courses for those training to be deacons; and guidance in congregational worship planning, just to mention a few! Gifts like yours help us to continue to provide these events for laypersons and clergy—the next one being our Summer Theological Institute, August 10-15 at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora. We invite and encourage any and all interested persons to take advantage of this and future opportunities to learn and grow in faith and service.

Mary E. Wolf, Secretary

*The gifts acknowledged here are part of our benevolence budget, providing support to these and many other groups, institutions and agencies who provide services to*