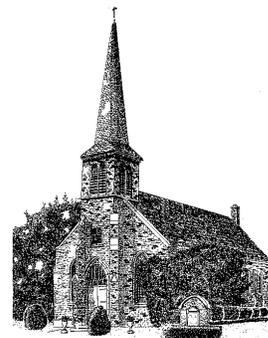


The CALLER

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



Summer 2014 at St. Paul's

Morning Prayer—Tuesdays at 7:00 am. (no gathering on Tues. July 29 or August 12)

**Tuesday Bible Study is over for the Summer
—we'll resume on Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.**

**Impact Summer Day Camp—July 14-18—there's still room and still time to register your child(ren)!
Contact Dan Potaznick for info at <potaz91@gmail.com>**

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)



Special Music For the Summer!

Through the Summer we'll have guest soloists and musicians bringing beauty to our worship each week. As Paul schedules these folks, we'll be getting the list out on the weekly e-mail and in the Sunday bulletin. If you would like to make a donation in support of this program, please use the "Special Music" envelope in the pew rack, or send your donation to the Church Office, clearly marked "Special Music." Thanks!

July 6—Adrienne Tworek-Gryta

July 13—Cathedral Brass

July 20—TBA

July 27—Maria Hardcastle

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*

July 6—4th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pr Josh McGuffie
10:00—Holy Communion

July 13—5th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

July 20—6th Sunday after Pentecost
—Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

July 27—7th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

Aug. 3—8th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

Aug. 10—9th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

Aug. 17—10th Sunday after Pentecost
— Pastor Steve
10:00—Holy Communion

Aug. 24—11th Sunday after Pentecost
Nick Stroczkowski
10:00—Holy Communion

Aug. 31—12th Sunday after Pentecost
- Nick Stroczkowski
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,

I've been doing long distance biking and running events for awhile now and I've learned a lot of things. Some of the things I've learned have to do with nutrition and how best to take care of my body over the long haul.

Bottom line: No matter how good I'm feeling when I start, I need to periodically and systematically add nutrition to my body or it will betray me and fall apart. So every few miles or minutes, I need to add to it. If I forget, it becomes increasing difficult to make the body work correctly.

I've been working with some long distance churches lately and doing ministry mile after mile, year after year. Some of the things I've learned have to do with financial nutrition and how best to feed the ministry of the church over the long haul. If we don't put the financial nutrition into the ministry on a consistent basis, the body does not function as well.

OK, not exactly the same, but I hope you see where I'm going. Our consistent weekly giving to the work of the Lord helps the church and its mission in the world be consistent and healthy in empowering people with good news.

Jesus said in the New Testament: "If someone ever invents Direct Withdrawal giving, please use it. It's fantastic and consistent and easy. And it's OK if you don't put anything in the offering plate each Sunday because of it or you toss in an empty envelope to represent it."

OK, he didn't exactly say that. But the Scriptures do talk of "first fruits giving" and a lot of other concepts that have to do with us consistently and intentionally sharing our blessings.

I started using the Direct Withdrawal (see information enclosed in the Caller) as part of my giving to churches a few years ago. It's been fantastic for several reasons: (1) It's one of the first things that comes out of my checking account, representing how I want to order my giving to God, (2) I don't have to mess with writing checks, which I usually forget at home, (3) the weeks I'm not here, the giving still happens, which allows me to keep adding financial nutrition to the church and (4) it's easier for the counters at the church to count and record.

Give it some thought. Try it for a few months. If you don't like it, you can say: "Steve's a dope and he made up that quote from Jesus" and stop the process. But I don't think you will.

In fact, if we can get 20 more families to use the Direct giving, I'll up my giving by \$10/week. Boom! Take that! Challenge given!

All right, see you in church!

Still in One Peace,

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Simply Giving:

a simple and convenient way to give

We invite you to consider signing up for electronic giving for the coming year. St. Paul's relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. You can give on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or semi-annual schedule, whatever works best for you. A form is included in this CALLER—please fill it in and return it to the Church Office, by mail or in the offering plate. Thanks!

In our Congregational Family

Summer 2014

“The summer night is like a perfection of thought.” ~Wallace Stevens

“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.” ~Sam Keen

“Summer is a wonderful time of year because I don’t have to wear an undershirt.” ~Carl Olin, Jr.

Many say that WNYers enjoy summer more than folks in other parts of the country. It is a time for vacation, travel, festivals, friends and family.

This summer we will see the back steps and ramp get a facelift, air conditioning will be added to the kitchen area, lots of landscaping will give the front of the church a fresh look and the office will be receiving new computers.

The new church council has met for the last time this summer, but lots of activities and ministries are being worked on. If someone asks you to help with an event or a committee, please try to help out. If you see something you would like to assist with, please consider volunteering. One goal I have for myself in this new position will be to ask more people to get involved. Church council members are responsible for lots of work and help out often. I would like to see more people contribute their time and talents in the St. Paul’s community. It can be very fulfilling and enhances our faith journey in Christ.

Enjoy your summer!

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

From the Eggertsville Community Org.—we would like again to thank St. Paul’s for their hospitality. We appreciate the opportunity to help continue your community outreach program by holding our general and board meetings in your church. The Parish Hall is great for our gatherings and we appreciate the nice kitchen for our annual pot-luck dinner. Again, thank you for your generosity and kindness. God bless—the Board of Directors and Members of the Eggertsville Community Organization.

From Betty Venator—Dear Fellow Christians, Thank you for all of your prayers and well-wishes. It is a joy to be so warmly greeted on the Sundays I “make it” to worship, and then on June 15 you gifted me with a cuddly prayer shawl and the altar flowers! Thank you again! It all means so much and is sincerely appreciated.

From Ralph & Marilyn Quance Ralph and I thank you for the colorful floral arrangement delivered by Joyce and Curt Chace and for your prayers and best wishes. My brother and sister-in-law arrived from Nebraska so the flowers were enjoyed all the more. We also appreciated the visit earlier by Pastor Steve.

Youth & Sunday School Corner

Sunday School

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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 Summer 2014

What's exciting about at 9:00 am Sundays
in that big room downstairs at St. Paul's?

Confirmation Class!

Pastor Steve, Judi Gersic & Dave Wolf
will have a parents & kids meeting in August.

If you're going into 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th Grade
in September

talk to your parents & have them call the
Church Office (835-0407)

to make sure you get the information about
the meeting.

From the Parish Register

Confirmed—"Confirm their faith, guide their lives"

Jared Michael Dywan
John Richard Eggleston,
Matthew Melvin Goodman
McKenzie Maureen Israel,
Matthew Thomas Kulikowski
Chloe Mildred Vahue

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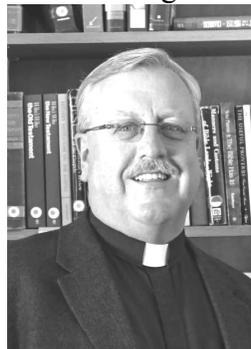
Upstate NY Synod Assembly

— Ruth & David Lampe

We thoroughly enjoyed our time at Synod Assembly in June and got to spend time with Pastor Alan and SueEllen who send their greetings and love to all of you.



The major item this year was the election of our new bishop. This was an intriguing exercise as we started with six candidates and after four ballots and a series of questions and answers, the choice was narrowed down to two candidates. The Rev. John S. Macholz was elected to serve as the fourth Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod. Bishop-elect Macholz will take office on September 1. He received 236 votes and the Rev. Marie C. Jerge received 154 on the fifth ballot. Bishop-elect Macholz has served as Pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in Rochester for twenty-four years and has completed eight years as the Dean of the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference. Bishop Jerge was first elected to the Office of Bishop in 2002 and has served in that office for twelve years.



Two resolutions were passed by the Assembly:

1. A resolution asking the state legislature to pass legislation preventing employee discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.
2. A resolution asking Synod Council to establish a way to share resources for those wishing to support people and couples of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and their families.

We enjoyed the worship and singing (Lutherans really know how to sing!), meeting new people, and attending workshops. The Synod and ELCA are certainly deeply involved in many wonderful local, national, and worldwide projects. We plan to introduce you to several of these through the work of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee.



17th Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic
Friday, August 8, 2014, 12:00 noon
Chestnut Hill Country Club, Darien, NY

For golfers of all abilities, this scramble-style tournament includes 18 holes of golf with cart, welcome gifts, lunch, free beverages on the course, a steak dinner, open bar and prizes galore! Don't miss the **basket auctions**, raffles, door prizes and skills contests. There also will be on-course wine tasting and opportunities to win Sabres and Bisons tickets! Winning men's and women's foursomes will receive trophies and complementary golf at next year's Classic!

Don't miss the annual must-see Helicopter Golf Ball Drop! Purchase your numbered golf balls for \$5 each at the Lutheran Charities website at www.wnylutherancharities.org. Just click on the "donate" button, and in the Special Instructions box enter the words "golf ball" along with the number of balls you are purchasing. All of the balls purchased will be dropped sky-high from the Mercy Flight helicopter at the conclusion of LCGC play! The first ball in (or closest to the hole) wins the Grand Jacuzzi Package consisting of dinner for two at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More and an overnight stay and buffet breakfast at the Salvatore Grand Hotel!

Lutheran Charities offers all this for only \$99 per golfer! Register individually or as a foursome. Those who don't golf can join the dinner festivities for just \$35. We'd love to see you there!

For additional information, please call 632-2623 or visit www.wnylutherancharities.org.

Last year was a sellout, so register early!

We're filling a basket for the Basket Auction (see above!) and the theme is "the 19th Hole" - the basket is in the narthex hallway waiting for goodies to help the winner relax after a long day of golf or at the office. Please bring your donations by July 20. Thanks for your participation!

The Parish Life committee is planning an Oktoberfest following a worship service in late September or early October.

If you like Beer and Bratwurst and the sounds of an Oompah Band give Scott & Mimi Fierle (689-2601) or Don & Hilde Neubauer (835-5518) a call to help with the plans.

Watch the bulletin for further news and meeting dates.

PROSIT!



eBAY News *from Sara Gallagher July-August*

There were some sales at the end of May, a couple in early June, and then I took some time away from St. Paul's eBay

So, what sold?

- 8 Cross Stitch Books
- 2 Iron-on Transfers Books
- "Heart Full of Love" unfinished cross stitch project
- 5 Crown canning jars
- 4 wine/liquor decanters
- 3 yards of blue calico print fabric
- "300" movie poster
- Chain Stitch Embroidery kit to make 4
- Wedding couple sculpture called "Together"
- 4 pieces of red/green coordinating prints fabric

Donations are still welcome through the summer and I will be ready to start up again in a few weeks. Send me an email at 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.



Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings:

10:00—Holy Communion thru Aug. 31

Daily Prayer:

7:00 a.m. Tuesdays except 7/29, 8/12

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 July is MAC & CHEESE!—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!

While the 9am Impact service will be on hold for the summer, stay tuned for some monthly volunteer events to get involved in! In August we are looking at doing some work with Habitat for Humanity.

More information on that will be coming and a sign up sheet will be available.

Additionally, you may remember from year St. Paul's participated in the Synod-Wide “God's Work Our Hands” Day and we did a meal packing event, putting together macaroni and cheese packages for families in western New York who struggle to put food on the table. On **September 7th** we will again be participating in the Synod-wide “God's Work Our Hands” with another meal packing event!

Over the summer we will be doing a quarter-collection to raise money for this meal packing event. Look for the yellow funnel to throw your loose change into so we can feed hungry families!

As it gets closer to September 7th we will be needing volunteers to help set up and clean up the tables for the assembly line. Anyone interested in helping out will be welcomed with open arms!

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

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. They really do add up!

Impact Day Camp is coming to St. Paul's!



Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministry, congregational ministry, and community outreach. Day Camp is an evangelical summer ministry that targets church and community

youth entering grades one through five the following fall. Its purpose is to provide congregations with a quality Christian outdoor ministry experience with a strong evangelism and outreach component. While we hope to get young people excited about camp, our bigger priority is to get them involved in your congregational ministry. Congregational involvement in this joint venture is extremely important because your Day Camp will be a program of youth evangelism for your church and the surrounding community.

A typical day is from 9:00am to 3:30pm, with drop-off and pick-up times an hour before and after the program to accommodate working families. Wednesday night will be family cookout night!



Day camp should not be confused with Vacation Bible School. We have a less formal structure and our program is based more on role modeling, relationship building between camper and staff, and experiential education with less emphasis on *classroom* teaching. Specifically, Impact Day Camp will focus on CAMP VALUES which include caring, integrity, honesty, responsibility, equality, and social justice. These are core values of a leader in an ever changing world."



go to www.wnyimpactfoundation.com for online registration or call the church office (835-0407) and we'll mail you a registration form.

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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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