



The Voice

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Dear Friends and Fellow Members—

Perhaps you already know that this artwork is entitled “Guernica.” It was painted by Pablo Picasso. “Guernica”, conceived in the depths of Spain’s devastating civil war, shows the bombing of a Basque town on April 26, 1937 by German and Italian air forces under the orders of future Spanish dictator Francisco Franco. Hundreds died in an aerial attack on civilians that

shocked the world and set a precedent repeated often by German and allied forces in World War II.

Sunday after Sunday, the final words of the service echo in our ears: “Go in peace.” We know that God is a God of Peace. Five times, the New Testament directs us to the “God of Peace.” So for Christians, war and strife are part of our fallen nature. They are part of the “sin that clings so closely.” (*Hebrews 12: 1*)

Our church recognizes that war sometimes is inevitable, so we recognize and celebrate the commitment of men and women to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country, realizing that they may be putting themselves in harm’s way to defend our country and our way of life. At the same time, we recognize that for some, war is so antithetical to their understanding of the Christian life, that they register as “conscientious objectors.”

Our church teaches that war must never be a first response to aggression, but something entered reluctantly. Our church also, along with other churches, has criteria to consider if a war is “just.” We also recognize that with the advent of nuclear weapons, it may be hard to categorize any war as just, when civilian casualties are large. We live in a tense and fragmented world. Christians should always pray to the God of Peace, to keep us free from war, looking for less drastic ways to solve our problems with our global neighbors.

Pastors Wendy and Tim



Back in the Kitchen

As most of you are aware, the Family Justice Center provides free services and assistance to individuals and families who have been victims of domestic abuse. St. Paul's is proud to be one of the FJC's partnering congregations; that partnership is about to expand in what we hope is a wonderful new way.

Clients may come to the FJC in need of a safety plan, information concerning Orders of Protection, or a guide through the legal system. It is often a harrowing time, and the FJC advocates and staff do extraordinary work helping the client to navigate what is likely an unfamiliar landscape. The clients typically cope with great stress at this time; we thought it might be a nice thing if they could leave the FJC offices with a couple days' worth of prepared meals. In this way, shopping and cooking for themselves and their children could be one less thing to worry about while they attempt to get their lives back in order.

We had some great discussions with the FJC staff, and the result is a pilot project where I do some cooking in our kitchen (I can't quite stay out of there, eh?), put it in a freezer, and have it available for distribution to clients as needed. Once again, the William and Diane Hein Foundation, as well as Kevin Marmion (my good friend and CEO of Wm. S. Hein & Co., Inc.) have provided seed money so we can assess the need for and value of the program. I started cooking already; the program is scheduled to begin April 30.

Unlike last year's Houston fundraiser, there will be no money coming in from sales of these products; all clients will receive food free of charge. We have a possibility of Girl Scouts collecting pantry staples, and are thinking of a couple fundraisers with area churches if it turns out that the project is successful. We will explore those options when evaluating the pilot project.

For now, we just wanted to let you know how St. Paul's is contributing in this new way. We hope Kevin Johnston's family is pleased to see how the kitchen that was so beautifully renovated in his honor is being used to help people in need. FJC's clients are dealing with people they know who treat them poorly; besides feeding their bodies, cooking for them is a way for them to see people they **don't** know doing something nice for them. Emotionally and spiritually, that helps as they begin down the road to becoming whole again. They may be soups and entrees, but they're also a bit of comfort and hope.

So that's what I'm doing back in the kitchen. I look forward to your well wishes, your support, and when the pilot proves to be successful, probably a little something from your wallets, too.

Dave Nuzzo

Ladies Aid Update

- Ladies Aid quilts were displayed for the pastors to bless and the congregation to view on Sunday, April 8. They will be given to Lutheran World Relief.
- Ladies Aid will take a break after their June 5 meeting. We will have lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Mr. Bill's. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Book Club Update: The book club will meet Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. in the Friendship Room to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Our hostess will be Mary Howe, and all are welcome. If you have questions, please call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.



Youth Group Update

On May 13, the Sunday school, New Seed choir, and Junior choir will be participating in a wonderful Mother's Day service at 9:00 AM. Erin Jankowski and the Sunday School staff have worked very hard coordinating this and we are hoping your child(ren) will be part of this program.

After this service we will be holding an informational meeting on the development of a youth group. Parents of children ages 0 – 18 are encouraged to attend as we want to start engaging children of all ages. If you do not have children in the program but still would like to be part of this we'd LOVE to have you involved! The goal of this meeting is to share ideas for events such as fundraisers, community service projects and of course, fun! There will be childcare available during this time.

Throughout this past school year, I have experienced the love and joy that exists between these children every Sunday in my classroom. I have enjoyed seeing these relationships grow and am reminded how important they are for our children. Developing a strong youth program provides them with a strong foundation that fosters love and respect of one another. In this generation, I can't think of anything more important.

I realize how busy life gets, but creating a successful youth program will take planning and **parent commitment**. The more parents we have, the easier this will be...many hands make light work. So in closing, I ask you to consider how you would like St. Paul's to be part of your children's lives and encourage you to join us on May 13th. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in being involved please contact me. Thank you so much everyone. I am excited to get things rolling!

Apple Trees for Sierra Leone, Africa

Throughout the months of May and June you will notice a tree in the Foyer. The Sunday School is sponsoring a program in which members of the congregation can donate apple trees to be planted in Sierra Leone. For \$10.00 a tree, you can provide food and income for hundreds of people in this part of the world. To purchase a tree please take a paper apple next to the tree, write your name on it and tape it onto the tree. Money or checks made payable to 'Let them LOL' can be put in a marked envelope into the offering trays or on Sharon's desk in the church office. Our goal is to donate 50 trees, please help us reach this!! Thank you in advance for helping us with this worthy cause!!

Andrea Whitmarsh

Lutheran Charities

Give me your tired your poor.

Lutheran Charities of WNY supports many agencies of people that could fit this category.

We are able to do that because of your generosity. **100% of your dollars** go out to those in need.

It is time for our 21 Annual Golf Outing and we are coming to you to ask for your support

Do you own a business? Would you like to get your name in front of a sold out tournament? For as little as \$50 for a hole sponsorship we will place your name on a hole the day of the tournament.

If you are able, we have several different sponsorship levels available. Please speak to Dawn Sagerman, David Johnston or Debbi Hopkins. Please consider helping those in need. Thank you!



Annual North Park Fish Dinner



Chrism Mass

Bishop John Macholz and over 20 area clergy gathered at St. Paul's on the Monday of Holy Week to bless the oil used in baptisms and anointings, and to renew their ordination promises. This annual event takes place during Holy Week each year in different churches. This year St. Paul's hosted the event. Dave Nuzzo helped serve a nice lunch for everyone after the service.



Accolades:





From left, Pastor Tim Madsen, Ray Hopkins, Debbi Hopkins, and Pastor Wendy Buckley.

Magi Award

Debbi and Ray Hopkins received the Magi Award at the Lutheran Awards Banquet April 20. The Magi Award is presented by the Lutheran Foundation to recognize individuals of exceptional philanthropy within the Western New York community. Recipients are honored for their dedication, altruism, and charitable support of local ministries, social services, and community programs.

Top Doc

Dr. John Crane was chosen by the nurses at the Erie County Medical Center as the doctor of the year.

God Speed

Congratulations to Eric Lambert who was sworn into the U.S. Air Force on April 17. Eric is doing his basic training outside of San Antonio, Texas, at Lackland Air Force Base. He will do his technical training as an air traffic controller at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Congratulations and God Speed, Eric.



Alexa and teammates

Champion Twirler

Alexa Tamburlin brought home a gold medal in March at the Baton Twirling World Championship in Lillehammer, Norway.

*The Lutheran Chorale of the Niagara Frontier
Bids "Farewell" to Thomas J. Mudd, Director
With its concert: Thanks and Praise
Sunday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
3512 Clinton St., West Seneca
Call 649-2662 for more information or visit
www.theLutheranChoraleoftheNiagaraFrontier.com*



Parish Registry

MEMORIAL DONATION – In memory of Carol Cocol:

*(All donations for Carol Cocol go into **Music Fund** unless otherwise indicated.)*

Ray & Doris Wright

BAPTISM:

Gregory Richard Pepe, son of Vincent Pepe and Deborah Trent, was baptized at St. Paul's on April 15, 2018.

PRAYER LIST:

Dick Atkins	David Kuehfus
Diane Busdiecker	Jim Murray
Dick Edwards	Eric Madsen
Ursula Grau	Eva Paulson
Beverly Heinricher	Art Plant
Ed Jacobi	Kim Retallack
Pearl Kibler	Tony Rizzo
Holly Kolb	Pat Valentine
Marge Kolb	

Please remember in prayer all those who serve in the military and all victims of war and oppression.

The deadline for our June/July edition of the voice is Monday May 21, 2018

Note that we will not publish again until August

Please send your articles to stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com or in our box in the office.