

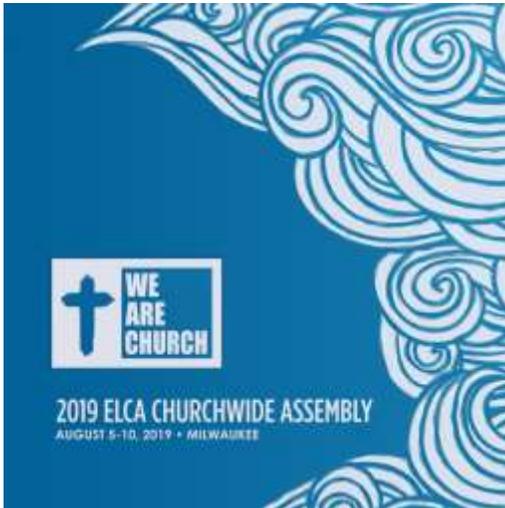


## The Voice

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### August 2019

While August might be the summer doldrums for some people, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the Churchwide Assembly will be gathering in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. What goes on at the Churchwide Assembly? Members will:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

The Presiding Bishop of our Church, Elizabeth Eaton's term of office is up; she is standing for reelection. There will be the need to elect a new Secretary for the Church. The Assembly members will be debating and discussing a proposed Social Statement entitled: "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action." There will also be debate and discussion on a "Declaration of Inter-religious Commitment," which will guide our interactions, not so much with other Christians, but with other Faith Traditions, particularly with Jews and Muslims.

Representatives from Upstate New York have been elected at the Synod Assembly, in total representatives, officials, and visitors will number nearly 1000 people. Please keep the Churchwide Assembly in your thoughts and prayers as they meet and work, August 5-10.

Pr. Tim and Wendy

## MISSION MESSAGE

### HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Do you have a teen going away to college for the first time? Or a returning student who felt out at sea and lonely last year? Or even a local student who is just looking for more peer relationships and opportunities for service? College is a huge enough transition without having to also leave your church family behind. ELCA Campus Ministry fills that void. The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff and others on campus, not just a ministry for Lutherans. It provides an ELCA presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide.

Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, campus ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, campus ministry strives to communicate the gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, campus ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus.

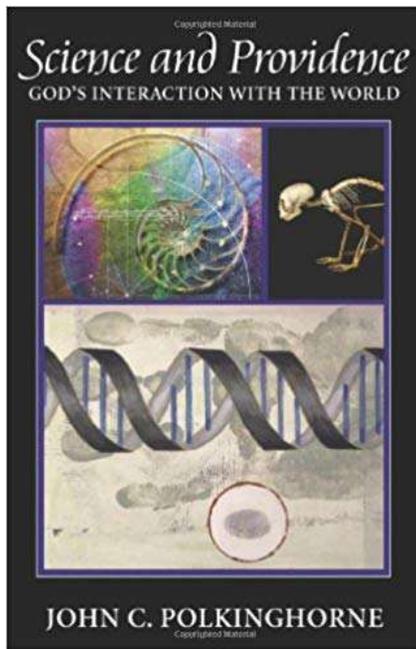
We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Lutheran campus ministries promote community, discipleship and service. You can refer a student, find a ministry or find contact information for campus ministry staff at LuMin-network or ELCA/LuMin.

This ministry is supported by your Synod Mission Support. ***Thank you!***

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's work. Our Hands. and sanitation facilities to people who have been displaced, LDR is there. They also provide medical teams, skills training, and psychosocial care and support where it's needed. And the best news is that 100% of donations toward LDR go to the recovery effort, because the administrative costs are covered by the ELCA. Your mission support gifts make this work possible. ***Thank you!***

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:



### **Conversations on Faith and Science Returns in the Fall: September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30-9:00pm**

A dictionary definition of “Providence” would be something like: a manifestation of divine care or direction over the universe. John Polkinghorne, nuclear physicist turned Anglican priest says that the God of Christians “is a God believed to be in continual interaction with all creation. A God to be addressed in prayer, a God who exercises a providential care.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we’ll begin a conversation that will last over several sessions to explore whether and how such a personal, interacting God is possible in this scientific age. Come, join the conversation!



On June 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor’s Tim and Wendy’s son Eric was ordained as a Pastor in the ELCA at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Amherst. Eric is currently serving Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gates, New York. Congratulations, Pastor Eric!

Our Summer Worship Schedule continues through August until Rally Day in September. There is ONE service of worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00am each week, and an informal SUMMER PRAISE service upstairs in the Friendship Room at 10:30am Mid-Week Worship on Wednesdays at 7:30pm (a good alternative if you're away on Sunday) continues throughout the summer.



## Annual Corn Roast

Come! Bring your Family and Friends! Join us for our fourth annual corn roast on

**Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

We'll supply corn on the cob, hot dogs, soft drinks/water.

Desserts and/or snacks to share are welcome!

Look for the sign-up sheet on the table by the office.



**BOOK CLUB:** Book Club will meet Sunday, September 15 at 3:00pm in the Friendship Room to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Judy Pasciak will be our hostess. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS — AUGUST 2019 VOICE

*All donations go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.*

**In memory of Lois Idzak** (*All donations in memory of Lois Idzak are designated for the 1-5-0 Fund.*)

Mr. & Mrs. James Mahar

Mr. Benjamin R. Idzak

Bob & Kim Retallack

## PRAYER LIST – AUGUST VOICE

Dick Atkins

Dick Edwards, Bros. of Mercy

Ursula Grau

Beverly Heinricher

Erin Jankowski

Jim Kaepfel

Holly Kolb

Marge Kolb

Zoe Malchow

Jim Murray

Eva Paulson

Rosemary Rizzo

Tony Rizzo

**LOCKPORT FOOD PANTRY:** I have made two deliveries to the food pantry in Lockport and everything is greatly appreciated, especially the cake mixes. Along with the cake mixes, canned meats, canned fruit (except peaches) they could use toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and hand & body lotion. This is an ongoing project. Thank you for all your support. —Diane Busdiecker

Please remember to save your DASH register tapes. Dash's super market gives the congregation \$2.50 for each \$100 of purchases. These "rebates" are used for Youth group and incidental expenses such as the women's retreat. St Paul's began participating in the program in 2005. We have received over \$12,000 in rebates. This is an important program for the youth and the women's retreat. Please save your register tapes. They can be deposited in the cigar box on the table outside of the narthex or in the large manila envelope on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.



### **St. Paul's Giving App and Website**

We now have the ability to give electronically to the church via a Giving App called **Tithe.ly**. The instructions are on the St. Paul's website. Please be sure when you are setting up the account that you select St Paul's ELCA Church – Williamsville, 68 Eagle Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 as there are many other churches throughout the country called St. Paul's who take advantage of this service. You can set up on your smart phone or on your computer at: <https://get.tithe.ly/>

Full instructions can be found on the St. Paul's website at: <http://stpaulswilliamsville.org/>

### **1-5-0 Capital Improvement Fund Drive**

We have also set up a GoFundMe page for accepting donations to our 1-5-0 Anniversary Capital Improvement Fund Drive. As outlined in last month's newsletter, we have several major repairs needed for the building. You can find a direct link on our website (<http://stpaulswilliamsville.org>) as well as on our Facebook page.

The website link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/st-paul039s-williamsville-150-anniv-capital-improv>

**For those who wish to give with cash or checks, 1-5-0 envelopes will be available in the pews and on the table in the narthex.**

*You Are Cordially Invited to a:*

***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration***

*Saturday October 19th, 2019*

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*5:30 - Hors d'oeuvres & Social Hour  
6:30 - Dinner Catered by Living Roots  
With live music by Roaming Strings*

*Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Vernon A. Victorson*

*Cost: \$25.00 per person*

*Paid reservations with meal selection will be accepted in the social hall in between services or to the church office until September 22nd.  
Please note: Reservations are limited to 100 guests.*

*Checks can be made out to St. Paul's with 'Anniversary Dinner' in the memo*

*Your dinner will include salad, dinner rolls, roasted potatoes, green beans and cake for dessert.*

*Choose between:  
-Pork Tenderloin - Roasted Chicken  
-Portobello Mushroom  
BYOB - coffee, tea and punch provided*

*Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Dinner Selection:  
\_\_\_\_ Pork Tenderloin  
\_\_\_\_ Roasted Chicken  
\_\_\_\_ Portobello Mushroom*

*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_*

# 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ST. PAUL'S in WILLIAMSVILLE

1869 ~ 2019

## Calendar of Events

### Sons of St. Paul's Preacher Series

- Pastor Bill Seibert (1971-1986)

### Time Capsule

Anniversary Dinner

Bishop Visit

Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Tree Trimming – Anniversary Edition

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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October 19<sup>th</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

November 17<sup>th</sup>

December 8<sup>th</sup>

## Event Highlight -September: ~

Join us on September 22<sup>nd</sup> as we celebrate our anniversary with many exciting events. First, step back in time at the 9am service when we welcome back our former pastor, **Bill Seibert (served 1971-1986)** to preach for us. At the conclusion of the service, we will join Pastor Seibert outside as we help the children of the Sunday School dedicate, pack and bury our **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule!** Following the ceremony, all are invited to a special reception to celebrate our time capsule and the return of Pastor Seibert. Due to the festivities, there will only one service on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Speaking of Sunday School -

**SAVE THE DATE** - Rally Day will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. Join at 9am us as we kick off another great year in our Sunday School!

**Congratulations to our Graduates**



Dave announced the winners of the Engelhardt scholarships for 2019 on June 23rd.



Four of our Graduates, Lauren, Zoe, Alexa, and Elly were awarded scholarships



Alexa, Zoe, and Elly with Mr. Peter Engelhardt, who administers the fund in memory of his parents

**Look who was in the Village of Williamsville's Olde Home Days Parade on July 16<sup>th</sup>!**

