



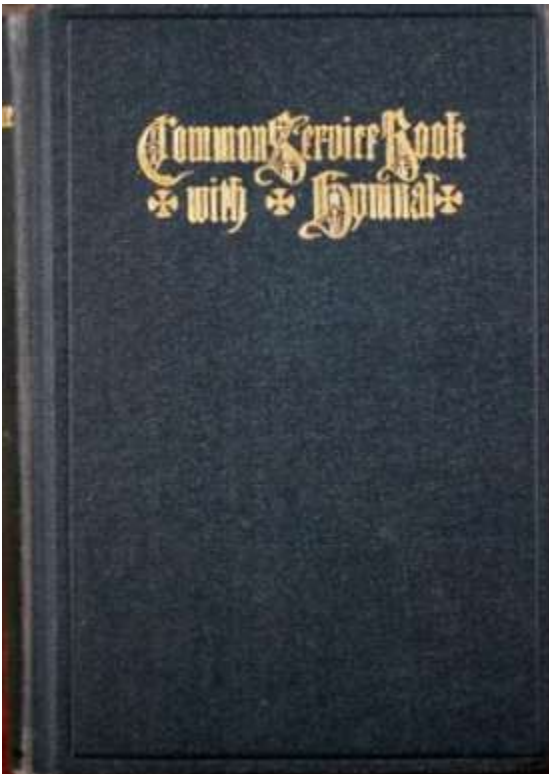
## The Voice

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### February 2019



If you were to hop into your time machine and pay a visit to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williamsville in the early 1920's, you would have found this book in the pews. It was published by the United Lutheran Church in America in 1918 the same year the ULCA, as it was called, came into existence as the result of a merger of the General Synod, the General Synod—South, and the General Council, three earlier bodies of Lutherans that had existed separately for doctrinal reasons, or because of the civil war. They were United now, and a spirit of Optimism was present as Lutheranism overcame the stigma of being a German-speaking Church at a time when our country was at war with Germany. This new service book *in English*, would carry Lutherans into the post-war era. It was a sturdy book, not replaced until 1958 when the *Service Book and Hymnal* (or the “red book” as it was known) came out.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, as part of our celebration of 150 years of life, we are going to present this liturgy to you for worship that day. Others, from the congregation's past will make an appearance that day, too, to reminisce, or share a thought or two. For that reason, there will be only ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00AM on that day. If you want to enter into the spirit of the day, you are invited to dress in vintage clothing.

Actually we're making an entire weekend celebration, for the multimedia presentation on the history of the Church together with our pot-luck meal, which had to be cancelled because of the snow and cold, will be rescheduled for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16. The presentation will be at 4pm, followed by the potluck. We both hope that you will sign up for Saturday and show up on Sunday to enjoy the 150 years of life God has given us.

Pastors Wendy and Tim

## PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

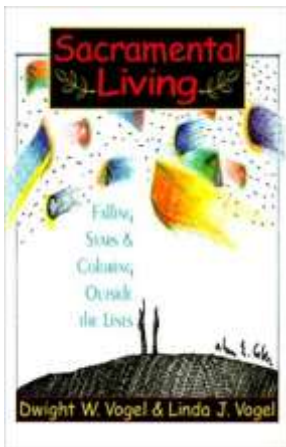
In the East African country of Tanzania, 61% of the population is Christian. But the offshore island of Zanzibar is almost entirely Muslim. Nevertheless, there is a Lutheran church there. Anglicans, Catholics and Lutherans work on the island in the mainly tourist economy. Sectarian violence is not unknown, but the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania plays a large role in maintaining harmony. One ministry on Zanzibar sews apparel with Christian and Muslim women working side by side; the Zanzibar Interfaith Centre offers workshops in interfaith dialogue; an interfaith soccer team begins each game with both Christian and Muslim prayers. Local peace committees bolster amicable relations at times of stress or transition, such as during elections, by offering seminars, and by communicating with candidates, police officers and government officials.

The Tanzanian tradition of tolerance emphasizes taking time to understand the “other.” It is a lesson that Christians on Zanzibar, who are a very small minority, can share with Muslims in the US and Europe, where they are the minority.

The ELCA funds a variety of the Tanzanian Lutheran national and regional ministries. There are also 20 ELCA synods that have companion synod relationships with Tanzania. **YOU** are part of this partnership, through your Mission Support.

***Thank you!***

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



### **Worship on Wednesdays Resumed on January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our Worship on Wednesdays will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup> with a series of topics taken from the book “Sacramental Living” by Dwight and Linda Vogel. They define sacramental living as “Taking everyday life seriously and discovering ways the church’s worship intersects our daily journey. Chapter headings include: Wonder, Awe, Time and Eternity, Community, Journey.

Come join us each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

### **Celebrating 150 Years!**

Kick off the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul’s in Williamsville with the purchase of our **limited edition commemorative glass ornament!** Look for our display in the social hall. Remember, commemorative ornaments make great gifts, but there are only 75 available. Don’t miss out!

## YOUTH NEWS –

Talent Show is coming soon!

Please note the correction on the day and time of the Talent Show. This event will be held Saturday March 9th at 2:00 PM and be followed by a short reception and art show. We are encouraging all children to participate. Forms to submit the act you will be performing will be in the February Voice and can also be found in the foyer. These need to be submitted by February 10th. If your child wishes to submit a piece of artwork to be displayed this needs to be submitted by March 3rd. Lastly, we are in need of volunteers for this event. We are looking for help coordinating the show, designing the program, recording the show, and for setting up the social hall for the reception and art show. Please contact me with what you are able to help out with. Thank you, Andrea Whitmarsh

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### **YOUTH TALENT SHOW – SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

*(Please note correction of the day & time.)*

The show will be followed by a short reception and art show. We are encouraging all children to participate.

Please fill out the form located in the foyer & in the February Voice, indicating the act your child will perform by **February 10**. Your child's art work to be displayed must be submitted by March 3.

We need volunteers to help coordinate the show, design the program, record the show, and set up for the reception and art show. Please contact Andrea Whitmarsh to let her know what you are able to help out with.

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Dear Parents,

I am so excited to share with you information about our Youth Talent Show that will be held on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul's, we are looking for your children (ages 0 – 18) to be part of this fun event. We are hoping to have every child participate in some way. Erin will be coordinating music for the Sunday school classes to perform and we are asking you to encourage your child to perform any talent independently or with friends. Some ideas are jokes, magic, singing, playing an instrument (Erin is happy to work with any of your children on this), dancing, or reciting any short poem or story your child has written. After the show we will have a short reception in the social hall where children can display any of their original art work.

Your child's performance idea should be selected and submitted no later than February 10th. This gives us plenty of time to plan the order of acts as well as create a program for the event. Entry forms can be found in the February Voice or on the table in the church foyer. We will also need volunteers to help with this event so please contact me if you are interested.

We are looking forward to this event. If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you everyone!

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# Talent Show Registration Form

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be performing the following act(s) at the Youth Talent show:

1) Type of performance and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this require music? Y N      Would you like help from Erin on this? Y N

Additional comments:

2) Type of performance and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this require music? Y N      Would you like help from Erin on this? Y N

Additional comments:

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## Lutheran Charities **FESTIVAL OF WINE & CRAFT BEER – Saturday, February 9**

Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio St., Buffalo, NY 14204

- Sample select wines, craft beers, soft drinks & hors d'oeuvres!
- Basket raffles!      • Live music!      [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org)

**WERE YOU OR ANY OF YOUR RELATIVES MARRIED AT ST. PAUL'S?** We are planning a display for our Marriage Celebration in May and want your wedding pictures (or your parents' grandparents', etc.)! Images can be emailed to Julianna Woite at [jlwoite@yahoo.com](mailto:jlwoite@yahoo.com) or dropped off to Julianna or Kim Retallack at church and we will scan them and return. Please indicate the names of the couple and the wedding date. We can't wait to see them!

**FOOD NEEDED FOR LOCKPORT CHURCH:** There is a small community church on Rapids Road in Lockport that could benefit from the food we donate to the food pantry. They only get food from the WNY Food Pantry and are missing some things. They could use canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham), canned fruit (other than peaches), and baking supplies (cake mixes, cookie mixes, any mixes to bake with). I will see to the delivery of any food coming in. Your help is greatly appreciated. —Diane Busdiecker

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We want to thank everyone for taking the time to indicate whether or not you'd prefer to receive the Voice by e-mail or regular post. We're tabulating all the responses now, and will soon be able to know whether we can save some money going the e-mail route. We will let you know soon, what the results are. Meanwhile keep enjoying the Voice in its traditional format.

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

ST. PAUL'S in WILLIAMSVILLE

1869 ~ 2019

## Calendar of Events

Sons of St. Paul's Preacher Series	Ongoing
History of St. Paul's Presentation and Potluck	February 16 <sup>th</sup> (rescheduled)
Olde Fashioned Church Service	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Talent Show	March 9 <sup>th</sup>
Olde Fashioned Easter & Breakfast	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Marriage Celebration & Renewal	May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Church Picnic – Anniversary Edition	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Olde Home Days Parade	July 9 <sup>th</sup> (tentative)
Confirmation Reunion	July 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>
Anniversary Concert	August
Time Capsule	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Anniversary Dinner Dance	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bishop Visit	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social	November 17 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Trimming – Anniversary Edition	December 8 <sup>th</sup>

## Events Highlight -February:

### ~History of St. Paul's Presentation & Pot Luck

Due to the snow and subzero temperatures, our January event presented by our resident historian, Julianna Woite has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for a trip into the past of St. Paul's. Learn about the birth of Lutheranism in WNY and the evolution of a tiny mission church at the corner of Eagle and North Ellicott Streets. This multimedia presentation will highlight pictures of St. Paul's and its members through the years and will include artifacts from our rich past.

Presentation, 4 pm ~ Although this is as family friendly presentation, alternate activities/crafts will be provided in the Sunday School for any interested children.

Pot Luck Dinner, 5 pm ~ Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Sign up in the Social Hall or email Julianna Woite at [jlwoite@yahoo.com](mailto:jlwoite@yahoo.com)

### ~ Olde Fashioned Church Service

Join us on **Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>** for a trip back in time. Beginning at 9am, worshipers will enjoy an authentic church service from St. Paul's, circa 1918 and enjoy a once in a lifetime opportunity to share the congregation with some of St. Paul's founding members. History will come alive as characters from St. Paul's past tell the story of the formation of St. Paul's and the evolution of our congregation, Sunday School and music program. Following the service please join us for a special reception in the social hall and enjoy artifacts from 150 years of St. Paul's history. There will be no 10:30am service. *Parishioners are encouraged to join the fun and dress in vintage clothing for event.*

\*\*All Sunday School children will attend this family friendly service with their classes.



## Voice Photographer Needed

It is going to be a busy year at St. Paul's. In addition to the special anniversary events, we still have our regular celebrations of Easter, Mother's Day, Church Picnic and more to celebrate. We could really use a couple of people willing to take pictures of all the events and use them for the Voice. If you could help with this please talk to one of the pastors, who will be happy to sign you up!

### PRAYER LIST—FEBRUARY VOICE



Members:

Dick Atkins	Zoe Malchow
Diane Busdiecker	Dee Marinov
Dick Edwards	Jim Murray
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Beverly Heinricher	Art Plant
Pearl Kibler	Kim Retallack
Holly Kolb	Tony Rizzo
Marge Kolb, Harris Hill	Pat Valentine
Julie Levy	

*The deadline for our February edition of the voice is Monday, February 18, 2019  
Please send your articles to [stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com) or in our box in the office.*