



The Voice

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June 2019

On May 17, 2019, our son, Eric, graduated from United Lutheran Seminary. The graduation took place in Lancaster, PA. While it was personally very meaningful for us to watch Eric and his classmates walk across the stage, it also gave us time to reflect upon the church and how it provides pastors to serve its congregations.

Lutherans prize having a well-educated clergy. Martin Luther himself was a college professor, and our Lutheran Church came into existence based on carefully thought out positions on the

nature of God, the Cross, God's grace, and many other points of theology. Moreover, in general, the people of our congregations expect their pastor to teach them correctly, through sermons and bible study, how to interpret their faith in Jesus Christ.

All of us know that the church is facing many challenges these days, not the least of which is relevance. Church attendance is dropping off all over the world, and people are finding many other things to do on a Sunday morning, than to attend to their duties toward God and the church. Today's pastors need to be able to appeal both to the older generation, who are loyal in their attendance and support, and the younger generation. Worship styles are changing. Church programming is changing. Challenges by churches whose theological understanding of Christ and even faith itself is so different from our understandings.

Watching Eric's class step up on stage to receive their diplomas, noting their accomplishments, sensing their energy, gave us a lot of reason to be hopeful for the future of our church. Some, like Eric, have already received calls to the ordained ministry by churches that have interviewed them, others are still awaiting that call, still others are going on for further study, or for specialized study in one area of ministry or another.

We've been blessed in Western New York to have many young, capable pastors serving among us. We're mindful that the very reason we came to Upstate New York in 2000 was, as then bishop Lee Miller told us, so many of those who entered ministry after World War II were retiring. There were a lot of churches here that needed pastors, so they reached all the way out to Nebraska to welcome us to our new home and place to serve. Now, as our generation is beginning to retire, another new generation is rising to take our place.

This is the gift and blessing of the church to each and every one of us. Pray for all pastors, but especially for the young ones who will minister in challenging times.

Pastors Wendy and Tim

MISSION MESSAGE

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES

Wildfires in California; floods in Nebraska; tornadoes in the southeast; hurricanes in the Carolinas and Florida; a cyclone in SE Africa; earthquake in Indonesia; humanitarian crisis in Gaza; the refugee crisis in the Middle East.

What do these all have in common? Disasters occur all over the world, and the Lutheran Disaster Response goes to help, wherever they are. LDR brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Whether it's providing blankets, hygiene kits, food, diapers, and clothing to those who have lost everything, or establishing shelter and access to clean water 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:

SATURDAY WELLNESS SEMINAR SCHEDULED

Saturday, June 1st

10am–11am (Friendship Room)

Led by Andrea Whitmarsh

Andrea is an Integrative Nutritionist who focuses on diet and emotional well-being as the foundation of health and wellness. These seminars will cover a variety of topics to help you improve your health and happiness. Please let Andrea, 308-9986, or Sharon in the office know if you plan to attend. More information to follow for the June seminar.



On June 2nd, three of our younger members will be making their First Holy Communion. Please keep Finn Dufrene, Dylan Hutchinson, and Riley Pfeister in your prayers that God would bless them and always keep them close to him.

Church Picnic on June 9th

Please join us for our combined church picnic at Ellicott Creek Park on June 9th beginning at 11:00am at Pavilion 10.

Worship begins at 11, with the Cookout to follow. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, place settings for yourself, and a chair to sit in, if the park picnic benches are too hard for you. There will be an abbreviated service at St. Paul's at 9:00am for those unable to attend the picnic.



On Father's Day, June 16th, our Summer Worship Schedule goes into effect. There will be 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.



BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet Sunday, July 14 at 3:00pm in the Friendship Room with hostess Faith White to discuss The Immortalist by Chloe Benjamin. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Ellen Pachioli at 636-9786.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE My husband Tony & I thank you for your prayers as he continues to work on his health concerns.

Rosemary Rizzo

PRAYER LIST – JUNE/JULY VOICE

Dick Atkins
Dick Edwards, Bros. of Mercy
Cathy Lambert
Ursula Grau
Beverly Heinricher
Jim Kaepffel
Holly Kolb
Marge Kolb

Julia Levy
Zoe Malchow
Jim Murray
Eva Paulson
Rosemary Rizzo
Tony Rizzo
Sue, Tessa & Tommy Santillo
Pat Valentine

MEMORIAL DONATIONS — JUNE/JULY 2019 VOICE

All donations go into the Memorial Fund unless otherwise indicated.

In memory of William & Dorothy Shaver

David & Carol Hall 1-5-0 Fund

In memory of Pearl Kibler

St. Paul's kitchen ladies Current Fund
Donald & Edna Mann

In memory of Dr. William K. & Linda Riedel

Office staff of Dr. William M. Riedel 1-5-0 Fund – Toward restoration of stained glass windows

Office staff of Dr. William M. Riedel: Ann Riester, Carol Hall, Janet Walther, Renee Harbison,
Mary Ellen Cowell, Onalee Schleef, & Sue Schleef

Two Silk flower bouquets for the altar when fresh flowers are not available

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.



ST. PAUL'S 150th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT FUNDRAISER CHICKEN BARBECUE

Friday, June 14th, 2019

St. Paul's Parking lot

68 Eagle St. Williamsville, NY 14221

Chiavetta's Chicken

4:00-6:30 pm

Take Out (drive up grab your meal)

Chicken Dinner Ticket Price: \$11

Includes:

- Half a Chicken
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Roll & Butter
- Choice of Pop

**PRE-SALE TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED BY CALLING THE ST. PAUL'S OFFICE
AT (716) 634-2330 OR AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ST. PAUL'S in WILLIAMSVILLE

1869 ~ 2019

Calendar of Events

Sons of St. Paul's Preacher Series	Ongoing
Church Picnic – Anniversary Edition	June 9 th
Confirmation Reunion	July 13 th -14 th
Olde Home Days Parade	July 16 th
Anniversary Concert	August
Time Capsule	September 22 nd
Anniversary Dinner	October 19 th
Bishop Visit	November 3 rd
Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social	November 17 th
Tree Trimming – Anniversary Edition	December 8 th

SAVE THE DATE!

May 21, 2019

Dear St. Paul's Member:

One of the highlights of the year-long celebration of our 150th anniversary is an Anniversary Dinner. The dinner is planned for Saturday, October 19, 2019 in St. Paul's Social Hall. We will have a catered meal and we're hoping to keep the cost between \$25-\$35 per plate (BYOB). Our former (now retired) pastor—Vernon Victorson—will be our guest speaker. So please *save the date* and plan on joining us.

In order to assess the congregation's level of interest and to plan appropriately, please complete this brief questionnaire and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Sharon is also available four days a week (not Wednesday) to take your response over the phone (634-2330) or via email at stpaulwilliamsville@roadrunner.com.

More details will follow over the coming months. Thanks for your help in making our celebration dinner a success and a fun time for all. We look forward to seeing you on October 19th.

NAME(S): _____

YES, WE WILL PLAN ON ATTENDING # _____

NO, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND

Graduates 2019

High School -

Lauren Doerfler – Lauren will graduate from Williamsville South. During her high school years She participated in field hockey soft ball both JV & Varsity, and indoor and outdoor track & Field. She was also a member of the Main Transit Explorer group. She served as treasurer this past year. She also attended the ELCA Youth Gathering. Lauren will attend SUNY Brockport where she plans to major in childhood education.

Christopher Jankowski – Christopher will graduate from Maryvale High School. Christopher will attend Buffalo State where he will major in History. During High School Christopher was a member of the Maryvale bowling team. Christopher went to state twice as a member of that team. Christopher was also active in the Organic Youth organization. Christopher also attended the Youth Gathering twice.

Zoe Lawler – Zoe will graduate from Williamsville South. At South her activities were: swimming (Varsity captain, Wind Ensemble (president) Wind Symphony, Band (Librarian), French club, Environmental club & National Honor Society (treasurer). Zoe attended the ELCA Youth Gathering. Zoe also participated in several charitable events such as the ride for Roswell. Zoe will attend Ohio State majoring in Biology & premed, with the intent on a career in pediatric medicine.

Michael Lorenz – Michael will graduate from Williamsville South High School. While at South Michael sang in the Chorus, Mixed choir and men's choir. He also played the Bass in Orchestra. Michael played football all four years and was named captain. Michael will begin college at Erie Community College. His career path is undecided.

Alexa Tamburlin – Alexa will graduate from Williamsville North High School. At North Alexa was involved with Yearbook for 4 years (editor) and has been selected as a peer leader to promote positivity and prevent suicide. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. She also is a twirler for the marching band. At church Alexa has sung with the praise band and videotaped the services. Alexa's twirling has taken her to many parts of the United States and the world. She was been presented with a Gold medal for her twirling in Norway and Canada (World championship in her event-duet 2 baton) She was one of fourteen selected to represent the USA in Peru for an International Lion's Club. She will compete in Paris, France this summer. Alexa will attend the University of Mississippi majoring in Graphic Design. She will also be twirling for the Old Miss Marching Band.

Eleanor Walker – Ellie will graduate from Williamsville South High School. During high school Ellie has been involved in multiple choirs: women's, concert, & swing. Also, she has been in the ECMEA All-County chorus and the All State Treble Chorus. She is in the Author's united writing club (secretary) a student director in the one act plays and the school musical. Ellie has been active at St Paul's in the choir, the praise band & the bells. She also attended the ELCA youth gathering. She has helped out with the cooking for clients program through the Family Justice center. Ellie will attend SUNY Geneseo majoring in Creative Writing.

College

Lacey Woite – Oswego. Lacey graduated Cum Laude from SUNY Oswego with a BS in Health & Wellness Management, a double minor in coaching and nutrition and her personal training certification from the American College of Sports Medicine. Lacey plans to pursue a career as a fitness coach or personal trainer. While at Oswego Lacey was captain of the field hockey team, holds two school field hockey records and is the 2019 Oswego Bench Press champion. Lacey was also inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Eric Gerard Madsen
will be ordained to the ministry
of Word and Sacrament
at St John Lutheran Church
6540 Main Street
Williamsville, New York
on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of June
Two Thousand and nineteen
at three-thirty in the afternoon
I ask your prayers at the beginning
of my ministry and if possible
I would like you to attend

Eric has been called to
Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church
761 Elmgrove Road
Gates (Rochester) NY 14624

Clergy are invited to
vest. The color is red.

***The deadline for our August edition of the Voice is Monday, July 15, 2019
Please send your articles to stpaulsvoice@yahoo.com or in our box in the office***