



# the Monthly Star

June 2011

## Mark Your Calendar

- June 2– The League
- June 4– MOPS Picnic
- June 6– Softball
- June 9– Softball
- June 11– Men’s Breakfast
- June 12– Confirmation Graduation
- June 13– Picnic Theme Basket Work Day
- June 14– Council Meeting
- June 15– Theme Basket Sale
- June 16– Softball
- June 20– Softball
- June 23– The League End of School Party
- June 25– Saturday Folk Service
- June 26– Congregational Meeting
- June 27– Softball

## A Word From Pastor

THE CREED - Part One:

*“I believe that God has made me and all creatures.”*

Every week in church we confess our faith in a creed. All a creed is a statement of belief. As members of St. Paul’s you are familiar with the Apostle’s Creed. For the most part we confess the apostles creed at every worship service. If you attended confirmation class in a Lutheran church you learned what the apostle’s creed means through studying Luther’s Small Catechism. Within the Lutheran tradition we strongly believe that confessing our faith is important. We also believe that it’s important that we understand it if we are going to confess it as a summary of our faith. For this reason, for the next few months my Monthly Star article will be a review of what the creed teaches us. My primary source is from Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation by Concordia Publishing House.

The first article of the Apostle’s Creed teaches us about our creator.

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

What does this mean?

Luther: *“I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.”*

As Confessional Lutheran’s who believe that the Bible is without error we confess and teach that God the Father, the third person of the Holy Trinity created us and everything else in the universe. We believe that he created us out of nothing in six days using nothing but the power of His spoken word. “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their hosts... for He spoke, and it came to be, He commanded and, it stood firm” (Psalm 33). “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible” (Hebrews 11:3). Everything that we can see with the naked eye or through the instruments of science were created by God during the six days of creation.

We also believe that God created everything that is unseen. “By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible” (Colossians 1:16). What are these invisible creatures that God has created? “Bless the LORD, O you His angles, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will” (Psalm 103). At some point during the six days of creation God created the Angels. They were all created good and holy (Genesis 1:31). We also know that at some point after creation many of the angles rebelled against God, they are the devils and demons. “God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains in gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment” (2 Peter 2:4). We also know from scripture that Satan and the demons are still active in our world. They seek to tempt, deceive and destroy us in many ways, primarily through keeping us from believing in Jesus Christ. “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44). The devil and his demons seek to destroy our faith in many ways. He will lead us away from Christ by convincing us of false spiritual ideas that are not grounded in Christ and His Word. Or he will tempt us to believe that the spiritual world does not exist and that our existence is the result of billions of years of evolution. Either way the devil speaks lies to keep us from the truth that is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Because both the visible and invisible parts of God’s creation have fallen into sin we live in a dangerous world. But for the believer we need not fear, we need not fear because we call God our Father. We know that He is a perfect loving Father who cares for those of us who have been made His children through faith in Jesus Christ. And because God is our Father we can echo the words of Martin Luther, “Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world’s tyrant rage; in battle we’ll engage! His might is doomed to fail, God’s judgment must prevail! One little Word subdues him” (LBW Hymn 228).

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## LCMC NEWS

Dan Stahl

There are 17 Churches in the state of New York who belong to the LCMC.

Presently (as of 5/16/11):  
Total Congregations: 682  
U.S. Congregations: 614  
States Represented: 42  
U.S. Territories Represented: 2  
Countries Represented: 10



***For this and more, check out the  
LCMC-NE District website at  
[www.lcmc-ne.org](http://www.lcmc-ne.org)***

### **Next years LCMC 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering is scheduled for:**

October 2-5, 2011

*"Growing in Christ"*

*1 Corinthians 3:6-7 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*

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### **Upcoming Local LCMC Events**

#### **Faith Night at the Ballpark**

**Saturday, July 16, 2011**

Sal Maglie Stadium

1201 Hyde Park Blvd.

Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Niagara Power vs. Sherrill Silversmiths

5:00 PM

**\*\*Tickets can be purchased at the stadium box office**

**For more information about the Niagara Power, visit [www.niagarapower.org](http://www.niagarapower.org)**

#### **LCMC-NE District 5k Race and Walk Buffalo New York 2012**

*For additional information email: [lcmcne@gmail.com](mailto:lcmcne@gmail.com)*

**Date: TBA**

## Blood Mobile

Sue Cox

Mark your calendars: our next Blood Drive is Wednesday, July 13 from 2pm-7pm. We can always use more donors. Appointments can be made with Sue Cox, 652-6835 or Walk-ins are always welcome. We appreciate our donors taking the time to help others and that is the reason we continue to serve **HOMEMADE** chicken noodle soup and pies. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community and congregation.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting this important service.



## Library News

Sue Cox

Not too much has been going on in the library this month. We are increasing our collection of children's DVDs, which are located on the small bookcase in the children's section. Stop in and take a look, there's something for everyone.



## MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers)

Lori Ignatowski

Our MOPS year is coming to an end. We celebrated our Moms with a spa day on May 26<sup>th</sup> with Massage Therapist Donna Brainard donating her time to give the Moms a massage. If you are in need of a massage, go see her at Mainly Hair on Main Street in East Aurora. We also did manicures, pedicures and more. We will finish off our year with a picnic from 10 am-12 pm at JP Nicely Park in West Falls on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. As you all know, I will no longer be a MOPS mom as I have aged out of the group. Depending on what happens in life starting next school year, I may start another type of MOPS group called MOPS Next for Moms of school aged children. If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please let me know. Even though we are finishing out this year, we can still raise funds for next year so please keep those returnable cans and bottles coming. You can leave your returnables in the small kitchen. There is a box marked for MOPS by the small fridge. This will help us to pay for MOPS registration for those Moms who can't afford it so we don't have to turn anyone away. I thank St. Paul's for supporting me when I started this group here and for continuing to do so. I have enjoyed all my years there and look forward to helping the group out in the future. I pray that Katie and Kim will enjoy it and get as much out of it as I have. We will continue to plan play dates and events together over the summer months. If interested in getting involved in this group, please call Katie Jensen or Kim Christensen. Thank you and God Bless



## FISH of East Aurora

Sue Cox

The food for the month of June is **COLD CEREAL**. We give cold cereal out at each food distribution. We need about 120-130 boxes of cereal each month. Remember, we accept any food at any time. It is a great time to buy foods if something is on sale or 'buy one, get one free'. Food can be placed in the box in the narthex of the church.

Thank you so much for your continued support.



## Men's Retreat: "Godly Men: A Work In Progress"

Dan Stahl

The Men's Ministry of St. Paul's has been busy planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Retreat. This years retreat will be held Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Duffield. Special thanks go out to all that assisted and attended the first annual "Men and Meat Pre-Retreat" event held Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. It seemed that no amount of rain was going to keep us down! The food and deserts were outstanding (a true compliment to "The Women of St. Paul's"), our guest speaker Pastor Garry Seefeldt was amazing, the music was powerful and our visit to the West Falls Conservation Society for a trap shoot exceeded all of our expectations. Thanks again to the West Falls Conservation Society who not only gave us use of the facility and manpower but also supplied all the clay birds at NO cost.

Now it's time to focus our efforts on the retreat this fall. Our theme for this year is Detours and we are using 2 Timothy as our inspiration. Registration will be required for this event and can be found on the St. Paul's web site at <http://www.saintpaulschurch.com> then go to Ministries, Men's Ministry or just ask a member of the Men's Ministry, (they are the ones walking around these days with a big smile on there face after that amazing "Men and Meat" encounter).

Please consider joining us for food, fellowship and fun as we make the detour to become better Christian Men, you will not regret it. Remember spring cleaning is here, so keep an eye out and save up that scrap metal as we will be collecting again this fall. This fundraiser was a huge success for us last year and we are hoping to see the same again this year.

## Men of St. Paul's

The men of Saint Paul's will meet on the second Saturday of this month at 7AM, at the Iron Kettle of East Aurora. Good fellowship and great discussions are at the top of the menu. Bring your Bible and join us in a relaxed atmosphere as breakfast is shared along with God's Word.

## Women of the Word

Claudia Strickland



The women of St. Paul's met on Monday May 16 at 7 pm. Bible study was done by Sue Cox, chapter 5, from Adventurous Prayer. The chapter was about the quiet time you have to "hear" God speaking to you. Psalm 46:10.

Treasurers report by Marcia Welshans. We raised \$110 from World Day of Prayer and that was given to the Blue Star Mothers for postage.

Basket sale coming in June. Work night is Monday June 13. An ad has been placed in the Pennysaver. Flyers should be printed and placed around town. Baskets will be available to fill. Start getting a theme together.

June 11 at 9AM St Nicodemus is having their Pentacost Breakfast. Please come and support our sisters there. We will be meeting in the church parking lot that Saturday at 8:15-8:30am. Then carpool over there.

Then in July we hope to have a New Member get together combined with the Saints and Sinners picnic at the Cox's. (Sue was notified May 16. Ken will be notified soon!) Hope to see you there!!!

Camp Duffield women's retreat will be October 7-9th 2011. A good time will be had by all. And besides "what happens at retreat STAYS at retreat" is our motto! We hope to have at least 10 people from St. Paul's there.

New business. It was brought up who buys the Baptismal candles? Not sure. Would the women be willing to purchase or take care of that? Will have to find out more information before a decision can be made.

This month there will be no meeting. Our cookout and basket wrapping night will be June 13th. July 18, 2011 will be our next official meeting.

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# Family Conections!

Have your family memorize the following catechism answer:

**Q: Why is God, the Father Almighty called "Maker of heaven and earth"?**

A: Because in six days He created all things out of nothing, simply by His Word.  
(Taken from Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. By Concordia Publishing House.)

Teach the memory verse:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."  
Genesis 1:1

Explain to your family what these things mean.

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## Camp Duffield News

Dan Stahl

Spring is here and with that comes planning for future summer activities. One that you may want to consider for your children would be spending a week at Camp Duffield. The summer schedule can be viewed on line or pick up a brochure/registration form in the church vestibule. Also remember that St. Paul's is offering camperships.

Camp Duffield is happy to announce that they are now sending out a brand new newsletter in addition to posting news on the web site. To sign up for the newsletter just check out the news section on the web site or contact Dan.

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled work day at Duffield. All are welcome to join in on getting the camp ready for the summer season with anything from raking up leaves to painting picnic benches. If you are curious or interested contact Dan as they need a count for the lunch that they will be serving to everyone there.

Duffield is sponsoring a Women's Fall Retreat October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. All women of St. Paul's are welcome.

Once again, I urge all of you to visit the website at [www.campduffield.org](http://www.campduffield.org) or possibly schedule a visit to the camp itself. This ministry can only survive with support of the churches such as us, not only financially but spiritually and through the help and assistance of a volunteer work force. The Lord has given all of us a gift; please consider sharing some of yours along with keeping Camp Duffield in your prayers.

The ministry of Camp Duffield is always in need of your prayers. At this time some of the specific things that we would like to ask you to pray for are.... that we will find continued support from churches and that God will continue to touch and change hundreds of lives through the camping ministry at Camp Duffield.

# Sunday School

Lori Ignatowski

What a busy time of year! We are busy getting ready for VBS! We have started by being a part of the Memorial Day parade in West Falls and handing out water bottles that had schedules and information about our VBS program. You will see that clipboard pop up in church asking for volunteers for the VBS program as well as for ordering shirts for this year. Please get involved! You will never regret it! An important thing, as a culminating event we will be having a community carnival again like last year. We need a Chairperson for this event. If interested, please see me. It is lots of fun and you will have plenty of help. Also, Sue Cox has come to me and let me know that she is ready to retire from her long run of filling in as secretary of the Sunday school so we are looking for someone to fill this position. If interested, again, please let me know. Remember, here at St. Paul's, we don't take a break from God so we will be meeting for Sunday school every week! Thanks so much and see you in Sunday school!



Sunday School



## The League

St. Paul's Youth Ministry

Calling all 6th graders who are going into 7th grade in the '11/'12 school year. You are now invited to come to the League. This month we will be meeting on..

**June 2nd and June 23rd @ 6:30pm.**

We have fun games, snacks and music planned. On June 23rd we will be having an end of the school year party!!!!

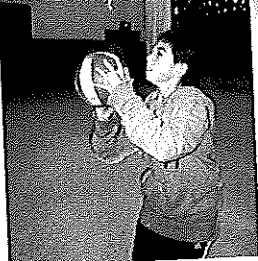
Upcoming events include:

August 1st- Kingdom Bound

August 7-10th Camp Duffield (watch for the flyer with more details. We are going to have an amazing retreat)

All 7th-12th graders are welcome and don't your friends!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Worship Services:  
Sunday at 8:15am & 11am  
& last Saturday of the  
month at 5pm  
Sunday School 9:30am

Next Council Meeting:  
Tues. June 14, 2011  
@ 7pm

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