

Dates to remember

August Food collection -

August 3 – Picnic at Krull Park, Olcott

August 11th-15th - Community Vacation Bible School, 9am-12 noon at Exley.

August 13 – 6:30pm Vestry

August 20 – Sunday School Picnic at Tuscora Park 6pm

August 23-24 – Garage Sale at St Andrew's for Acolyte Festival Trip

September Food collection –

September 7 – Sunday School Starts (Pot Luck)

September 10 – 6:30pm Vestry

September 17 - **Pious Press Deadline**

September 20 – Post Card Day

October 3-4 – Rummage Sale

Your Priest's Perspective

As we look toward the new beginnings of September, your Vestry has made the commitment to make St. John's more widely known in our community. This means exploring ways to live into the statement that is the hallmark of our new brochure:

Our doors are always open.

To this end, we will begin each Vestry meeting with a reflection on biblical hospitality, drawing upon the book *Widening the Welcome of Your Church*, in which hospitality is defined as follows:

Hospitality is the attitude and practice of providing the atmosphere and opportunities, however risky, in which strangers are free to become friends, thereby feeling accepted, included, and loved

Hospitality is more than friendliness. It is more than marketing and manners. It is an attitude and a practice that opens up the possibility for deeper union with God. It is a spiritual discipline that involves facing our fears and embracing change. Hospitality is not about growing our congregation so that we will be more stable financially. It is about looking into our own hearts, and letting go of our desire that every Sunday be predictable and familiar, resisting our inclination to talk only with our friends.

Keeping the doors of our hearts and minds "always open" means, most of all, that we welcome God-- at any moment, in any place, in any form. A prayer written by Brother Roger of Taize expresses this radical hospitality of the heart:

*Holy Spirit,
you know our frailties,
but you come to transfigure our hearts
so that our very darkness itself
can become
inner light.*

Judith+

National Acolyte Festival Trip Postponed

The Acolyte trip to the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. has been postponed until October of 2009. We will continue fundraising throughout the coming year, and we will create opportunities for the acolytes at our difference churches to get to know each other. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for the following dates:

August 23rd – 24th – Garage Sale at St. Andrew's

September 13th - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner with a Basket Auction & Dinner raffle drawing at St. Andrew's



Special Benefit for Acolyte Trip

**Dinner for 8 at the Van Horn Mansion (\$1000 value)
Donated by Joanne Stanton (of Christ Church)**

Menu

Punch

Appetizers

French Onion Soup

Poached Pears on Mixed Greens

Herbed Beef Tenderloin

Twice Baked Potato Casserole

Mushrooms Au Gratin

Spinach-Cheese French Bread

Creamy Chocolate Cake Roll

Coffee and Tea

Raffle Tickets - \$5 each

Drawing - September 13th at St. Andrew's

The winner will select the date for the dinner with Joanne Stanton

Vestry Highlights

June 11, 2008

- ✓ Reviewed the parish brochure designed by Cheri Lyon and Robyn Krueger. Order 500 copies, to be distributed at key points in Wilson
- ✓ Lois Bateman requested that we consider asking someone else to serve as Treasurer beginning in 2009.
- ✓ Agreed that it would be helpful to include some information and education about stewardship and parish finances in the newsletter and bulletin inserts
- ✓ Discussed the advisability of holding a Capital Improvement Campaign so that we will have reserve funds for projects such as the roof repairs and plexiglass window covers. We agreed to consider this as a topic for discussion at our September meeting.
- ✓ Resolved that the wardens, priest, or treasurer can authorize an expenditure of up to \$200 without prior Vestry approval
- ✓ Resolved: Janet Hoffman will coordinate with UNYTS to hold a blood drive at St. John's in August.

St. John's & St. Andrew's
Sunday School Beach Party & Picnic
Tuscarora State Park

Wednesday August 20 6-8 pm

(Admission to the Park is free after 6 pm)

We have reserved the area next to the beach

Bring your bathing suit, towel, and a dish to pass

RSVP to 778-7633, or to Pastor Lee at 949-8194 or judithmarylee@gmail.com

Outreach - Community Missions

Fifty some personal hygiene bags were taken to the Mission on June 24th by John and Millie High.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support this outreach, especially members of the Parish, Wilson Community Pharmacy, Dr. Michael S. Dick and Dr. Samir El Chehabi.

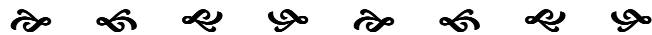
We are always in need of soaps, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, combs and razors. The travel size is just right for including in the bags. You may put your donations in the basket at the back of the sanctuary or hand them to one of us.

Millie High
Jean Reid
Mary Gamble

Pastor Lee will be on vacation – August 7-12 & 18-22. Father Massie will be celebrant and preach on **August 10.** We will not have the **Thursday Holy Eucharist on August 7 or 21.**



St. Paul's-Lewiston Camp Coast Care Mission – St. Paul's will return to Mississippi for a mission trip during the week after Thanksgiving. Please let Judith+ know if you are interested in joining the group, or send an email directly to The Rev. Susan Keppy at keppyinlewiston@juno.com



Sunday School Picnic with St. John's – **Wednesday August 20, at Tuscarora State Park in Wilson, 6-8 p.m.** Families and Sunday School teachers from St. John's and St. Andrew's will join for some fun and fellowship—we'll have a barbeque, and the beach will be open. Watch for more information.

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MDG Choral Festival – St. Andrew's and St. John's will sponsor this gathering of choirs from churches in the Deanery, Newfane, Wilson, and Lockport, under the direction of Joe Breczka Jr. on **All Saints Sunday, November 2nd, at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Lockport.** Watch for more information.

Doors by Tom Sharpe

It is our choice whether to keep the doors in our lives open or closed.

A closed door guards our home from the thief, bad weather or prying eyes. It acts as a barrier against danger. A closed door in our home also isolates us. It can shut out people that might become friends. Closed doors also act as a barrier to interaction with the natural world around us. When this happens we lose touch with the Earth and with our fellow creatures that inhabit it.

Closed doors in our hearts can protect us from hurt. If we keep strangers out of our hearts we can't be hurt by cruel words and uncomfortable feelings. Closed doors in our hearts also keep out the possibility of new friendships and a wider horizon of greater love.

Closed doors in our homes and hearts can lock us in with the darkness that may dwell there. The darkness of fear, hate, prejudice against new ideas and people who are different. We can be locked in with our loneliness and self pity. Closed doors can shut us in with the things that poison our bodies, souls, minds and hearts.

Open doors may let dangers into our homes. Openness may let hurt and sorrow into our hearts. There is always some risk involved in having an open heart and hearth.

The plus side of openness is the joy of newness. With open doors comes a flood of new love, new ideas and new friendships. This influx of love, ideas and friendship brings new growth. Growth of body, soul and mind leads to greater maturity and contentment. Despite the dangers, the advantages of openness outweigh the false security that comes from shutting ourselves in.

Wishful thinking leads to a fun day of fishing

C. Boyd Pfeiffer, The Examiner, July 4, 2008

BALTIMORE -

Brian Aiken is excited about fishing. His wishes are coming true. Brian, 11, is going fishing on his first Wish-A-Fish Chesapeake Bay fishing excursion July 19, out of Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.

He thinks that he might “catch a few rock,” although anything he catches might well be dwarfed by his April catch of a 26-pound, 40-inch citation striper.

“Right now, Brian is catching fish a lot larger than he was when he was born,” said his father, John Aiken. Brian was born three months prematurely. As a result, he’s mildly disabled and a perfect candidate for the Wish-A-Fish program.

The Wish-A-Fish Foundation takes disabled youngsters or those with life-threatening illnesses out for a fishing trip. That’s how Brian landed his whopper rock, fishing with Wish-A-Fish volunteer Skip Zinck in April.

This is all new for Brian and parents John and Jeanne Aiken. It was one day last summer when Brian said to his dad, “Why don’t we go fishing?” John, a non-angler at the time, said they would. John visited the Internet and tackle shops before discovering Wish-A-Fish.

Wish-A-Fish started eight years ago and this year they will take out about 30 families with the help and cooperation of local volunteer boat captains, fishermen and tackle shops.

“The main goal is to take special-needs children and their families out to give them a typical fun-filled fishing day,” Zinck said.

There are other Wish-A-Fish chapters, including one in Ocean City. It is a year-long effort, planning for the funds needed, contacting volunteer boat owners, and soliciting goodies from local tackle shops.

“They do a great job for developmentally disadvantaged kids,” said Jim Bieler, owner of Marty’s Sporting Goods in Edgewater.

Ralph Meloy of the Annapolis Wish-A-Fish chapter notes that they also get great help from Warren’s Bait Box in Glen Burnie. Windows Catering Co. of Virginia, will provide lunch for all after the July 19 Bay fishing trip.

Boat owners such as Wayne Morgan contribute time, boats and fuel — the latter not a small thing this summer.

“When you make a kid’s dream come true, it is a special thing,” Morgan said.

Each youngster of each family gets a rod and reel, with the family receiving a goody-filled tackle box. The important thing for all is the smiles garnered with the catch of a fish from the youngsters on the trip.

“When Brian is on the water or near water, his disabilities almost totally disappear,” John Aiken said.

Brian & his sister Heather were baptised at St John’s in 2000. The Aiken family moved to Baltimore, MD where John is a nurse at Johns Hopkins.

St Paul's Lutheran Church

HUGE Garage Sale

Saturday August 9 (9-5)

Sunday August 10 (11-5)

If you have items to donate call 478-7516
or 778-0648

Refreshments will be served

St Andrew's

Community Lunch

August 24th, 2008 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Menu includes:

Taco Bar, Beverage &
Ice Cream Sandwiches

Hosted by Judith+ and Dale

Donations needed

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Come to enjoy a meal and joyful fellowship

Altar Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	SERVICE	COLOR	MEMBER
August 3	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	11:00am	Church picnic	2 Krull Park	Olcott
August 7	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	G. Feischlag
August 10	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	M. High
August 14	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	M. High
August 17	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	J. Reid
August 21	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	J. Reid
August 24	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	M. Sabey
August 28	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	M. Sabey
August 31	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	L. Bateman
Sept. 4	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	L. Bateman
Sept. 7	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	A. Carter
Sept. 11	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	A. Carter
Sept. 14	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	G. Feischlag
Sept. 18	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	G. Feischlag
Sept. 21	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	M. High
Sept. 25	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	M. High
Sept. 28	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30am	Eucharist	Green	J. Reid
Oct. 2	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	J. Reid

Lockport CARES, Inc.
160 Chestnut Street
Lockport, NY 14094

August 1, 2008

Dear Friends,

Lockport Cares, Inc. is a community based group of area churches, businesses, service agencies and organizations developed to provide emergency shelter for those needy in Eastern Niagara County. Along with shelter, Lockport Cares, Inc. will provide necessary food and clothing for the residents. The shelter is set up as an emergent endeavor with the average stay limited to 10 days. The resident will be encouraged to find permanent housing within that time. Lockport Cares, Inc. will help direct them through referrals to other agencies and support services.

Lockport Cares, Inc. is run solely donations. All funding goes directly house is being donated and we hope "before the snow falls". We have open, volunteers are needed in all



with VOLUNTEER STAFF and to the care of our clients needs. A to be operational by late fall 2008, much to do before then and when capacities to help run the shelter. Funding is also needed, we are expecting approval of 501C3 application in the near future.

As the Lord leads there are three concrete ways that you can help:

- 4 Pray for Lockport Cares, Inc. Wisdom for the Board of Directors and help from the community.
- 4 Volunteers: especially for these committees, Building, Financial/Development, Volunteers, Public Relations, and Operations.
- 4 Financial support from individuals or the church body.

A representative from Lockport Cares, Inc. is willing to speak with your church leaders or congregation to answer any questions you may have. Contact Jim Haid, chairman Board of Directors at 433-5252 cell 870-9557 or www.lockportcares.org

For the Board of Directors and the Organizational Committee, we thank you for your careful consideration of our requests and for any support you may be led to offer. There is a great need for this emergency shelter in Eastern Niagara County and your churches support will be much appreciated.

In Christian Service,
(Rev.) Stephen A. Hall
Chair, Public Relations