



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

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Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so...

Famous words to a famous song. Words that, it would seem, we don't go more than a few hours without hearing in the Thebeau household - either one of the boys is singing it or Rebecca and/or I am trying to sooth an upset Theboy (T-boy) with it. And I am sure that we are not alone in this parental experience. The temptation is for us adults to dismiss the song as trivial or basic, below our more mature understanding of the faith.

But consider this story about the 20th century Reformed Swiss theologian, Karl Barth. First, context: Barth is a uniquely important figure in Christian theology since World War II. Barth reawakened many imaginations to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the centrality of Christ for the Christian life. And he did so with a subtle and prolific mind, which produced copious amounts of writing. His magnum opus alone, *Church Dogmatics*, is four volumes long and is usually divided into 13 books for publishing!

The point is this: In 1962 during a tour of American seminaries, Barth was asked to summarize his life's work. The eminent theologian responded: "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."

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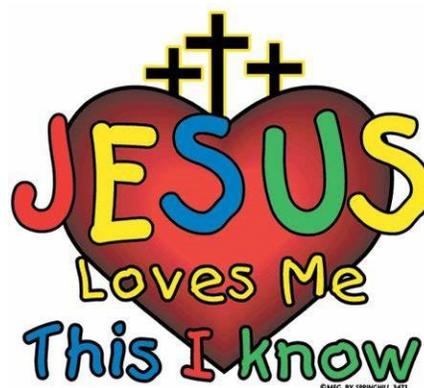
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Perhaps there is a depth to these, seemingly, simple words. Perhaps, in the midst of a world that often looks and feels like it is coming apart at the seams, we would all do well to meditate on the profound truths conveyed in the lyrics of this beloved song. These truths, in Christ Jesus, are the basis for our hope and comfort in a world seemingly gone mad.

***Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.***

Fr. Thebeau



A Poem by Mother Teresa

People are often unreasonable,
Illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you
Of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win
some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway

The good you do today,
people will forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.



VESTRY

VESTRY did not meet in July.



The Visiting Pastor

This is a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

" Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard. " Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen. "

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. Peace Be With You

PRAY for those in the MILITARY

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

Virginia Boy– US Navy

James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

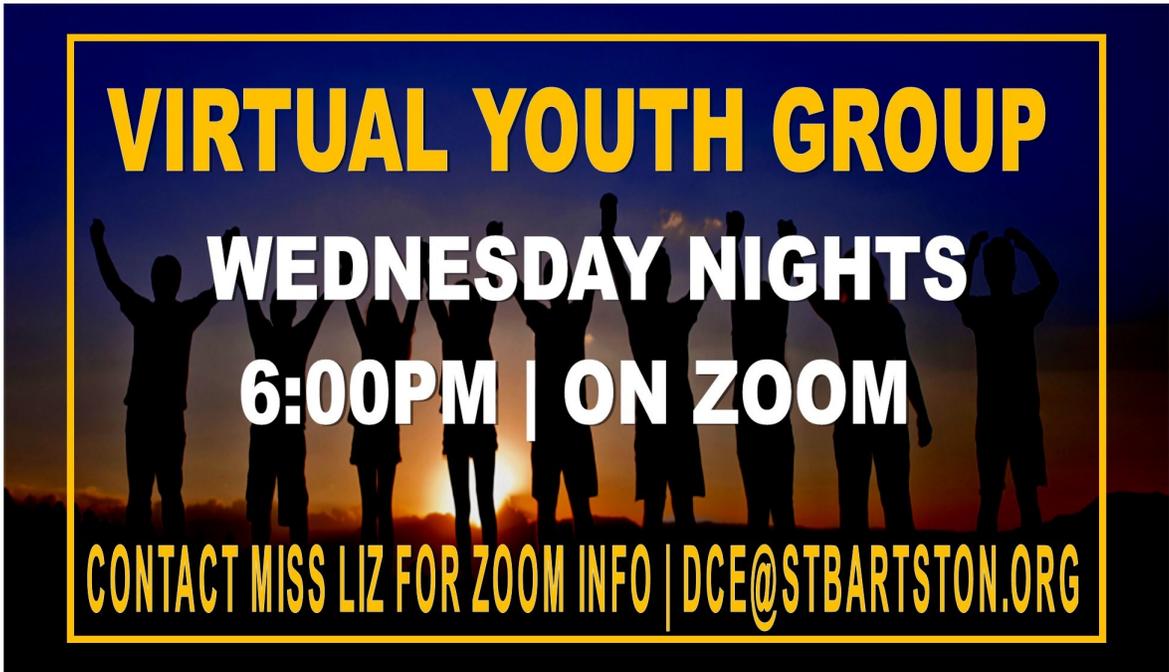
Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army





VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY MORNINGS
11:45AM | ON ZOOM
CONTACT MISS LIZ FOR ZOOM INFO | DCE@STBARTSTON.ORG

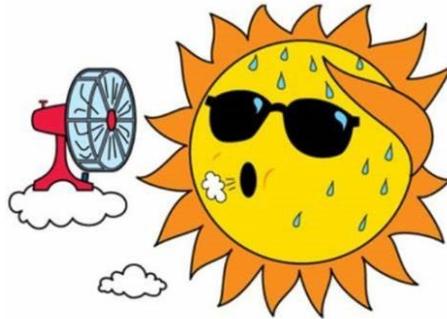


VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **SEPTEMBER** Chatter should be submitted no later than August 18. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Thank you.



Son Rays Ministries is alive and well and has continued working during the COVID lockdown. Their events have been rescheduled as follows:



The annual fundraising banquet is now scheduled for September 18 at a cost of \$40pp.

The annual Craft Fair and Lunch will be held October 14 -17.

If you are interested in attending any of these events or want more information about Son Rays Ministries, please contact Martha Francis (695-1022). The current newsletter will also be available in Fr. Amend Hall.

FOOD PANTRY: Because we are unable to collect food at this time please consider making a financial donation to:

North Tonawanda Food Pantry
100 Ridge Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

August Birthdays

August 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz

August 4 David, Merrick, Elaine Wisniewski

August 5 Carie-Jo Cleary

August 6 Tim Fildes, Ashley Garrasi,
Gust Servis

August 7 Cynthia Carter

August 8 Carrie Hillery, Rudy Kristich,
David Prohaska

August 9 Michele Rucker

August 10 James Arnold, Kathleen Noye,
Leslie Percival

August 11 Florence Purchase,
Parker Waddington

August 12 Justine Derrett

August 13 Karon Cavalleri, John Okiec

August 14 John Cadena, Dolores Jackman

August 15 Suzanne Slayton, Fr. Arthur Ward Jr.

August 16 Thomas Carter, Daniel Tobin

August 17 Laurie-Anne Hammond

August 19 Lois Doran

August 20 Tracy Derrett, Albert Matuch

August 22 Jim Thompson

August 23 Sophie Poeller

August 24 Mikayla Boyle, Will Crosby

August 25 Hannah LaDuca

August 26 Stephanie Baker, Brandon Ganci,
Rhoda Mason

August 27 Larry Bainbridge, Laura Klenk,
Laura Zuefle

August 28 Katherine Oliveri

August 29 Robert Johnson, Cianna Morgante,
Kathleen Schwab

August 30 David McGuire, Abby Wojnowski



September 1 Angelo Morgante

September 4 Julie Clementi

September 6 Emily Begovich

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (831-1777) or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

August

A Joyful Delivery

Christian workers in Vietnam hike through remote mountain regions to distribute God's Word in hostile areas where many believers await their first Bible.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 ERITREA Pray for Eritrean believers who live in refugee camps outside the country.	3 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for God's protection of secret fellowship meetings.	4 ETHIOPIA Pray that the new government will protect the rights of believers.	5 NIGERIA Pray for Christian widows whose husbands were killed by Boko Haram.	6 INDIA Pray for Aids and other widows whose husbands were martyred for their faith.	7 GATAR Pray that the places where believers meet will remain safe and undisturbed.	1 VIETNAM Pray that new Bibles for children and youth will be read by non-Christians.
9 COMOROS Pray that believers will be bold, courageous and wise in their Christian witness.	10 ISRAEL Pray for outreach efforts in areas with no known believers.	11 PHILIPPINES Pray that we will identify and encourage persecuted believers who are suffering alone.	12 SRI LANKA Pray for unity among local churches.	13 MALI Pray for the perseverance of Christians in the north, where ethnic tensions have increased.	14 ERITREA Pray for the health, faith and eventual release of Christians imprisoned for their faith.	8 LAOS Pray that young believers will gain the knowledge and maturity to enter front-line ministry.
16 BRUNEI Pray that believers who are now subject to Sharia, or Islamic law.	17 PAKISTAN Pray for those still recovering from church attacks in Peshawar and Quetta.	18 MAURITANIA Pray that those imprisoned for their faith will be bold witnesses.	19 MALI Pray that the church will display the light of Christ amid jihadist activity.	20 GATAR Pray that culture and tradition will not hinder people from coming to Christ.	21 ETHIOPIA Pray for Christians who are persecuted by the Muslim community in southern and eastern Ethiopia.	15 PAKISTAN Pray for creative ways to distribute Bibles in the most restricted areas.
23 SRI LANKA Pray that more churches will be planted in hostile Hindu and Buddhist areas.	24 INDONESIA Pray for Andreas in Jambi province who is facing charges of blasphemy against Islam.	25 KUWAIT Pray that young people searching for answers will find them in Jesus Christ.	26 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray that churches will remain strong and faithful in regions of ongoing civil unrest.	27 SOMALIA Pray for the safety of believers who face persecution from family, neighbors and terrorists.	28 AFGHANISTAN Pray for the spread of the gospel via radio, TV, social media and Bible translation.	22 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that Christian drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers will not be forced to close.
30 TANZANIA Pray that government leaders will stand strong against the influence of Islam.	31 MOROCCO Pray that Christians will remain united in Morocco.					29 NORTH KOREA Pray for elderly North Korean missionaries who regularly risk their lives to share the gospel.

A (VERY) Little Humor

Yesterday I wore something from five years ago and it actually fit! So proud of myself! (It was a scarf, but still... Let's be positive here!)



Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it becomes a soap opera.

You never see elephants hiding in trees. They must be very good at it.



I'm going to
stand outside.
So if anyone asks,
I am **outstanding.**

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Did you hear about the
kidnapping in school?
No, what happened?
The teacher woke him up.

What did one hat say to the other?
You stay here, I'll go on ahead.

