



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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HAPPY AUGUST ST. BART'S FAMILY!

Summer is a wonderful season of the year for many reasons. Among them are vacations, gardening, and fishing. Lest you get the idea that this article is better suited for *Field and Stream*, or *Home and Garden*, we'll see that these things actually reflect what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

First, vacations are a time to break from our daily work. They are a time for leisure activities, a time for fun, a time for relaxation. In a way, vacations are an extended Sabbath. Think of the word *Sabbatical*, a word that is derived from "Sabbath." From **Exodus 20:9-10a** we read, ***"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work."*** On the Sabbath, God's faithful people were to rest from their labors, they were to worship God and spend time with family. All of those things are important for us. We need rest, and we were created to be relational, so we need to spend time with God, and we need to spend time with our families.

Second, gardening is a kind of meaningful labor. We till the soil, we plant the seed, we water, we pull weeds, and we harvest. All of these things can occur spiritually in our own hearts. We cooperate with the Holy Spirit so that the soil of our hearts is good. We receive the Word of the Lord into our hearts. We receive the watering and remove weeds that try to choke out the Word of the Lord. The result of this labor is righteousness. This is a constant in our lives as believers. We are to be constantly learning from the Lord, constantly growing in the faith, engaged in the process of sanctification. We are always to be *"doers of the word and not hearers only,"* as we read in **James 1:22**.

St. Bart's Web Information

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When we have the first two going on in our lives, we then can be more effective at fishing! In **Matthew 4:19** Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, ***“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”*** First, the disciples spent time with Jesus. They received His Word, learned from Him, and changed into better and better disciples. Then they went out and taught others to be Jesus’ disciples. We also need to continue to spend time daily with Jesus in His Word and in prayer, taking time out to observe the Sabbath. We also need to grow in the faith by learning from Him and removing sin from our lives. Then will we be able to be faithful witnesses of Christ, telling others about Him with the aim that they too will become His disciples. So vacations, gardening, and fishing are not merely leisure activities or hobbies! Rather, they are God’s way of teaching us how to pattern our lives in such a way that we fulfill His Kingdom and mission for our world.

Happy summer family!

Fr. Bush



VESTRY

There was no meeting in July.

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER
CHATTER is Tuesday, September 17.
Thank you.**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military 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– Navy

James Kerins– Army

Sean MacLeay-Navy

Matthew Miller– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force

Andrew Rebl– Army



FOOD PANTRY: Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first week-end of every month.** NIACAP is so appreciative, of our donations. Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc.. *Let's continue to show them our generosity.*

Thank you.



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LET'S HELP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE START THEIR NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A CONFIDENT SMILE!

The women's Wednesday morning Bible study group will be collecting school supplies thru August 18 which will be given to Ken-Ton Closet and our Sudanese families. We are looking for backpacks, glue sticks, primary color markers, pencils, pencil bags, yellow highlighters, pink erasers, 3x5 lined index cards, wide lined paper, 24 ct. Crayola crayons, ear buds, pointed and rounded scissors and pens. We will be filling the donated backpacks with the school supplies. Ken-Ton Closet provides free clothing, school supplies and toiletries to children in need living within the Village of Kenmore/Town of Tonawanda. Donation baskets will be on the table in the Father Amend hall. Thank you for your support.



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PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer Requests – If you, your family and/or your friends are in need of prayer there are prayer request cards in the pews and at the front church entrance. They can be deposited in the church box at the front entrance. They are picked up twice a week. Also, you can request prayers online through our website under the tab “Parish Life” or this link: <https://www.stbartston.org/prayer-requests>

Intercessory Prayer – Sundays at the 10 AM service during the ministration of communion. See the weekly bulletin for times and dates.

If you are in need of some quiet time the **Prayer Room** is open daily during office hours (from 9 am till 3pm) and can be used before, during or after the weekly Saturday and Sunday services.

When you have had **Prayers Answered** and, if you would like to (confidentially) share them with us, you can do that by dropping us a note in the prayer box at the church entrance. We would love to hear from you.

THE PRAYER CHAIN

Some interesting facts about our **Prayer Chain**. Over twenty years ago it was called the "telephone prayer chain" because most of our members did not have a computer or e-mail. Over the years, with the help of modern technology, it has become "the prayer chain". This group is made up of some of our members who have committed to praying for the needs of others. Many of the prayer requests we receive are for people we have never met and we may or may not ever know the outcome of our prayers. All of the prayer requests are kept in strict confidence. How can I leave a prayer request you ask? When you walk into church you will see a small, white wooden church sitting on a small table. There are prayer request cards standing up in front of the church, just fill one out and drop it into the slot in the roof of the church. Twice a week the prayer box is checked for prayers and then sent to the chain. If you've previously left a request and there is an update, please let us know by filling out another card - we'd love to hear from you!

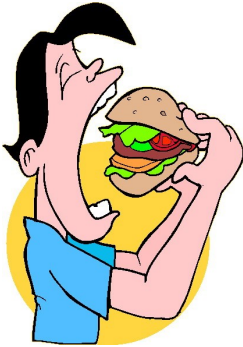


Philippians 4:6 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.*

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Prayer Chain contact Diane Merrick at damerrick3@gmail.com or see her at church.

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Discipleship Bible Study



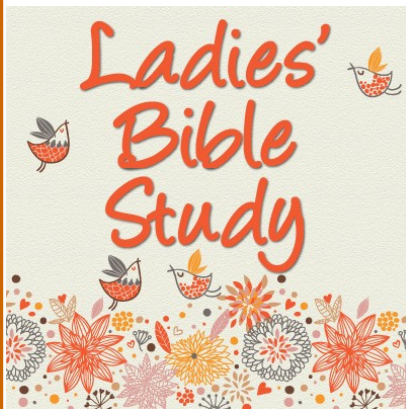
has suspended their Bible Study for the summer BUT will continue to meet **Tuesday evenings under the tent at 6:30pm** for fellowship. Please bring your own dinner.

St. Bart's men also meet **every Tuesday at noon for lunch** at various restaurants around the area. Contact John Krull to find out where they are going next. All men are welcome!

Finally, we will be hosting a **Promise Keepers** livestream event "Daring Faith" on Friday (7-10pm) August 9 with other churches. Please Invite friends and relatives as we hear testimonies and messages encouraging men to live for the Lord. Pizza and wings will be provided!



LADIES BIBLE STUDIES



Both the Tuesday Night and Wednesday Morning ladies Bible studies are taking a summer break. Watch the Sunday bulletins and/or September Chatter for when they will resume.

One of my favorite quotes is “He who sings, prays twice.” It is wonderful that we have a congregation that sings robustly. Our hope is that those of you who enjoy singing will join one of our choral groups and encourage your children to participate. The September rehearsal and 10:00 a.m. Sunday singing schedules are noted below. Please consider joining our choir family!

Cherub Choir (Kindergarten, First and Second Grade) Alana Bush, Director
Children’s Choir (Third Grade and up) Margaret Bukkosy, Director

Sunday rehearsals after the 10:00 a.m. service on September 8, 15, 22, and 29. The Cherub Choir will rehearse in the small fellowship hall across from the church’s library. The Children’s Choir will rehearse in the choir room. Parents of participants will be notified of the singing schedule at a later date. These choirs will be singing/participating in the Christmas Pageant. Each family is asked to complete a registration form for our records. Thank you.

High School Singers (Middle and High School) Aaron Machelor, Director
Stay tuned! More information to come in the September newsletter. If you have a Middle or High School student who is interested, please let me or Aaron know.

Adult Choir (High School and Adults) Margaret Bukkosy, Director
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Singing September 8 and 29 with warm-up at 9:15 a.m. The Adult Choir will be preparing a Christmas Cantata. The fall rehearsal schedule will reflect that. This choir will sing the first two Sundays of each month and all special services, including some fifth Sundays.

Contemporary Singers and Instrumentalists. Deacon Jim Kibby, Director
(High School and Adults)

Rehearsal Wednesday, September 18 at 6 p.m. for vocalists in the choir room. Instrumentalists meet September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Singing September 22. Warm-up at 9:15 a.m.



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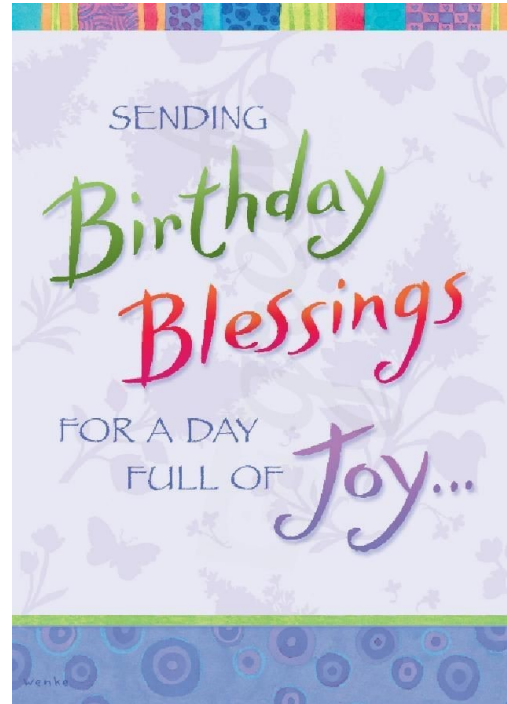


Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made our Camp Firelight VBS possible. It was great to see all the VBS staff live out the fruits of the spirit throughout the week. Showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control to all those cute kiddos. It's because of your example the kids left knowing how we can always trust God to go with us, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy!



August Birthdays

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| 1 Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz | 28 Laura Zuefle |
| 4 Sarah Knecht, David Merrick,
Drusilla Waterman,
Elaine Wisniewski | 29 Robert Johnson, Cianna Morgante,
Katherine Olivrei |
| 6 Carie-Jo Cleary, Tochukwu Ezeagwuna | 30 Abby Wojnowski |
| 8 Cynthia Carter, Carrie Hillery | 31 Nicholas S. Sluyter |
| 9 David Prohaska | |
| 10 Kathleen Craig, Leslie Percival,
Michelle Rocker | |
| 11 Florence Purchase, James Spence | |
| 13 Karon Cavalleri, Justine Derrett,
Susan Ochiltree, Emilia Sluyter,
Lucy Sluyter, Sarah Sluyter | |
| 14 John Cadena, John Okiec | |
| 15 Dee Jackman, Suzanne Slayton,
Fr. Arthur Ward, Jr. | |
| 16 Thomas Carter | |
| 17 Laurie Anne Hammand, Daniel Tobin | |
| 19 Owen VanSaders | |
| 20 Edith Koerner, Albert Matuch | |
| 22 Jim Thompson, Adam Wilkowski | |
| 25 Will Crosby, Daniel Lavin | |
| 26 Brandon Ganci, Hannah LaDuca | |
| 27 Laura Klenk, Rhoda Mason | |



SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Angelo Morgante |
| 4 Elijah Williams |
| 8 Debora Geis, Dn. Gary Wisniewski |

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

August Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 4:30 pm HE
4 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS	5	6	7 9:30 am HE	8	9 7pm Promise Keepers Livestream event (6pm Pizza & Wings)	10 4:30 pm HE
11 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS (last till Sept 8)	12	13	14 9:30 am HE	15 7pm Prayer Night	16	17 4:30 pm HE
18 8 & 10 am HE	19	20	21 9:30 am HE	22	23	24 4:30 pm HE
25 8 & 10 am HE	26	27	28 9:30 am HE	29	30	31 4:30 pm HE

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

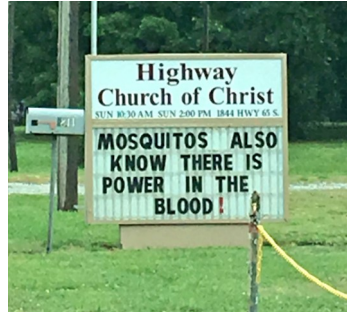
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>August</h1>						
4 LAOS When new Christians are accused of choosing a "foreign religion," pray that they will remain steadfast in Christ.	5 SOMALIA Pray for Christians, who are actively pursued and killed when discovered.	6 KUWAIT Pray that those who flee Kuwait will find refuge among believers in their new country.	7 OMAN Pray that Christian converts from Islam will not be discouraged when facing legal challenges due to their conversion.	8 BENIN Pray that new Christians will have access to God's Word, especially in rural areas.	9 GATAR Pray for the small number of Gatar! Christians who gather covertly for teaching and worship.	10 SYRIA Pray for the protection of those distributing Bibles in Syria.
11 ALGERIA Pray for Bible distributors, which are risky for the distributors and congregations involved.	12 TURKMENISTAN Pray that Turkmen Christians will be able to obtain Bibles in their own language.	13 UZBEKISTAN Pray that Atamarat, Zamira and their sons will have many opportunities to share the gospel.	14 ETHIOPIA Praise God that biblical churches continue to plant new churches and send missionaries!	15 CAMEROON Pray for the comfort and healing of those traumatized by Boko Haram attacks.	16 JORDAN Pray that churches in need of new facilities will find favor with the government.	17 TANZANIA Pray for Christians living near the Ugandan border who have suffered for their faith.
18 COMOROS Pray for Bible translators who are working to make God's Word available in native languages.	19 VIETNAM Pray for Hmong Christians, who experience some of the most violent and harsh forms of persecution.	20 SRI LANKA Pray for front-line workers like Maramma who are boldly leading many to faith in Christ.	21 MALAYSIA Pray for Christians who have been tortured in reeducation camps for refusing to return to Islam.	22 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for Christians who worship together secretly without church buildings.	23 MALI Pray for Christian converts from Islam who often face harassment from family members and their communities.	24 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that believers will "shine as lights" by living with integrity amid widespread corruption (Philippians 2:14-16).
25 SUDAN Pray for front-line workers responding to crisis situations in conflict areas.	26 BHUTAN Pray that Christians who lose their livelihood because of their faith will experience God's provision in a special way.	27 TAJIKISTAN Pray that God's Word, which is available only in some cities, will become accessible in new ways.	28 COLOMBIA Pray that front-line workers distributing Bibles in the "red zones" will be undetected by rebel groups.	29 NIGER Pray for Christians who have been attacked by Islamists from neighboring countries.	30 INDONESIA Pray for the successful distribution of Bibles in areas of heavy persecution.	31 ERITREA Pray for the salvation of the country's leader, Isaiat Afwerki, who studied in Communist China.

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Church Signs



Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a Gift from God.
That's why we call it the Present.
Have a blessed day!