

News from Saint Andrew's - Burt

October 2009

*We are a diverse community of faith called by God
to love, worship, pray, support, and serve.*

Your Vicar's View ☩

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

[Luke 14:28-30]

In all that we do, we are called to build the Body of Christ responsibly, trustingly, and gratefully. Here is my "view" on a number of matters involved in doing this.

Liturgy and the flu: Despite flu warnings, we will continue our usual practice in sharing the Peace and in sharing Holy Communion. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands during the Peace, just nod in acknowledgement of someone's greeting in Christ and do not be offended if someone does not want to shake hands with you. The Eucharistic Ministers and I will sanitize our hands before distributing communion, and please allow the Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you; if you prefer not to take the wine, simply cross your arms in front of your chest and bow your head.

Deanery news – As some of you know, I have been appointed Dean of Niagara Deanery. The Dean is the bishop's representative in the deanery; I will support the clergy in their ministries, organize monthly clergy meetings (called the *clericus*), work with the lay officers to plan Deanery Council meetings, and attend a monthly meeting with the other deans and the bishop.

Mutual Ministry Review: Each year, your Vestry, staff, and I do a brief review of our ministry together and set goals for the coming year. This year we will have a *congregational* review. During October and November, each warden and member of the vestry will interview 3-5 members of the congregation to see what means the most to

you, what needs our attention, and what priorities you want to set. You may decide to have these conversations individually or in small groups. We have decided to do this during Stewardship Season because it is a natural and important part of being faithful stewards of the gift of being called to be the Body of Christ in this place and at this time. We will share your responses at our Annual Parish Meeting on January 17th and together suggest some goals for how to build a strong foundation for our life together in Christ.

Special Parish Meeting: October 18: Your Vestry has proposed changes in the By-Laws to bring our election of Wardens into compliance with New York Religious Corporation Law, which requires that one warden be elected every year for a two-year term. We will meet briefly after the service, in the church, to discuss and vote on this proposal.

Memorials Project: After extended discussion last year, your Vestry agreed to develop a memorial "Wall of Honor" to recognize the members of St. Andrew's who formed the community we value so much today. As we began to design this project, however, it became clear that many of you are very uncomfortable with it. We have therefore put it on hold. As part of our Mutual Ministry Review we will decide together on how to say "thank you" in a way that is a distinctive expression of St. Andrew's—who we have been and who we will become as children of God.

Judith

Help God's Garden Grow

A View from Your Warden

As I gaze out my back door I see the fog rising as the sun sets on this late summer evening. Soon I will meditate on the color and sights of fall. For these natural wonders I thank God who created the earth. I have always been an observer of God's natural wonders, from the gentle spring shower to the raging wind and snow of winter.

Each summer I fill my yard with colorful flowers to create my own quiet place. God has given me this skill for creating beauty and peace but not without trials and tribulations. As I attempt to be a steward of His land I struggle; digging in hard ground is not easy and I often ask for help. I invest money in the plants I purchase and time in the maintaining of the garden. If you look at my yard at the end of June everything is small but very neat and orderly. If you look at my yard in August you see where some areas are bursting with color and some are buried in weeds, but still reaching for the sun with beautiful colors.

I believe that this gardening experience is a way I express my belief in God who is the giver of all gifts. I strive to be a good caretaker of what has been given to me by God. I believe the quiet and noisy moments in my yard with my family and friends are worth the investment. I thank God for His gifts by committing my time and money in the form of a pledge to St. Andrew's where we as a congregation are able to tend to the business of helping God's garden grow through nurturing a spiritual community, tending the sick, feeding the hungry and clothing those in need. I invite you to celebrate God's gifts given to you through your commitment to St. Andrew's.

- Cindy Harrington

Our Moods Affect Everyone

Thoughts on Hospitality

I subscribe to an e-course online about spirituality in the workplace. Each day for 40 days I receive an email with a thought or idea about how to incorporate spirituality into my life at work... not always an easy task.

A recent day included a quote from Eknath Easwaran: "In my teaching days in India, when I would remind a student that he was looking a little gloomy, he would object, "But sire, it's my

face." I would reply, "Yes, but it's we who have to look at it." Not even the look on our face is our own business; all these things affect the people around us."

I loved this because it is so true. Body language, facial expressions and our moods affect how others see us no matter how sweet the words coming out of our mouths are. Be aware of how you affect others, even in subtle ways.

- Stacy Lampman



Money Matters

We've been posting the previous month's figures in the weekly bulletin each week over the summer to let everyone know how we stand financially. The Quarterly Pledge data won't be in until after this newsletter goes to press so look for it in the weekly bulletins to come. **Thank you** to everyone for your continued contributions over the summer. If vacation caused you to miss some, now is a great time to "catch up".

<i>Financial Report as of August 31st</i>	<i>Pledge Report as of June 30th</i>
<i>Income to date: \$87,298.65</i>	<i>Pledges paid ahead 12</i>
<i>Expenses to date: \$85,737.44</i>	<i>Pledges paid on time 17</i>
<i>Pledge income to date: \$52,221.90</i>	<i>Pledges behind 14</i>

Never A Dull Moment



Buildings & Grounds Report

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds committee I would like to thank all of the individuals who helped maintain our buildings and grounds throughout the summer.

- We now have a new hot water tank, after experiencing a small flood caused by the old tank springing a leak.
- We are investigating a solution to water leaking into the north undercroft wall.
- The grass was mowed regularly and looked great.
- We are also enjoying the flowers and freshly trimmed hedge around our building.
- Oh, I must not forget to thank the “bat removers”!

It's never too dull of a place here, not even in the lazy days of summer.

Our next Building and Grounds committee meeting will be at 9 am on October 4th. Please join us; your skills can help keep our parish a beautiful place to worship.

- Cindy Harrington



The Office Corner

Greetings from the Office

The pumpkins in our garden are all orange so I guess that means that it is fall now. I hate to see the warm weather waning but I do like the season change. We have a lot of things going on this fall at St. Andrew's. Just next Sunday Oct. 4th, we have our third Sunday Night Live performance of the year by *The Lake Effect*, an all male a'cappella singing group featuring my son-in-law Jeff Trenchard. These guys are fabulous and as much fun to watch as they are to listen to. Don't miss it!

Halloween brings the kids in their costumes (as well as some “big kids”) and that is followed by the Second Niagara Ecumenical Choral Festival on All Saints Sunday, the 1st of November. This year it is being held at the First Lutheran Church in Lockport and will be directed by our own Joe Breczka, Jr. Come and enjoy some great music from local choirs.

Items currently in the Lost & Found are:

- ❖ A Ladies Black hooded coat with a tan lining size 26/28 and an “IZ SPORT” label in it.
- ❖ A Gray pill case
- ❖ A light blue Cub Scout Neckerchief
- ❖ A pair of ladies black knit Isotoner gloves
- ❖ A Black coat size M/M with a “Private Member” label in it.
- ❖ A small pair of brown sunglasses
- ❖ A Girl's Black & Gold Headband
- ❖ A Black & Grey zipper sweatshirt w/ skulls on it (size XS)
- ❖ A Man's “Citizen” watch with a silver and gold colored band.

Most of these items have been in the Lost and Found for quite some time and will be heading to the community store if they are not claimed soon.

Get ready to rake the leaves as the frost on the pumpkin will be here before you know it.

- Mike Depew

Scripture for Stewardship

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. [Act 2:44-47]

View from our Youth

Niagara Deanery Youth Group

Join us for a year of fun, friendship, sharing, and faith!

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to bring friends!



~~Mark Your Calendars~~

Sunday, October 11th- Community Service- Gettin' Crafty

St. Andrew's, Burt 4-6:30pm

Sunday, November 8th- Movie Night!

Place- TBA 4-6:30pm

Sunday, December 13th- Community Service- Caroling for Seniors

Place- local nursing home 1pm-4pm (tentative)

Sunday, January 3rd- Annual Epiphany Gifts For Life collection

Place- Deanery churches during their Sunday service

**Attention High School Aged Youth!
Catch the Spirit!
Happening Weekend #25 - November 13-15, 2009**



Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers. It is a weekend experience of fun, games, sharing, and most of all, a time for spiritual renewal and empowerment. Interested? Visit <http://eyouthwny.homestead.com/Happening.html> for an application.

Candidate applications are due October 3rd

- Sarah Harrington, Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner,
dancinsarah83@yahoo.com



Community Lunch

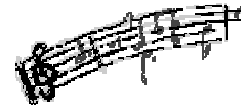
Community Lunch for October will be on **Sunday, Oct. 25th**. It will be a Pancake Brunch. Watch in the Narthex for sign-up for donations that will be needed. As always, if you would like to take a more active part in this great ministry, please contact Stacy.

Scripture for Stewardship

We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptations and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. [1 Timothy 6: 7-10]



Welcome Back!



Musical Notes

After a wonderful fun-filled summer, I am glad to be back at St. Andrew's. The choir has a very exciting and busy few months ahead of us.

I want to begin by welcoming back all our choir members and thanking them for their participation. It is great to see everyone returning with a few new faces among us. I also want to offer a huge *Thank You* to Lois Carter and Katie Harrington, who played for our services during the summer.

In addition to our weekly anthems, our first major undertaking for the year will be the ***Ecumenical Choir Festival***, on **Sunday, November 1st at 4 p.m.** at **First English Lutheran Church in Lockport**. Our first Ecumenical Choir Festival was held last year and is now an annual tradition; several churches from Niagara Deanery and the Lockport area will present their individual choirs and will join together as a combined choir to sing some beautiful anthems. The power of those combined voices is awesome! Last year, the combined choir had over 60 people! This is a great afternoon event, with a free will offering given to an organization working to eliminate hunger and poverty throughout the world. Please mark your calendars: it will be a musical afternoon you won't want to miss!

This year, we will continue to coordinate our anthems and other musical offerings with the readings and/or special prayers for each Sunday. The anthems we prepare will have special meaning to correspond to the different seasons of the Church year. This way, our Music Ministry will support the overall ministry at St. Andrews. What a great opportunity to share God's Word through music.

In preparing for the year (we start our Advent and Christmas Anthems now), I can't help but think about how the Choir has grown during the past four years. And that growth is not just in numbers...it is the growth in faith and commitment of a group dedicated to using their talents to share God's Word through music. I am so very proud to be a part of this group. I look forward to our fellowship and to our spiritual growth in the coming year.

I also invite anyone in the congregation to join us. We rehearse every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We would love to have you with us. And I know you won't be disappointed when you become involved with this outstanding group of caring people. The friendships you establish will be life long! Come and join...you will see!


Important Musical Dates to Remember:

- Choir Rehearsals: Tuesday Evenings; 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Ecumenical Choir Festival Rehearsals: Tuesday, Oct 20th & Tuesday, Oct 27th; 7 – 8:30 pm
(at Emmanuel Methodist Church in Lockport)
- Ecumenical Choir Festival: Sunday, November 1, 2009; 4 p.m.

I welcome your suggestions for hymns, anthems and additional musical offerings. If there is a special hymn or anthem you would like to hear, please see me. We will do our very best to accommodate your request.


May God's Peace be with you and yours!
- Joe Breczka, Jr.





Adult Christmas Party

Mark your calendar now
Dec. 11, 2009 at 7 p.m.



Want to host it?? Let Prudy Waters know

Stewardship Campaign 2009

Counting Our Blessings

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? - Matthew 6:26-27

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is that time of year again when we remind each other to think about our life-long commitment as Christian stewards to use gratefully every God-given talent and gift that we have been given in a responsible way for the glory of God. Another way to think about Christian Stewardship is as a free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's people, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes and to honor God all of the time, not just on Sunday mornings. The good steward is doing the best possible with the things God has given, including how time is spent, how relationships are made and retained, how our environment is treated, and how money is spent even in hard times.

All of us have come to realize we are living in very hard times – for some of us the hardest times we've ever known. It is also a time when we need God's wisdom and peace more than ever before. Bible reflection and prayer is where we need to turn for this guidance. (The Wall Street Journal and CNN might be good sources of some information but generally not God's wisdom.) The Stewardship committee has selected a booklet, *Finding Hope in Hard Times*, outlining 7 spiritual practices through which we will find hope and guidance. I want to focus on two: "Count your blessings" and "Learn to be content".

Matthew chapter 6 helps us to see what we are up against no matter whether we find ourselves financially well off or struggling to make ends meet. If we are well off, we might be tempted to trust in what we have and spend a great deal of time and effort stockpiling with very little thought of God's purpose. If we are struggling to make ends meet, we might be tempted to doubt God's ability or desire to provide for us. Either way, we are missing the point, according to Matthew. We are to put our heart in heaven and not to worry.

Count our blessings! "Did you wake up on the right side of the grass today?" a friend of mine often reminds me. Did you manage a meal today? Did you manage to cover your body well enough to go out in public without being arrested for indecent exposure? Is the sky still blue, the grass green; are flowers blooming, vegetables and fruit still being harvested? Can you feel warmth from the sun and coolness from the shade of a tree? Does something or someone bring a smile to your face? Do you have some form of shelter? Has someone ever given you a helping hand or a kind word? God really does provide. We have much to be thankful for if we want to be thankful people and not needy people. We need to realize that our standards for material sufficiency might be a bit higher than God's, according to 1 Timothy. Contentment and material prosperity have nothing to do with each other, we are told by Jesus Christ and some of the rich and famous of our world. We could always have more, but then again we could always have less. Think about it.

True contentment comes when we focus on what God wants from us – to love Him with our whole being, to love one another, and to be satisfied with the basics that He provides. We can learn to be truly grateful for the things and people that God puts in our lives by paying forward, as it were, our time, talents, and money. Even when we lack and reach out, that reaching out is a blessing to the person who helps us. Now we can see more blessings than we can count. Even when our neediness is a blessing to someone else, it is also a blessing to us. Can you see? The results of people helping people are phenomenal and awesome; we can all do it no matter whether we are rich or poor. The daily give and take of actions, especially when prayed about and in harmony with God's purpose, can provide hope to everyone in good times and in bad times. This is what stewardship and commitment is all about.

- Dorothy Cheasty

Scripture for Stewardship

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. [Jesus] said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money – not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there." [Luke 9:1-4]

Vestry Highlights

September 16, 2009

Resolved

- ✓ To give \$200 from the Community Store contribution to Newfane Community Food Pantry
- ✓ To bring the Professional Development Fund up to date by the end of 2010
- ✓ To begin a Mutual Ministry Review in October and November, with the responses shared and goals proposed at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- ✓ To renew the Covenant with St. John's for 2010 with no changes
- ✓ To comply with New York State Religious Corporation Law, one of the wardens elected at the Annual Parish Meeting in January will serve only a 1-year term (pending approval of proposed changes in the by-Laws at a special Parish meeting on October 11).

Reports

- Judith+ has been appointed Dean of Niagara
- In November Judith+ will begin a 2-year program for certification as a Spiritual Director.
- The Worship Team met for the first time on September 16th and discussed plans for Sundays through January 2010
- The Community Store is now open on Thursday evenings, 6-8 p.m.
- The Stewardship Campaign *Counting our Blessings* will be held October 4-25. The focus will be on stewardship as a set of practices that we integrate into our lives throughout the year in thanksgiving for God's abundance. A booklet of reflections will be given to everyone.
- The Green Team will present proposals for greater energy efficiency and conservation at the December Vestry meeting.
- Tickets for *Sundays Live at St. Andrew's: Lake Effect* are available; members took tickets to sell.
- Allowing the young acolytes to take the summer off by adults assuming that role proved to work well for everyone.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES for October

Birthdays

3 rd	Cheryl Knapp	18 th	Alexander Gallow
4 th	Robert Flewell	20 th	James Breczka
8 th	Kelly Breczka	22 nd	Robert Kennedy
9 th	Troy Barnes, Joe Donaldson, & Barbara Barnes	24 th	Allison Duhow
11 th	Emily Harrington	25 th	Richard FitzRandolph
14 th	Dan Anger	27 th	Noah Finley
16 th	Ella Gooding	29 th	Richard Gooding & Judith Dold
17 th	Bill Buchanan	30 th	Tom Villeneuve

Anniversaries

- 2nd Butch & Nancy Reinhardt
- 20th Mike & Liz Depew
- 24th Bill & Connie Steen





News and Notes



October 4th – Blessing of the Animals will be different this year. Instead of an afternoon service, we will include thanksgiving and blessings of our pets in our morning worship. Please plan to bring a photo of your pets, whether or not they are still with you, with their names and a sentence or two about them.

National Acolyte Festival – After almost 2 years of fundraising, thanks to the generosity of our parish families and friends, 14 youth and 13 adults from St. Andrew’s, St. John’s, and Grace Church will go to the National Cathedral on **October 9th-11th**. Many thanks to everyone whose contribution of time, talent, and treasure has made this life-changing experience possible.

Stewardship Season-Counting Our Blessings -- Thanks to the thoughtful meditations written by Stacy Lampman for our newsletter each month and Mike Depew’s careful record of our pledges, expenses, and income, we no longer isolate stewardship from the rest of our life together. During October, all of us—children and adults—will be intentional in giving thanks for God’s gifts to us, in promising to be faithful stewards of these gifts, and in asking for guidance in how to use them.

October 18th – Applefest at St. John’s – Please plan to go to St. John’s for their major fundraiser of the year: lunch, an array of crafts and baked goods, and a basket raffle.

UTO Ingathering- October 18th - Through the United Thank Offering we contribute to outreach projects initiated by congregations throughout the country; it is an important way of giving thanks not only for the blessings we enjoy as a community, but also for the relationships and the purpose we share with people we have never met.

November 1st – On All Saints’ Sunday, when we celebrate our participation in the universal church, remembering and honoring people who have shaped us and are no longer with us, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist according to the service in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Watch for more information.

St. Andrew’s Community Store – will now be open on Thursday evenings 7-8 p.m.

Porch Swing Raffle – Linda Miller, a member of St. John’s has built a porch swing to be raffled to help pay for the major building repairs at St. John’s. The drawing will be at Applefest on October 18th. Tickets are available from Mike Depew for \$2 each, & 3 for \$5. Please support St. John’s in this project.

Church Tee-Shirts and Sweatshirts – We may put in another order for the “famous” St. Andrew’s tee and sweatshirts. We need to have a minimum order of 12 shirts and the cost will depend upon the total number ordered. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Narthex if you wish to place an order or, contact Prudy Waters directly.

St. Andrew’s Brass Ensemble will play on **Sunday, Oct. 25th**. **Practice will be after the service on September 27, & October 4, 11, and 18.** Please see Lisa Roeseler, Nancy Pestinger, or Judith+ if you are interested in learning more.

Scripture for Stewardship
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [2 Corinthians 9:8]



Book Club Invitation

To: All ladies who are interested in attending a fellowship event after work hours
Where: Stacy Lampman’s house
What: To review the book entitled: *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup
When: Thursday, October 15, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bazaar Preparation

The next craft meetings for the Bazaar will be at **10:00 a.m.** on **Monday, October 12th** & **Wednesday, October 28th** at the church.

Please check the church bulletin board for more information.

Remember to keep your calendars open on **Saturday, November 14th** for the Bazaar!
Bazaar runs from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ~~~ Lunch served from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Even though it's early, please be thinking about your donations for the Bazaar.

Below are some suggested items:

Country Store

Jams / Jellies / Pickles
Produce, Chili Sauce, Salsa, etc.
Dried Herbs / Spices / Flowers

Remember the Bake Sale

Breads / Pies / Cookies / etc.

Candy Booth

Sugar
Nuts
Chocolate Bits / Chips
Butter
Brown Sugar

Basket Auction

Think about donating a basket.
Sign up sheet at Church.

Chairpersons for the Bazaar

Bake Goods	- Monica Kolb & Pam Bochnewetch
Cashier – Tickets	- Judy Bowers & Cheryl Knapp
Homemade Candy	- Cindy Harrington & Kathy Seeloff
Country Store	- Dorothy Cheasty
Christmas Tree & Booth	- Tina Hedley & Tish Gooding
Homemade Goods	- Gladys Finley & Carol Wright
Basket Auction	- Flo Phipps & Joyce Clare
Set-up Dining Room	- Sunday, 11/8, after coffee – <i>Group Effort</i>
Publicity	- Darcy Buchanan & Mike Depew
Dining Room	- Kathleen Massie
Coffee	- Larry Waters
Kitchen	- Stacy Lampman
Clean Up	- <i>open</i>
Dishwashing	- <i>open</i>

If you wish to work on one of the groups, please let the Chairperson know.

*Thank you,
Darcy Buchanan*

In Thanksgiving . . .

Thank you to **Jerry and Cindy Harrington** and **Marty Gregg** for serving as our delegates to Deanery Council and Diocesan Convention.

Thank you to **Rachel Gregg** for serving as Niagara Deanery Youth Representative.

Thank you to **Kathy Gregg, Nancy Pestinger, Liz Depew, Cindy Harrington, Kim Mazanka, Stephanie Gooding,** and **Marty Gregg**, for serving as Sunday School teachers this year.

Thank you to **Sue Villeneuve** for her ministry with the Cursillo Weekend in September.

Thank you to **Dan Anger** for initiating and leading our first Deanery Reflection Group.

Schedules for October 2009

Acolytes - 10:00 a.m. arrival time



- 4th - Seth Gregg, Jarrett Gilson, Jacob Roeseler
- 11th - Melissa Pestinger, Zachary Roeseler, Matthew Roeseler
- 18th - Michael Vogt, Chad Gilson, Jake Knott
- 25th - Zachary Roeseler, Matthew Vogt, Mrs. Villeneuve

A Note from your Acolyte Director: This is an open invitation to ALL those interested in becoming an acolyte. Anyone from the age of 7 through adult is welcome to join our team. If you are 7 you would be the 4th acolyte on your assigned weekend and you would process, recess and observe and help with some easy tasks. Anyone 8 and older will be in training as an acolyte; you will sit at the altar watching for the first few times; then as you feel more comfortable you will be given a job to do.

Due to a shortage of extra acolytes this year, I am looking for **anyone** interested in either helping out once in a while or in the event of illness. Please contact me if you are interested. - Sue Villeneuve

Lay Readers

- 4th Dorothy Cheasty & Matt Pestinger
- 11th Margaret Moran, Judi Naylor & Jeff Edmister
- 18th Dorothy Cheasty & Matt Pestinger
- 25th Jerry Harrington & Jeff Edmister

Altar Guild

Sue Villeneuve, May McNally, & Dorothy Cheasty

Collection Counters

Gary Few & Mike Depew

Greeters

Please Sign Up for any Sunday in October

Dates to Remember

- October 3 Deadline for *Happening* applications
- October 4 9 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Memorials and Prayers of Thanksgiving for our pets during the service
- 12:30 p.m. Community Store Meeting
- 4 p.m. Deanery Reflection Group at St. Andrew's
- 6 p.m. ***Sundays Live at St. Andrew's: Lake Effect Men's Chorus***
- October 9-11 Acolyte Trip to National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
- October 11 12:30 p.m. Discernment Group Meeting with Jeff Edmister
- 4-6:30 p.m. Deanery Youth Group
- October 12 10 a.m. Bazaar Craft Meeting
- October 16 7 p.m. Deanery Pre-Convention Workshop – St. John's Youngstown
- October 18 **Applefest** at St. John's
- Special Parish Meeting after the service
- 2 p.m. Community Service at Newfane Health Facility
- October 21 7 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- October 25 **Stewardship Ingathering**
- noon Community Lunch
- October 26 10 a.m. Bazaar Craft Meeting
- October 30-31 Diocesan Convention



Looking Ahead



- November 1 **All Saints' Sunday: Full Acolyte Procession**
4 p.m. Second Annual Niagara Ecumenical Choral Festival
 - First English Lutheran Church, Lockport
- November 3 4 p.m. Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at St. John's
- November 4 7 p.m. Deanery Council Meeting
- November 8 Jeff Edmister will preach
12:30 p.m. Discernment Group Meeting with Jeff Edmister
4-6:30 p.m. Deanery Youth Group
- November 11 11-1 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project at St. John's
- November 13-15 *Happening*
- November 14 10-2:00 **St. Andrew's Bazaar**
- November 18 7 p.m. Vestry meeting
- November 22 noon Community Lunch

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The Lake Effect

Performing Live at St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church

2239 West Creek Rd. Burt, NY 14028 (716) 778-7633

Date: October 4, 2009 at 6 p.m.

An a'cappella "musical event" Refreshments will be served

Tickets are \$5 person

Come and experience a group that is as much fun to watch
as they are to listen to!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



“Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child.”

Franklin Graham

On **Wednesday, November 11, 2009, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, St. Andrew's and St. John's (children of all ages... that means adults as well) will come together **at St. John's** for the third annual Operation Christmas Child extravaganza. We will prepare and pack up shoebox Christmas gifts and enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

As most of you know, Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org). The idea is to create Christmas shoeboxes for children 2- 14 years old to be shipped around the world to needy children. We had a great turnout and a *great* time again last year and we made over 85 boxes all together.

You can be a part of this in many ways:

- You and your family can make up your own box(es) or bring your gifts **to St. John's on November 11th** to join with us as we all put our boxes together.
- You can donate monetarily towards gifts. Several of us will go shopping before November 11th to purchase the gifts we need to stuff the boxes. In addition, it costs \$7.00 **to mail one box** so money for shipping expenses will also be needed. In order to have another successful year, we will need to raise **at least \$1000**. Envelopes marked Operation Christmas Child will be available in the pews and the Narthex and all checks should be made payable to *St. Andrew's*.
- You can donate toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other gifts in the large box in the Narthex. The Dollar Store is a great resource for these items. You can come on November 11th and enjoy fellowship and lunch **at St. John's** where we will pool our resources and put the boxes together to be shipped the following week.

Here are some gift ideas suggested by Samaritan's Purse:

TOYS - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch-A- Sketch, toys that light up or make noise, Slinky, etc (make sure you include extra batteries if the toy requires them)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES- pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books

HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth

OTHER - hard candy or suckers (double bagged), mints, gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

We will also need Christmas wrapping paper, scotch tape, shoeboxes (regular sized), small zip-lock bags and large rubber bands for wrapping the boxes.

Things not to include: used or damaged items, war-related items, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans.

A sign-up sheet will be in both parishes so we can get a head count for lunch. Don't miss this great day for you and your kids!!!