

# CHARITOS

JULY - AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER

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**WE CONGRATULATE EACH OF YOU ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS! WE HONORED ALL OF OUR GRADUATES DURING OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>. WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS.**

Front row l to r....  
Constance Miller, Emil  
Erlandson, Jordan Farris,  
Olivia Venezia, Kevin  
Bower. Back row....  
Connor Hellwig, Erin  
Coatney, Joshua Bower.



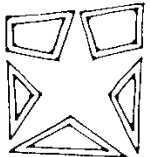
### COLLEGE GRADUATES

Josh Bower - Graduated from University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Communications and a minor in Business. I am working at WGWE radio station in Salamanca. I will be attending Umpire School in Florida in January.

Stephanie Chinchen – I graduated May 17th from Upstate Medical University with a degree in Doctorate of Medicine. She also was awarded Dept of OBGYN award for exceptional achievement in that field of study. I began my residency in Family Medicine with the US Army at Louis McChord Base in Tacoma Washington on June 2nd, where I will be for 3 years. My current address is - 1142 Fawcett Ave. #412, Tacoma WA 98402

Carrie Hellwig - I am a December 2014 graduate from The University of Pittsburgh where I earned my Master's degree in Social Work with a focus on direct practice with individuals and families. I am employed as a social worker at UPMC Passavant hospital in Pittsburgh where I work on their inpatient rehab unit. I also recently passed my state licensing exam. Thanks so much for the opportunity to be recognized!

LET THE  
LIGHT  
OF OUR  
FAITH



SHINE  
IN ALL  
THAT  
WE DO

*Charitos comes from the Greek word for grace, favor, kindness and goodwill. As this is the name of our newsletter, we reflect upon how much of God's charitos has been given to us and how we in turn live with charitos among each other. May what we present in this newsletter be a constant reminder of God's favor and grace upon us and our love and goodwill for each other.*

*THE MISSION OF SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IS OPENING DOORS OF ITS HOME OF FAITH,  
WELCOMING AND NOURISHING ALL PEOPLE THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS, AND  
STRENGTHENING EACH OTHER THROUGH ACTS OF KINDNESS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.*

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Connor Hellwig - I graduated from SUNY Canton with my Bachelor Degree in Funeral Services Administration. While at Canton I was regularly on the Dean's List and President's List for my academics and was awarded the NYS Tribune Scholarship from the NYS Bureau of Funeral Directors. I was also the Senator for our Mortuary Science Association on campus. I'm excited and looking forward to starting the next chapter in my life as a funeral director.

Carolyn Wellman - Graduated from SUNY Cortland on May 16<sup>th</sup> with a B.S. Degree in Conservation Biology. She currently is working at Devil's Postpile National Monument in California as a park naturalist.

Also...Erin Coatney & Stephen Durandetto

#### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Kevin Bower - I will be graduating from Ellicottville Central School June 26<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending Alfred State College this fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Emil Erlandson - is graduation from West Valley Central School June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Emil has been an honor roll student throughout high school. He was a member of student council and was the treasurer for his class during his senior year. Emil is a 3D letter winner as a member of varsity soccer, basketball, baseball and track. Emil was honored to receive the athlete of the year award during his junior and senior year, senior mail athlete of the year, the Roger Crandall Heart and Hustle award, and the Kristen Hintz Track and Field award. He also received several sportsmanship awards and was named a 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Star during the 2015 basketball season, leading his team in points and rebounds. Emil will be attending SUNT Oswego in the fall majoring in Broadcasting.

Jordan Farris - I will be graduating from Franklinville Jr. Sr. High School, and Ellicottville CTE Center. I am OSHA certified, Forklift certified, and ASE certified in Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair, Manual Drive Train and Axles, Engine Repair Heating and Air Conditioning, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Suspension and Steering, Engine Performance, and Brakes. I will be going to Erie Community College in the Fall and studying Automotive Repair. I also plan to start an internship at Delacy Ford in Orchard Park. Then, I plan to go back and obtain a degree in business. After that, I plan to start my own business.

Olivia Venezia - is the daughter of Drew and Joanne Venezia, and the granddaughter of Lou and Phyllis Venezia. She is graduating from Ellicottville Central on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015. She will be studying animation at Villa Maria College in the fall. In high school Olivia wrote for the Villager newspaper. She participated in Quizbowl, Dramaclub, Student Council, and was the president of ESPRA or Ellicottville Students for the Preservation of Reading in America. She is 17 this year, and will be turning 18 in the fall.

Also...Victoria Grey, Constance Miller, Caren Raahauge, Jared Ras, Brianna Sciolino, & Alexis Woodin



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many cards, notes, messages and encouraging words that you have shared with me during my current health trials. It is so good to have your support and prayers and to know that the mutual love and concern we have for each other is still strong even though we are miles apart. May God continue to bless you and the ministries at St. Paul's and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

In Christ's Love,  
Linda Kay (and Pastor, too!)

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AT THE BACCALAUREATE!**

Many thanks to St. Paul's for opening their doors for the Baccalaureate Service & Breakfast. 35 Graduates and their Parents gathered here at St. Paul's June 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, Thanks to the United Church of Ellicottville, Holy Name of Mary, St. John's Episcopal, & Great Valley Methodist, for supporting the Baccalaureate. Many thanks go out the volunteers who gave up so much of their day, Vern McMillen & Karl Schwartz for getting up early and preparing the wonderful meal. Glenn Hall, Lisa Hansen, Ray & Esther Lange, Phyllis Venezia, Mary Neelou, Tammy Eddy, Dave LaCroix, Sis Signore, Donna Baldwin, Val Germain, Tim Bergan, without the support of all the congregations, this would not be possible; and the donations of coffee cakes, and many thanks to the parents & graduates. Thank you to Rev. John Woodring, Father Mike Lanto, Father Ron Mierzwa, School Administration & School Board members.

Many, Many Thanks      God Bless You!      June Chapman



**Our Youth Group, led by Connor Hellwig and Josh Bower, enjoyed a night of bowling and pizza at Tim and Bonnie's after our Thrive Service on June 13th! Afterwards the group returned to church for some outside games and a bonfire! This sure was a fun time and the Youth Group looks forward to doing more events like these ones during this summer! Keep an eye out for the event updates!**



**Emil & Marlene Hellwig.....Happy Anniversary!**



**Pastor Paul & Wyn Mertzluft  
Happy Anniversary!**



**Welcome Ruth Catherine Weber!  
Proud Parents  
Mike & Elizabeth**



**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!!  
Esther Westendorf 4/26/1915  
Sharing her day with her Nephews.**



**The Dulcimers Entertaining Coffee Hour!  
Bonnie Frank, Jodi Bentley, Chris Sinn,  
Karen Schiefer, Shirley Ellis, Connie Hellwig**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|    |  |    |   |    |   |
|----|--|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Cheryl Crowley<br>Lindsay Hintz<br>Jason Wick  | 11 | Dwain Westfall<br>Connie Miller<br>Mark Hansen  | 20 | Vivian Ebert  |
| 2  | Kayla Grey<br>Riley Hill   |    | Jodi Gasper   | 22 | Steven Gimbrone<br>Dawn Van Damme<br>Melissa Czapla<br>Madalynn Ploetz<br>Dawn Hasper |
| 3  | Michael Bugenhagen   | 13 | Emil Erlandson<br>Carole Metz   | 25 | Mary Fox  |
| 4  | Gordon Rohwer  |    | Charles Marsh   | 26 | Ella Ploetz   |
| 6  | Lisa Hansen<br>Connie Hellwig<br>Daniel Hellwig<br>Pastor William Kay<br>Wanita Mikulski | 14 | Joshua Ignatowski   | 27 | Lillian Skinner<br>Paul Wiese II<br>Shirley Pickop<br>Alyssa Hardy                    |
| 7  | Robert Erdmann   | 15 | Michael Strack  | 28 | Jack Tharnish   |
| 8  | John Mikulski<br>Matthew Gimbrone<br>Owen Naber<br>Ginny Kelley                          | 16 | Amanda Coburn<br>Dan Walter   |    | Raymond Tharnish<br>Marlene Gregory   |
| 9  | Marilyn Boser<br>Thomas Marsh<br>Shawn Salim<br>Angie Wittman                            | 17 | Anya Williams   | 30 | Vickey Zelazny  |
| 10 | Ethan George<br>Brett Bever<br>Rob Snider  | 18 | Sue Farris  | 31 | Frederick Schultz<br>Sophia Roblee  |
|    |  | 19 | Matthew Erlandson<br>Derrick Miller<br>Raymond Lange<br>Allen Mikulski<br>Samuel Schwartz<br>Julia Schwartz<br>Caleb Jennings<br>Christian Strack |    |   |

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

|    |  |    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Deborah Hintz<br>Elizabeth Timme                                 | 12 | Diane Althans<br>Hope Rogan  | 26 | Irma Musall<br>Jason Nagel<br>Brady Hill   |
| 2  | Eric Frazer<br>Patrick Defoe<br>Katie White                      |    | Curtis Spencer   | 27 | Jacqueline Hauri<br>Jeffrey Ploetz<br>Keith Ploetz   |
| 4  | Esther Lange   | 14 | Roberto Alvarez<br>Robert Young  | 28 | Mary Woodin  |
| 5  | Tammie Kent<br>Logan Knab<br>Louis Venezia                       | 15 | Amber Wick<br>Raymond Hill   | 29 | Anthony Frazer<br>Stephanie Chinchin<br>Richard Dayton<br>Dorothy Gerwitz<br>Bill Hinton<br>Kevin Rowland Jr.<br>Douglas Jock<br>Damien Taylor |
| 6  | Katie Simmons<br>Leanna Pfeffer<br>Bobby Meyer<br>Joseph Emerson | 16 | Penny Krotz<br>Elizabeth Bless   | 30 | Noah George<br>Carl Stiles<br>Adelaide Weber   |
| 7  | Tami Smith<br>Tut Ebert<br>Nicholas John<br>Sherah Salim         | 17 | Mary Ellen Campbell<br>Bradley Gray                                      | 31 | Danielle Green<br>Elizabeth Hackett  |
| 8  | Marlene Hellwig  | 19 | Jacqueline Hintz<br>Elizabeth Wellman                                    |    |  |
| 10 | Larry Dash<br>George Thayer<br>Chantelle Salim                   | 20 | Jacklyn Westfall   |    |  |
|    |  | 22 | Cindy Dayton   |    |  |
|    |  | 23 | David Hellwig<br>Bobbie Seeley   |    |  |
|    |  | 24 | Julie Szur   |    |  |
|    |  | 25 | Aaron Schroder<br>Alissa Spaulding<br>Phyllis Venezia<br>Charles Wheaton |    |  |

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|   |                            |   |                          |    |                            |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 2 | Tut & Vivian Ebert         | 7 | Robert & Barbara Hintz   | 15 | Brian & Jacklyn Westfall   |
| 3 | Scott & Lesley Durandetto  |   | Dennis & Sherry Westfall |    | Robert & Susan Young       |
| 6 | Timothy & Jacqueline Klahn | 9 | Carl & Katharine Althans | 16 | Kevin & Michele Rowland    |
|   | William & Barbara O'Brien  |   |                          | 24 | Seth & Jennifer Bloomquist |
|   | Jerry & Wanita Mikulski    |   |                          | 26 | James & Carolyn Boberg     |
|   | Brian & Patricia Naber     |   |                          | 27 | Shawn & Angela Salim       |
|   | Alan & Linda Ackley        |   |                          | 29 | Albert & Vicki Erlandson   |

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|    |                           |    |                         |    |                             |
|----|---------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Gian & Beverly Dodici     | 11 | Jeff & Susan George     | 18 | James & Mary Ellen Campbell |
| 2  | Dennis & Jacqueline Hauri |    | Joel & Helen Davis      | 20 | Timm & Helen Herman         |
| 4  | Erich & Kim Ploetz        |    | Scott & Tricia Andrews  | 24 | Raymond & Eloise Hill       |
| 7  | Phil & Vickey Zelazny     | 14 | George & Ann Rugg       | 29 | Thomas & Clair Dash         |
| 9  | David & Connie Hellwig    | 15 | Mark & Angela Ellis     |    |                             |
| 10 | David & Norita Wiechman   |    | Louis & Phyllis Venezia |    |                             |
|    |                           | 16 | Donald & Christine Sinn |    |                             |
|    |                           | 17 | Gary & Bonnie Frank     |    |                             |