

# C<sup>In</sup>Community

A monthly newsletter sharing the blessings, news and vision of Lockport Alliance Church

## Change Is In The Air

As one of the few remaining places in the country, it seems, in which school doesn't start back until after Labor Day, we have the full month of August to enjoy the last vestiges of summer. (And we feel entitled to that with our schools not getting out until the end of June).

So August is a time of change. People go on those last family vacations and camping outings. Many high school seniors who walked across the stage at graduation are now preparing to walk across a new and unfamiliar college campus. The list of recommendations of what to bring to campus is much longer than when I was in school, and longer than when each of our three daughters packed up to leave for the first time. I remember those days, and those mixed emotions, very vividly at some times; at other times, it all seems like a blur.

Professional football teams, including the Bills, are in preseason training camp, which means that another NFL season will soon be upon us. Major League Baseball heads into the long stretch of August and September to determine who will

go to the playoffs. Sixteen teams of 10-12 year-olds will soon be heading to Williamsport, PA for the Little League World Series.

Here at LAC, another great week of VBS is in the books, and a number of ministries that take a summer break are preparing to gear up again for another season of ministry. We all know that a very full and busy fall season will soon be upon us, and that produces mixed emotions, too. Exciting things are in store for the fall but it's always hard to let go of those summer days. I considered it a good sign when I only put on socks one day during our family's two-week vacation.

When you're in town, join us on Sunday mornings as we continue our sermon series on "ACTS: Amazing Church – True Stories!" in Acts 1-7. It's never out of season to remind ourselves of



God's faithfulness to us and of His eagerness to have us partner with Him in fulfilling His purposes here in Eastern Niagara County and around the world. Don't miss out!

Enjoy these last lingering days of August and that great final run at summer! You're always welcome here on Sunday mornings – with or without socks!

*Kevin R. Robbins*

# Elders Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the July 15<sup>th</sup> elders' meeting:

- The elders reviewed the list of “wins of the week” from June that were shared at weekly staff meetings.
- Pastor Alex gave a brief report on the LIFE conference in Orlando. There were about 6,000 teens and adult leaders at the conference, more than double the number of delegates to General Council at the same site earlier this summer. It was a highly-impactful time; speakers and sessions were very engaging
- The elders reported on their “ministry check-ins” with the various ministries that each of them helps to oversee, based on the church organizational chart.
- The elders discussed several items of a pastoral care/discipleship nature and spent time in prayer for one another and for numerous needs in the LAC family. Several recommendations for help from the church Benevolent Fund were also discussed and acted upon.
- There were no new updates on the lawsuit that was filed by a LifeTouch photographer who stumbled in the church parking lot two years ago and is now seeking damages from the church.
- The elders discussed issues of church security and what additional tools might be needed to enhance the security of the church buildings and the safety of the church congregation.
- Attendance reports: Average Sunday morning worship attendance in June was 269 (high 309, low 231); average LIFE Hour attendance in June was 96 (high 103, low 84).
- The elders reviewed the upcoming calendar of events for August, September, October and made changes where necessary.

# Haiti Mission Trip

LAC is once again sending a Team to Haiti. The departure date this summer is August 17<sup>th</sup>, with a return date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraged and excited to see how the Lord uses each of the eight servants that have signed up to go. This is a wonderful experience that will challenge each one of us to focus on others, not on ourselves. It is an opportunity to see first-hand that the “Joy of the Lord” is not about material possessions. The people of Haiti express great love and contentment with almost no wealth. The living conditions are some of the most difficult in the world, with great poverty. Some of the greatest moments experienced will be worshipping one God and One Savior Jesus Christ with fellow Christians from a different culture.

The Haitian people have extended to us kindness, grace, and the love of the Christ. It has been amazing to see how God chooses to use regular people to reach those He loves, and then bless and encourage us as we serve Him! Each and every one of you is a part of this team. If you pray for us, you are a team

member, if you financially support us, you are a team member, if you encourage us with your words and kindness, you are a team member. We thank you all for being a part of the team!

The body of Christ is not contained within four walls, but spreads out through all those that call themselves Christians.

We look forward to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in Haiti, we are thankful for all of your prayers and financial support, and we are grateful that you are all a part of the team.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Haiti Team

- Bonnie Birkmeyer
- Jamie Copperthite
- Marcia Keller
- Walt Keller
- Nina LaGreca
- Mike Manning
- Ash Parker
- Autumn Spina

**A Blood Drive & Basket Raffle  
in Memory of  
Stephanie Moore Verratti**

**Elks Lodge**  
6791 N. Canal Road Lockport

**Saturday, August 3**

**11:00AM - 4:00 PM**  
Donate Life Express Bus

**11:00AM - 5:00 PM**  
Basket Raffle

**3:00 PM - 'till gone**  
Parkers Pit BBQ Pork Dinner  
\$10 per meal  
see Sally Moore for tickets

**Schedule an appointment today!**  
Visit: [UnytsBloodDonor.org](http://UnytsBloodDonor.org)  
Enter Sponsor Code 002211  
Or call Unyts at 529-4270

**\*Photo ID is required to donate\***

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# August & September Birthdays

Birthdays for the month of	Tracy Mullen	19	Magnolia Quay	7	
<b>August .....</b>	Ariana Peace	19	Caitlin Rheam	9	
Andrew Evans	2	Bill Richardson	19	John Richter	9
Tracy Graczyk	2	Diane Sy	19	Becky Lattimer	11
Conner Groff	5	Shirley Wisniewski	19	Sarah Nicholson	11
Ben Walker	5	Chris Hallock	20	Autumn Lewis	12
Hannah Raetz	7	Adelynn Venesky	21	Bob D'Arcy	14
Steve Lunden	10	Susan Rucker	24	Elias Pittler	14
Beth Hensal	11	Ethan Clark	25	Michelle Gawel	17
Jennifer Klopfer	11	Rhoda Young	25	Bobbie Ross	17
Pat Means	11	Dennis Myers	27	Tom Stahl	17
Susan McLaughlin	13	Joel Walker	27	Jonathan Szucs	19
Gabriel Moore	13	Dick Forsey	29	Lydia Barry	22
Eleanor Kephart	14	Bevin Lambert	31	Elizabeth Barry	22
Adam Raetz	14	<b>September....</b>		Mike Bulmer	23
Ruby Baum	15	Ruth Gendrue	2	Laura Robbins	23
Theodore Gerogian	15	Josh Smith	2	Laura King	25
Jacob Kline	16	Eddie Baker	3	Kaylee Szucs	25
Hannah Stahl	16	Erin Deeks	4	Rosemary Doeing	26
Lexi Madden	17	Cindi Barker	5	Carter Raetz	30
Brylie Bowes	19	Emily Saraf	7		



# August & September Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary for the month of	<b>September ....</b>		
<b>August.....</b>	Bob & Kim Davidson	9	
Chris & Christine Blowers	3	Tom & Becky Lattimer	10
Michael & Lyndsay Georgian	6	Josh & Kim Smith	10
Jonathan & Katrina Szucs	16	Joe & Tracy Mullen	22
Roger & Charlene Shull	19		
Andy & Darcee Hughes	20		
Todd & Katie Richards	21		
Don & Karen Robison	21		
Tom & Vickie Kutnyak	23		
Bill & Cheryl Mackmer	23		
Tom & Diane Sy	27		



# August Events

- 3 Birthday Celebration for John Jesson
- 3 Stephanie Moore-Verratti Blood Drive and Basket Raffle
- 10 YAH Bible Study
- 17-24 Haiti Mission Trip
- 18 Men's Golf Outing
- 24 YAH Alpaca Farm Visit



## Prayer Teams

Prayer teams meet every Sunday during the worship service to pray for the worship service, the ministries of LAC and other needs.

If you would like to be a part of this very important and rewarding ministry, call the church office, (433-3571).

### *August Prayer teams:*

4	Team 1
11	Team 2
18	Team 3
25	Team 4

## Financial Update

July 14, 2019

### GREAT COMMISSION FUND

2019 Goal	\$ 65,000
Goal to Date	\$ 32,308
Received to Date	\$ 39,530

### GENERAL FUND

2019 Goal	\$383,040
Goal to Date	\$206,252
Received to Date	\$220,675
Expenses to Date	\$212,116

## “Top Ten” Prayer Requests

- Pray for our summer sermon series on “ACTS - Amazing Church: True Stories!” in Acts 1-7.
- Pray for safe travels and great memories for individuals and families taking summer vacations.
- Pray for Alliance International Workers (IWs) Zac & Julie Stutler as they conclude 30+ years of missions work in the Dominican Republic July 7-9. They will then be on home assignment for a year before spending one more four-year term in Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Pray for the group of 12 teens and four adult sponsors who will be attending the Alliance tri-annual LIFE Conference in Orlando July 9-14, a conference that has had life-changing impact on many young people over the years, including Pastor Alex.
- Pray for the large group of teens and adult sponsors who will be participating in the REACH Workcamps missions trip in Newfane July 14-20.
- Pray for Vacation Bible School (VBS) that takes place on our campus July 22-26.
- Pray for Pastor Alex’s schedule and for his family in light of all the summer events that require his time and attention and leadership.

## Ministry Positions

2019

### Elders

Mike Gendrué  
Dave McLaughlin  
Dave Rheam  
\*Todd Richards (Chairman)

### NYS Trustees

Alex Banks  
Kevin Robbins  
Mike Gendrué

### Deacons

\* Ken Moore, Jr. (Chairman)  
Ray Kline, Sr.  
Bob Davidson  
Steve Saraf

### \*Ministry Board Secretary

Christine Blowers

### \*Treasurer/Missions Treasurer

Denise Walker

### \*Assistant Treasurer

Lynda Rose

### \* Deaconess/Women’s Representative

Beth Hensal

### \* Youth Ministry Representative

Alex Banks

### Facilities Team

\*Walt Keller (Chairman)  
Chic Bigelow  
Craig Blowers  
Paul Buri  
David McLaughlin  
Adam Raetz  
Mike Revekant  
Josh Smith  
Jason Walling

### \*Min. Board Members at Large

Kim Davidson  
Chris Brown

### \*Children’s Coordinator

Michelle Gendrué

### Alliance Women President

Marcia Keller

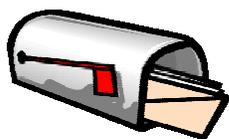
### Deaconesses

Nora Bruning (Chairperson)  
Beth Hensal  
Darcee Hughes  
Lynda Rose  
Arlene Sluyter

### 2019 Nominating Committee

Bevin Lambert                      Beth Hensal  
Ken Kirkman

\* Serves on the Ministry Board



### Attention Ministry Leaders

Please be sure to check your box.  
New items are added each week.

Ministry Leaders have mailboxes located in the foyer.  
If you have any correspondence for ministry leaders  
you are encouraged to leave it in their mailboxes.