"Summer Faith"



Church Unleashed July 31, 2022 Welcome to Church Unleashed hosted by: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Roger Griffiths, Jr.

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Confession

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. God, have mercy.
- C God, have mercy.
- P We confess, repent, and reject the times when we have been silent in the face of hate, racial injustice, and all that divides us. God, have mercy.
- C God, have mercy.
- P We confess that when met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. God, have mercy.
- C God, have mercy.
- P Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves, free us to love our neighbors, and give us the gift of true healing.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn: LBW 174 (on the following page)

For All the Saints



Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon: Pastor Steve



Hymn of the Day: "Troubled Hearts" by Pastor Roger and Nick S. Inspired by John 14:1

Apostles' Creed

- P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 - I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P May you be unleashed, unleashed into the world, as we go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 31-August 7, 2022

TODAY:	10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
Wednesday: 8:00 pm: AA Meeting	
Thursday:	3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
	6:00 pm: Alanon
Saturday:	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship
	5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service
Sunday:	9:30 am-12:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck: Breakfast at St. Paul's
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Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)
Karen Brzycki: 162 Westfall Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150
Neal DeLeo: Bristol village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032
Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221
Marilyn Emerson: 364 Burroughs Drive, Amherst, NY 14226
Chad Israel and Hayley Israel
David Lampe: 73 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214
Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221
Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105
Tim Stanley: 270 Ivyhurst Circle, Amherst, NY 14226
David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Kathleen Phillips (friend of Tiger's Den); Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske



<u>ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Masks are now optional while you are in the building. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

WNY Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for August are: Thursday 8/4 and 8/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm., and Saturday 8/13 and 8/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. In August, Tiger's Den will be helping our families with children in the Amherst Central School District. For this reason, donations for August will be some of the needed school supplies: dry-erase fine point markers (any color), tissues, and Post-It Notes.

Daily Bread Food Truck: If you would like to help with the Food Truck please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email at <u>dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com</u>

Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine: If you would like to donate, you can go to donate.lwr.org for additional information and the donation form, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. You can also call 1-800-597-5972 to make a secure credit card donation.

Resettlement Mission: If you would like to help support the AlAli family, they could use donations of Visa gift cards to help them fill in gaps for some of their material needs. Gift cards can be dropped off at the Church Office, or put in the offering plates on Sunday. Ed Weiss, the point of contact for St. Paul's, noted Visa gift cards already donated were used to buy bicycle lights for the children's bikes, and tools for the family to use.

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's to the church office 4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - July 31st, 2022

At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus – Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All 2 Wallace Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (corner of Depew) (716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

TV: Station METV – channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV Or, view anytime on WNY Church Unleashed Facebook or YouTube **Or, at Parkside Lutheran Church 10am** Masks are now optional

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR BUFFALO BURRITO PROJECT 33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST | 4-8PM 1759 SHERIDAN DR, TONAWANDA, NY, 14223

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Save the Date – Lutheran Charities Annual Golf Classic - Monday, August 8th. For more information, go to www.wnylutherancharities.org

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is hosting a Day-Apart Retreat "Spiritual Renewal – Centered in Prayer" on **Saturday October 1st 2022** at St. Paul's LC in Ellicottville, NY. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch & retreat materials. Registration deadline is 9/21/22. Contact Ruth Schmidt for more info (716)827-8694 or email Walrus1973@verizon.net

Burrito Project - Every 4th Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. If you'd like to help, contact Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com. Next date is Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022

North Buffalo Food Pantry – Open Saturday 9am-1pm – enter on Depew side of building. DASH's Supermarket receipts are being collected to benefit the Food Pantry. Place them in the small bright green box in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

Blessing Box – We need non-perishable foods for the Blessing Box. Especially welcome are "grab & go" nonperishable foods as well as basic kitchen pantry items to tide people over between visits to the North Buffalo Food Pantry. Toilet paper is always welcome, too. Drop off donations in the Narthex or put them directly in the box. Located on Depew Ave.

Ronald McDonald House collection: There is a small Ronald McDonald cardboard box in the Narthex where you can leave your pop can tabs.

Prayer Tree: Congregation: Weaver family and all who mourn the passing of Mike Weaver's father; healing for Stephanie E. Rogers; For Schuyler and Hannah Hosp, prayers for a healthy pregnancy; For Joan Bauer to feel the love of friends and for patience and strength.

Friends & Family: Tony & Carl Nigro; Mike Dahn, Kris Cudzilo & family; For remission of Donna Marie's lung cancer; Solomon & his two sons; Roger Moore; Joe Frank, who is very ill, and his wife, Patricia Pope - prayers for strength; For Hannah, who is fighting cancer, Kevin; Jameson; Don; We pray for all who grieve. We pray for first responders. We pray for an end to all violence. We offer prayers for the church, the world & all in need.

Want more info about all that is happening at Parkside LC? Sign up for our weekly email on our website - parksidelutheran.org - Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION



+ Indoor Worship:

+ Saturdays @ 5pm and Sundays @ 9:15am -- ALL ARE WELCOME, WE MEAN IT!

+ Sunday indoor Church School ('rolling schedule'): contact Elaine Baker (<u>elaine@zionclarencecenter.com</u>) for the schedule.

- + Sunday Adult Bible Class @ 10:30am: contact Pastor Roger Griffiths
- Interested in helping the folks at Zion expand Zion's digital 'footprint'? *Contact Pastor Roger Griffiths*

Zion Lutheran Church 9535 Clarence Center Road Clarence Center, NY 14032 (716) 741-2656 We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals who have been gifting their services to help bring you the Sunday MeTV productions:

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound: Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.



Church Unleashed is a partnership between: Pastor Jeremiah Smith from Parkside Lutheran Church, Pastor Roger Griffiths, Jr. from Zion Lutheran Church, and Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home.