

All Saints Weekend



November 4, 2023

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Lutheran Campus
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Pre-Service Music: Adam Schmidt

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✚ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

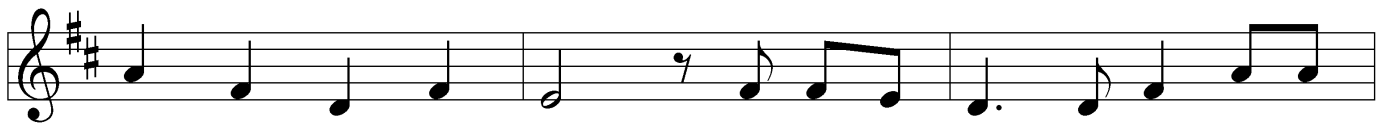
C Amen.

Gathering Song: TFF 180

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



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Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Praise Song: LBW 176

For All Your Saints, O Lord

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: TFF 179

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Apostle's Creed

P Let's join to proclaim our faith in 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

P Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (Please be seated)

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy advocate, bring peace and understanding to our world where we are overwhelmed with stories of war between nations, mass shootings, racial and gender hatred. Turn the tides Lord. Bless all those who are in the middle of these tragic events and use us to dismantle this hatred and evil and replace these stories with examples of justice, grace, and unity. Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

P Holy healer, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists, those named in our prayer chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Be their rest and comfort. Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

P Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love: Iris Ann Hodge, James Keptner, Bertha Efstation, Mary Lou Herschlag, Forrest Balan, Julian David Johnson, Jon Mott, Richard Wedekindt, Charles "Lee" Abel, Jeanette Davis Antkowiak, C. David Parezo, and Evelyn Berger. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

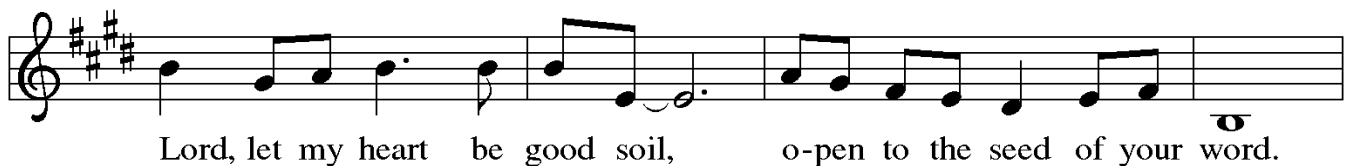
C Your mercy is great.

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Offering Hymn: W&P 52

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love.
Amen

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Here are 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 able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 4007 Main Street, 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/>

Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Communion Hymn: W&P 76

Jesus, Lamb of God

All in All

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

The first line of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

The second line of musical notation consists of two staves, continuing the melody and bass line from the first line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.

Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Distribution Hymn: W&P 22

Bring forth the kingdom

Leader: D G/D D D/F# All: G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader: G D/F# G A D All: G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain: G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C 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

Closing Hymn: LBW 174 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

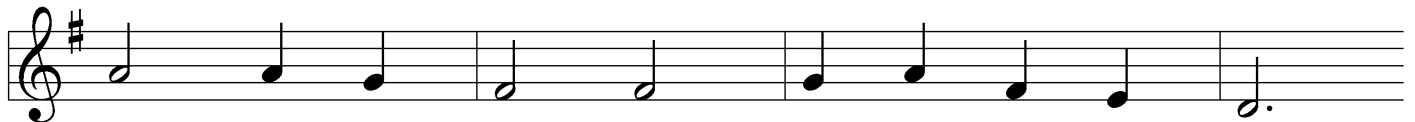
C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: LBW 174, Verses 1-3, 7-8

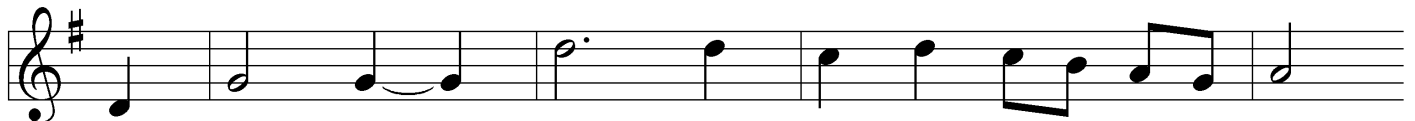
For All the Saints



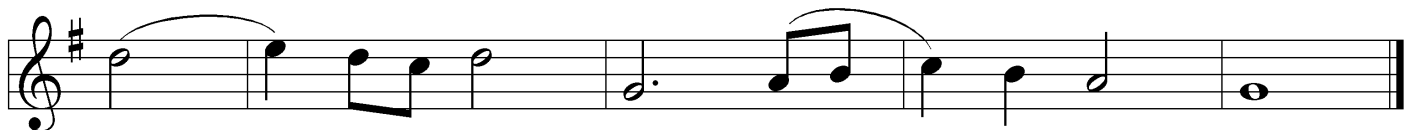
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*On this All Saints Day we remember
those we have lost in the past year*



*Iris Ann "Paddy" Hodge
James Keptner
Bertha E. Efstation
Mary Lou Herschlag
Forrest Balan
Julian David Johnson
Jon R. Mott
Richard H. Wedekindt
Charles "Lee" Abell
Jeanette Davis Antkowiak
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Evelyn E. Berger*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 5-12, 2023

- TODAY:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion and Sunday School at Eggertsville Campus
11:30 am-1:00 pm: Confirmation Meeting
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 6:00 am-9:00 pm: General Election
10:00 am: **No Bible Study Today due to elections**
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
- Wednesday:** 10:00 pm: Comforter Meeting
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC
6:00 pm: Youth Group at ALC
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9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School at Eggertsville Campus
10:00 am: Baptism of Leilani Wisniewski followed by private reception
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (indicates new names or changes added this week)*

- Robert Baus: 30 Westchester Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221
Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580
Dave Lampe: Ashley Woods, Room 8, 400 YMCA Way, Penfield, NY 14526
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Williamsville, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Rick Pierce; Mia Galanes; Cameron Kissel-haug; Bob Sielski; Thomas Maier; John and Rosemarie Burgholzer; John Schunak

Bulletin Prayer List : Names will appear in the printed Bulletin for three weeks and then be moved to the Prayer Team list for continuing prayers. In this way, we will be able to continue praying for each person and provide specific requests for each one. If you are interested in becoming part of the Prayer Team, please see below.

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***In-Person Worship:** St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.*

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

***ALC Book Club:** Hello Readers, Our next book club meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 7:15 pm at the ALC campus. The book is *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. This will be our last meeting of 2023. I sent the article I promised about Octavia Butler in a separate e mail. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024. The book will be *The Humans* by Matt Haig. At the January meeting we'll replenish the "reading box" with new titles to provoke interesting discussions. In January and February, stormy weather months, please be sure to check your email late on the day of the meeting in case of cancellation, or call me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.) Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in book club which always enriches, enlightens and broadens my reading horizons. Karin*

***Prayer Team Ministry:** The Prayer Team Ministry is up and running. Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com*

***Daily Bread Food Truck:** The 2023-2024 Monday Meal Share began on October 16! If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.*

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The Remaining pantry hours for November are: Thursday 11/16 and 11/30 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 11/11 and 11/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: cereal, Knorr pasta or rice packets, and sugar.*

***** The Refugees Need Our Help *****

The Peniel Haitian Church (currently located at the Amherst Lutheran Campus) has asked us to collect winter items to help the refugees who recently arrived in our area. Many of these people have never experienced winter weather, so they aren't prepared for a Buffalo winter! They are looking for coats of all sizes, winter hats and gloves, and winter boots.

The Haitian Church needs these items no later than Saturday, November 11 before 10:00 am. Donated items can be dropped off at the St. Paul's church office during office hours.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER



DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!

The Refugee Partnership of WNY is in urgent need of household items to help our newest neighbors set up housekeeping. Items such as linens, towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, kitchen supplies and more are collected by the five member agencies and distributed in Welcome Kits to families to assist in defraying the expense of resettlement. A list of the items included in a Welcome Kit is available at Saint Paul's website and on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area. We will be collecting items during the months of October and November to complete as many kits as we are able. Please review the list and as you are shopping in the weeks ahead consider picking up a few items on the list to help welcome those seeking refuge here in Western New York. I will update the list as items are collected so we know what we have and what is still needed. Thank you in advance for your support of this effort. Please see me if you have any questions. Hilde Neubauer or call the Church Office (716-835-0407)

To see what goes into a Welcome Kit, visit: tinyurl.com/44drtkzr

Welcome Kit items collected as of 10/23

3 sets of dishes for 4
 6 sets of twin sheets
 1 twin blanket
 3 shower curtains
 1 set shower curtain rings
 Broom and dust pan
 Clock
 Can opener
 Tea kettle
 Kitchen towel and pot holder
 Bathroom rug
 Baking tool set
 2 bath towels
 6 washcloths
 Many toothbrushes and toothpaste
 Many bars of hand soap
 Plastic Wrap, Foil, garbage bags, sponges

Some suggestions for remaining needs

Twin blankets and bedspreads
 Queen bedding
 shower curtain rings
 cookware
 lamps
 lightbulbs
 drinking glasses
 silverware/silverware tray
 knives
 bath towels and washcloths
 radio
 rice cooker
 dish soap
 laundry soap
 spatula



*+ St. Paul's Mission +
To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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