

March  
2024

# The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Egbertsville & Amherst  
Campus



## Holy Week Schedule



**Palm Sunday**  
**Sat/Sun**  
**March 23/24**

Stripping of  
the Altar

Sat @ALC  
5:00 pm

Sun@ SPEC  
10:00 am

**Maundy**  
**Thursday**  
**March 28**

Pot Luck  
Dinner

@SPEC  
6:30 pm

**Good**  
**Friday**  
**March 29**

Solemn  
Services

@SPEC  
12:00 noon  
and  
7:00 pm

**Holy**  
**Saturday**  
**March 30**

Easter  
Vigil

@ALC  
5:00 pm

**Easter**  
**Sunday**  
**March 31**

Sunrise  
Service

@SPEC  
6:00 am  
2nd Service  
10:00 am

*St. Paul's is a congregation of the Niagara Frontier Conference of the Upstate New York Synod  
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

## *A message from Pastor Kristen*

Burritos are good news!

Yes, even in Lent we can talk about the 'Good News'. Because that is what we are turning towards when we turn to God during these weeks leading up to Easter. We focus on turning toward and making space for the source of all goodness in our lives, the risen Christ. Knowing that Easter is coming is good news! And burritos are too!

"You got meat in there this week?" A man at the bus stop asked when a few of us walked into the bus station downtown to let folks know that we had a meal ready for them outside. "Yes, we have some with meat this week," we answered. "YOU DO?!? OOOO! I'll be right out," he said. A meat filled burrito was indeed good news to that man.

Another person exclaimed, "Oh! You ARE here tonight!" when they saw us and gathered their friends to come outside. Burritos are good news!

The Buffalo Burrito Project is a ministry of food and hospitality. It is straightforward. Cook up some burritos that are simple, filling, and hot and bring them to those who need a meal. Groups share the responsibility of ensuring that at least once a week people are being fed downtown. The Buffalo Burrito Project brings the good news of a hot meal to the marginalized, the homeless, and the occasional bus driver or worker downtown.

Our young people are pros at cooking, rolling, and wrapping burritos. They are also fantastic at sharing the good news! They have been building relationships and talking with people while they feed them. They made a list of the wants and needs of the people who came through to get burritos so we can better serve them next time. They handed out TONS of warming kit bags that were made during the Winter Retreat at LCLC.

We go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and if you ever want to join in, let us know! Burritos are good news! What has been good news in your life the past few weeks? May we see the goodness in our lives and share that goodness with the people we encounter.

Yours in Burrito-Filled-Goodness,

~Pastor Kristen



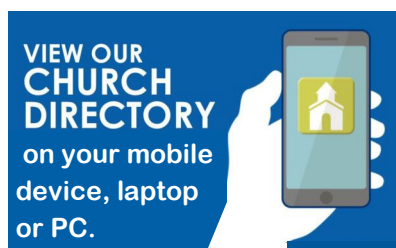
The Youth Group ready to hand out the burritos.



## *Parish Council News ~ Kathryn Francis, MD*

During the month of March, Council will initiate the implementation of several projects. Among these are the restructuring of the Staff Support committee. Staff Support means just that, i.e., a team that is available to the staff for open, confidential communication, sharing of concerns, both positive and negative feedback and identification and early mitigation of potential issues. This is how the committee was envisioned by our Constitution. However, the human resources (HR) requirements of all employers have evolved over time and these requirements also apply to the St. Paul's organization. To assist us in accommodating the HR needs of our expanding staff, the Council has engaged with ADP, an HR support organization that provides many tools and services for this purpose. Essentially, we're creating a Personnel Committee serving both HR and staff support functions. All these efforts are designed to support our growing staff so that we can focus on our mission and ministries while at the same time running our business.

## *The Online Directory*



The online directory will only be accessible to active members at St. Paul's & it will only have the information that is on the current paper copy Directory.

You can download the *Instant Online Directory* app on your phone/tablet.

You will need to enter the email address that we have on file.

Or go to: [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and click Member login.

They will send you a verification email and then you can set up your own personal password of your choosing. Once that is done, you will have access to the directory!

You will be able to edit your family information such as contact information and pictures. If you have any questions, please email the office at:

[office@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.com)

# ***Tiger's Den Food Pantry***



Tiger's Den continues to be thankful for all the donations we receive from members of St. Paul's. These donations help us buy much needed items that are not always donated

Our numbers continue to grow as the need in our area continues to grow.

During the past several months, two of our volunteers successfully completed Basic Food Safety Training and are now certified. As more educational opportunities are offered by FeedMore, our volunteers will be encouraged to participate.

In order to meet FeedMore requirements, we had to change the days we are open in March. For this reason, **we will not be open the first and third Thursdays in March.**

## **The Food Pantry is open on the following days in March:**

Saturdays: March 9 and March 23 from 9:00 am—12:30 pm

Thursdays: March 14 and March 28, from 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

## **Donations needed for March**

Flour, Sugar and Cooking Oil



## *Daily Bread Food Truck & Kevin Guest House*



The monthly dinner preparation to Kevin Guest House has been a longtime successful ministry of Amherst Lutheran, because of volunteers who make it work. Now that Amherst Lutheran has merged with St. Paul's Eggertsville, it is wonderful that we can continue that ministry to KGH while using the Daily Bread Food Truck kitchen facilities, cooks, food resources and drivers. Our thanks to drivers Karin Johnson, Bob and Shari Rembold, and Margene and Ed Weiss

Kevin Guest House provides a comfortable and supportive home away from home for patients and their families while traveling for medical care. KGH is the only facility that welcomes families and patients of any age and for any type of treatment at all area hospitals. If you would like to help us deliver dinners, please contact me at: [weissmargene@gmail.com](mailto:weissmargene@gmail.com)  
~ Margene Weiss

Ed & Margene Weiss are ready to deliver the Camponello's dinner order to Kevin Guest House. Please email Margene if you would like to help with delivery to Kevin Guest House, only once a month.



## Ministries

We are resuming our **Adult Forum** on Sunday, April 7 from 8:50 am—9:30 am. This will be a 4 week study of the book, ***Black Writers of the Founding Era***. St. Paul's will have multiple copies of this book in the office.

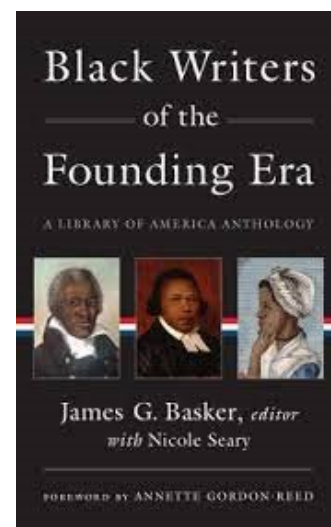
Please email: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com to register. This book was chosen in celebration of Black History/Women's History months. This session is led by Lois O'Brian.

**Your first reading will be:**

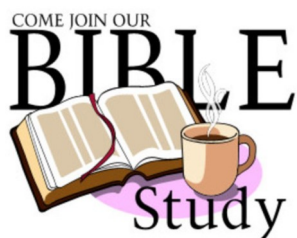
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Phyllis Cogswell pp. 17-18

Phyllis Wheatley p. 19, p. 23, p. 24, p. 27 and p. 30



## Bible Study



### Tuesday Bible Study: 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room

We are continuing our Lenten Study of  
"The Biblical Stations of the Cross in Art and Music."

All are welcome.

Bring your own beverage; Timbits or other goodies are provided.

## Book Club at the Amherst Campus

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 14, 2024

**Time:** 7:15 pm

**Where:** 5125 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221

**Featured book:** *American Dirt*  
by Jeanine Cummins

**For info call:** Karin (716) 689-6365



## The Comforters



The Comforters will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the Parish Hall. No need to bring a lunch. We will break at noon and attend the Lenten luncheon.

If you would like to make things to help us without attending the meetings, we have yarn and can get you started. We make lap robes, baptism blankets, confirmation shawls, or prayer shawls. They can be knit or crochet.

Talk to Sara Gallagher at church or call her at 716 834-1833 to get started.

## Pinochle Group



Pinochle meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next card play is **March 6, at 1:00 p.m.**

We will be meeting at the Eggertsville Campus.

We have both serious and social card players! Join us!



If you have any questions, call Sara at: 716-834—1833

Even if you haven't played in a long time, we will refresh the game for you!

### SPEC

### Music Ministries

### ALC



We'd love to have you join us in the **Church Choir at St. Paul's**, under the direction of Mr. Paul Storfer.

No experience or training needed. . . .

Only a willingness to participate and sing!

The next practice is **Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm** in the SPEC music room.

Sundays before Worship, arrive by 9:30 a.m.

For more information/register, please email:  
office@stpaulseggertsville.com



The ALC campus is looking for musicians for any and all levels to add to the music worship on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

If you or anyone you know, that might be interested, email Janet at:

Jeschmidt48@gmail.com

## Socks for the Homeless

<p>People experiencing homelessness walk an average of 10 miles a day. Clean socks are critical to foot health.</p> 	<p><i>"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."</i> John 13:14</p> <p>Donations of new socks can be dropped off at church.</p> 	<p>St. Paul's will be collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless throughout Lent. There will be a donation box in each church.</p>
 	 	

For your ease, if you would like to purchase directly from amazon, you can use this link and the socks can be delivered directly to St. Paul's.



Just add the address:

4007 Main St.

Eggertsville, NY 14226

Click here for link <https://a.co/9tiAbG4>

## Confirmation Classes - Schedule

Here are the dates and locations for the remainder of the year.



March 3 ..... St. Paul's, Eggertsville

April 7 ..... Parkside

May 5 ..... St. Paul's, Eggertsville



## Prayer Team Ministry

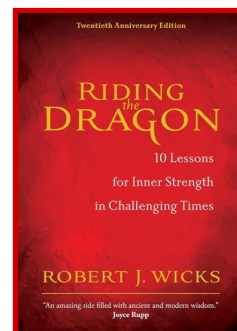
If you would like to request prayers for a loved one or friend

contact Heidi at: [Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com)

We ask that you include the reason for the prayers and your contact number, so we may do follow-ups on your needs. Thank you.



## *Men's Breakfast - March 16*



Copies of the book,  
*Riding the Dragon*  
will be available at St. Paul's

## *Spaghetti Dinner - March 9*



### **St. Paul's Annual**

**Saturday, March 9th, 4-7 p.m.**

- \* **FREE WILL OFFERING**
- \* All proceeds go to our ELCA Youth Gathering Team
- \* **TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**
- \* Bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy!
- \* **A BASKET RAFFLE WILL BE HELD**



# ***Sunday School***

## **March Messenger – Sunday School**

**As I write this I am hoping that March will come in and out like a lamb.**



### **Reminders for March are :**

- **First Communion Training on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-12:00 pm Pizza lunch will be provided! Parents are encouraged to join their children!**
- **Palm Sunday – the children will meet together in a group in the Gathering area to process with palms for the opening hymn. They will walk down the aisle waving their palms and then process right off to Sunday school.**
- **Easter Sunday there is no Sunday school; however, there will be an Easter egg hunt following the 10 am service!**

**Please note: We are looking for volunteers to help sort, organize and clean the nursery. If you are willing to help, please contact me at [j-tpiette@msn.com](mailto:j-tpiette@msn.com) or get in touch with the church office!**

**In peace and love,  
~June**



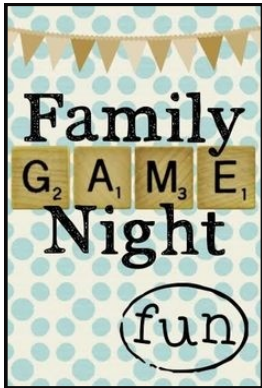
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**My son-in-law Brian Maloney has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 lymphoma. We will accepting gift cards for the first 3 weeks of March - to anywhere - in any amount - for a Gift Card Fundraiser Calendar. Sales of those calendars will be in April. You may put the gift cards in the collection basket, office or give to me directly. Any questions, feel free to contact me.**

**~June**

*thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## ***Family Fun Night at ALC***



**For February Family Fun Night, we enjoyed Game Night!  
Board games, card games, word games, oh my!  
It was a great winter evening to gather around the  
electric fire and spend time with friends.**



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**It was so much fun, let's do it again on Saturday, March 2!**



**The next Family Fun Night will be on Saturday, March 2nd after the 5pm service.  
If you are able, please bring a side dish ( fruit or veggies) or dessert to share.  
The main dish and drinks will be provided. All are invited to share a meal and  
fellowship. Please feel free to bring games ( board or card) that you may want to  
share with the group.**

## *Family Fun Day at SPEC*

MARCH  
**17**

*St. Patrick's Day*  
**FAMILY FUN**  
*Pot Luck*

*Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
with us on March 17th from 11-1pm. Games,  
snacks/drinks, and a service project to benefit  
the homeless in our area.*

*Please sign your family up on the bulletin board  
in the gathering area or text Sara H.  
(716) 310- 3542 by March 10th!*

# Lenten Luncheons & Devotions

## LENTEN LUNCHEONS & DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm



Please consider bringing a pot of soup  
for one of the weeks.  
Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

### Psalms of Prayer

**Feb 21:** Psalm 22:23-31 – “The poor shall eat and be satisfied” - SCB

Prayer focus: Ministries & people that battle hunger

**Feb 28:** Psalm 19 – “The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart” - PK

Prayer focus: Those who work for justice

**March 6:** Psalm 107 – “You deliver the people from their distress” - SCB

Prayer focus: those we know of that are troubled

**March 13:** Psalm 51 – “Create in me a clean heart O God” - PK

Prayer focus: ELCA missions & St. Paul’s ministries

**March 20:** Psalm 31 – “Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit” - SCB/PK

Prayer Focus: all who grieve

## Easter Flowers

Easter is just around the corner. If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, the plants are \$10.00 each. All checks are payable to: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Orders are due by March 6, 2024. **Please print.**

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
In celebration of

Plant                      Quantity                      \$10.00 each

Lily (white)                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodil (yellow)                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip (pink)                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinth (asst.)                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT                      \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_



## March Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to our March Missionaries

Karen Vilonen.....	Mar. 2	Marcia Gunther.....	Mar. 13
Lavon Amos.....	Mar. 3	Donna Keene.....	Mar. 16
Susan Mumma.....	Mar. 5	Joel Carter.....	Mar. 21
Wilma Nantka.....	Mar. 11	Mark Efstation.....	Mar. 25
Robert Gromer.....	Mar. 13	John Dona.....	Mar. 26

## From the St. Paul's Family



Maverick Leo was born on Feb. 26, 2024 at 10:09 pm, weighing 7lbs 2 oz. He is the son of Brian & Sarah Maloney and the grandson of Tony & June Piette.



Gianna Rae Gorenflo, daughter of Erik and Kelsey Gorenflo, was presented for Baptism on Feb. 25, 2024. May God Bless you..



For Janet Siegel who passed on February 3, 2024, we offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

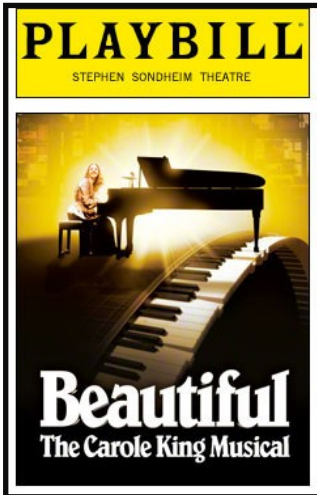


We remember Joe Marciniak, and extend our sympathies to his family and friends. Joe was cousin to Heather Hornung-Winkler.



Gloria Goody was laid to rest on February 29, 2024. We send our condolences to her 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Gloria was the wife of the late Robert Goody.

## MusicalFare



### Beautiful: The Carole King Story

Janet Schmidt and I are Ambassadors for MusicalFare Theatre in Amherst. We would like to invite new musical theatre lovers to come and enjoy the MusicalFare experience.

For designated performances we sometimes have complimentary tickets available. These are to introduce new people and guests to MusicalFare, and meet a member of the staff when available. I have 2 comp tickets available for *BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical* which runs now until March 24. If you and a guest want to attend *BEAUTIFUL*, please email me at [weissmargene@gmail.com](mailto:weissmargene@gmail.com). I will offer tickets to the first 2 people, and also keep a list for future comp tickets. I will reply back to you either way. MusicalFare is a non-profit organization.

## Music for the Season

The choir has  
been  
performing  
for 86 years.



It is one of  
the oldest  
Lutheran  
choirs in  
the country

The world renown Concordia à Capello Choir will be performing on Saturday, March 2 at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, NY 14150. All the music is from the tradition of concert choral music and the performance is designed to appeal to all ages. Admission is free, but a good will offering is appreciated. If you are interested in being a host family for a student or 2, call: David Werth (716) 628-2318.



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***An Irish Blessing***

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until  
we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*