

April
2024

The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eggertsville & Amherst
Campus

April

Haiti Update: Had a great conversation with Leon Gerson (he is safely up in Michigan) and Bien Aime (our onsite pastor at Grace Church in Ile a Vache). Bien Aime was able to answer a lot of questions and give updates to our Men's Breakfast group. Technology (What's App) is an amazing thing.



Here's some notes:

- Bien Aime and Manmi Yeyet are doing well and continue to lead the church, choirs and tend to the orphans. Winschel is at university now studying administration and Stanley is deep into medical school and will hopefully plan to come back and practice as he leads the medical clinic in Grande Plaine forward.
- The chaos in Port au Prince doesn't affect the island on a daily basis. Generally the island is very safe. There is the incredible increase in prices for goods. The cost of rice has increased 230% over the past year.
- The church is launching a new choir and will be sending a team soon to begin a new church back on the mainland outside of Les Cayes.
- Grace School Trade School has shut down temporarily (not enough students due to costs) but hopes to re-open and train folks in agriculture, even potentially a large community garden by Grace School that the community could work together.
- Getting money from the bank is challenging because of safety & lack of funds available. If we wire \$500 US dollars, it might take 3 visits to be able to get it all out safely.
- Community Meals are still needed. It's a good way to gather the community for worship, fellowship and nutrition. They will get current costs to me soon. (Used to be \$500 US to feed the whole community, but guessing it's more like \$1000 now.)
- I offered to come down and run for President and get this all worked out. They both laughed for a long time.
- Things we can do: pray for peace and for the new government to come to fruition that will bring stability to the country. Pray for the leadership of Grace Church and School. Sponsor a Community Meal or child's school tuition through (this link)

Caribbean Children's Foundation Inc ~Pastor Steve

*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 Steve

Dear Missionaries and friends of St. Paul's,

Here we go! Soon to be on the other side of Easter again! It was important to walk through Lent together and hear the stories again that give us the space to return to our gracious God. But on this side of Easter...the Resurrection side...now it's important to lead that changed life.

I want to invite you to lead that resurrected life as part of your experience at and through St. Paul's. Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Welcome others radically! Church is one of the unique places left that we are invited to be vulnerable, meet new people and connect to others on a deeper level. We don't do that in Wegmans or on elevators or neighborhoods as much anymore, but we should do it with other folks searching to follow Jesus in community. So, welcome others by sharing your name and learning theirs. St. Paul's has had incredible growth and change since Covid and there's a good chance you'll be meeting someone that's only been coming for a few weeks or months. Here's a challenge: learn one person's story each week you're there.
2. Seek out the one! If you have been part of the community for a few weeks or months, met someone in worship and now haven't seen them in a little while, reach out to them. It's tough getting connected and building relationships in church. Sometimes we get out of routine and your relationship might be the one that helps reconnect them. Call/email the church office if you need contact information for the person you're reaching out to.
3. Serve in response to Jesus' love! Allow the resurrection to propel you into service. The need and demand on our Food Insecurity ministries at St. Paul's is growing. It's a good thing God has positioned us to stand in this gap, but the gap and need is growing wider. Your time and talents are needed! In April, we will share more specifics on how you can plug into Daily Bread, Burrito Project, Kevin Guest House and Tiger's Den in simple and easy ways. Most opportunities are roughly an hour and they range from daytime to night to weekends.

So, here we go! Into resurrection life. Into radical welcomes and searches for those we haven't seen and service in the kingdom. As the angel said at the tomb to the women who came to see Jesus: He is risen. Go. And there you will see him!

As we Go and Live into our resurrection life, there we will see him.

Still in One Peace,
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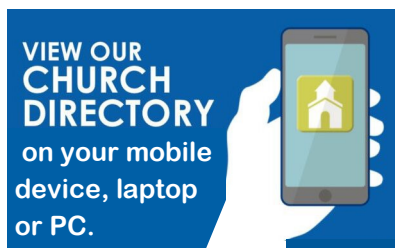
Parish Council News

April 2024

In addition to spring, April brings us closer to the annual *Congregational Meeting* in May. At this time we'll be asked to elect members for the 2024-2025 Council. In addition to notification of the date of the May Congregational Meeting (May 5, 2024), the slate of nominees will be presented after the April Council meeting. The nominees have been asked to provide a brief personal bio and a recent photo to assist the congregation in evaluating their choices. Service on the Council is a privilege but also a duty. The Council is effectively the Board of Directors for the St. Paul's organization. The Constitution details the responsibilities of the Council (C12.04 – C12.08 if you're interested). These duties include oversight of the "life and activities of this congregation", "the financial and property matters of this congregation", and "employment and supervision of salaried lay workers of this congregation". I encourage everyone to carefully consider the slate of nominees given this information RE the duties of the Council and ensure you're able to attend the Annual Meeting to make your voice heard.

~Kathryn Francis, MD

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 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

The Tiger's Den Food Pantry was founded in May 2017 as an extension of the Amherst School System's Food to Home Program. In its first year of operation, Tiger's Den assisted 24 families in need in zip code 14226. Today we serve more than 90 families each month. Although housed on St. Paul's Lutheran Church property, Tiger's Den Food Pantry is a community-based partnership with the Amherst Schools and local area churches. Anyone in zip code 14226 who is in need or is referred by another agency is welcome at Tiger's Den Food Pantry. Tiger's Den is managed and staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers, and is solely supported by FeedMore WNY, and donations from individuals, churches, and civic organizations in Western New York. In addition to non-perishable food products, through the generosity of many donors, Tiger's Den also offers personal care items, paper products, seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, and fresh bakery products.

***Tiger's Den Food Pantry is located at 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
(at the back of St. Paul's Lutheran Church), telephone #716-835-0407.***

Tiger's Den is open:

***The first, third, and fifth Thursday of each month from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm
And the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 am-12:30 pm***

TEFAP 2024 INCOME GUIDELINES

A person is eligible for food assistance if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following categories:

If the person's income falls within the following guidelines, they are eligible for food assistance.

If the person or someone in their household participates in one of the following programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability or SSI

FHOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY
1	\$33,885
2	\$45,990
3	\$58,095
4	\$70,200
5	\$82,305
6	\$94,410
7	\$106,515
8	\$118,620
For families with more than 8 persons, add	\$12,105 for each additional person

Tiger's Den Food Pantry cont.

The Food Pantry is open on the following days in April:

Thursdays: April 4 and April 18, from 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

Saturdays: April 13 and April 27 from 9:00 am—12:30 pm



Donations needed for April
Soup, toilet paper and paper towels

Daily Bread Food Truck & Kevin Guest House



The **Daily Bread Food Truck** services individuals/families in the 14226 zipcode. Each Monday approximately 125 dinners are served. Every other Saturday when the Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open, the DBFT is there serving breakfast while the families wait their turn for the food pantry. If you would like to be a part of this food mission, please contact Leslie at: lesliejo1043@gmail.com

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

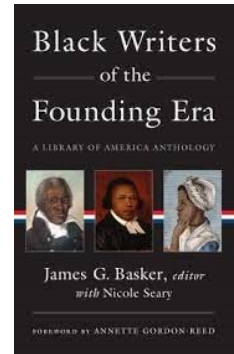
Ministries



We are resuming our **Adult Forum** on **Sunday, April 7** from 8:50 am—9:30 am. This will be a similar format that was used in the Wednesday Soup & Psalms.

In **May**, Lois O'Brian will be leading a discussion on writings from 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. We will make sure there is a book for you. This book was chosen in recognition of Black History/Women's History months.



Bible Study



Tuesday Bible Study: 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room
Bible Study is off April 2, but restarts on April 9.

In April and May, we will be looking at the Gospel of Mark in detail. This is the earliest written of the 4 gospels in our Bible. It is well worth the time.

All are welcome.

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

Book Club at the Amherst Campus

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024

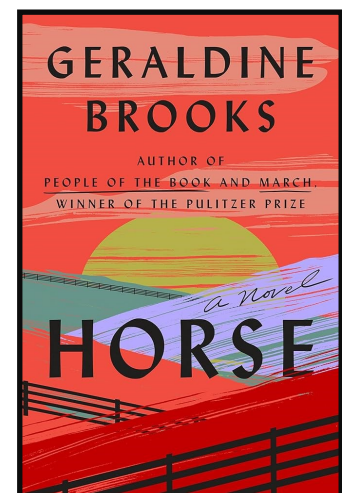
Time: 7:15 pm

Where: 5125 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Featured book: *Horses*
by Geraldine Brooks

For info call: Karin (716) 689-6365

(This is a change from what was originally stated.)



The Comforters



The Comforters will meet on **Wednesday, April 10** at 10:00 a.m.
upstairs in the Parish Hall.

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, and prayer shawls. They can be knit or crochet. Talk to Sara Gallagher at church or call her at 716 834-1833 to get started.

We stop at noon for lunch. Bring your own sandwich & drink. Dessert will be provided.

All are welcome. Hope to see you on there!

Pinochle Group



Pinochle meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next card play is **April 3, 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, April 4**
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> 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Socks Update</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Parkside Lutheran - 1900+ St. Paul's Lutheran - 1437</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Winners: Everyone who will be able to get a warm, dry pair of socks.</p>
 	 	

Confirmation Classes - Schedule

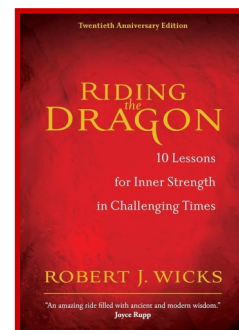
Here are the dates and locations for the remainder of the year.



April 7 Parkside Lutheran
May 5 St. Paul's, Eggertsville



Men's Breakfast - April 20



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

Sunday School



In March we talked about Lent and the many great thing there is to know about Jesus! Jesus taught us about cleansing the temple which reminds us to keep out hearts and minds kind and focused on Jesus!

We talked about God's love and how we could measure it. We decided we can't measure it with a tape measure because Gods love reaches beyond the heavens. We can't measure Gods love with a measuring cup because Gods love runs over, and we can't measure it with a clock because Gods love is everlasting! God so loved the world that He gave His only son. (John 3:16) and you can't measure a love like that!

The children also learned about how Jesus died and rose again. We used the pant analogy and how seeds, flowers and trees die but do come back to life. We planted forget me not seeds to remind us to never forget what Jesus has done for us!

Palm Sunday the children waved their palms as they processed through the sanctuary and off to Sunday school, where we talked about holy week and Easter! The children made palm crosses and decorated eggs for our egg tree!

Easter Sunday the kids had a great time with our annual Easter egg hunt!

Enjoy the beautiful spring flowers and signs of resurrection!

In peace & love ~ June

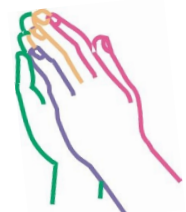
Please Note: There will be no Sunday school on April 7th. Children are encouraged to worship with their parents.



Prayer Team Ministry

If you would like to request prayers for a loved one or friend contact Heidi at: 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.



Family Fun Night at ALC

Family Fun Night



March Family Fun Night was an enjoyable evening of sharing a meal and conversation.

We typically have a group of about 15-20 (all ages) who stay to participate in fellowshiping. Everyone is invited to stay after 5pm worship on the 1st Saturday of the month to share a simple meal, conversation and games. Bring your favorite card or board games to play.



If you are able, bring a side dish to share (fruit , salad, dessert). The main dish (usually pizza) and drinks are provided.

The next dates are:

April 6th

May 4th (May the Fourth be with you!)

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

COME TO THE WATER!

Sign up for LCLC this summer!



"Best Summer of Your Life!" That's the feeling Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center staff wants young people to come away with. LCLC is more than just a camp, it's an *outdoor ministry* site. A place for kids to learn and grow as independent people but also as faithful people! Cabins become small family groups where campers can ask honest questions, pray together, and be loved and lifted up just as they are. Outdoor ministry has been proven to create lasting impacts on faith formation. Plus, it's super fun! Swimming, sailing, silly games, & lasting friendships are all part of the package. If you have any questions about camp, ask Adam Weber or Pastor Kristen. Camps available for all young people completing grades 1-12.

~CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE~

St. Paul's will support your family with a \$150 scholarship that we will pay directly to camp. Email Pastor Kristen to let us know what week your child is registered for. Full camperships through LCLC are also available!

~PROGRAMS~

Mini Camp: July 14-17, grades 1-3, a half-week introduction to camp!

Youth Camp: Three weeks available throughout the summer. For grades 3-8. This is your chance to try a little bit of everything!

Confirmation Camp: July 21-26, program especially designed for confirmation students.

Senior High Week: July 28-Aug 2, especially designed for High School Students with topical workshops led by youth leaders

AND Sailing Camp, Night Owls & More! Check out the website for more information!

www.lclcenter.org

~ Want to check out LCLC? ~

Join Pastor Kristen for a **My Parent/Grandparent and Me Day** at camp!

Saturday, June 8th. Designed for our youngest kids (preschool – 1st grade) and their guardians to enjoy a day of summer camp. Activities will include a hike, arts & crafts, s'mores and silly songs. This is a great chance to explore and learn about camp before signing up for a summer program!

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our April Missionaries



Ruth Blank , , , Apr. 1

Kathy Orr Apr. 1

Scott Cassety Apr. 1

Sue Niblock Apr. 5

Joyce Chace Apr. 7

Douglas Dohn Apr. 7

Priscilla Crickard. Apr. 8

Rosemond Johnson. Apr. 9

Karin Johnson Apr. 12

Sue Miller Apr. 12

Nancy Human Apr. 13

Richard Venator Apr. 17

Jeffrey Peters Apr. 18

Gail Singer Apr. 20

Jay Wopperer Apr. 23

Roy Kaczynski Apr. 24

Marilynn Quance Apr. 27

Brigitte Lowe Apr. 28



From the St. Paul's Family



We celebrate the birth of Maverick Maloney! Maverick is the son of Brian & Sarah Maloney.



We offer our sympathy to the family & friends of **Jackie Pankow**, a longtime member of Resurrection Church.

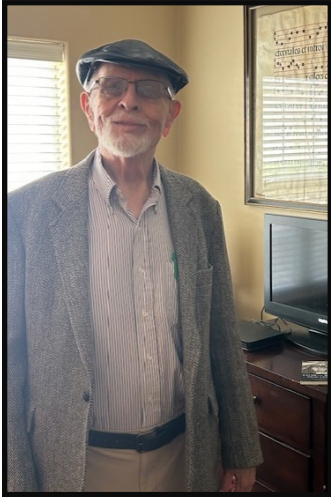


For the family and friends of **Theodore Bland**, we offer our sympathy to his family friends.



We mourn the passing of **Jane Woodward**, mother of Michelle Bieger (wife of Pastor Biegner) and grandmother to Lauren & Drew.

More from the St. Paul's Family



Dave Lampe says Hello to everyone. Here he is on his way to Palm Sunday services. David lives in Illinois near his son, in assisted living.



Dave Hornung and his bride Norma, as they say their wedding vows in the Phillippine Islands. Dave must return to Buffalo in June. He is hoping for a green card for Norma. You can email Dave at: davehornung@verizon.net

Memorial for Jane Woodward

In loving memory

**There will be a viewing for Jane Woodward
on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am - noon.**

**At: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
4007 Main St.**

Eggertsville, NY 14224

**A memorial service will take place
following the viewing at 12:00 noon.**

At St. Paul's in WILLIAMSVILLE!

Support the work of
HOME of MY OWN[®] of WNY
while enjoying a Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parking Lot
68 Eagle Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

4pm – 6:30pm

\$15 presale (\$16 day of while supplies last)

Please pick up presale dinners by 6:00pm



Home of My Own of WNY is a nonprofit dedicated to creating apartment communities tailored to independent individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who desire to live in a safe, social and integrated community with lifelong sustainability.

homeofmyownofwny.org



Dinner includes half a barbecued chicken, potato salad, coleslaw and a roll with butter

For tickets or more information scan the qr code or call St. Paul's at (716) 634-2330

100% of the proceeds will support Home of My Own of WNY's mission.

MusicalFare

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.



Exciting upcoming shows this season on the Main Stage include CROWNS (April 17 - May 19) and HUNDRED DAYS (July 10 - Aug. 11). Many performances are also coming up on the Cabaret stage. You may read about these performances and purchase tickets at musicalfare.com or call 716-839-8540. I sometimes have complimentary tickets to upcoming shows. Please email me at 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. ~Margene Weiss

Thank you's to St. Paul's

From the **Lutheran Foundation of Western New York** - Thank you for your contribution in the amount of \$165.00

From **Upstate New York Synod** - Thank you for your support. We have been able to facilitate critical and necessary conversations around church vitality. These discussions have not only helped us to understand the evolving needs of our communities but have also paved the way for innovative approaches to ministry, in contexts that honor our rich traditions, while embracing the future church of God's love made real.

From **WNY Church Unleashed** - Thank you for your incredibly generous donation of \$12,500. Your donation brings to our siblings in Christ countless moments of reflection, comfort, joy, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. On behalf of the entire WNYCU team and viewers, thank you so much for being a part of our TV/online ministry.

From **Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center** - thank you for sharing in LCLC's outdoor ministries. We appreciate and are grateful for your donation of \$750.00.



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