

May
2024

The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Egbertsville & Amherst
Campus



Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship at 11:00 am. There will be an election of the new council members, as well as approval of the 2023 report.

We hope to see you there.

Sunday, May 12

Our Pastoral Leaders: Steve & Kristen, and the entire staff at St. Paul's & the Amherst Campus, wish all of our Mothers and those who care and love the children in their lives, a very Happy Day!



*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 Pastoral message from Kristen

Name changes.... Somewhere around 18 years ago, Adam and I got married and I changed my name. I went from being Kristen Kleinfelder to Kristen Arends. Same person, same (more permanent) relationship. In my youth ministry life, I had always been known as "KK". It was a weird shift to be in Wisconsin and have teenagers call me by my real name. I was doing the same ministry & forming the same kinds of relationships yet under a new name.

For those of you that are detail orientated around here, you may have noticed a slight name change in our bulletin or other places. Steve and I are incorporating the title of "Pastoral Leader" in our work here at St. Paul's and beyond. This is because I am still in process. I am still forming as a pastor as I finish out this last 14 months (ish) of seminary. The work I am doing doesn't change, the relationships we have formed and will continue to form hasn't changed. I am still your pastor, but we use the title Pastoral Leader during these last few months of my formation process. And then we will have a party!

Thank you for being the kind of community that tries new things, that goes with the flow, that allows me to figure things out and grow and learn. You allow me to live into my most important name as a Child of God. It is a gift to walk alongside each of you as one of your Pastoral Leaders.

Yours in Christ,

Kristen, Kristen Kleinfelder, Kristen Arends, KK,

One of your Pastoral Leaders at St. Paul's

Child of God

P.S. Check out the LCLC section of The Messenger! It's sure to be a great summer. And if you'd like to check it out for yourself, send me an email and I will give you a tour! In 2025 (whoa... that was weird to write) we will host our Adult Retreat AND a Retreat for Families so look for more information on that in the coming months.

P.P.S. There is some cool stuff going on this month! Dad led Sunday School, Bike Blessings, & Annual Meetings to name a few. All part of being church together. Hope to see you there. =)

Parish Council News

Report from the Council – May 2024

May brings the Congregational Meeting at which time we'll review our financial performance and the activities of our committees and pastors from the previous year.

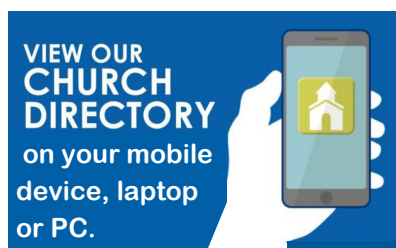
We'll also be electing members of the 2024-2025 Council. It has been a privilege to serve on Council and I want to acknowledge and thank all the members who have given their time and talents to the service of St. Paul's.

I also want to thank all the folks who have participated on committees, served as counters, volunteered to drive, and/or assisted with all the other varied ministries of St. Paul's, none of which would function without these special people.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff who made the whole organization run smoothly. Let's look forward to the summer and another successful year at St. Paul's!

~ Kathryn Francis, M.D.

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

Food Ministries



As of May 2024, Tiger's Den Food Pantry has been open for seven years!! And in that time, boy have we grown! What started out as a small one room pantry and office, has now expanded to five rooms and the hallway so we can accommodate the families in our area who are experiencing food insecurity. From 12 families seven years ago, to over 100 families this past December, the families in need continue to grow. We have been graced with continuing donations from St. Paul's, and other area churches and organizations. In that seven-year time span, Tiger's Den only shut down on five occasions - due to inclement weather - and stayed open during the Covid years. Our team of dedicated volunteers is here every time the pantry is open, reaching out to families in need with such items as non-perishable food, paper products, and personal care items. Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's who has helped us through these ever-changing years.

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

Thursdays: May 2, May 16, & May 30 from 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

Saturdays: May 11 and May 25 from 9:00 am—12:30 pm



Donations needed for May

spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, and cereal

Daily Bread Food Truck

MONDAY MEAL SHARE



The Daily Bread Food Truck's mission is to serve those individuals experiencing food insecurity who reside in the 14226 Community.

We are in our fourth season of providing a hot, well-balanced meal on Monday evenings primarily to families of the Amherst School District and the Tigers Den. Each Thursday, I provide the menu to ASD, our church office and the Daily Bread Facebook administrator resulting in a wide distribution of the service we are providing. We serve on average 110 hot meals prepared by our chefs on each Monday. In addition, we provide one or more containers (depending on size of family) of frozen soup also made by our chefs. The soup along with bread, pastries and often some fruits and vegetables donated by Wegman's provides a secondary meal during the week. The number of families we serve has been growing and this past Monday, we experienced our personal best by providing 144 hot meals in addition to the servings of soup and bread. In past years our Monday Meal Share season has been from late October through mid-April. It has recently been decided that we will continue into June with June 17 being our last day. We will then again begin in the second week of September – in essence mirroring the Amherst School District schedule.

We are always in need of volunteers to serve in many ways:

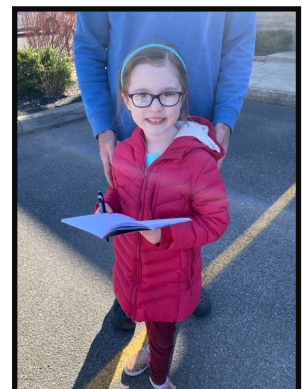
You can assist in the taking of orders and delivering the meals to the cars on Monday evenings from 4:00 – 5:30. We have a variety of ages who have been volunteering including our youngest - Addie, Audrey and Connor. We also have had the assistance of several teens who needed to fulfill their School Service Hours requirement.

We also have a need for volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am – 1:00 pm to prep and make soup and chili.

If you are interested, there are signup sheets in the Gathering Area of ALC and SPEC.

For more information, please contact Leslie at dailybread4007@gmail.com.

Addie, Connor and Audrey help with the DBFT by taking & delivering orders.

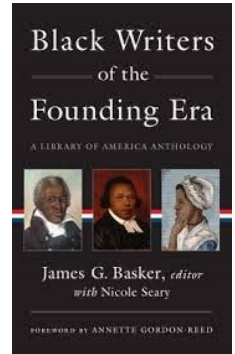


Ministries



The **Adult Forum** is held on Sunday mornings from 8:50 am - 9:30 am in the Fellowship room.

On **May 5, 12, 19 and June 2**, 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. Your first assignment: read the first 15 pages of the intro & Phyllis Cogswell (pp 17, 18) Phyllis Wheatley (p 19)



Bible Study



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

In May, we will be continuing 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

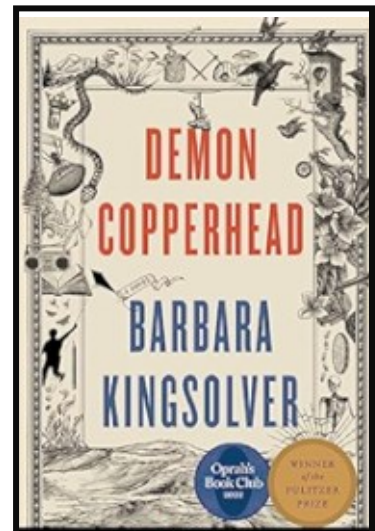
Next Meeting: Thursday May 9, 2024

Time: 7:15 pm

Where: 5125 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Featured book: *Demon Copperhead*
by Barbara Kingsolver

For info call: Karin (716) 689-6365



The Comforters



The Comforters will meet on **Wednesday, May 8** at 10:00 a.m.
upstairs in the Parish Hall.

We are very busy keeping up with the demand for baptism blankets and confirmation shawls. Other things you can help make are lap robes and prayer shawls. If you can knit or crochet we can give you pattern information and yarn to get you started and you can work at home. 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 **May 1, 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, May 2**
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

Bike Blessing - May 19

St. Paul's Bike Blessing - May 19th: 11am-12pm

Bring your bikes and helmet for a blessing for the season.

Wheels for Workers will be onsite for small tune-ups
and teaching tire repair.

Hot dogs - breakfast bowls - sides - drinks

4007 Main St - Eggertsville - 14226



Confirmation Classes

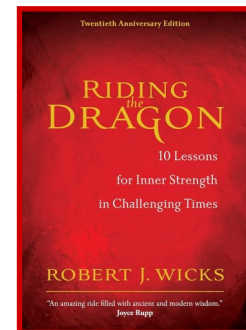


The last confirmation class is on:

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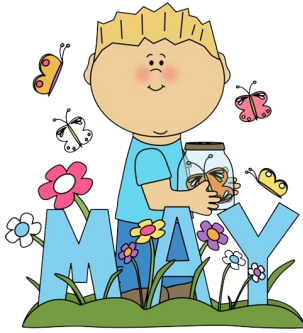
Congratulations to all the Confirmands!

Men's Breakfast - May 18



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

Sunday School



During the month of April, the children learned that sometimes when we get caught up in the difficulties of life not to forget that Jesus can be the missing piece and that He is the one that makes our life complete! Jesus is our Good Shepherd who guides us when we are lost and that He is the vine, and we are the branches! That we should stay connected to Jesus. We can do that by coming to church and learning about the Bible, praying and to help others to see that Jesus lives in us by showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
In peace and love, ~ June

On behalf of the Piette/Maloney families we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated gift cards for our calendar fund raiser!
We truly appreciate all the love, prayers, and support!

I would also like to thank everyone for stepping up to help during my absence while going through some family emergencies.



Basket Gala Fundraiser for the Piette/Maloney Family
Saturday, June 22, 2024 in the Parish Hall
More details to follow.

Prayer Team Ministry

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

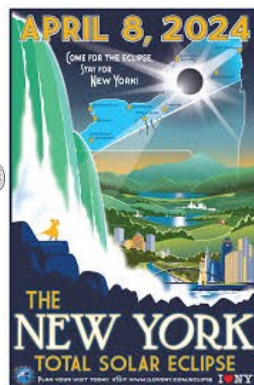
We ask that you include the reason for the prayers and your contact number, so we may do follow-ups on your needs. Thank you.



Family Fun Night at ALC



We gathered in April to enjoy an evening of good food and conversation leading up to the eclipse to follow a few days later. What a fun way to catch up with old friends and get to know new friends better!



Our next **Family Fun night** will be Saturday, May 4th after the 5pm service.

Wear your favorite Star Wars shirt as we celebrate "May the 4th be with You" day!

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/Kristen. Camps are 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 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 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!

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our May Missionaries

Alan Stewart, May 9	Bonnie Butler May 24
Darleen Vahue May 13	Lois Snyder May 24
Jan Isaacs. May 14	Curtis Chase May 25
Gary Wilger May 17	Diane Millace. May 29
Judy Meyer May 22	Sue Keppel. May 29
Bob Rembold May 22	Dorothy Menth May 30
	Phyllis Campbell. May 30
	Paul Storfer, Sr. May 30



From the St. Paul's Family



We celebrate the Baptism of Griffin David Weber, son of Adam & Elizabeth Weber on April 14, 2024



We celebrate the Baptism of Rylee Jade Washburn , daughter of Michael & Ashlea Washburn on April 21, 2024



We mourn the passing of **Marilyn Emerson**, mother of June (Tony) Piette and grandmother to Sara, Jessica and Emilie and great-grandmother to Maverick.

More from the St. Paul's Family



Congratulations to Leslie Boynton,
recipient of the ***Magi Award***, from
Lutheran Charities in recognition of her
tireless work with the
Daily Bread Food Truck.



John Dona celebrated his 90th birthday
on March 26 in sunny Florida. John says
a warm hello to all of his friends and
fellow parishioners at St. Paul's.

Memorial for Marilyn Emerson



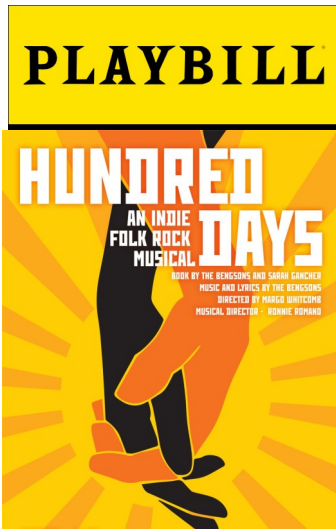
In loving memory

**There will be a funeral service for Marilyn Emerson
on Saturday, May 4, 2024. It will begin at
10:00 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Internment will take place at Acacia Cemetery in Tonawanda.

**A reception will follow in the Parish Hall at 12:30 pm.
The congregation is welcome to share memories and hugs.**

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 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

Memorial Day



**Due to the Memorial Day Weekend, there will be
No Saturday Worship Service at the Amherst Campus.**

At St. Paul's **Williamsville**

NAVIGATING SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS: (6:30 – 7)

Mary Nelson, BPHE, CDP

This session will help you understand options and different levels of care so you will be better educated and prepared for the future.

HEALTHCARE DECISION-MAKING, ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (7-7:30)

Deborah Waldrop, LMSW, PhD. Professor Emerita, UB School of Social Work

This session will focus on the documents (e.g. NYS Healthcare Proxy, NYS Living Will, MOLST, Five Wishes) that are available to assist as we make decisions about the healthcare we want and do not want when we are unable to speak for ourselves because of illness.

HOSPICE CARE: WHEN, WHERE, HOW? (7-8:30)

Susan Gibbons, RN, CHPN, Parish Nurse, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

This session will address what hospice care is and is not, when a referral is helpful and how to have a conversation about hospice admission.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL (8-8:30)

Reverend Ashlin Marchese, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

This session will be one that will offer grace and peace to those loved ones left to plan our funerals.

- In honor of Jane Woodward, a \$50.00 gift was received from Mr. & Mrs. Hever.

FINDING GRACE IN LIFE'S TRANSTIONS

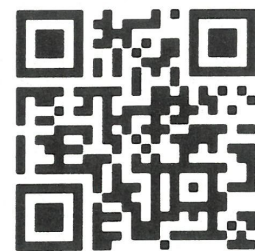
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6:30PM-8:30PM**



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