

July
2024

The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Egbertsville & Amherst
Campus



Summer Worship

Summer



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:00 am

Held at the outdoor worship space at:

St. John Lutheran Church

6540 Main St.

Williamsville, NY 14221

Outdoor luncheon will follow. Please
bring a dish to pass if you are able.



Kristen Arends is the interim Director of the Lutheran Camp at Lake Chautauqua. She will be unavailable in the church office M-Friday. You can reach her at:
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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 Arends

Greetings from LCLC!

How joy-filled are you? 1 Thessalonians tells us to “be joyful always”. Always?!? That’s a long time! And maybe not the most realistic. But I can tell you from recent experiences how much joy is contagious. How being in community, doing something you love, and sharing that with others can fill you and others with joy.

I went to a concert recently. Musicians, Ben Rector and Cody Fry played with the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra. These pop/signer songwriter artists usually perform by themselves. But they adapted their songs, played together and included the most wonderful orchestral music as a backdrop. The two musicians are friends and over and over again they smiled, and they said, “man. I can’t believe we get to do this!” They were filled with joy at performing and playing together. They took turns on instruments, switching up who would play guitar or piano and who would sing lead or do background. The symphony conductor tried her best to follow along with these two friends laughing and joking and leading the 70 musicians on stage.

It was so joy-filled. And also messy. At one point Ben missed an intro to a second verse, and the conductor had to count out loudly for the orchestra to get everyone back on track. At another point Cody decided to switch spots on the piano where he and Ben were playing together and they laughed through the whole next section of the song. It was clear they loved playing music. And loved making music together. They laughed and joked and used harmonicas and sang harmonies. There was JOY! You couldn’t help but see it on stage, and you couldn’t help but feel it in the room. Even the percussionists danced along in the background in a way that isn’t often encouraged at the symphony. Because JOY is contagious!

What are the things you love doing? What are the things that fill you up with joy? How can you find some time this summer to do that. Invite someone else to be a part of it with you! That’s how we can be joyful always. God wants joy for you. We were created by God, and we are declared good. Let that fill you with joy!

Joyfully yours,
~Kristen

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 change to explore and learn about camp before signing up for a summer program!

Food Ministries: Burrito Project



The Burrito Project meets once a month at the Eggertsville Campus to make and wrap the burritos. Then we go downtown to deliver them. Sometimes we have wellness kits, socks or outer clothing to hand out.

Our next meeting, beginning at St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus, will be on **Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 pm.**

Kevin Guest House

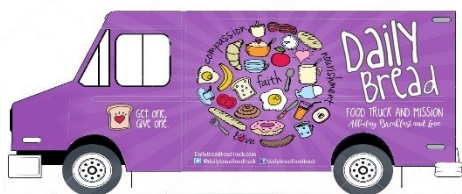


Thank you to all those who signed up to deliver the meals to the Kevin Guest House during the summer months.

We are still in need of bakers to bring in desserts for about 12 people. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space and is the first Tuesday of each month.

Thank you to those who volunteered.

Daily Bread Food Truck



The Daily Bread Food Truck will not be in service during July and August. The truck will be back in the middle of September 2024.

There are many ways you can become a part of the Food Truck Ministry: shopping, prepping, cooking, plating, serving and clean up. Think about it & if you find you are interested, email: dailybread4007@gmail.com or call the office at 716-835-0407.

Food Ministries: Tiger's Den Food Pantry



Well we almost made it through June incident free, but then the heat caught up with us! When the pantry was open on Saturday, June 22, we were able to provide non-perishable food, bread and bakery items, and more to 18 families in spite of blowing the fuses! Apparently plugging in the air conditioning unit put a bit of a strain on the electrical system – and of course these were the fuses for the refrigerator and freezers. Thank you to Tim for helping get us up and running again before anything and anyone started to melt.

If you have driven past our garden, you will know that Mr. Crock is once again working his green thumb magic to make this a great vegetable season already. We have sweet peas, peppers, kale, leafy greens, and more available already. Our families are very excited to be able to receive fresh vegetables from us.

Your continued donations will allow us to feed those families in our area who are experiencing food insecurity. With the children home for summer vacation, the need for Tiger's Den assistance increases. Thank you for all you do to help us keep our shelves stocked.

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

Wednesday, July 3: 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

Tiger's Den Food Pantry will **NOT be open on **Thursday, July 4th.****

Thursday: July 18 from 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

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



Donations needed for June

Cereal, cooking oil, pasta

A report from the Upstate NY Synod Assembly

What's a Synod Assembly?

Hi! I'm Mary Wolf, and I served as a voting member from St. Paul's to the Upstate NY Synod Assembly, June 3-4, 2024 in Syracuse.

The Upstate NY Synod comprises most of the state. There are 7 conferences in the Synod. We're in the Niagara Frontier Conference (Erie & Niagara counties).

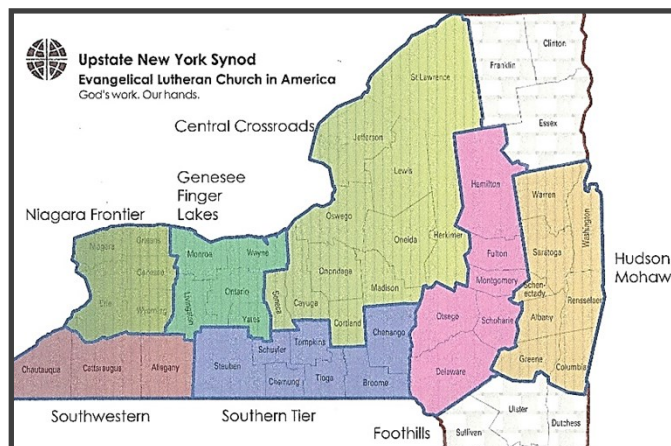
The Synod is led by Bishop Lee Miller II assisted by the Synod Council and Synod Staff. The bishop is elected by the Synod Assembly, serves a 6-year term and may be re-elected to a second term. Bishop Miller

is still in his first term of office. The Synod Council consists of representatives from each conference and deals with decisions that need to be made between Synod Assemblies. Each congregation in the Synod is entitled to two laypersons and the clergy to represent it at Synod Assembly.

This year's Assembly business included electing "at large" members to the Synod Council: a LGBTQIA+ person, and a PCL (person of color or primary language other than English). Also elected were lay and clergy to serve on various committees, and people to represent the Synod at next year's ELCA Churchwide Assembly. A proposed spending plan for the Synod for 2025-26 was adopted with just one minor change.

Worship is always a highlight of the Assembly for me. Julie Grindle, Assistant to the Bishop and a very talented musician, led the music – some familiar, some new. And Bishop Miller's sermon spoke the gospel clearly.

The theme, "Adaptive Leadership" was demonstrated through a panel discussion with people whose congregations have begun to put some of those principles into use: Rev. Pamela Hoh of Hope, North Greenbush, where they've begun a community garden; Rev. Eric Madsen of Trinity-Emmanuel, Rochester, where they've changed their climate by simply inviting people to come and participate in meetings and events rather than signing up; Rev. Dustin Longmire of Messiah, Rotterdam, working to make an unused building into a community center and get a local zoning ordinance changed to permit this needed facility; and Megan Russ of Parkside Buffalo, where a "breakfast church" pot luck is giving people an alternate time and style of worship. These projects came about



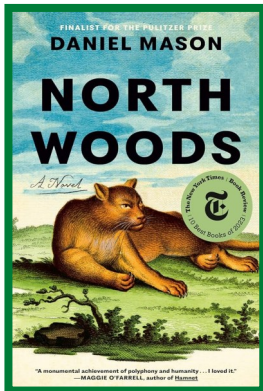
Synod continued

through developing interpersonal relationships and asking the potential user, “What do you want?” Vital to adaptive leadership are: transparency, listening, open Q&A, access available information, ask for and adjust based on feedback, and don’t fear failure. It was interesting and exciting to hear what is happening through this across the Synod.

There is a long-standing tradition of collecting funds for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal at Synod Assembly. The target this year was \$50,000 for the 50th Anniversary of the Appeal. At the end of the Assembly more than \$34,000 had been donated from congregations and individuals and there were even more donations made through a QR code that were still being counted. I think we’ll get there!

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to attend!!

Book Club at the Amherst Campus



The Book Club will be on a summer hiatus during July and August.

If you find yourself looking for something to read this summer, check out our fall book selection. You never know, you may find yourself just itching to express your views at the September meeting!

Adult Forum

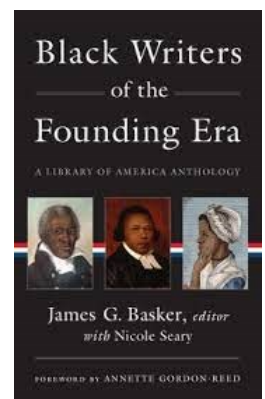
In you enjoyed the last book selection, Lois O’Brian has extra pages for you to read. This summer’s reading pages are:

Any of the slave narratives:

Briton Hammon pp 3—10
Arthur pp 41– 48
James Gronniosaw pp 58– 70
Yamboo pp 385—8

Other readings (short):

Judith Jackson p. 253
James Hennings p. 472-3



Sunday School

Happy Summer Days



Since Sunday school is out of session for the summer, we have a table for kids at both the front and back entrance to the sanctuary.

The tables include coloring pages, activity pages, crayons, books, snacks and small stuffed animals that are to remain at church.

I will be checking tables weekly to keep them filled with activities and switching things up as well!

Sunday school will start back up in the Fall, more info will come on that, in our *August Messenger*.

Have a peace filled and joy filled summer!

~ June

Basket Raffle

Basket fundraiser update

I can not say thank you enough to everyone who pitched in to help & pull in together!

We had an awesome turnout; the generosity & donations were beyond what we thought!

We are so very grateful to our church family and the wonderful community we live in!

We raised \$9,466 dollars!

Thank you, Thank you , Thank you!

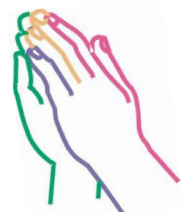


With love and appreciation,
The Maloney and Piette family!

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.



From the St. Paul's Family



A contemporary Navajo Wedding ceremony

We just returned from a trip to New Mexico for our nephew, Mark's wedding on the Navajo Nation. Although we read up on Navajo wedding customs, we did not expect to be part of the ceremony as "elders".

We never expected the large gathering sitting under the tall ponderosa pines in the mountains. We were curious how they would incorporate Polish customs into a gathering of Navajo friends and relatives.

The officiant (Uncle Sean) explained that we would be entering from the east, as all good things come from the east. We walked behind Mark, literally as his small tribe. His fiancée, Desiree, then walked down the aisle with her large family/tribe. She wore a custom woven wool Navajo dress, wearing beautiful family silver and turquoise jewelry. As elders, we sat under the gazebo facing the audience. The officiant spoke in English and Navajo. The couple shared sweet blue corn mush and then everyone came forward communally, to share the blue corn. The officiant explained that we elders would now speak and give the new couple words of wisdom. We passed the mic around and each of us talked. For me, it was hard to think over a lifetime of marriage and only say a couple things! The oldest grandmother welcomed all of us from the United States to the Navajo Nation where she was born and lived all her life. The groom's mother explained the Polish wedding toast, that life together is full of sadness (salt) as well as joy (honey mead) and they all said "Na Zdrowie"! Everyone laughed! Although many in the crowd looked puzzled, it did not need translation.

From the St. Paul's Family cont'd



Finally the couple was given a bespoke blanket, they wrapped themselves up together and smiled and walked down the aisle. We enjoyed a catered Navajo dinner.

There was such beauty and witness in communal silence. In many ways, the ceremony was like attending a large Quaker meeting. Although God was never spoken of, I heard the wind in the pines and felt the presence in that community.

~ Margent & Ed Weiss

PS. While in the area, we also hiked Mesa Verde National Park, and enjoyed Santa Fe.

Amherst Campus Bowling League



The ALC Bowling League finished their 64th season- yikes! Hard to believe but true. If any one wants to be part of this for the next season let me know. You will need a 4 person team to bowl: once a month, Saturdays, starts at 6:30 pm at Cherry Laurel Lanes (used to be Manor 2) .

Cost is \$15 per person, per event.

Must be 18. Again, let me know. ~Janet Schmidt.

Email: Jeschmidt48@gmail.com

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our July Missionaries

Larry Fenski July 4
 Gerald Braun. July 6
 John Eggleston. July 6
 Karen Schoene July 9
 Vanessa Solomon. July 11
 Robert Schumann July 13

*A special mention that our
 very own Bob Schumann will
 be celebrating his
 101st birthday on July 13.
 Happy Birthday, Bob!*



Rick Vilonen July 13
 Catherine Dohn July 17
 Richard Elliott. July 22
 Jerry Tubbs July 22
 Robert Brown. July 27
 Hilde Neubauer July 28

From Lutheran Charities



July 12 12:00 pm Start

Cost: \$125 per Golfer (includes lunch, golf and cart fees, 1-hour open bar, and dinner)

Non-Golfing Guests are welcome to join us for dinner: \$60 (includes 1-hour open bar)

To register online click [GOLF Registration](#)



Ticket For more information about being a sponsor click [SPONSOR](#)



Come See the **Bisons vs. Rochester Red Wings!**

Individual Tickets are \$15
 (a savings of nearly \$5 per person)!

Can't enjoy the game without a hotdog and soda?
 Then get the Ticket WITH Concessions for \$25 (includes ticket, 1 hotdog and 1 soda).

It's a **FRIDAY NIGHT BASH** too - happy hour with Resurgence Brewing Co. (offering discounted spirits) and an award-winning postgame fireworks show!

Noah's Helping Hands

JOIN US!!

Everyone
is
welcome!

Bring a lawn
chair and a side
dish to share!

Spring into Summer

Family FUNdraising
Event

Sunday, July 14th
11 - 1 PM

Outdoor Worship Service from 10-11

Activities:

- Bounce Houses
- SIK Braids
- Bike & helmet check
- Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
- Basket Raffle

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We are hosting our fundraiser in partnership
with St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Please join us beforehand for an outdoor
worship service from 10-11 am
Fundraiser will be held immediately following
the service

All proceeds and donations will support Noah's Helping Hands Project
For more information contact Sara at noahshelpinghands716@gmail.com



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