

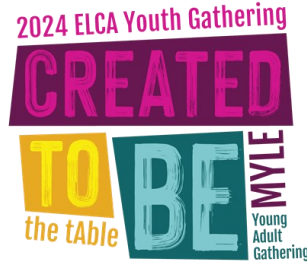
*14th Saturday
after Pentecost*



*August 24, 2024
5:00 pm
St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Lutheran Campus
14th Saturday after Pentecost
August 24, 2024*

Musician: Adam Schmidt



*Today we welcome back St. Paul's 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Disciples:
Adam Weber, Alice Johnson, Anna Arends, Brock Israel, Henry Schihl,
Kristen Arends, Liam Silsby, Lisa Magin, Maggie Skinner,
Oliver Magin, Ryan Fortune, and Sam Silsby*

Welcome/Call to Worship

- A People of God, this is the day that the Lord has made.
C Thanks be to God!
A You are created in the image of God.
C We are created to be loved.
A You are created to be brave.
C We are created to be truth-tellers.
A You are created to be authentic.
C We are created to be free to serve others.
A You are created to be disruptive at tables where injustice is revealed.
C We are created to be disciples who follow Jesus.
A People of God, welcome to worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen
P Holy God, you gather us together as your people.
A We are created to be brave in the face of our fears.
P Help us. Remind us of your mercy. Hear our broken words...
A For the days we are afraid to show up.

C **Forgive us.**
P For the days we are afraid to speak up.
C **Forgive us.**
A For the days we are afraid to welcome someone others have ignored.
C **Forgive us.**
P For the times we are afraid to tell our own story or listen to someone else tell theirs.
C **Forgive us.**
A For the times we are afraid to be honest.
C **Forgive us.**
P For the times when we are afraid to challenge what is accepted.
C **Forgive us.**
P For the times we are afraid to follow you.
C **Forgive us.**
P Dear Friends.....God created you to be loved, to tell the truth, to be free to live the fullness of this life God offers to you. By God's grace you have been saved from every broken promise, every assumption of privilege, every ignored invitation. In the name of Jesus (+) your sins are forgiven.
C **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Gathering Hymn: W&P 41 (on the following page)

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

A Let us pray.....Lord God, you remind us that we are not alone in this world. You search us and know us. You invite us to remember that you see us and love us and call us by name. You are our light and salvation, why should we be afraid? You invite us to let our light shine and to use our freedom in you as an opportunity to serve others. You remind us of your example of turning over tables by getting in the way of injustice, oppression, and pain. Create us to be all that you desire for the world that we might follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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Yours, Lord, Is the Glory



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;
1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.
Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

2 *Tuyos los dominios,
los tronos también;
tuyos para siempre.
Amén, amén.*

3 *A ti yo me rindo,
te adoro también,
amo absoluto.
Amén, amén.*

4 *Gloria en las alturas
y en la tierra también;
gloria aleluya.
Amén, amén.*

Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional
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First Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done

everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22 (read responsively)

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

A ⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

A The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

C The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

A Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

C God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

A Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Spirit of the living God

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:36-40

Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to them, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: LBW 222

O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil - grims giv -
2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den splen -



en, O Man - na from a - bove: feed with the bless - ed sweet -
ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come now, your love be - stow -
dor with - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -



ness of your di - vine com - plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
ing on thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
en, and our clear eye in heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Apostle's Creed

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith together:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (Please be seated.)

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now either silently or aloud. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

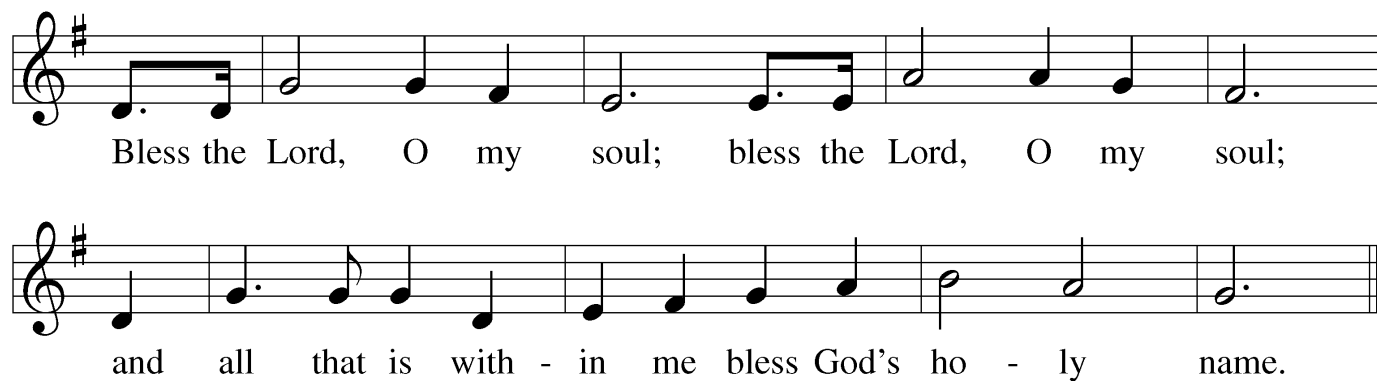
C receive our prayer.

P We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C Amen.

Offering Hymn: WOV 798

Bless the Lord, O My Soul



Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

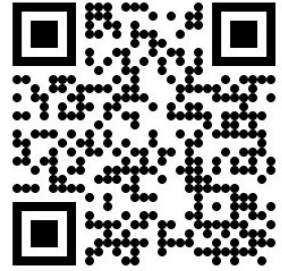
C Generous God, every good gift comes from your open hand. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Ways to Give to St. Paul's:

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:** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

QR Code:



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

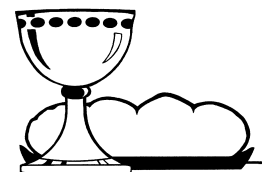
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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: ELW 199

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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: WOV 710

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y




through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

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 Let us pray.....Lord God, we who do new things, sometimes feel afraid,
- C So make us brave.
- P We who live this life as a full gift from you, are often challenged,
- C So make us authentic.
- P We who serve others, sometimes are held back,
- C So make us free.
- P We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger.
- C So make us disruptive.
- P Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world that we may tell the story of your love.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus 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

Sending Hymn: WOV 699 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 25-September 1, 2024

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus

- Sunday:** 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 and Communion
12:00-6:00 pm: Simone's Pink Field Day Fundraiser at St. John, Williamsville
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Reception and Open House
- Wednesday:** 6:00-8:00 pm: Unstuck Group Meeting
6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC
- Sunday:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Larry Fenske; Charles Scofield; Brian Maloney

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

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221

Joanne Barone-Carter: 39 Saybrook Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Sue Epstein: 59 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Heidi Ginal: 74 Jane Lane, Depew, NY 14043

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Rosemond Johnson: 3842 Wildwing Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529

Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068

Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 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

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Prayer Team Ministry: 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 2024 Monday Meal Share has ended for the summer, but plans are underway for Fall 2025. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus of St. Paul's, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for August are: Thursday 8/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for August: cereal, pasta, and canned fruit.

SIMONE'S PINK

Field Day Fundraiser

I am Simone, the youngest daughter of Vanessa Solomon. I am a mom of three and I enjoy smiling & laughing. Recently, I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer. My cancer & treatment are both so aggressive that it prohibits me from working, along with fighting with my insurance company to cover mounting medical expenses.

I am nearing the completion of Phase A, 18 rounds of chemotherapy and will be entering Phase B in mid-August. I hope you will attend my fundraiser.

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
6540 MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

ADMISSION

- \$20.00
- FREE FOR CHILDREN 10 YRS & YOUNGER, WITH ADULT
- FREE & TICKETED ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to wear pink in solidarity.


FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the office: 716-835-0407 Call Vanessa: 716-381-3804

SUNDAY
AUG. 25
12:00 -
6:00 PM



- There will be a kickball tournament.
- Pony Rides
- Painting with squirt guns
- Creating your own flower bouquet.
- Lots of food
- Cancer information





PRE-TAILGATING CHURCH SERVICE
WITH PASTOR STEVE AT SPEC

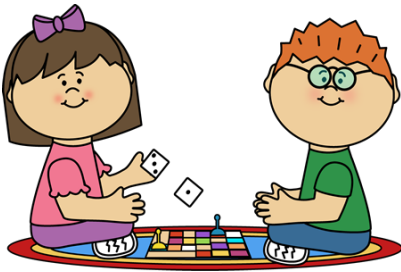
SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Time: 8:00 AM

BUFFALO BILLS



First Saturday of the month following the 5pm service.



October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th
January 4th
February 1st
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd



Join us for a light meal (usually pizza), games and conversation.

You are welcome to bring
something to share such as veggies, fruit or dessert.

Drinks are provided.

All are welcome!



**Come and join the Lutheran Chorale
for its reception and open house on
Tuesday, August 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm.
at St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus.**

**We will also be welcoming
Erin Alexander, our new Director.**



On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, our youth group meets at SPEC at 6:00 pm. They make 100 burritos in the kitchen, that they take downtown to give to those in need.

You can help in many ways: driving, helping in the kitchen & cleanup.

Please consider giving a hand, call:

716-835-0407



LCLC

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INSTALLATION OF Kaitlyn Blend

Please join us in welcoming
Kaitlyn and her family to the
LCLC community!

SAT | SEP | 14TH
NOON - 4:00

RSVP by email or phone
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716-386-4125

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Lunch at 12:30
Worship at 1:30





*+ 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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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

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Williamsville, NY 14221*

Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm