12th Sunday after Pentecost



August 11, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 11, 2024



Musician: Paul Storfer

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who provides, guides, and sustains.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider,
- C help us. We fall short in many and various ways. We question your commands when they differ from the culture of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We often fail to fully live into your teachings. Turn us again to you. Reconnect us through your grace. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P Beloved people of God: Jesus is our daily bread. In him, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy and always welcomed home. You are forgiven and loved, invited again into an abundant life. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn: LBW 358

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



- 1 Glo ries of your name are spo-ken, Zi on, cit y of our God;
- 2 See, the streams of liv ing wa ters, spring-ing from e ter nal love,
- 3 Round each hab i ta tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap pear
- 4 Sav ior, since of Zi on's cit y I through grace a mem-ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode. well sup - ply your sons and daugh-ters, and all fear of want re - move. for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near. let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re-pose? Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as-suage? Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day, Fad - ing are the world-lings' plea-sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va-tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes. Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age. safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way. sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil-dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

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

- P Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

First Reading: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

- A I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- A Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- C I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

- A Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- A The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- C Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Radical Template for Being Yeast

1) laying aside false or misleading communication one with another, and instead, speaking truth

2) acknowledging that anger can be justified, yet refusing to let it fester
3) embracing honest work, not for our own benefit and security, but for the sake of meeting human need
4) cutting off the impulse to indulge in "evil talk" (think here of corrosive criticism, denigrating sarcasm, and talking behind others' backs), and choosing instead speech that "builds up" community members
5) resisting the temptation to nurse grudges, justify our resentments, pick fights, and denigrate those with whom we disagree, and instead cultivate kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness such as God has extended to us in Christ
6) becoming "imitators of God" by living out of love, and—moved by love—giving ourselves away for others, as Christ has

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



Holy Baptism



Presentation

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

Response: We present Jameson Gerald Weber for Holy Baptism. *Response*: We present Hendrix Carter Atzrott for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P Robert and Jessica, you have brought Jameson here in Christian love for Holy Baptism. Joshua and Heather, you have brought Hendrix here in Christian love for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for them instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to help Jameson and Hendrix grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Heather and Scott, and Lauren and Jacob, do you promise to nurture Jameson and Hendrix in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of their baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P People of God, do you promise to support Jameson and Hendrix and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Prayers of the Church

- A 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.
 - Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill, 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.
- A We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
- C Amen.

Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Jameson and Hendrix, who are here baptized, may be given new life. Wash away their sin by this cleansing water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

Renunciation

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C I renounce them.



- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.

Profession

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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

Baptism

- P Jameson, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
- P Hendrix, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Laying on of Hands

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Jameson and Hendrix: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C Amen

Signing with the Cross

- P Jameson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen
- P Hendrix, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

Giving of the Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



Welcome

- P Through Baptism, God has made Jameson and Hendrix new members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow missionaries in God's church, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God. Amen

(Congregation joins in singing: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.)

Offering Music and Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here and in our planned giving be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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/

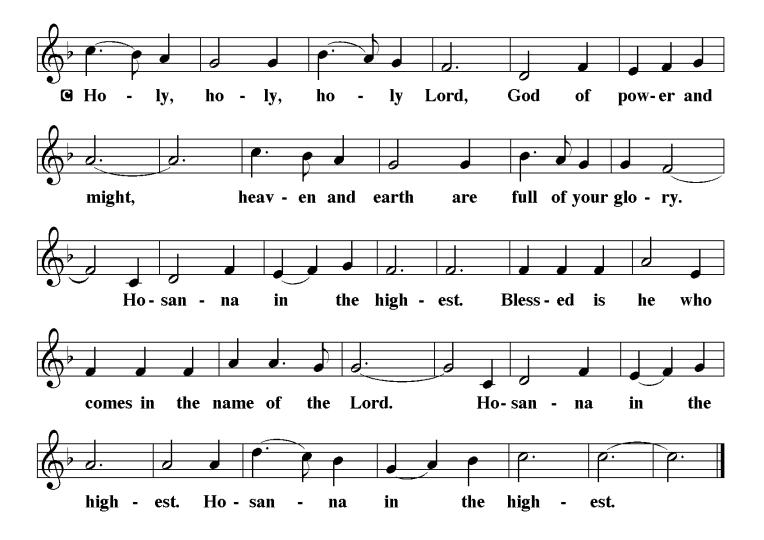
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Dialogue and Preface

- 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 sing their unending hymn:



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:
- 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

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.

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 Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

Benediction

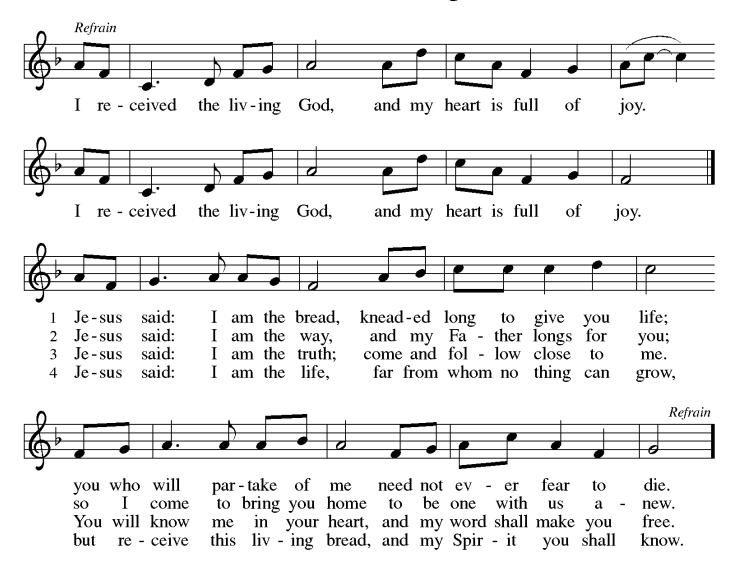
- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Closing Hymn: WOV 700 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

I Received the Living God



Text: Anonymous

Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 11-18, 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; Baptisms of Jameson Gerald Weber and

Hendrix Carter Atzrott

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)

Wednesday: 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

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Deacons: 8/11: Barbara Walter; 8/18: Martin Troutman

Ushers: 8/11: Ellen Herdman & Jin Tanevich; 8/18: Robin Miano & Sharon Adimey

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Phil Howe (Debbie Howe's brother); Charles Scofield; Richard Elliott; 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

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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

Nursery/Nursing Mom's Room: Located downstairs by the Sunday School room. There is a wall TV for streaming the Sunday worship service. Babies 0-24 months are welcome in the nursery and must be monitored by their parent.

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.

Summer Office Hours: For the remainder of July and August, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm and closed on Friday.

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: Thursdays 8/15 and 8/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 8/24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August: cereal, pasta, and canned fruit.



SIMONE'S PINK

Field Day Fundraiser

SUNDAY AUG. 25 6:00 PM

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

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

Don't forget to wear pink in solidarity.

© Call the office: 716-835-0407

Call Vanessa: 716-381*3804



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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm