

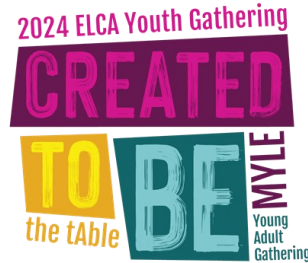
*14th Sunday
after Pentecost*



*August 25, 2024
10:00 am
St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Eggertsville Campus
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024*

Musician: Paul Storfer



*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**

Opening Hymn: LBW 231 (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.**

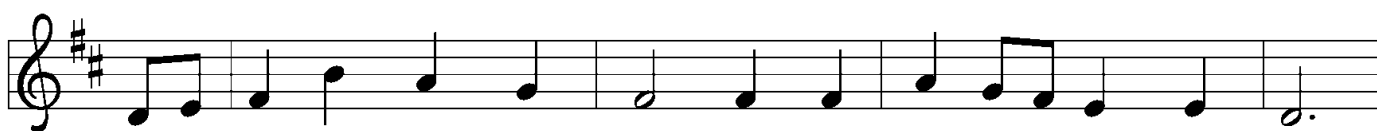
Prayer of the Day

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.**

O Word of God Incarnate



- 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
- 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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 The 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.

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 Matthew the 22nd Chapter
C Glory to you, O Lord.

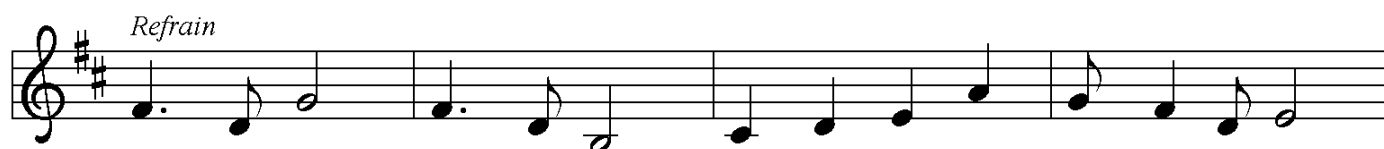
Gospel: Matthew 22:36-40

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.

Hymn of the Day: WOV 706

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34

Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

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Apostle's Creed

A 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

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. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

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

C Amen.

Offering Music and Prayer

P Let us pray.

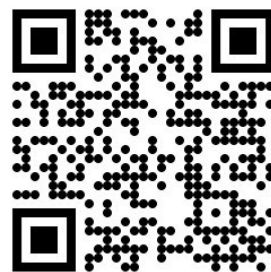
C Generous God, every good gift comes from your open hand. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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/>

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Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

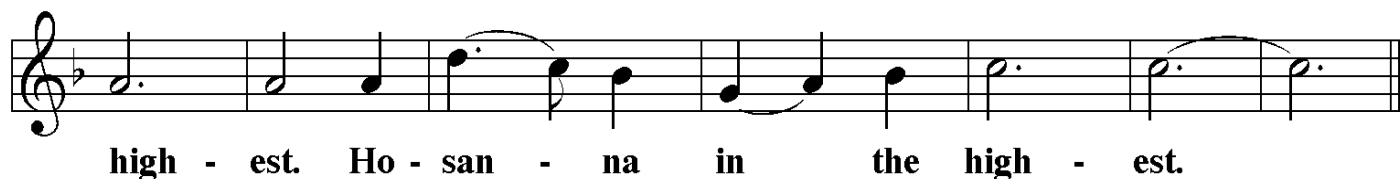
P Lift up your hearts.

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:

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

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 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,

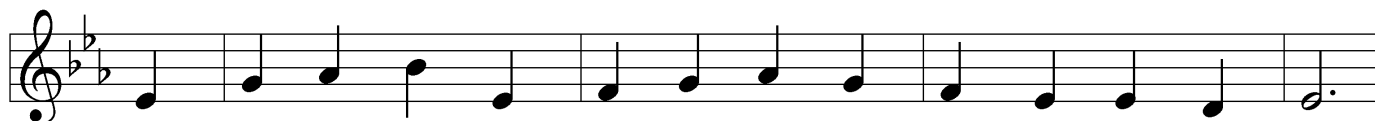
C So make us free.
P We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger.
C So make us disruptive.
P Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world that we may tell the S
story of your love.
C Amen.

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...

Closing Hymn: LBW 464

You Are the Way



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

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: No Worship Service at ALC because of the holiday weekend
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Deacons: 8/25: John Schunak; 9/1: Sara Gallagher

Ushers: 8/25:

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

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: Thursday 8/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for August: cereal, pasta, and canned fruit.



Adult Forum: We are looking for folks who would want to lead an Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9am-9:45am. Have a good book or topic you'd like to lead a discussion and prayer around for a four to five week session? Let Steve or Kristen know and they will give you a hand setting things up.

SIMONE'S PINK

Field Day Fundraiser

SUNDAY
AUG. 25
12:00 -
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
- 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

☎ Call the office: 716-835-0407

📍 Call Vanessa: 716-381*3804



**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.

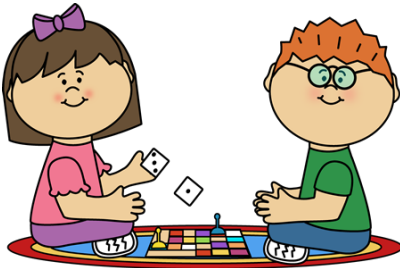
You can help in many ways: driving,
helping in the kitchen & cleanup.

Please consider giving a hand, call:

716-835-0407

FAMILY FUNNIGHT

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!



**PRE-TAILGATING CHURCH SERVICE
WITH PASTOR STEVE AT SPEC**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Time: 8:00 AM

BUFFALO BILLS



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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

5013 Route 430 Bemus Point, NY 14712

Lunch at 12:30

Worship at 1:30



ADULT FALL RETREAT

AT Lake CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN center
5013 ROUTE 430
BEMUS POINT, NY 14712



When? September 20-22, 2024: from Friday at 7:00 p.m.
through closing worship Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Where? LCLC Retreat Center (comfortable, hotel-like accommodations!)

COST: \$145 per person

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 15TH







Our theme this year is *Lutherfest!*
Enjoy a get-away weekend in the beauty of Fall,
with a focus on Martin Luther.



REGISTER ONLINE AT lclcenter.campbrainregistration.com
Or call for more information: (716) 386-4125

PROGRAM OFFERINGS INCLUDE:



-  Presentation: *All About Luther*
-  Luther Trivia Game
-  Nature Walks
-  Hymn Singing
-  German Dinner with Pork & Sauerkraut
-  Optional Field Trips: *Local microbrewery~winery~apple farm*
-  Worship Service of Holy Communion with Luther Hymns



*+ 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.*

St. Paul's Congregation Council

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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

*Amherst Lutheran Campus
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Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm