

*Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany*



*February 8, 2026
10:00 am
St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*



Welcome to St. Paul's!

We're glad you're here!
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Prayer requests?
A need to speak to a Pastor?
Questions about joining St. Paul's?

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Eggertsville Campus

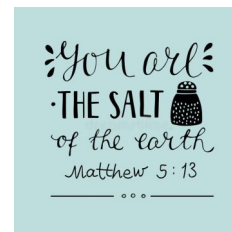
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Musician: Paul Storfer

Guest Preacher: Kaitlyn Blend

Executive Director, LCLC



Confession and Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able.)

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.
- C Amen.
- P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
- C Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.
- P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.
- C Amen.

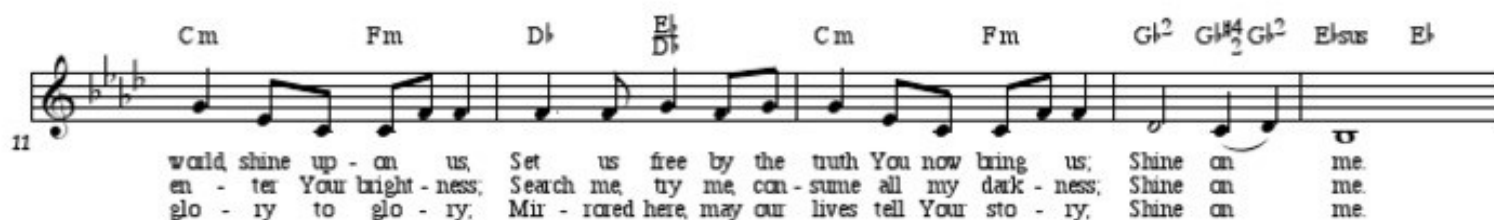
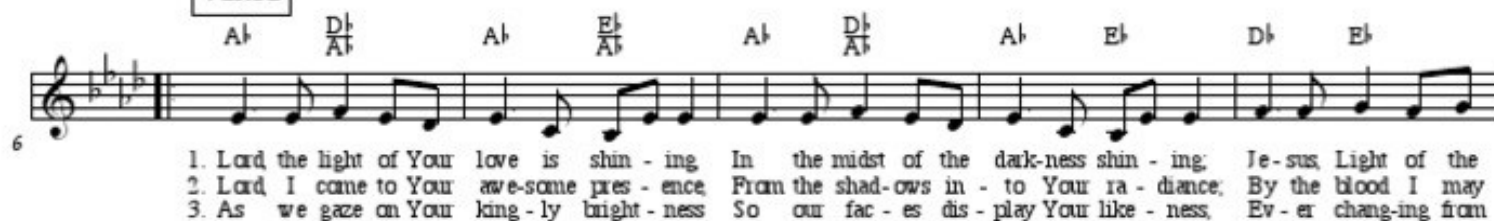
Shine, Jesus, Shine

GRAHAM KENDRICK
Arranged by Tom Fettke

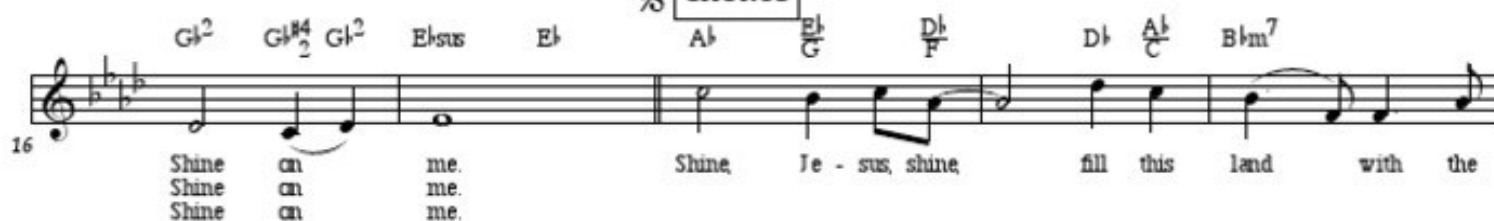
INTRO



VERSE



CHORUS



REPEAT to Verse



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 Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9 [10] (read responsively)

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

A Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

A Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

A It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

A They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

A They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Fifth Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Will be led by Kaitlyn Blend

You Are The Light Of The World

You are the light of the world

You are the light of the world

So shine, shine, shine where you are

You are the light of the world

- city on a hill

- star in the night

- candle in the dark

Apostle's Creed

A Together we say what we believe using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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

Prayer's of the Church

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving, 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 Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

Offering Music and Prayer

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 Giving Code:



P Let us pray,

C God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these gifts we offer today and in our planned giving for the needs of the world, through Christ our Savior. Amen.



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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord 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.

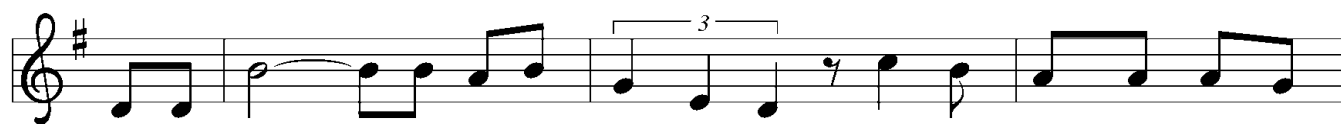
Closing Hymn: WOV 650 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

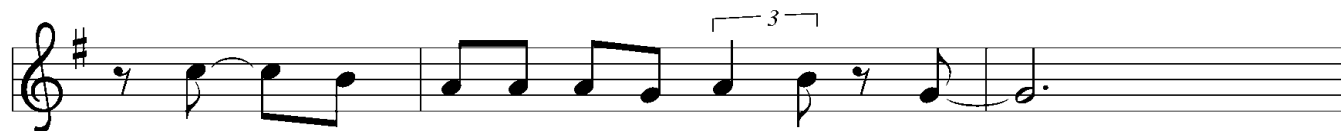
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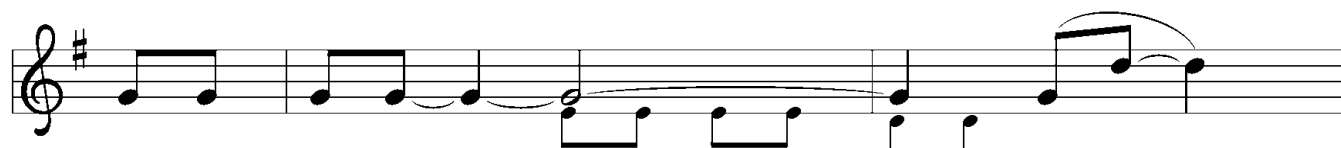
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 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 8-15, 2026

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

- Sunday:** 9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum
9:30 am-1:00 pm: Western New York Church at AC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
- Monday:** 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
5:30-9:00 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
7:00-8:30 pm: Waiting in Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
7:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 7:15 pm: Amherst Book Club at AC
- Friday:** No Events Planned
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC
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Deacons: 2/8: Nancy Bartels-Holiman; 2/15: Martin Troutman

Ushers: 2/8: Bob & Karen Brown; 2/15: Scott & Mimi Fierle

Last Week's Service Offerings: \$7,395.12

Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Norma Hornung; Christine Vranich; Kathryn Brown; Judy Brown; Edna Mann; Barbara Fisher; Cheryl Shepker; Maria Neudecker; David Wieczorek; Lavon Amos; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; David Schunak; Sylvia McLaughlin; Sue Epstein*

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

Joyce Chace: Brookdale, 6076 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D127, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Jack Gallagher: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, #177, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

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

Joan Maefs: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #136, East Amherst, NY 14051

Elaine Masman: Heathwood Assisted Living, 815 Hopkins, Room 251, Williamsville, NY 14221

Sylvia McLaughlin: 44 Sherwin Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221

Charles Scofield: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #228, Williamsville, NY 14221

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Campus, 5125 Main Street, Williamsville, 14221, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, 14226. 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 Cody at: Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2026 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:15-5:15 pm. 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 St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for February are: Thursday 2/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm.; and Saturdays 2/14 and 2/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for February: coffee, tea, and juice.

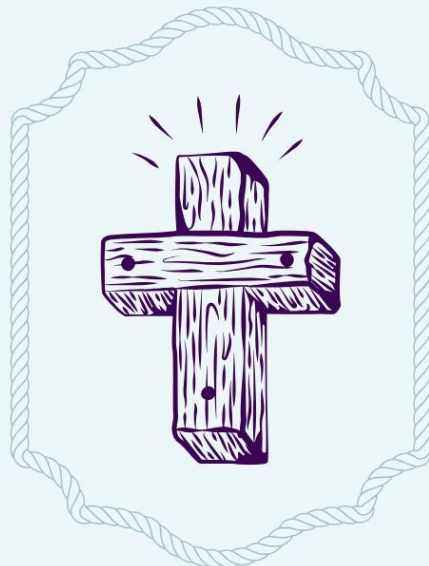
Adult Forum: Beginning Sunday, February 8, from 9:00-9:45 am, Karin Johnson will host this session based on the book "Accidental Saints" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Come and "dive into difficult truths, find common ground, and learn to look for God in all people everywhere."

First Communion: If you have a student who would be interested in making their First Communion, class will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Students will make their First Communion during worship on Saturday, March 14 or Sunday, March 15. Please email Pastor Kristen at kristen@stpaulseggertsville.com if you are interested in participating.

We hope you'll join us for a

LENT & TITHELY KICK-OFF POTLUCK

February
15th



After
Worship

We will gather for a meal and fellowship, and also have folks available to assist those interested in setting up Giving in Tithely.

Please see sign up sheet to bring a dish to pass

New Beginnings
for Single Ladies

18th Feb 2026
10:00 am

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

FOOD . FELLOWSHIP . FUN

January Recap: Meeting canceled due to snow.

February Meeting: Ash Wednesday service will begin at noon. Therefore, our meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

We will be having a brunch hosted by Marsha C.
Marsha will be teaching us a new game, Shut the Box!

ST. PAUL'S GATHERING SPACE
4007 MAIN ST.

Email Joan: keptnersafari@gmail.com



Call Heidi at: 716-480-9227

**EVERY WEDNESDAY,
(STARTING 2/25 AND ENDING
3/25), WE WILL GATHER AT
ST. PAUL'S AT 12 PM AND
ENJOY SOUP AND PSALMS
TOGETHER. WE ARE ASKING
THAT SOMEONE BRING ONE
VEGETARIAN AND ONE MEAT
SOUP TO EACH GATHERING.
PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE
GATHERING AREA IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO DO SO!**



Soup &

PSALMS



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LASERTRON LOCK-IN

6-12th
Grade

Open to all
youth! Invite
your friends,
family, and
all looking
for an
evening of
fun and joy!

FEB 27-28
9:00pm-6:30am



**More Information &
Registration HERE!**

MUST Register by: 2/19

\$70

6 Hours of
Laser Tag,
Krazy Darts,
Pizza, Pop,
Snacks, Arcade
Games, Group
Building,
Transportation,
Billiards,
Worship, and
More!

DROP OFF: St. Paul's, 4007 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14226

PICK UP: Lastertron, 5101 N Bailey Ave, Buffalo, NY 14226



*+ 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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Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm