

April  
2026

# The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

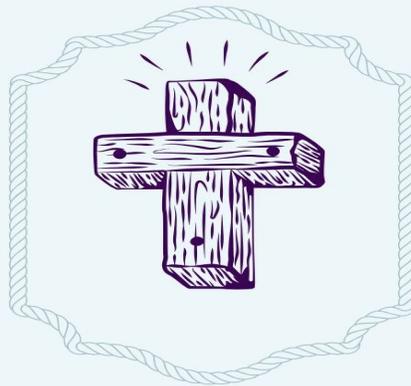


ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eggertsville & Amherst  
Campuses



## Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday Worship Meal (4/2):  
6 pm at Eggertsville

Good Friday Services (4/3):  
12 pm & 7 pm at Eggertsville

Easter Vigil Service (4/4):  
5 pm at Amherst

Easter Sunday Services (4/5):  
8 am & 10 am at Eggertsville

## *Transition Team*

The transition team is making progress on planning for our final worship service at the Amherst Campus and finding homes for beloved items. Here are a few updates for the month of April:

**BIG CHURCH CLEAN OUT:** There has been a big cleanout happening at the Eggertsville campus to prepare space for things that are coming over from Amherst. It has been a good time to reorganize clear out items we are no longer using.

*If you have any items in the attic at Eggertsville, please ensure that they are labeled so they don't accidentally get thrown away. We hope to complete that by the end of April.*

**ST. PAUL'S BLOSSOM:** You may have seen a recent piece on the news, regarding a church that experienced a destructive fire two years ago. They are just now beginning to rebuild their sanctuary space. After reaching out and meeting with them, they are going to use many of the items from the Amherst Campus including the pews, the cross behind the altar, the paschal candle, as well as conference room items. We are so glad to have made this connection to know these items will continue to be used in a worship space.

**2nd SERVICE SURVEY:** St. Paul's continues to grow and we know we want to offer a second worship experience of some kind. Be on the lookout for a paper survey in worship and an online survey the weekend of April 24/25 to help shape what our future second service will look like.

**PARAMENTS TO BANNERS:** Heidi Ginal & Margene Weiss have begun creating banners out of the paraments from the Amherst Campus. These will hang in the sanctuary at Eggertsville. Many of the altar paraments were handmade so we are happy to honor their heritage and beauty by making them a part of the Eggertsville Campus.

**CLOSING DATE:** We are still waiting on lawyers to finalize the closing date which should be any time. We are still planning to be completely out of the building by the end of June.

~The Transition Team (Dave Dahlberg, Doug Wurtz, Heather Hornung-Winkler, Tina Tehaar, and Andrea Jarvis)

## *Tiger's Den Food Pantry*



Spring is in the air!!! And the Tiger's Den volunteers are looking forward to spending more time interacting with our families outdoors. In case you were wondering, yes, we plan to replace the green tent we had outside that succumbed to the Buffalo winter but have not decided what that will look like yet.

In March, we added six new families to our list of clients and distributed enough food to cover almost 1,300 meals. We continue to be able to help those in need through your caring, kindness, and generosity.



April pantry hours are: Thursdays 4/2, 4/16, and 4/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturdays 4/11 and 4/25 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Donations for April are: Knorr side dishes, granola bars, and crackers.

# *Wheels for Workers*

Wheels for Workers continue to provide bikes to those in need to new and existing partners. Here is a Facebook post we received as acknowledgement for our work from one of our new partners, the Veterans One Stop Center.

Today, we had the chance to get a bike into the hands of an awesome Veteran who just started a new job and now has a reliable way to get there every day!

Something as simple as a bike can truly change everything. It means opportunity and one less barrier standing in the way.

A big thank you to Wheels for Workers 716 for making this possible. Your support goes a long way and directly impacts lives, and we're so grateful to be able to pass that along.

We are proud of all of our volunteers who put in countless hours to make our part of the world a better place.

We welcome you anytime to the back of the parking lot to the "Wheelhouse" to see where the magic happens.



# *New Beginnings for Single Ladies*

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# **APRIL 15 DRUM CIRCLE**



On Wednesday, April 15 we will have an activity known as a Drum Circle led by Ken Belote. Ken is a retired music teacher who has done over 250 drum circles with seniors all over WNY.

Ken will lead us in a variety of drums as well as other instruments. If you have never played a drum, don't worry. Ken will teach us all we need to know. We will be making music as a group.

Participating in drum circles has many benefits. We will be using our arms for light physical activity, drumming promotes neuro-plasticity which helps our brains stay active and Ken promises it will be lots of fun!

You can find more information at:  
[kbpercussionadventures.com](http://kbpercussionadventures.com)

**Please join us in St. Paul's Gathering Space  
Lunch at 12:00 pm, Bring your own bag lunch.  
Drum Circle at 1:00 pm**

Email Joan at:  
[Keptnersafari@gmail.com](mailto:Keptnersafari@gmail.com)



Call Heidi at:  
716-480-9227

## *Daily Bread Food Truck*



On Thursday, March 26, the Daily Bread volunteers prepared and delivered 100 lunches consisting of Chicken Salad wraps, potato chips and orange cupcakes to the TSA officers at the Buffalo-Niagara Airport. It was our pleasure to not only serve but also engage in conversation with them. As a result of the government shutdown these workers who help insure our safety while traveling are currently not being paid their salary. Please keep them in your prayers.



## *TSA Thank you to Daily Bread*



Hello Daily Bread,  
We have been affected  
by the multiple govt  
shutdowns & really  
appreciate the weekly  
help when we need it.  
Thank you to all the  
volunteers that make  
this happen as well.  
A Grateful  
Family ♡ ♡

## *Adult Forum*

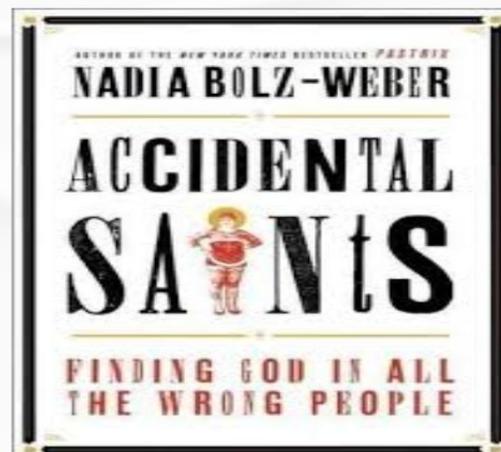
# ADULT **FORUM**

EVERY SUNDAY | 9:00 AM-9:45 AM

LED BY: KARIN JOHNSON

**SESSION TOPIC:**  
"DIVE INTO DIFFICULT  
TRUTHS", FIND  
COMMON GROUND,  
AND LEARN TO LOOK  
FOR GOD IN ALL PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE

**SIGN UP AT CHURCH!**



# Waiting In Hope Infertility Support Group

## WAITING *in* HOPE INFERTILITY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

### **WHAT IS WIH?**

WAITING IN HOPE MINISTRIES (WIH) is a national non-profit support ministry that exists to encourage, support and embrace those struggling through the grief of difficulty conceiving, known as infertility, miscarriage, adoption, and waiting through the process. We support, encourage, equip and point women and couples to the only hope of Jesus within their waiting and struggle to conceive or grow their family.

The next curriculum begins in January and is "God is in our Waiting", which is a seven-session study. Feel free to join at any point! It is not required to attend every session.

### **WHEN & WHERE IS WIH?**

Every other Monday from 7:00PM-8:30PM\* in the Gathering Space at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226).

January 12<sup>th</sup> March 9<sup>th</sup>

January 26<sup>th</sup> March 23<sup>rd</sup>

February 9<sup>th</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

*\*Most sessions last an hour, but we allow for extra time after!*

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SECOND CURRICULUM?**

Does God care about my waiting? In pain and waiting we ask the "why God?" questions. This seven-session study focuses on the attributes of God, which moves us toward understanding and healing. In learning who God is, we see that He is more than our circumstances and He is more than enough to handle our hard questions about Him and our pain.

**This is an open support group with anonymity. We want you to feel safe, trusted, and not alone. This is for YOU. So come comfy with a blanket, drink and snacks, or whatever else you'd like!**

### **HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to Janelle at 716-471-5484!

*Thank you from the Youth Group*



# **THANK YOU!**

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**Your ooodles of support is  
almost better than Steve  
D's spaghetti sauce!**

Truly, a HUGE thanks to Steve & Kris DiPasquale for heading up the kitchen and recruiting such awesome kitchen helpers. As well as everyone who brought in baskets and desserts to make this dinner such a success for our young people year after year.

## ***Pinochle-4/1***

**Pinochle – Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

The number of players we have is growing. We're finding that those who try it are coming back for more.

You'll like it too. Our next date for playing Pinochle is Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. No fooling. We play until about 4:00.

Want more info? Call Heidi at 716 480-9227 or Sara at 716 834-1833.



## ***Music Ministries at SPEC- 4/2***

We'd love to have you join us in the  
***Church Choir at St. Paul's Eggertsville campus,***  
under the direction of Mr. Paul Storfer.

No experience or training needed. . . .  
Only a willingness to participate and sing!

The next rehearsal is

**Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm**

in the SPEC music room. For those singing in the choir  
during the worship service, please arrive before worship  
at 9:30 a.m.



## *Comforters- 4/8*

### **COMFORTERS on April 8, 2026**

After our March meeting we joined "Soup and Psalms" for our lunch. Always a Lenten treat were Fastnachts provided by our Comforters man John Schunak. In April we will continue working on all of our projects, next concentrating on making Confirmation shawls.

We will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m. up in the parish hall. If you are available this time of day, please consider joining us on April 8 and see what we're all about. Find out what you can do to help, or bring your own project to work on.

All are invited. If you have any questions, Call Sara at 716 834-1833, or Linda at 716 689-3781.



## *In the Church Family*



Join us in congratulating Andrew and Hayley Farrell on the birth of their baby girl, Audrey Anne Farrell, on 3/14/2026!

This is Todd and Sheila Scanlon's grand daughter.

## *Easter Egg Hunt*

SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITES  
CHILDREN  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**APRIL 5 2026**

EGGERTSVILLE CAMPUS  
FRONT LAWN (WEATHER PERMITTING)  
FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE

## *Thank You St. Paul's*

LCLC reached out to St. Paul's in gratitude of the \$1,097 donation made to the LCLC outdoor ministries. LCLC campers are sure to benefit from these funds this summer and many summers to come!

Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation wrote a letter of thanks for the \$175 donation toward their Leadership Council campaign, which will help expand their Activities of Daily Living Suite.

St. Paul's continues to "reach beyond ourselves" and bless others—what a gift!

# *Sunday School*

Starting off the month with Holy week:

April 5th - Happy Easter!

We will be having our annual Easter egg hunt on the front lawn (weather permitting) after the 10 am service.

There will be no Sunday school on Easter or the following Sunday (April 12th) due to the school break. We will resume on April 19th!

During the month of March:

We had 10 of our children make their first communion! They got to make the bread the week prior that was served for that special event!

In Sunday school:

- We talked about the miracles Jesus had done - Including feeding 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and how the boy who offered it was generous to do so.
- We also talked about how Jesus blessed the children, telling everyone that they are just as important as anyone else. Jesus does not have a ranking order and loving and teaching the children are of great importance!
- We talked about forgiveness and how Jesus wipes the slate clean for us so that we can start over.
- We talked about not judging others because none of us are perfect. We need to practice forgiveness and be kind.

We talked about Holy week in Sunday School, starting with Palm Sunday. The children processed through the church with their palms during our first hymn.

May you all have a blessed and Happy Easter!

~June



# LCLC Summer Camp Position



## BEST. JOB. EVER.

Do you want to have the best summer AND help hundreds of kids grow, learn, and have fun?  
Apply to be on the LCLC Summer Staff!



June 15 - August 8



Lake Chautauqua  
Lutheran Center

### Working at LCLC with give you:

- fulfillment of impacting kids' lives
- a fun, meaningful summer
- a group of lifelong friends
- skills for all careers
- the best summer (and job) ever



[lclcenter.org](http://lclcenter.org)

# LCLC Summer Camp Schedule

## LCLC SUMMER SCHEDULE

- 1 JUNE 28 - JULY 3  
Family Camp & Alumni
- 2 JULY 5 - 10 (5 - 8 for Minis)  
Classic I & Mini Camp
- 3 JULY 12 - 17  
Classic II & RATS
- 4 JULY 19 - 24  
Classic III & RATS
- 5 JULY 26 - 31  
Senior High Week
- 6 AUGUST 2 - 7  
Night Owls

Faith-filled summer camp has been shown to have a lifelong impact on a young person's connection to their faith and the church.

We at St. Paul's want to make it easy for your family and your kids to experience the wonder of God's love at LCLC this summer.

Use this discount code at registration to receive \$150 off your week at camp!

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[www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org)

## New Missionary Orientation

### NEW MISSIONARY *Orientation*

**APRIL 12**



**Interested in becoming part of the family at St. Paul's Lutheran Church?**

**Join us for our New Missionary Orientation on April 12 immediately following worship.**

**This relaxed and welcoming gathering is a chance to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Paul's. We'll talk about our mission, and the many ways you can grow in faith, serve the community, and connect with others in the congregation.**

**Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for a while and are ready to take the next step, we would love to have you join us. Come discover what it means to be part of the St. Paul's community!**

**Please RSVP to Pastor Steve at [steve@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:steve@stpaulseggertsville.com) by 4/6 if you are able to attend!**

*Summer Day Camp through St. John's*

**INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

# Main Street Day Camp

**Kids  
Entering  
Grades  
K-5**

**2 Weeks Available:  
August 17th-21st  
August 24th-28th**

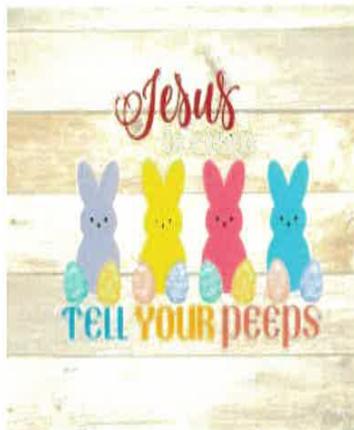
**Cost:  
\$200  
per week  
multi-child discounts  
available**



**Sponsored By:**



## *Dinner with Friends (Family Fun Night) at AC*



### **DINNER WITH FRIENDS (AKA FAMILY NIGHT)**

All are welcome to share "Dinner with Friends" on the First Saturday of each month after the 5pm service at the Amherst Campus. We will gather to enjoy a simple meal and enjoy conversation with old and new friends.

Pizza and drinks are provided.

If you are able to bring a side dish (veggies or fruit) or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Simple board games or cards add to the fun so bring your favorite game to share.

If you have any ideas or would like to help, please contact

Stacy Johnson @ [stacylj27@gmail.com](mailto:stacylj27@gmail.com) or text 716-698-5504.

April 4th- join us for a meal after the Easter Vigil service  
Pizza will be provided but if you would like, please bring an Easter themed dish or treat to celebrate the Resurrection!

May 2nd- join us for our last Saturday night family night @ ALC

Please watch future Messengers for any changes.



## *Book Club- 4/9*

### **March Book Club News**

**When:** 2nd Thursday of the month.

**Where:** Gathering Room at the ALC campus, 5125 Main St.

**Time:** 7:15 pm

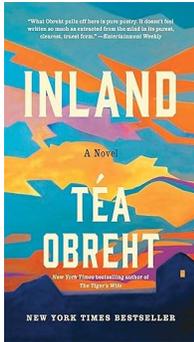
**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 9

**April Book:** Inland by Te'a Obrecht

**May Book:** The Rent Collector by Carmon Wright

**All are welcome.**

For more information contact Karin Johnson. Phone/Text Home: 716-689-6365 or  
Cell: 716-860- 9549. Email [karinej42@gmail.com](mailto:karinej42@gmail.com)



## *Bible Study-Tuesdays at 10 am*

Tuesday Bible Study:

10 am in the Fellowship Room. Bring your own beverage, Timbits (and other goodies) provided.

"What was spoken by the Lord through the prophet..." Prophecies and their fulfillment in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, especially from the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us for a look at Old and New Testament and how they fit together!

## April Birthdays

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Scott Cassety	April 1
Kathy Orr	April 1
Cheryl Shepker	April 3
Sue Niblock	April 5
Joyce Chace	April 7
Douglas Dohn	April 7
Priscilla Crickard	April 8
Karin Johnson	April 12
Sue Miller	April 12
Nancy Human	April 13
Richard Venator	April 17
Gail Singer	April 20
Jay Wopperer	April 23
Roy Kaczynski	April 24





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