



The Voice

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Ashlin Marchese

As we gear up for Easter I can barely believe I have been here almost 4 months. Lent and Easter are my favorite time of the Church year.

In seminary I received a certification in Eco-Theology. This time of year we get to see the beauty of the earth in full circle. From death to life, it so closely ties to the Easter story I can't help but find joy in the season.

Just as creation is reborn each year, we are made new in the waters of baptism.



Many of you have met the real joy of my life, Amelia Helen Marchese. She is a pandemic baby and brought me so much happiness in a time of uncertainty at every corner.

She is 20 months now and is a little daredevil! She loves the Pancake House (mostly the Pineapple pancakes) and is my little church mouse. As we begin plans for the garden I am sure she will hep us by throwing around some dirt for us!

USHERS

Anyone who would want to get back at Ushering, please let me know so I can make up a schedule. There is only 1 service so having 2 people would be ideal. You can call or text me @ 716-866-9468.

Thank you,
John Doerfler



St. Paul's Lenten 2022 Food Drive

Who is Feed More WNY?

FeedMore WNY is the nonprofit formed by the merger of The Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for WNY. They partner with 371 hunger-relief agencies and programs in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara counties. This includes the food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other agencies in our member network. It also includes partner home-delivered meal sites in Erie and Niagara Counties and congregate dining sites in Erie County. In 2021, FeedMore WNY provided 12.8 million meals to hungry Western New Yorkers. The demand for their services has significantly increased because of the pandemic. Charity Navigator, a charity evaluation site, gives FeedMore four stars and rates it 98/100 (for every dollar, only two cents go to administrative overhead).

Through their food bank distribution network, they assisted a total of 173,100 individuals in 2020, including 70,971 babies and children, 78,161 adults and 23,968 seniors.

A total of 54,152 households were served through their food bank distribution network. In 2020, they delivered 1.3 million meals to 5,535 homebound neighbors in Erie and Niagara counties through home-delivered meals program. They provided another 65,444 meals to 2,000 mobile seniors through our congregate dining program.

The pandemic has significantly increased the demand for their services. We are being called to aid our community!

During the 2022 Lenten season St. Paul's will be conducting a food drive to assist programs administered by FeedMore of WNY (www.feedmorewny.org). We are asking willing congregants to bring one or more of the food stuffs listed below to St. Paul's between March 6 and April 24. After the 24th, representatives from FeedMore will collect the donations and provide them to needy WNY residents.



WHAT IS NEEDED?

Representatives from FeedMore have listed the following food stuffs as most important:

- Peanut or other nut butter
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned soups, stews or chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Beans, canned or dried
- Boxed Mac and Cheese
- Pasta and rice
- Spaghetti sauce
- Baby food and diapers

Food Drop-off

Two containers will be placed in the Social Hall, please deposit your contributions there. Let's fill these containers to the top!

FOR MORE VISIT: <https://www.feedmorewny.org/donate/>

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Next meeting
will be held
April 11th
at 7PM.

From the desk of the Council President

St. Paul's members,

We made it through another Winter at St. Paul's! With Spring in the air, we have a bunch of exciting activities going on below:

1. Feed More WNY (see article in The Voice)
2. Lent with mid-week service
3. The church sanctuary ceiling is being painted!
4. Installation of security cameras by the office door.
5. Continuing to update and improve the website
6. Holy week

Last month's church council (March 7th) was very productive as we addressed several topics including the Synod Assembly (June 5-6), stewardship and Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Summer Camp (LCLC).

- LCLC summer camp: David Johnston included information in our weekly bulletin.
- Synod Assembly: Pastor Ashlin, George Roeser and I will attend to represent St. Paul's.
- Stewardship update: The envelopes will be available in the next few weeks. After being told multiple times that the materials to produce the envelopes were unavailable the vendor contacted us and said they are ready. Moving forward, we plan to go with a different vendor and cancel the auto renewal for next year.

We have a small update to the council membership as we now have an opening under Worship & Music. George Roeser has offered to fill in as a non-council member until someone else is found. Please contact me if you are interested.

With Bob recovering from his fall, we hired a temp cleaning service and are now looking at alternative cleaning services as the current service is not meeting our expectations. Just like last month, we would ask everyone to help clean up around the church.

As always, looking forward to seeing everyone at St. Paul's!

Rob Kuehfus

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2022 Social Ministry Calendar

March/April

·Food drive – We will work with representatives from FeedMore (www.feedmorewny.org) again collect non-perishable food items. This food is used to help those with food emergencies and for use in their Meals on Wheels program. Last year we gathered over five 50-gallon barrels of food.

May

·Support congregants who participate in Autism Walk on May 14
·Planning for a community garden will be developed and, weather permitting, started.

June

·Chivetta Chicken Barbecue – On June 10 we will host a Chivetta Chicken Barbecue, similar to prior years. Proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit chosen by Council. In the prior years over \$1k has been donated.
·Work on community garden
·Organize volunteers to work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization builds beds for children in need. Volunteers 12 years old and older are needed to build or deliver beds. Williamsville has a local chapter. Their website is (www.shpbeds.org).
·Support congregants who participate in Ride for Roswell (June, 25)

Summer

·Work on community garden

September

·Clothing/diaper/baby bottle drive – Gather clothing items for children (infants to six years old); diapers for newborns and sizes 4,5, and 6; and baby bottles. All material will be donated to Harvest House (www.harvesthousebuffalo.org). Last year this effort was an overwhelming success. Harvest House was able to immediately use our donations to assist Buffalo's new Afghan population.

October

·Spaghetti Dinner – Assuming Covid has declined enough, we will reprise our annual Spaghetti Dinner. In prior years almost 100 meals were served. Proceeds are donated to a local non-profit chosen by Council.

November

·Turkey donations – congregants will be asked to either donate frozen turkeys or fund the purchase of turkeys. The church provides turkeys and funds to Friends of the Night People (www.friendsofnightpeople.com).
·Soap, toothpaste fund raiser – work with local homeless shelter to provide toiletry items for shelter residents.

December

·Annual Christmas Book, Hat, Scarf and Mitten fund raiser – Books, wool hats, mittens, scarfs and school material will be gathered and provided to a Buffalo elementary school. This is an annual church effort.

Year-Long Efforts

·Serve meals at Friends of Night People (once per month)
·Monthly Cards to Shut-ins
·Prepare meals for Family Justice

HELEN W. AND JOSEPH ENGELHARDT SCHOLARSHIP

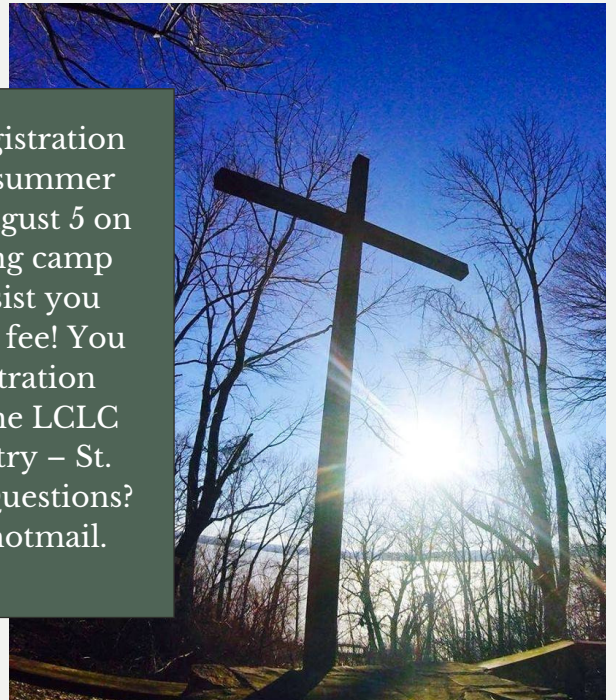
HELEN W. AND JOSEPH ENGELHARDT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

for 2022 are currently available in the church office. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, April 11, 2022 – please note that absolutely no applications will be accepted beyond that date. Engelhardt scholarships are available to St. Paul's members only attending college (undergraduate and graduate studies), trade schools, or other advanced education. If you have any questions, or would prefer to have an application emailed or delivered to you, please text or call Dave Nuzzo at 716-812-5271, or email at dnuzzo@buffalo.edu



LCLC YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! :

“ The Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Youth Camp registration is open again and registration is now open for this years summer camp programs! The camps run from June 26 through August 5 on a ½ week or weekly basis. If you are interested in attending camp (and it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**), St. Paul's will assist you financially by paying up to 50% of your camp registration fee! You can take a look at all of the programs and get your registration form at: <https://www.lclcenter.org/summer-programs> (The LCLC web site). We encourage all of our youth to give LCLC a try – St. Pauls youth have a long history with this fantastic place! Questions? See or contact Dave Johnston (716-310-2139; laredo_1@hotmail.com) or Pastor Ashlin.”



FOR MORE VISIT: www.stpaulswilliamsville.org

HOLY COW: THE "UDDER" JOY OF GIVING TO ELCA WORLD HUNGER



Dear companions in faith,

As we anticipate gathering for Synod assembly, our Synodical Hunger Team – with gratitude for your generosity in the past – is once again encouraging your congregation's support for world hunger by meeting a challenge goal of \$500 between now and June to purchase a HOLY COW. We want you to experience the "UDDER" JOY OF GIVING. Your gifts help sustain the livelihood of farmers across the globe, where your ELCA World Hunger dollars are at work in more than 60 countries including the U.S. and right here in the Upstate NY Synod.

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. Milk provides a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children, and a family can generate income by selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Prayerfully,

Your Hunger Team



We will be collecting empty bottles and cans between now and the assembly June 5-7 when we can add our gift to those of other congregations.

Let's get a holy cow!

FOR MORE VISIT:

<https://www.elca.org/resources/elca-world-hunger#General>

Sunday School is back!



Thank you to everyone who donated to St. Paul's Sock and Underwear Drive. It was a huge success! The Congregation graciously provided the following:

- 55 pairs of men's underwear
- 32 undershirts
- 25 sets of socks

In addition, several congregants provided shirts and sweaters. This amounted to:

- 25 men's shirts
- 10 men's sweater

All donations were delivered to Buffalo City Mission on March 1st.

Bible Study Returns!!

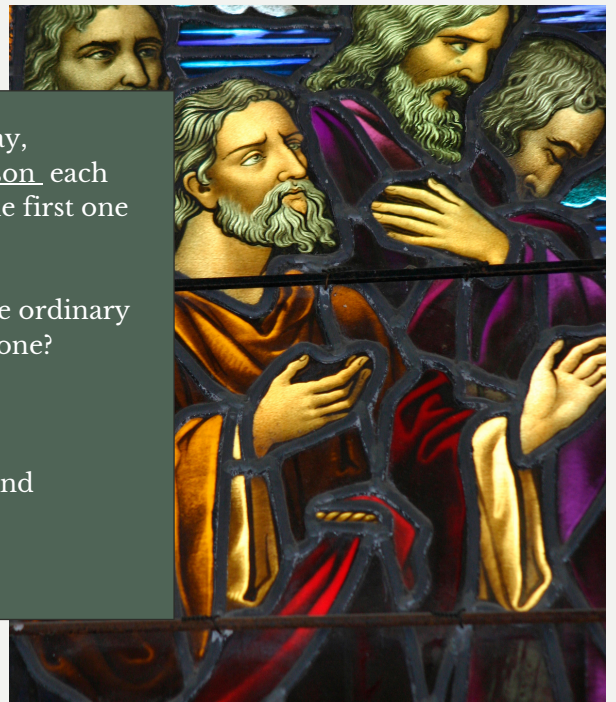
Bible Study will begin again for 6 weeks starting Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30pm! (Church room to be announced) The same lesson each week will be discussed again on Saturday mornings at 10:30am. The first one is Saturday, May 7th.

We will attempt to answer two questions: (1) Who were those twelve ordinary men who followed Jesus? And (2) why did Jesus choose each one?

Major references:

The book Twelve Ordinary Men and the Bible.
(You do not need to buy the book Twelve Ordinary Men. And we do have Bibles in the church).

Questions? Call Mary Chotoff cell: (716)725-5918
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Calendars

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 6th
7pm Lent Midweek Worship

April 10th
Palm Sunday
10am Palm/Passion Worship

April 14th
Maundy Thursday
7pm Worship

April 15th
Good Friday
7pm Worship

April 17th
Easter Sunday
10am Worship



Book Club will discuss Mitch Albom's newest book, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* on May 15th at 3:00 in the Friendship Room. Faith will be our hostess and Ellen will lead the discussion.



Worship Leaders Schedule

04/03/2022

Deacon Karl Kristoff
Asst. Dawn Sagerman

04/10/2022

Deacon Dawn Sagerman
Asst. Dave Johnston

04/17/2022 Easter

Deacon Dave Johnston
Asst. Dave Nuzzo

04/24/2022

Deacon Dave Nuzzo
Asst. Kathy Habermehl

05/01/2022

Deacon Kathy Habermehl
Asst. Deborah Waldrop

05/08/2022 Mothers Day

Deacon Deborah Waldrop
Asst. George Roeser

05/15/2022

Deacon George Roeser
Asst. Karl Kristoff

05/22/2022

Deacon Karl Kristoff
Asst. Dawn Sagerman

05/29/2022

Deacon Dawn Sagerman
Asst. Dave Johnston