



The Voice

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Ashlin Marchese

I would like to start off by saying over the last two months it has been a joy to be your pastor. I can't put into words the amount of love and support I have already felt. You have welcomed me with open arms and I cannot thank you enough for that.

Some of you have told me that you'd like to know more about who I am. Over the next few newsletters I will give you a little bit of who I am and hope to meet each of you so you can share more about yourselves with me.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School Starts up again on March 6th at 10 am!
We can't wait to see you there!



I was born and raised in Buffalo and it is great to serve a congregation so close to home. I grew up at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Depew, and on October 26, 2019, was blessed to be ordained there.

My husband Zachary and I were married on December 31, 2016. In July of 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, we welcomed Amelia into the world. She is the light of my life and I can't wait to bring her to church more!

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/>



St. Paul's members,

Welcome to 2022 at St. Paul's. It's been a very busy start! We kicked off the year welcoming Pastor Ashlin to our church, hosted the annual meeting in January where we elected a new church council, and agreed to have the ceiling painted in the sanctuary.

I'm very pleased to have the fantastic help and leadership of the council. We have a few new faces, and we would like to welcome them aboard. Please review the table below and contact the committee lead if you are interested in joining one or more of the committees.

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As the new council we met on February 7th and elected committee leads. We discussed old and new business but the main item I want to highlight is the restarting of Sunday School on Sunday March 6th. We will have coffee hour downstairs in the social hall where the parents can grab a cup of coffee and catch up while the children head off to Sunday School before our 10 o'clock service.

Also, Pastor Ashlin has taken on the task of refreshing our St. Paul's website and Facebook page so keep an eye out for new content including the service live streams, weekly bulletins, and our upcoming events.

We decided to follow state and local guidance for Covid-19 with regards to masks mandates and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we get back to some normalcy.

With Bob out recovering from his fall we are all trying to pitch in and help keep St. Paul's looking sharp. We would ask everyone to help as best they can by picking up around the church, changing a full garbage can and keeping our sidewalks clear on snowy mornings. A special thanks to Wayne Pacholi for helping to find and manage a cleaning service and keeping an eye on things in Bob's absence.

Our next council meeting will be on March 7th at 7:30 PM.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon at St. Paul's!

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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.

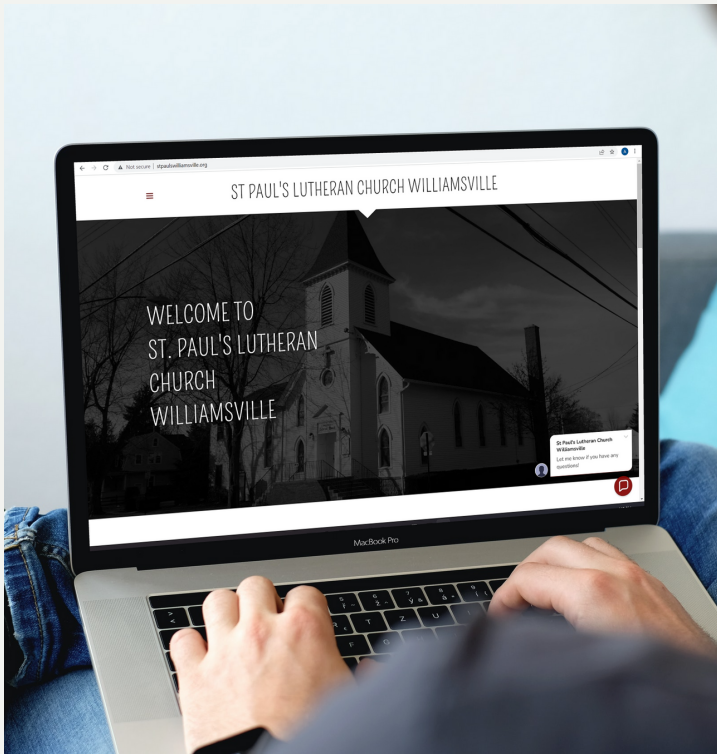
December

·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

All things made new...

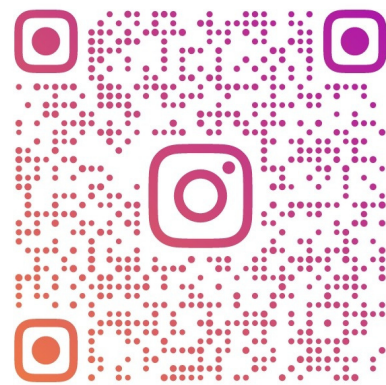


UPDATES TO TECHNOLOGY

We have update our website! hop over there to see new ways for giving, updates about the church, and live streaming direct to the site!

We also have a new Facebook and Instagram.
You can find us at
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulswilliamsvilleney>

.Simply scan the QR code to the right to find our Instagram page!



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FOR MORE VISIT: www.stpaulswilliamsville.org/

Calendars

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2nd

Ash Wednesday

12pm -2pm Ashes to go

7 pm Imposition of Ashes

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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



Worship Leaders Schedule

03/02/2022 Ash Wednesday

Deacon Dave Johnston

Asst. Dave Nuzzo

03/06/2022

Deacon Dave Nuzzo

Asst. Kathy Habermehl

03/13/2022

Deacon Kathy Habermehl

Asst. Deborah Waldrop

03/20/2022

Deacon Deborah Waldrop

Asst. George Roeser

03/27/2022

Deacon George Roeser

Asst. Karl Kristoff

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