

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN + DANSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN + SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL

ACCENT-MESSENGER

PENTECOST 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran
Dansville Presbyterian
St. Peter's Episcopal

PRAISE IN THE PARK

July 3

Aug. 7

Sep. 4

10:30AM Church Park



FAMILY LAUNDROMAT
20 FRANKLIN ST.

JUNE DATES

6/4 8:30-11:30am

6/6 3:30-6:30pm

6/18 8:30-11:30am

6/20 3:30-6:30pm



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The annual Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was held June 5-6 in Rochester, New York. Our thanks to Ann Myers and Marchia Santangelo, who represented St. Paul's at the Assembly. This was the first in-person gathering of the Synod since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. A report will be part of the next newsletter.

In this issue, we welcome Rabbi Rose Lynn Jacob, of Syria, Virginia, a dear friend and colleague of Fr. Eric.

Rabbi Rose: How Can We Escape Hate?

Hate has intruded on the peace and serenity that should dwell inside of us, and our homes, making a mess of our well-ordered world. Hatred for “the other” has insinuated itself into every nook of our lives, robbing us of the many positive things we may have taken for granted, leaving in their stead anxiety, tension, strain, and dread. Exacerbating it all is venom dripping from the lips and in the e-mails and postings of people we work with, or live with, or are related to as well as the rancor infecting elected officials, and hi-jacking the pulpit in houses of worship.

While COVID-19 restrictions, tele-commuting to work, masks on, masks off, and a couple of years of kids learning from home would rock anybody’s boat, the roiling, venomous hate-speech from TV and radio talking heads combined with the constant “horrible news of the day,” and political sound bites form the background noise of our days. You are hereby empowered to tune to another station, or turn it off. And for the love of all that is holy, **DON’T KEEP IT ON IF THERE ARE CHILDREN IN THE HOUSE!**

Take a breather from all that hatred-spewing. Go outside. Take a walk. And no cheating. You can’t just walk over to your computer. Put on some music and work up a sweat on that exercise bicycle you’ve been hanging your laundry on since the start of the pandemic. Don’t worry, the news cycle will make sure you don’t miss a single gruesome detail of the day’s events.

I don’t mean to be flippant when I speak about hatred. It is 2022 and in the U.S. hate has yet to take a holiday, let alone a day off. America has already suffered 198 mass shootings since January 1, 2022. In May, so far, we’ve had 33 mass shootings, but don’t quote me on that, I haven’t listened to this morning’s news yet. The long line of disgruntled or deranged shooters have taken their hatred and anger to the streets, to churches and synagogues, to schools, grocery stores, theaters, nightclubs, shopping malls, sporting venues, and they have taken their hatred and their guns to Congress.

Hate crimes in America circulate first around race hate, closely followed by sexual orientation hate, religious hate, disability hate and transgender hate. There are so many categories and manifestations of hatred that it is difficult to keep track of them in America. And just a few days ago, and 100 years too late, a bill passed in Congress making Lynching a federal Hate Crime offense! It is on the books as The Emmett Till Anti-lynching Act!

Finally, there are criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 30 years, or both—on an individual who conspires to commit a hate crime offense that results in death, or serious bodily injury, or that includes kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill. So, no more falling through the cracks of justice. I’d give you examples of those who have gotten away with such crimes, but my stomach can’t stand the revulsion.

Sorry to say, hatred doesn’t go away. We humans are hard-wired for it. It has evolutionary value ... we seem to be programmed to hate “the other”... not “us.” It predates the Law passed down to Moses on Mt. Sinai. It’s probably why God included “Thou Shalt Not Murder” as one of the Ten Commandments, and Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thy Self... to try to rope in our natural tendencies.

In America, we have, in the past, done our best to keep at least a thin veneer of civility, passing laws and preaching in hopes that we can rally enough cooperation for our joint survival. Now, that veneer is shattering. It isn’t the first time since the Founding Fathers envisioned this great experiment in Democracy, nor will it be the last time that corrosive hatred has eaten away at the thin threads the world sees as the United States of America.

At this tumultuous time in our country, “are we,” as the saying goes, “willing to cut off our nose to spite our face?” How willing are we to consume ourselves in our effort to devour “the other,” in the process?

Wishing all a good Sabbath rest, filled with peace and quiet. **Now turn off the T.V.**

DOING GOOD IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Our friends in Perkinsville at St. Peter's United Church of Christ are teaming up with us to help a Ukrainian family relocate to Canada where they have been offered long term housing with a cousin.

Olga Belova, her daughter, 2 sons and a 16 year old boy from their church currently have temporary housing with friends in Germany. Olga's husband has stayed behind in Ukraine to serve the troops at the front, was wounded and hospitalized with a concussion. He remains in Ukraine.

Olga and her family need the funds to travel to Canada and that is where we can help. Our committee is offering to match a gift up to \$200.

Those wishing to contribute the check should be made out to: St. Peter's United Church of Christ. and submitted to Pastor Marcia Reiff or Secretary Linda Hoose.

100% will be sent to a Swiss Foundation that is channeling the money to the refugees – in this case to the Belova Family.

Mindful of Mother's Day, Father's Day, and these tumultuous times,

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Loving God, who knows is not good for us to be alone, and offers us born- and chosen families: We commend to your continual care our many and varied households. Put far from them, we pray, every root of bitterness, vanity, and pride. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who have chosen one another. Turn the hearts of parents to children, and the hearts of children to parents; and so enkindle lovingkindness among us all, that we may always show lovingkindness to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

will be held on June 21, July 19 and August 16 at the Sunrise Restaurant at 10 am.

Dansville Presbyterian to Host Warfield

In what has become a tradition at Dansville Presbyterian, musician Thomas Warfield will perform at the church on Sunday, August 14, at the 10:30a.m. service. Warfield has a reputation as a dancer, singer, pianist, actor, composer, choreographer, director, teacher, producer and poet.

A free will offering will be taken for PeaceArt International at the service, and a reception will follow.



In Our Prayers

*Bob & Betty Minemier
Dick & Marilyn Lemen
Jennie Rector
Barb Mitchell
Lindsey Backus
Ginger Buck
Bethany Cady
Don & Madge Cuddeback
The Komarek Family
Richard Law
Jon & Liz Porter
David Smith
Bob & Christine Whiteman
Jim Wagner
Jim Rex
Jan Blum
Barbara Gregory
Judy Babcock
Carolyn Baker
Rodney Button
June Collier
The Greene Family
Kay Howe
Michelle Mackey
Mary Sahrle
The Swanson Family*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June - August

Marilyn Robin 6/3
Jordyn Leven 6/6
Susan Collier 6/8
Paige Craig 6/18
Harper Clark 6/20
Richard & Marilyn Lemen 6/26
Henry Robin 6/29
Gary & Sherry Kramer 7/11
Joyce Sliker 7/12
Tammy Farrell 7/12
Aaron Farrell 7/12
Richard Lemen 7/15
Jaimee Guzzardi 7/16
Jim Rex 7/19
Dave Emo & Barb Taft 7/28
Judy Culbertson 8/4
Marian Kennell 8/12
Elvera Classon 8/25

IN THE MILITARY

- ★ Andrew M. Mountzouros
United States Navy
- ★ Jordan C. Camacho
United States Navy

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