

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2021



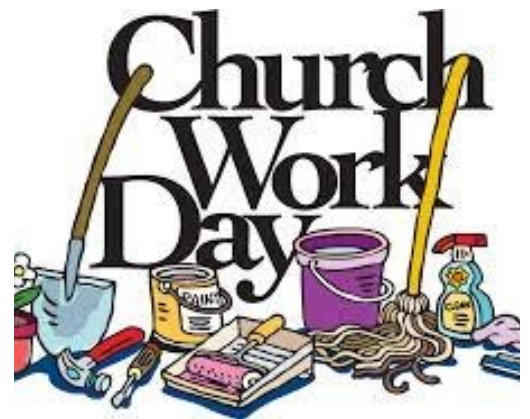
**3 Church
Rummage
Sale**

COME SHOP &
CHECK OUT THE
**BALLOON
FESTIVAL!**

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

21-25
Clara Barton
Street

September 4th from 10-4
Church Park + Dansville, NY



**AUGUST 28
9 AM**

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Twenty years ago, our country, riding a wave of economic prosperity following the end of the Cold War, felt very much in charge of its destiny. That all changed on September 11, 2001, when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and a fourth plane - possibly headed for the White House - was brought down by heroic passengers in Pennsylvania before the hijackers could achieve their ultimate goal. Since then, we have fought two foreign wars, adapted domestic and foreign flying procedures, launched a new government agency in the form of the Department of Homeland Security, gone through the Great Recession, experienced an uneven economy ever since, and been immersed in a 24/7 news cycle that exploits our natural sense of alarm to keep us watching. Social media has enabled the spread of misinformation and the erosion of social norms, enabling anyone with two thumbs the ability to say the most inflammatory thing that they formerly would have had the sense to keep to themselves. Checking the news of the day is akin to asking for a damage report. A lot of news continues to be awful: COVID-19's delta variant; polarization in our country; Afghanistan; climate change and so on. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed by it all.

It is times such as ours where we must remember the view of the universe expressed in John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Also Romans 12:21, "Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." Or, as Mister Rogers (a Presbyterian minister, by the way) put it, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

As Christians we are called not only to look for the helpers but to be helpers ourselves. This year's "God's Work, Our Hands" commemoration, slated for September 12, is a timely opportunity to do just that, and Saint Paul's will do three things to strengthen one another and help our neighbors.

We will engage in some inreach to support those who are ill, convalescing, or homebound in our own community by taking time to write cards that will be mailed to those who would benefit from a kind and faithful word. We will also showcase an opportunity to assist a fellow Lutheran church that has partnered with a Catholic organization to provide hospitality and resources for Afghan refugees in the Rochester area. Meanwhile, we will resume collecting food for the local Food Pantry.

From parochial to local to regional and international, we will help one another and our neighbor as the hands and feet of Christ. In so doing, we will overcome being overwhelmed, and do what the church has done in even the darkest of times: reflect the light that shines in the darkness, and overcome evil with good.



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PRAISE IN THE PARK

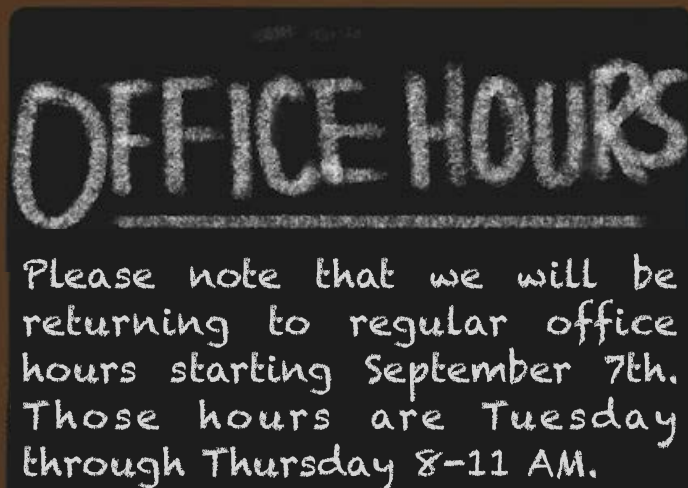
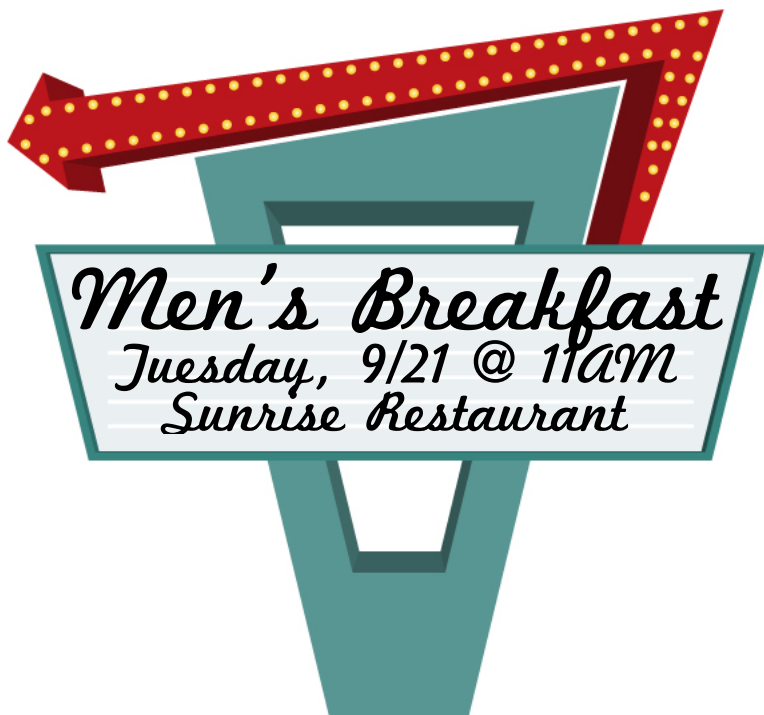
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH 10:30

CHURCH PARK

POTLUCK PICNIC TO FOLLOW!

* NO 9:00 SERVICE THAT DAY

*Next Council Meeting
September 14th
at 6:30PM*

A chalkboard with the words "OFFICE HOURS" written in large, white, chalky letters. Below the title, there is a line of text: "Please note that we will be returning to regular office hours starting September 7th. Those hours are Tuesday through Thursday 8-11 AM." The chalkboard has a brown frame and a white eraser at the bottom.

OFFICE HOURS

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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 12
2021

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Parish / Local: We will be sending out cards to members of the community. Tina Button will be gathering signatures between now and September 12th.

Regional / Global: Atonement Lutheran Church has partnered with Catholic Family Center over the past five years in welcoming refugees from arrived the world through donations of needed items/financial gifts/International Fellowship Dinners. CFC and our partners are ready to welcome those Afghan interpreters and others who provided support to the U.S. Armed Forces or at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, as part of the US State Department Special Immigration Visa (SIV) program. Rochester is one of 25 cities in the US to welcome families in this situation, and many of them are grateful to now call Rochester their new home. We are asking for your help as we welcome these families that are facing such loss. We are in desperate need of essentials to help these families get settled here in their new home.

The good news is, there are several ways you can help, including the simple act of checking in on your Afghan neighbors to offer your support, and to keep all affected by this situation in your hearts, and in your prayers.

They are seeking the following items:

- Cleaning sprays/disinfectant wipes
- Laundry Detergents
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Baby Diapers of any size
- Baby wipes
- Sponges
- Garbage bags
- Body wash
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Pillows
- Basmati Rice
- Gift Cards to Price Rite

You may also contribute financially:

Make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write "CFC Refugee Resettlement" in the memorandum line.

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local communities and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with those whose lives and livelihoods are under threat, and whose religious freedoms are being compromised. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace and not division, and that they might realize the power they hold to do justice. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and bearers of hope, especially for those seeking refuge. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

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BIBLE STUDY

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH
(CONFERENCE
ROOM)

**FIRST & THIRD
THURSDAYS AT 11AM
BEGINS 9/16**

*All
Ages
Welcome*

SUPPER SCHOOL

*2nd & 4th
Thursdays
5PM;
STARTS
9/9*

FOOD

FELLOWSHIP

FORMATION

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

25 CLARA BARTON ST. + DANVILLE, NY 14437

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT STPETESDANSVILLE.ORG

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SERVING THIS SEPTEMBER

Ushers

Please sign up on the bulletin board

Counters

Heather Robin and Penny Leven

Liturgist

Sept. 5: Praise in the Park

Sept. 12: John Buck

Sept. 19: TBA

Sept. 26: TBA

Lay Minister

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Altar Flowers

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

In Our Prayers

Carson Mountzouros

Ginger Buck

Bill Pfuntner

Lindsey Johnson

June Collier

Sue Collier

Mary Sahrle

Robert Brydges

Don Cuddeback

Susanna Metz

Michelle Mackey

David Stead

Barbara Gregory

Robert & Betty
Minemier

Kay Howe

Garth Swanson

Lanny Burns

* If you have a prayer
request, please notify
the office. *

Notice of Passing

Carol Marie Pfuntner
1948 - 2021

Carol Pfuntner, wife of Bill Pfuntner, passed into the larger life on July 22, 2021, following a long illness. A public viewing was held on Saturday, July 24, at Hindle Funeral Home. Following a funeral in Plymouth, Ohio on July 27, she was interred at Union Cemetery in Sulphur Springs. We continue in prayer for Bill and all whose lives were closely linked with hers. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of Christ, rest in peace and rise in glory.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

**Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Fall
Assembly**

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

***Place: Tinker Nature Center-Tyler Pavilion
1525 Calkins Road, Henrietta, NY***

Time: 11am Registration

11:30 am Program

Cost: \$3.00

Program: "Living the Labyrinth"

***Please bring your own lunch. Beverage and
dessert will be provided. RSVP by August 27th,
Ann Seppa (585)889-4413.***

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

STANDING SCHEDULE

<u>DAY/DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Sunday 9 ^{AM}	Worship	Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays
Tue. - Thur., 8-11	Office Hours	Switch from Summer hours on 9/7
2nd Tuesdays	Council Meeting	9/14 at 6:30 PM
3rd Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast	9/21 at 11:00 AM at Sunrise Diner
2 nd & 4 th Thurs., 5PM	Supper School	9/9 & 9/23 at St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
1st & 3rd Thurs., 11AM	Bible Study	Begins 9/16, Conference Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Sat., August 28 at 9A	Church Workday	
Sat., September 4, 10-4	Rummage Sale	
Sun. September 5, 10:30	Praise in the Park Picnic	Church Park Gazebo NO 9AM WORSHIP
Sat., September 11, 11:30	WELCA Assembly	Tinker Nature Center
Mon. September 27	October Newsletter Deadline	



Family Laundromat
20 Franklin St.

September 4th 8:30 to 11:30
September 13th 4:00 to 7:00
September 25th 8:30 to 11:30
September 27th 4:00 to 7:00

September Birthdays

9/12 Ellie Mountzouros
9/15 Joan Brydges

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

★ Andrew M. Mountzouros
United States Navy

★ Jordan C. Camacho
United States Navy



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