

# The Eagle

summer  
2023

**ST. JOHN'S  
CONGREGATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP**

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**DEAR FRIENDS,**

After five years of planning and meeting and scheming and dreaming (with hopes dashed by COVID and then reignited by the pandemic) we are finally at a point where we can utilize our Outdoor Ministry Center. This Sunday, July 2, 2023 we will hold worship in our Outdoor Ministry Center at 9:30AM.

I believe it was Bill Westley who famously said after our Gathering Space was constructed in 2002, "Let's wear it out." That was sage advice. Bill spoke and we listened... the new furniture in the Gathering Space proves we wore it out. In the best way... we used it. In the same vein, I hope we can utilize the OMC as much as possible over the next few months.

Let's wear it out.

As we prepare to utilize our new space, please know that it is **ADA compliant**. There are no stairs, no grass to walk on, and no unsteady ground. Those with mobility issues are encouraged to park in the spots nearest the driveways (or on them and we'll valet your car). Those utilizing wheelchairs, walkers, and canes will not have any issues. (If you have any ideas on how we can make the space more accommodating, please let me or a member of our church council know.)

The building is designed to provide a space for multiple activities, but most importantly, it is **designed for worship**. There are built-in speakers, microphone jacks, lights, fans, Wi-Fi, and more. Our goal is to provide a space for worship that easily lends itself to praise and prayer. Chairs will be set up in rows with an aisle for worship. If necessary, a temporary side can be thrown up to keep out wind.

This summer there will be at least one portable restroom located near the OMC, but the expectation is that we will continue to **utilize the restrooms inside** of the main building. If you are concerned about restrooms, we encourage you to stop at the main building before worship. The fellowship hall doors will be open anytime the OMC is being used.

While we gather for worship, please understand that we are still completing the finishing touches of construction. We still have to build the altar, plant trees, finish landscaping, and fix a couple of things. If you notice something you'd like improved, please talk to me or a church council member.

Finally, please know that we are meeting in a space that is one-of-a-kind. The Town of Amherst inspectors have informed us that we have the only fully off grid building in the town. We are doing a new thing. Thank you for your courage, generosity, and faith.

We aren't going to cut a ribbon until we have our altar. However, in the meantime, we will start **WEARING THIS OUT**.

I hope to see you Sunday.

peace + love, Pastor Scott





please welcome our new members:..

Jeff & Charlene Gifford  
Sandy Moesch  
Jean Yanik  
Rev. Debi & Robert Turley  
Alithea Lazroe  
Linda Pleban  
Mike, Lindsey, Julia, & Jaxon Walters

we rejoice for those who have joined in the last  
two years...

Jeff, Jen, & Jonah Gilbert, Judi Harris, Greg,  
Chelsea, & Charlee Havas, Mike & Joan Oles &  
Kathy Wood

## confirmation camp

Pastor Scott will be at Confirmation  
Camp at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran  
Camp (LCLC) with our confirmands  
from July 9th in the PM to the 14th in  
the AM.

for emergencies please use PSDH's  
cell: (716) 969-5187

## Pastoral Acts

baptism of Grady Kozlowski (5.6)  
baptism of Charlee Havas (6.4)

marriage of lauren gawk & justin delarosa (5.13)  
Emily Burow & trevor krzemień (5.13)  
haley Parker & Jackson hobble (6.9)

First Bible for Lillianna Schmude, Delaney  
Hannon, Jackson Manning, Natalie Goubksi, &  
Keegan Krusynzki

# COUNCIL UPDATE - JUNE

The May Church Council meeting was cancelled and written reports were submitted to the Secretary.

The June Church Council meeting was held in-person at the Outdoor Ministry Center on June 27, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM and began with Responsive Prayer around the future OMC altar. The agenda and previous months' minutes were approved.

Pastor Hannon reported on recent pastoral acts including a funeral, 2 weddings, and a baptism. Attendance has been strong. New members were received. A discussion was held on how to make sure the bulletin has the correct rubrics for when to sit/stand, etc.

The Executive Committee reported on a \$500 donation to Main Transit Fire Department for the recent hands-only CPR/AED training event.

The committees offered the following reports...

**Social Ministry:** discussions are in place for a possible God's Work | Our Hands Car Wash.

**Fellowship:** a meeting was held. A gathering will be held for New Members and Council members in July. We hope to create a routine monthly coffee hour.

**Personnel:** Michael Dempsey has been hired as sexton. A Contemporary Music Director will be sought out for the fall.

**Christian Education:** Sunday School will resume in the fall. The Adult Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume in August (after a fellowship event in late July).

**Youth:** Pastor Hannon is taking 5 confirmation kids to camp at LCLC from July 9-14.

**Building and Grounds:** The air handler & boiler have been serviced. Broken windows have been fixed. The OMC construction continues with lots of ongoing cleanup. A motion was made to purchase two garage-ready refrigerators and two grills. It was approved. A conversation ensued on how to best utilize the potentials of the OMC.

**Finance:** We will secure the insurance we need for the end of construction and beginning of new building.

**Cemetery:** The Scattering Grounds project has begun. The church contributed it's annual \$3,000 to the cemetery. The cemetery contributed \$40,000 to the church to assist with construction of the OMC.

**Financial Secretary:** Overall, things are looking okay. We are in the black by approximately \$15,000 through May. Weekly giving is under budget. Loose plate giving is over budget. Building use income is over budget. The Boy Scout Pancake breakfast exceeded expectations. Our World Hunger drive generated \$1,235 for Pastor Marsha to take to Synod Assembly.

The council will meet again in August.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8PM.



MTFD JRS & SJLC



# CAR SHOW

SUNDAY  
**16**  
JULY

**10<sup>s</sup>**  
CAR ENTRY

FREE  
ADMISSION FOR  
GENERAL  
PUBLIC

**15<sup>s</sup>**  
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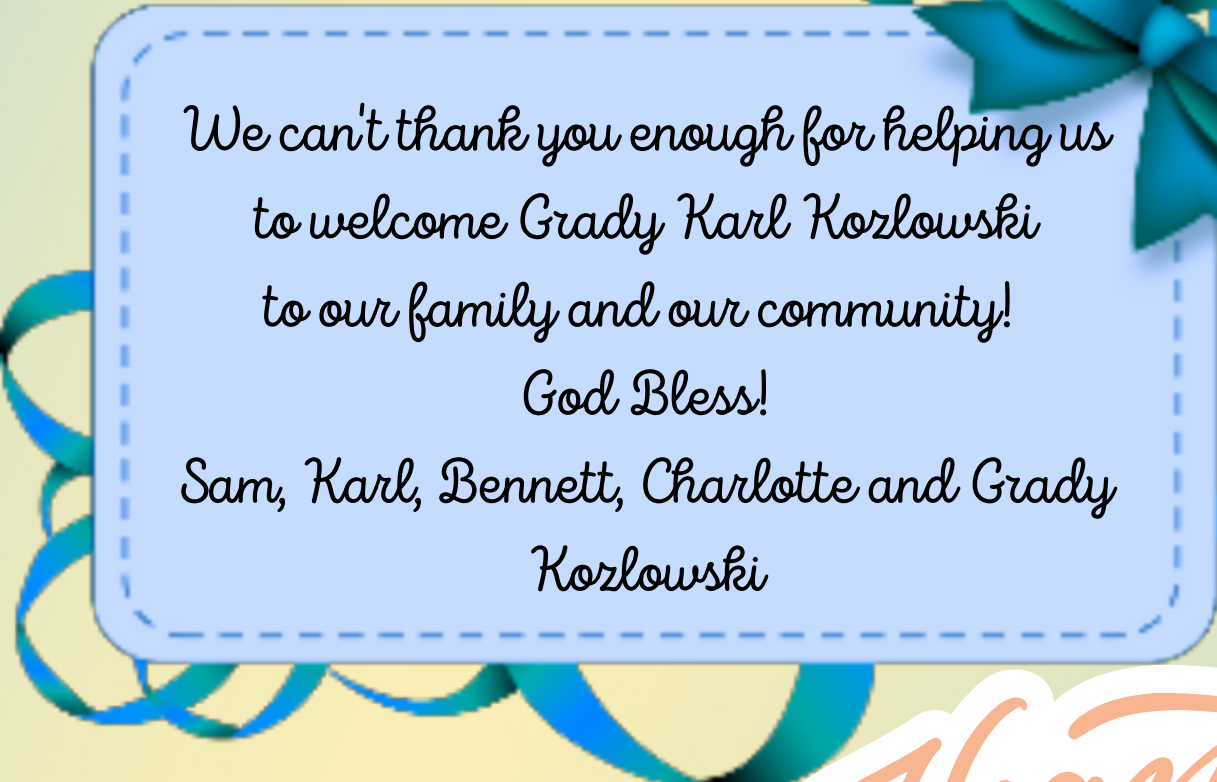


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*We can't thank you enough for helping us  
to welcome Grady Karl Korlowski  
to our family and our community!*

*God Bless!*

*Sam, Karl, Bennett, Charlotte and Grady  
Korlowski*

*Thank  
you*



*Thank you, Ladies of the St. John Creative Ministry  
for all of the homemade projects you made  
for my residents at Bristol Village. We appreciate your  
generosity and the hard work.*

*Your Gifts have put smiles on the ladies faces  
and made them feel loved!*

*Love,*

*Sherry Seaper*

*P.S. Thank you also for the gift certificate.*




The annual Amherst Fire Council Memorial Service was held Sunday, June 4, to remember and honor the 20 members of the fire departments of the Town of Amherst who passed away in the last 12 months. After a service in the pavilion of Island Park, the 100 representatives gathered at the memorial at Amherst Town Hall for the wreath presentation. Pictured after the ceremony are, left to right, Bob Goodwill, fire council financial secretary, and Steve DiPasquale Jr., council president.  
Photo by Holly Schiferle, Williamsville Fire Department

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself we would like to thank the Main-Transit Fire Department for hosting this year's Memorial Breakfast on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Jim Lawida and your department did a great job getting all the plans put together. Jim and I came up with a different approach this year by having the Memorial at the Island Park Pavilion which allowed the group to walk the cross filled with carnations representing each of our deceased firefighters up to the Memorial Stone in front of Town Hall.

A crowd of more than 70 firefighters joined us, with Pastor Scott Hanlon, Chaplain MTFD presiding over a terrific service that hit home with many of us! The tolling of the bell and placing of the carnations and then the laying of the cross at the Memorial Stone with beautiful words presented by Pastor Scott Gillette, Chaplain AFC. A great breakfast by Zoe's was held after the ceremony.

Many thanks to Main-Transit and the Pastors that made personal arrangements on a Sunday to offer us some words of reflection. We look forward to continuing the tradition for many years to come.

Respectfully,  
  
Steve DiPasquale  
President  
Board of Directors

*Scott -  
Thank you so much  
for Presiding over our Memorial  
service. We appreciate the effort it takes  
to make the arrangements along with  
your pastoral duties.  
Steve*





Owen Kachelmeyer graduated from Williamsville East. He will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall to major in music.



Aeryn Zahn graduated with honors from Clarence. She will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall.



Hannah and Hailey Martin graduated with honors from Akron. They will attend GCC in the fall. They will focus on fine arts and general studies.



Andrew Johnson graduated from the Ohio State University with an accounting degree. He is living in Pittsburg working for an accounting firm.

Lara Reece graduated from Buffalo State College with a Master's Degree in Special Education. She is currently teaching in Dunkirk and plans on going for her Doctorate in Special Education.



please continue to send in pics of other graduates!





*Men's*

**BREAKFAST @  
THE OMC**

**Monday, July 3rd @ 8AM  
in the OMC!**

**Sometimes, Bad Swings Lead to the Perfect Goal!**



**25TH ANNUAL  
LUTHERAN CHARITIES  
GOLF CLASSIC**

*Silver Anniversary*

**Chestnut Hill Country Club 1330 Broadway  
in Darien Center, NY Friday, July 21st!**

**Cost: \$125 per Golfer**

(Includes lunch, golf and cart fees, 1-hour open bar, and dinner)

**Non-Golfing Guests are welcome to join us for dinner: \$60**

(includes 1-hour open bar)

**Event Schedule:**

Noon Registration Begins  
12:30 pm Lunch & Driving Range Open  
1:30 pm Shotgun Start  
5-6 pm Open Bar  
6 pm Dinner & Awards

**Contests \* Prizes \* Awards \* Basket Raffle \***

**50/50 \* Specialty Raffle**

**Including: Sabres Tickets, Yankees Tickets, Golf Accessories, Overnight  
Packages & More!**

**Register Online at: <https://www.wnylutherancharities.org>**

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**Phone: 716-632-2623**



**LEGENDS CLUB  
RAFFLE TICKETS**

**Yankees vs Brewers  
September 9th**

# ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST

Hospitalized and Homebound  
**Colleen Gunning, Ann Henry, Wayne Yendall**

Loss and Bereavement  
Pastor Hubert I Burkat, Pastor and Friend of Candice & James Pankow  
Rosemary Glavinic, sister-in-law of Kathy Wood

Healing, Comfort & Special Concerns  
**Rick Bosch, Bob Tiffany,**  
**Gayle Bosch, Jerry Szykowny, Jennifer Ekberg, Judy Yendall,**  
**John Sivak, Ethel Semrau, Millie Webb, Peggy Dryden**  
Lori DeNapoli, friend of Marsha Irmer  
Nan Bader, friend of Marsha Irmer  
Margaret Borger & Toni Spence, friends of Barb King & Jeane Delamere  
Jennifer Matajasik, friend of Lee Dryden  
Carol Dixon, sister of Joni Coté  
Pam Burns sister of Matt Coté  
Carol Allison, sister of Deni Krantz  
Peggy Warfield, friend of Marsha Irmer  
Alan Benjamin, cousin of Pam Figel  
Guy & Mary Wilcox, friends of Marsha Irmer  
Jen Diakun, daughter of Kate & Jim Olson  
Miriam Benson, friend of Kate & Jim Olson  
Paula Altieri, friend of Iris Reese  
Rev. Gene Ferguson, father of Lori Schonrank  
Mary Mussel, family of Susan Hadala  
Rick & Jan Vincent, sister of Deb Francis

For wise governing dealing with world tension, suffering, and war in Ukraine.

Healing, comfort and strength for those seeking refuge from climate change and natural disasters, especially those in Turkey and Syria.

For all suffering after mass shootings, especially our neighbors in East Buffalo.

Those victimized by any form of violence, racism, abuse, coercion, and addiction.

Military  
Matt Newman, Drew Steinhilber, John Wendelin, Nicholas Ford, Ben Hoyt

**Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you need your loved one on the list longer please let the office know and we will be glad to keep them on.**

## JULY

Savanah Leach 07/01  
Henry May 07/01  
Kelsy Styn 07/02  
Robert Stricko, III 07/03  
Marsha Irmer 07/07  
Deni Krantz 07/10  
Sheryl Slaper 07/10  
Linda Tiffany 07/10  
Adam Bogart 07/11  
Anna Henry 07/12  
Lily Anasiewicz 07/14  
Kristin Zahn 07/14  
Andrew Johnson 07/16  
Keith Parker 07/16  
Julie E. Reece 07/16  
Robert Stricko, II 07/16  
Brian Martin 07/17  
Ethan Martin 07/17  
Wyatt Martin 07/17  
Virginia Hohl 07/18  
Kate Olson 07/20  
Benjamin Ullrich 07/20  
Erica Webb 07/23  
Tracy Wylie 07/24  
Olga Ullrich 07/25  
Ryan Weber 07/27  
Randy Markarian 07/28  
David Pawlowski 07/29  
Judi Harris 07/29  
Amy Stohl 07/30  
Mary Koehneke 07/31

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## August

Charlotte Kozlowski 08/03  
Keegan Kruszynski 08/04  
Kristen Stohl 08/04  
Jennifer Ekberg 08/05  
Elaine Dust 08/06  
Angela Menzies 08/08  
Susan Ott 08/08  
David Brock 08/09  
David Otterstein 08/10  
Collin Reid 08/10  
Hailey Martin 08/11  
Hannah Martin 08/11  
Leslie Tobia 08/11  
Benjamin Allen 08/12  
Eleanor Cox 08/13  
Bob Williams 08/13  
David Nitchke 08/14  
Clayton Merlihan 08/15  
Megan Suszynski 08/16  
Julie Johnson 08/18  
Michele Kubik 08/19  
Christian McMullen 08/19  
Eric Bogart 08/20  
Joel Hirschey 08/21  
Jacob Kachelmeyer 08/21  
William Bulmer 08/22  
Sandra Ekberg 08/22  
David Steinhilber 08/22  
Nicholas Slaper 08/24  
Donna Moore 08/25  
Linda Pleban 08/26  
Karen Caton 08/27  
Raymond Hohl 08/27  
Alaina Szykowny 08/28  
Bennett Kozlowski 08/29  
Elizabeth Stohl 08/29  
Penny Favale 08/31