

September  
2021

# The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EGGERTSVILLE



**WELCOME BACK!**

**St. Paul's is open! We are meeting! We are worshipping!**

**During Sunday worship,**

**We are asking that everyone be masked while until seated, while singing,  
and then when coming up for communion.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 716-835-0407.**

## BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY!



**Join us at St. Paul's  
on Sunday, September 19th  
at 10 am for our  
Annual Backpack Blessing!**

**Bring your backpack to Sunday  
School with you and let's start  
the school year off right!**



**The Daily Bread Food Truck  
will continue their  
"Get one, Give one" Mission  
through the Fall.**

**They will be parked at St. Paul's  
every Sunday from 9-11:30 am  
offering coffees and  
Chef Emilie's baked goods!**

**Come out and see us!**

**Remember that the "Give one" part of  
our mission is starting back up in  
October. We will be looking for  
volunteers to help give out meals to  
those that are suffering from food  
insecurities.**

**Please contact Katie at 835-0407.**



*St. Paul's is a congregation of the Niagara Frontier Conference of the Upstate New York Synod  
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

## *A message from Pastor Steve*

Dear Friends and Missionaries at St. Paul's,

Yes, we all had plans for the fall - plans to get back to a new normal and put this whole Covid thing behind us. And then the crazy variant showed up like Cousin Eddie in National Lampoon's Vacation.

I had hoped that St. Paul's fall schedule would normalize and we'd be firing on all cylinders again. And then Covid whacked me in the knee cap. So, what do we do? We pivot and adjust once again and battle our way safely through this next twist and turn! And WE DON'T stop the important sharing of Jesus and ministry work in the world that needs to happen.

We will continue to follow CDC safety guidelines which I'm assuming will continue to change every 18 minutes or so. Please be flexible and ready to adapt. We do this for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community and church.

I will add an 15 minute outdoor devotional service in September called: Falling Upward. Each Sunday at 9:30am, we'll meet on the front steps of church, weather permitting, for some scripture and prayer for those of you who are not comfortable going inside yet. And of course, for Opening Day of the Bills season, we'll bring back Tailgater's Drive By Communion at 8am as well.

Check the rest of the newsletter for updates on Sunday school, Bible Studies and other ministry offerings.

Another REALLY good thing starting soon will be the arrival of Peniel Haitian Church. This is a group of local Haitian families that will be renting space at St. Paul's for worship and fellowship. They will be in the sanctuary and Gathering Area each Saturday from about 9-2pm. Please welcome them!!

The Council is trying this on a trial basis to make sure we can house them and also not sacrifice any of our other Saturday ministry needs for space. But the really great upside is that we will be able to learn more about and experience Haitian culture, worship and fellowship right here at St. Paul's.

Please continue to be safe and healthy in the days to come. Get your vaccine (and boosters if needed) as soon as can. That's our way out of not getting clubbed in the knee again!

Be safe, healthy and blessed,  
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# St. Paul's



Tune-in to see Pastors Steve, Julius, and Jeremiah  
at 10 am every Sunday morning on MeTV (Channel 67 For DIRECTV, Channel 5 for Cable,  
Fios, Dish Network, Antenna tuned to 67.1).

The worship service is now called "WNY Church Unleashed."

If you would like to be added to the email updates that go out every week, please email the office at  
katie@stpaulseggertsville.org or call 716-835-0407.



## **HAITI UPDATE**

Many people have been reaching out to  
us asking for more information about  
any updates regarding Haiti.

Nora Leon, our Missionary on the  
ground in Haiti and also the Founder  
and Executive Director of the Caribbean  
Children's Foundation INC, has set up  
some links for us to share.

## **HOW YOU CAN DONATE**

ONLINE AT

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1046132525926788/>

FEE-FREE

OR

<https://www.caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org/donate>

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OR

**Personal Check** mailed to

Caribbean Children's Foundation PO Box 33 Jenison MI.  
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100% of those funds will be used for the RELIEF EFFORTS

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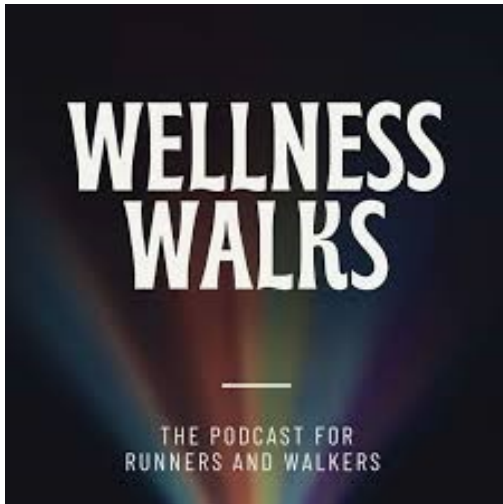
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When sending items, please be sure the words  
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CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION INC  
& THE PEOPLE OF HAITI  
THANK YOU!!!!

## At St. Paul's



Join Pastor Steve Biegner as he guides you on a walk or run, both physically and spiritually exploring your drive to find inner happiness.

Search **Wellness Walk Steve Biegner** at any of the following sites.

Google, Amazon Music and Spotify

## God on Tap

God on Tap is BACK!

Come join us Monday September 20th at 7 pm .

If weather permits, we will be gathering outside for drinks, fellowship, and discussion.

## Celebration of Life

So many of us have lost someone since the start of the pandemic last year. Many of us haven't even had a chance to have Memorial Services or attend Funerals.

St. Paul's will be holding a "Celebration of Life" event on Saturday October 23rd outside on the lawn. Come join for a brief service to share prayers, love, and memories of those that have passed since 2020.

Stay for fellowship, food and some fun for the family.

Everyone is welcome. More is being planned. Please stay tuned for updates!

Do you like working with sound?

Technology?

Would you like to start getting more involved?

Our new "Digital Deacon" is looking to build a team that would be willing to learn how to work the sound and video (AV) equipment.

Contact Andrew at [therecorddjco@gmail.com](mailto:therecorddjco@gmail.com)

Or the office at 716-835-0407





St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville

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# Outdoor Worship

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Starting in September,  
St. Paul's will be offering a brief worship  
service, "Falling Upward", on the front  
lawn! Come join us.

Every Sunday morning  
starting September 5th

9:30 - 9:45 am

4007 Main Street

Eggertsville, NY 14226

## *At St. Paul's*

### *In the Church Family*

Each month, St. Paul's will be sharing important life events that happen within our church family. Please contact the office with any information that needs to be shared.



Please pray for the family and friends of Dave Metz as they grieve his passing.



Congratulations to Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Susan Mintzer Saswick as they start their new life together!



### *Bible Study*

We can't predict what restrictions may or may not be in place for such gatherings by September, but, We would welcome you to the Tuesday Bible Study group as it plans to resume weekly meetings at St. Paul's Eggertsville (4007 Main St.) on September 14th at 10 am on the topic: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, lover of God and God's Word, Pastor, Theologian, Martyr (1906-1945). Where did Bonhoeffer find the courage to challenge the Nazi regime in Germany in the 1930's and 1940's? Ultimately in God's Word. We will look at Bonhoeffer's life and times and writings, but primarily how he saw God's Word as his source of strength, even to death.

A man of faith whose last words were, "This is the end, for me the beginning of life."

(This topic will run about 10 weeks. In Advent we'll look at "Dreams and Visions in the New Testament.") Bring your own beverage - Timbits will be provided. To allow us to plan for enough hand-outs and snacks, please respond to Mary Wolf (stpauls1827@juno.com) by Sept. 13 if you plan to attend.

### *Comforters*

Comforters are back!

- Wednesday September 8th -

Upstairs in the Dining area next to the Parish Hall from 10 am—noon.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 835-0407.  
See you there!

### *On-line Directory*

The St. Paul's Church Directory is now on-line!

It will only be accessible to active members at St. Paul's and it will only have the information that is on the current paper copy Directory.

But, now, you will be able to access it online. You can also download the app on your phone/tablet. Go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and click Member login. You will need to enter the email address that we have on file. They will send you a verification email and then you can set up your own personal password (any password of your choosing).

Once that is done, you will have access to the directory! You will be able to edit your family information such as contact information and pictures!

If you have any questions, please email Katie at [katie@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:katie@stpaulseggertsville.org)

# #findSydneyWest

## September 3rd

Pastor Steve, Pastor Roger, some members of St. Paul's, and the WNY Church Unleashed team are participating in a cycling event to honor Sydney West, the daughter of Kimberly Kadzik West (a graduate of Amherst High School). Sydney has been missing from San Francisco, CA since September 30, 2020.

Please help us spread the word about Sydney and raise awareness for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Join our team, make a donation, help us let Kimberly know that the WNY community supports her in her search for her daughter. We also invite the community to ride with us during the last leg starting at 1pm from Clarence Center.

For more information, go to Pastor Steve's Facebook page or check out <https://www.facebook.com/FindSydneyWest>





## **SUPPORTING AMHERST FAMILIES AND NURTURING PARTNERSHIP AT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

This September our Amherst Central School District Family Support Center (FSC) will see a few new changes – a new location at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and additional counseling staff. In retrospect, the timing of when we established and opened the FSC in January 2020 allowed us to have a foundational program in place to assist our families. Open in-person for just two months before we were forced to close for the pandemic, the FSC has been a vital resource over the past 18 months to connect our families to community human service agencies for support in social, education, mental and physical health needs.

Working closely with the Student Services team of counselors, psychologists and social workers in each school building, the FSC program assists parents with getting their children and family the most appropriate, affordable support in a timely manner with issues such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem or self-image, substance use, family conflicts, peer relationships or serious school academic or behavior concerns. Within our community, families have had so many challenges due to the pandemic. The FSC model provides easy access to a host of community services offering another level of intervention in the district’s student support services. The entire family is incorporated into counseling and support to address all facets of what may be affecting a student’s academic progress at all levels.



**ANTHONY PANELLA**

AMHERST SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SCHOOLS

The FSC nurtures many collaborative partnerships with providers such as the Parent Network of WNY, Mental Health Advocates of WNY, and Gateway Longview Behavioral Health. This school year, two additional district staff are assigned to the FSC. A counselor and a social worker will join FSC liaison Jill Glowniak, a licensed clinical social worker. Housed at the center, the three will continue to work with the district’s student services team at each building to serve our families. Extended hours one day a week allows families more flexibility to schedule time with agencies. Throughout the school year, the FSC will offer parent workshops by area experts and district staff. Event schedules, information about free local workshops offered in the area and more about the center can be found at [www.amherstschoools.org/family-support-center](http://www.amherstschoools.org/family-support-center).

The center originally opened in Crossroads Lutheran Church, part of the Main Street Ministries that includes St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 4007 Main St., Eggertsville. Crossroads was sold recently and the Family Support Center was relocated to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, in space right next to the Tiger’s Den Food Pantry.

During the 2020-21 school year, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church expanded our partnership by providing meals to our community through its Daily Bread Food Truck. We were amazed and humbled to learn that the Daily Bread Food Truck had distributed 5,075 meals between September and June. Families facing food insecurity had some respite through a number of meal shares on Thursdays and Saturdays for our Tiger’s Den Food Pantry families and the Monday night meal distributions at Windermere Boulevard and Amherst Central High School.

These partnerships prove that we are stronger together and by caring and looking out for one another, we can provide support and assistance when it’s needed.



**AMHERST CENTRAL  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

**STRATEGIES  
TO SUPPORT  
YOUR  
ANXIOUS  
CHILD**

**Join us for this informative  
virtual presentation**

Register in advance for this meeting:  
[https://zoom.us/join/joiner/tJ0lc-6urDIrEtWkt0JiFU8jvwb\\_QJUxxMP](https://zoom.us/join/joiner/tJ0lc-6urDIrEtWkt0JiFU8jvwb_QJUxxMP)

You will receive a confirmation email containing  
information about joining the meeting.

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**Brought to you by**



**AMHERST CENTRAL  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

**A Parent  
Training  
Workshop**

**SEPT. 9, 2021  
6 - 7:30 P.M.**

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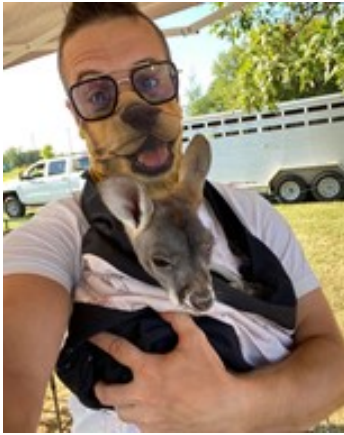
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with anxiety symptoms, there will  
still be useful skills that may benefit  
you or your child.

# ***Sunday School***



**Welcome back to Sunday School!**

**So excited that we have so many ways to connect!**

**To provide the safest way for our children to come together,**

**Sunday School will remain as it did last year.**

**The kids will be coming straight to Sunday School before parents go into church.**

**Sunday school will meet outside on the front lawn whenever the weather allows.**

**Or, we will meet upstairs in the large Parish Hall where there is plenty of room to spread out.**

**We will keep windows open and masks will be required to stay on when indoors.**

**The children will be kept in family clusters and will be spaced 6 ft. apart from others.**

**\* Spencer's Animals will be coming to celebrate our opening day on Sept. 12th!**

**\* The following week, Sept. 19th, the children should bring in their backpacks as Pastor Steve will be popping into Sunday School to do a backpack blessing!**

**\* I am also looking at planning a day that families can join together to go apple picking!**

**For those of you who prefer to stay home, we will be recording Sunday School each week instead of live streaming. That recording will be sent out the following Saturday. We are looking for our kids in grades 6 -12 who are interested in helping record Sunday School. If your child is interested, please contact me at 783-0725 or Adam Weber at 435-8974.**

**Peace & Love ~ June**

## ***Tiger's Den Food Pantry***



Welcome back!!

September is the start of so many things happening in all our lives.

The biggest impact is on families with children returning to school. With that in mind, Tiger's Den is reaching out to you for your help in supplying much needed school supplies. We obtained lists from area schools of items the children (K-5) would need to bring to school with them. The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christ the King Church is packing backpacks for us based on the specific grade lists. Lori Goldhawk, a pantry volunteer, reached out to her network of friends and provided us with some of the additional items the school rooms would need: tissues, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.



**Following is a list of what the children need:  
markers, crayons, children's scissors, scotch tape, erasers,  
glue sticks, Elmer's glue, colored folders with pockets and prongs,  
highlighters, and Expo dry erase markers.**

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral.  
The September pantry hours are: Thursdays 9/2, 9/16, and 9/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm,  
and Saturdays 9/11 and 9/25 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

## ***The Daily Bread Food Truck Mission***



Our friends at The Boulevard Federal Credit Union have decided to have their First Annual Craft & Yard Sale Fundraiser sponsoring the Daily Bread Food Truck.

This special event will be held at 2787 Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst on Saturday September 11th from 10 am—4 pm .

They still have tables available for vendors! Each table is \$25. They are also looking for donated baskets for a basket raffle. AND, The Daily Bread Food Truck will be on-site from 12-4 pm offering lunch items and treats.

If you would like to participate, please contact either Lori Jackson at 691-6727 or email at [ljackson@blvdvcu.com](mailto:ljackson@blvdvcu.com).

You can also contact Katie at 716-835-0407.

Please remember that all proceeds will go to the Daily Bread Food Truck.



### **HELP WANTED**

The Daily Bread Food Truck is looking to hire an occasional chef to add to our team.

We are looking for someone that loves to cook, loves to feed people, and loves our "Get One, Give One" Mission.

Please contact Katie at [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).



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**Eggertsville, NY 14226**

*Remember that things are changing by the day.  
Please check your email and/or  
Facebook for updates.  
If you need to reach us, please contact the office  
at 716-835-0407 or email [katie@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:katie@stpaulseggertsville.org).  
Stay safe, stay healthy, and know that you are loved.*



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**Youth Director:** Adam Weber  
**Music Director:** Paul Storfer