### The Messenger St. Paul's Lutheran Church





October is HERE! We are grateful! St. Paul's is open! We are meeting! We are worshipping! Look inside to see all of the events and opportunities going on!

#### ~*NOTE*~

During Sunday worship, We are asking that everyone be masked 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.



**October** 

2021

Tune-in to see Pastors Steve, Roger, 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). 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.





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 of St. Paul's,

October already! Fall is falling right into place and I hope you are sensing all the blessings that God is placing around you. Many of you are sharing those blessings through your time, talents, and treasure at and through St. Paul's. I am so thankful for that.

During the month of October this year, we're actually going to spend a great deal of time in worship focusing on those three words: Time, Talent, Treasure. And on October 24th, we'll celebrate our commitments to the work of St. Paul's for 2022 as we continue "reaching beyond ourselves."

We're also adding an emphasis this fall on the way and options we have to leave a financial legacy for future work at St. Paul's for years to come. Chick Biegner, my papa, will be leading up both a group gathering (October ???) and individual conversations in your home or at church over a cup of coffee. In 2022, we want to build commitments to the St. Paul's Legacy Endowment through our wills and estates. This will ensure St. Paul's, the oldest Lutheran Church in Erie County, will be able to reach beyond itself for years to come.

I hope each of you will consider a way that you can take part in a gathering, conversation, or decisions that will bless future generations through this fantastic church. I know Michelle and I are in on that!

Celebration of Life Fall Fest. LCLC 5K Run at St. Paul's. Tiger's Den Food Pantry. God on Tap. Tuesday Bible Study. Burrito Project. Comforters. And lots more!! These pages are filled with ways you can share your time, talents, and treasure in the days and weeks to come. And when you do that, your faith will grow. Your impact will widen. Your blessings will be evident. And you'll be "reaching beyond yourselves."

May God's blessings pour over you and may they be super easy to see!!

Be well, be healthy, and be blessed, ps



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

## Stewardship

#### Greetings

St. Paul's Church is about to embark on an effort to encourage Legacy Giving.

"What is Legacy Giving" you ask. Legacy Giving is a gift to a charity or non-profit organization in your will. It can be a piece of property, cash, or a percentage of your estate. Translated into St. Paul's language, it is giving beyond our normal weekly donations or planned giving to the general ministry budget, and is intended to leave a legacy that would hopefully replace (at least in part) your giving when you are gone.

In recent years, our faithful missionaries enabled St. Paul's to greatly increase

the scope of our outreach ministry. Outreach ministry now includes: Western New York Church Unleashed, Daily Bread Food Truck, Tiger's Den Food Pantry, relief for Haiti, live-streaming Sunday worship services, and the Amherst Family Support Center. WOW! Previous modest endowments enabled St. Paul's to both save money by loaning itself money to redo our parking lot instead of having to borrow funds from a bank, as well as assist in expanding our outreach ministry.

We ask you now to consider taking action with us to ensure the gains we have made remain secure, while seeking new ways our Lord Jesus is calling us to serve in His Name. Pastor Steve and the Finance Committee have established a goal of \$250,000 in Legacy Giving commitments/intentions for the St. Paul's missionaries in 2021.

We wish to invite you to a discussion on Legacy Giving at the home of Vern Stein & Kathryn Francis (14 Keswick Rd.) on Wednesday, October 13 at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided by Kathryn. We will only be able to accommodate a limited number of folks, so call Kathryn at 435-9527 ASAP. If this meeting fills up, a second gathering will be held on Monday, October 18 (same time and place)!

Hoping you can join us, Finance Committee & Pastors Chick and Steve

After all, serving in Christ's name has been St. Paul's "reason to be" since its founding in 1827!

### **New Missionaries**



Come join us Sundays October 3rd and 10th as

St. Paul's welcomes our "new missionaries" during worship.

Welcome Myra Conley, Ryan Gangaram, David Heppner, Joan and Jim Keptner, Kelley Omel,

Hattie Slater, Lois Snyder, and Terri and Allen Thomalla!

### At St. Paul's



God on Tap is BACK! Come join us Monday October 25th at 7 pm in the Gathering Area for drinks and fellowship!

# REFORMATION SUNDAY COSTUME PARTY

AT ST. PAUL'S

### October 31, 2021 • 10 am

We invite you to come to church wearing an appropriate costume on Sunday October 31st. We will be having a small reception with some special treats during coffee hour following worship! Join in the fun.



The Celebration of Life Fall Fest will be a great day of fellowship and fun. We do need some extra hands on deck, though.

If you are able to help with the basket raffle, please contact Heidi Ginal at 480-9227.

If you are able to volunteer by making some amazing desserts, please contact Sara Hannon at 228-7518.

And if you would like to participate with set up or clean up OR anything else....Please contact Katie in the office at 835-0407!

Thank you so much!

This is going to be great!



## 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.



Congratulations to Mr. Brandon Houle and Mrs. Christine (Rock) Houle on their wedding! We wish you a lifetime of happiness and love!



Nolan Scanlon Farrell was born to Hayley and Andrew Farrell. Todd and Sheila are proud grandparents.



Please pray for the family of Grace Mols as they grieve the loss of her passing. A funeral is planned for October. More info to come.

### **Comforters**

Comforters are back!

- Wednesday October 6th -(bring a bagged lunch) 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!



# **Bible Study**

We would like to welcome you to the St. Paul's Bible Study group as it continues to plan resuming their weekly meetings in the Fellowship room every Tuesday at St. Paul's 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) if you plan to attend.

### **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 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





#### Calling All Runners! And by "runners" we mean anyone who jogs, walks, hikes, pushes a stroller, wheelchairs, or even rollerblades.

#### Announcing the LOM Run4Camp 5K

What: A remote fundraiser for LCLC and other participating Lutheran camps across the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) network. LCLC is a member of LOM.

Who Can Participate: Anyone old enough and capable enough to run, walk, hike, etc. a distance of 5K (3.1 miles).

When: October 24, 2021 (or whatever day and time between 10/17 and 10/24 works best for you). You can participate synchronously or asynchronously.

Where: In your own neighborhood, on your own treadmill, in a mall, in your favorite park or join in the group run the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's (see below)

How It Works: Each 5K participant agrees to three simple things:

 Donate \$25 or more to LCLC to secure their Run4Camp spot. (An optional \$15 can be paid to LOM for a Run4Camp T-shirt. T-shirt deadline is 9/30/21.) <u>Click here</u> for LCLC's secure donation page. 100% of donations go to LCLC.

Find at least 5 sponsors to support their run with a gift to LCLC in any amount from \$5.00 and up. Sponsors
also make their donations on LCLC's secure <u>donation page</u>, so runners don't have to handle any money. If
needed, checks can be mailed to LCLC. 100% of sponsorships go to LCLC.

 Optionally, email/text a simple video/pic of themselves during their run to be shared on a national, live webcast the afternoon of October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**How to Register:** Runners register via the LOM website. Click the following link that will take you to the registration form: <u>https://forms.gle/mnqiKmsNf22DEfQD9</u>. LOM will not share your information with any organization other than LCLC. After registering, make your \$25 or more donation to LCLC and start recruiting your sponsors.

#### WNY Group Run:

Any local 716 runners are invited to run together October 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll leave and return to St. Paul's Lutheran (4007 Main St, Eggertsville, 14226) at 11:30am. Bathrooms and drinks will be provided. We'll have a nice, fairly flat, 5k around the neighborhood streets of Amherst that you can run or walk.

#### For More Information:

Call LCLC at 716-386-4125 or email: lee@lclcenter.org.

### St. Paul's

### ENJOY A BEER AND HELP THE COMMUNITY!



WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG CALL 716-632-2623, OR EMAIL INFO@WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG

Thursday October 14th, 5:30 to 8:30pm Resurgence Brewing Company 55 Chicago Street Buffalo, NY \$35/ person Includes two drink tickets and hors d'oeuvres.

Do you like working with sound?

Technology?

Would you like to start getting more involved?

We are 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

Or the office at 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 CCF pays PayPal|a FEE OR

Personal Check mailed to Caribbean Children's Foundation PO Box 33 Jenison MI. 49429.0033 In the memo section write RELIEF FUNDS

100% of those funds will be used for the RELIEF EFFORTS

TO DONATE TANGIBLE GOODS Go to www.agapeflights.com

Daily the wish list changes - so check it before sending anything When sending items, please be sure the words RELIEF EFFORTS is written in the mailing address

#### CARIBBEAN CHLDREN'S FOUNDATION INC & THE PEOPLE OF HAITI THANK YOU!!!!!

### Youth Group and Burrito Project

Hello!!!

Youth night - Saturday October 9th from 7-9pm at St. Pauls. This event is for everyone in grades 6-12th! Be ready for some pizza, devotions, and games!

Burrito Project - Tuesday October 19th from 6-8pm at St. Pauls.

If you are ever looking to get involved, this is a great opportunity! We always have a lot of fun making the burritos together in the kitchen at St. Pauls. Let Adam know if you are ever interested in volunteering. Spring, summer and early fall months, toiletry donations are always welcome. When it starts to get cold out, winter donations are greatly appreciated!



Fall Fest -



Saturday October 23rd from 11am-2pm. That means there are two Youth Nights in one month wahoo!

But, seriously, this is going to be an awesome and fun event and I would love to see all the kids there!!

National Youth Gathering - It's time to start thinking about the National Youth Gathering, which is happening next summer in Minneapolis, MN. The dates are July 24th-28th (plus a day before or after for travel and sight seeing). This is an amazing, once in a life time experience. It's for anyone in grades 9-12th, and only happens once every three years, so most people only have one opportunity to go. Registration opens soon, so let Adam know if you're interested or have any questions!

### The Daily Bread Food Truck Mission



As we transition from our "Get one" season into our "Give one" season, we at the Daily Bread Food Truck would like to thank everyone for all of their support throughout the year.

We are excited to start our new "Give one" season on November 1st, right here at St. Paul's.

We will again be serving our community's needs on the days that the Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open. We have also added Monday nights to our schedule. More information to come.

Thank you again for your love and support.

If you would like to help during the "Give one" season,

please contact Katie at dailybread4007@gmail.com.

### Sunday School



As we move into Fall and the weather becomes crisper, we will be spending more time indoors. We will be in the upstairs Parish Hall and masks are mandatory!

Last month we enjoyed Spencer's Animal Encounters on our opening day. We talked about rescuing animals and how they can have a better life, just as Jesus came to save us! When we turn to God even when things are tough, he will always be there to help us! We also talked about the importance of being first...first to serve others, first to encourage, first to accept everyone, first to help those in need, first to be kind and do the right thing!

We closed September with the message that God's love adds flavor to our lives. Though we may see someone worshiping differently than we do, God wants us to be at peace with one another and have a clean heart in Him!

Looking forward to October, there will be an Fall Fest on St. Paul's front lawn with lots of things for our kids to do! This will be held on Saturday October 23rd from 11 am—2 pm.

This year Halloween will land on a Sunday! We are inviting our children to wear their costume if desired. Costumes must refrain from violence and no type of weapon will be permitted. I will have treats to share that day for the kids to take home!

Just a reminder that our Sunday school is being recorded with the lesson and highlights of what we are doing in Sunday School this year.

If you and your kids can't make it to church, our recording will be available on our St. Paul's Facebook page the following Saturday for your enjoyment!



Peace & love ~ June

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



And October is now upon us!

We want to express our sincere appreciation to St. Joseph's University Church for their food drive for the pantry in September. We have continued to be blessed by The generous donations of food and paper products from our St. Paul's family and the members of St. Benedict's. Thank you to everyone who helps make the Tiger's Den such a success.

As Pastor Steve has mentioned, fall is a time of change. With that in mind, we continue to prepare for an influx of new refugees into our area. We will let you know how this might impact the pantry once we have a better idea of who will be coming to 14226. October is also a challenging month in that this year the first Thursday and second Saturday fall in the same week, as well as the third Thursday and the fourth Saturday. Thank you to all our volunteers who merely take this change in stride.

> October hours are: Thursday 10/7 and 10/21 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm, and Saturday 10/9 and 10/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

> > **Donations for**

October are: spaghetti sauce, brown rice, white rice, healthy snacks, and crackers.

### AMHERST CENTRAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Growing LGBTQ+ Youth Support - Parent Workshop Tuesday, October 5th,2021 5:30-6:30p.m.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvfu6urz0rH9EEZP8sR TXlfc\_yZU3Sx-v5

Given by Rev. Susan Frawley (She/Her/Hers) Community and Parent Outreach Services Coordinator at GLYS of Western New York, Inc. This informative presentation will discuss LGBTQ youth concerns and issues including an overview of gender identity, sexual affection, pronouns, how to be an Ally, concerns and issues in school, mental and emotional health issues and how to support your child.

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. Stay safe, stay healthy, and know that you are loved.



#### 716-835-0407

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