

**December  
2021**

# **The Messenger**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EGGERTSVILLE



***December 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.***

**~ WELCOME ~**

**St. Paul's would like to welcome Peniel Haitian Church !**

**Every Saturday, from 9 am—3 pm,  
they will be coming together to worship at St. Paul's!**



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](mailto:katie@stpaulseggertsville.org) or  
call 716-835-0407.

## **Please Note**

St. Paul's will be holding their  
Annual Congregational Meeting on  
Sunday December 12th,  
immediately following worship.  
Please stay after the service and join us.

***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,

Well here we go....Advent. Kicking into full gear another season of "getting ready" and making sure that we are recognizing God with us...Emmanuel.

To see it unfolding, you can:

- join us in worship and be around others experiencing God in their midst. Songs. Scripture. Communion. Chick Biegner telling bad jokes after church.
- join us on the lawn for Outdoor Advent each Sunday in December after church (10:40am-ish) to go out and proclaim to the world through song and prayer that God is here.
- join us for the Holiday Needs Drive December 5th as we show up with gifts and food to help those who Jesus is standing with.
- join us on Monday nights on the Daily Bread Food truck or the Tuesday of the Burrito Project or the Tiger's Den or the Amherst Schools & Angel Tree project as we bless those who are in need.

Preparing. A season to look around and see what God has done, is doing and will do.

Have you seen what God has been preparing at St. Paul's on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons at St. Paul's?? God had been preparing this community to host TWO different churches in our space. Preparing us to be ready to share this incredibly historic building with the new things that God is doing in our own neighborhood. A year ago, we started partnering with Ray of Hope Church on Sunday afternoon. They celebrate their relationship with God each and every week once we're cleared out in the morning. Now, we are excited to build an even more profound relationship with Peniel Haitian Church on Saturday morning/afternoons. Peniel, meaning Face of God, is a group of Haitian Buffalonians, that were meeting at another church but OUT GREW it. Nice work!

What's so exciting about this new partnership, in light of our team being unable to travel to our mission in Haiti, is to build more relationships, share meals, learn languages, help new refugees and teach and learn from one another. I couldn't be more excited. God has been preparing us for this. It does mean that we will need to continue to make adjustments to our gatherings and groups. But I fully believe that every adjustment is worth it! St. Paul's is becoming the most multi-color and multi-cultural church in WNY. And I fully believe that God will lead us in making this happen into our future.

So here we go. Leaning into God. Following God. Yearning for God. Moving over for God. Preparing for God.

May God bless you in the days and weeks of preparing of come!

Be well. Be healthy. Be blessed.

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## At St. Paul's

Each month, St. Paul's will be sharing important life events that happen within our church family.



Please pray for the families of Larry Woodward and Robert Hoekstra as they grieve their passing. We are reminded that this life is not the end and that there is more to come.

Please also pray for St. Paul's member, Sara Gallagher, while she grieves the passing of her mother, Martha Dasselaar.



We also celebrate the Baptism of Elliana Madeline Whittemore at St. Paul's And Rachel Cessario (Fire Church).

If you have a special announcement, anniversary, graduation, or even a big birthday that is coming up, please contact the office with any information that needs to be shared.

### 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 Advent/Christmas Bible Study is: Dreams and Visions in the New Testament and will begin 11/30 - 10 am in the Fellowship Room. We will not meet on 12/28, but plan to continue (weather permitting) on into January.

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.

Comforters!

Come join us !

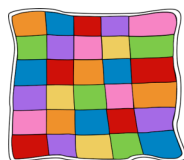
Annual Holiday Potluck Luncheon

- Wednesday December 1st -

Bring a dish to pass. Dessert will be provided.

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!



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*

Due to the ongoing unrest and safety concerns in Haiti, we have not been able to send any mission teams to Ile A Vache, Haiti in over two years. We are hoping and planning to resume when it is safe to do so. In the meantime our hearts are heavy with a desire to help our Haitian friends. We want to remind you that Caribbean Children's Foundation is seeking donations for their ongoing work at Grace school and orphanage and you can donate to them at <https://www.caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org/donate>. Closer to home, we are collecting donations for Vive shelter, a program of Jericho Road Community Health Program in Buffalo. According to a recent Buffalo news article people from Haiti and Colombia are among the largest groups of refugees seeking asylum in the US and Canada and being housed temporarily at the shelter on Wyoming Ave. Michelle Biegner is facilitating a collection of items on their wish list to assist with the influx of these families. Please consider making a donation of one of the following items between Thanksgiving and Christmas and they will be delivered to the shelter for use at the shelter.

Vive Shelter Wishlist: Donation box at church entrance.

Warm sleep sacks for infants 0-12 months (fleece, long-sleeved preferred)

Sanitary/menstrual pads (preferred types/brands are Always Thin Dailies, Always Regular Dailies, Always Regulars with Wings, Always Supers with Wings, U by Kotex Heavy Flow)

Sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers

Shower flip flops (all sizes)

Shampoo (especially for Black/African hair)

Women's and children's underwear

Tissues (required back to school supply)

Disinfectant wipes (required back to school supply)

Baby bottles

Twin sheets

Pillows

Towels

Kids' snacks (Goldfish, granola bars, animal crackers, fruit snacks, dried fruit chips)

Nail clippers

Gift cards to Walmart, Target for needed supplies (can be given to Pastor Steve or Michelle Biegner)

## *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)

# ***Holiday Needs Drive***

**WBBZ—Your Hometown MeTV Station, FeedMore WNY and  
WNY Church Unleashed bring you:**

## **2nd Annual Holiday Needs Drive**

**December 5th  
11 am - 2 pm**

**To benefit the Tiger's Den Food Pantry,  
the Daily Bread Food Truck, & Parkside Food Pantry.**

**Bring your non-perishable food items,  
grocery gift cards or cash donations for drop off.  
Meet some of our church and TV personalities while you're here.  
For more information, go to [www.wnychurchunleashed.com](http://www.wnychurchunleashed.com)**

**Delta Sonic is giving away a free car wash for the  
first 100 \$50 donations.**


**\$5000 has been provided for matching funds  
for your donations.**

**Located at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
4007 Main Street  
Eggertsville, NY 14226**





# *Christmas Concert*



## The Lutheran Chorale Of the Niagara Frontier

Isaac R. Hutton, Director  
Presents

# *Glory, Hallelujah!*

Sunday, December 12, 2021

3:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Union Rd. & Maryvale  
Cheektowaga, New York

Free Will Offering

(Non-Perishable foods for  
the St. Luke's Pantry also  
appreciated)

Masks encouraged

Call 716/741-4573 for more information or visit our website:  
[www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com](http://www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com)

*Oh come, let us adore Him*



## ***Adult Winter Retreat***

# ***LCLC Adult Retreat***

"Give thanks with a grateful heart"...

Our adult weekend retreat at  
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center!!!

It's been almost 2 years since our last retreat so I hope you  
will think about joining us for a relaxing, fun filled time!

We will follow CDC/LCLC rules to keep us all safe  
(besides our own common sense rules).

We feel ever so grateful to be able to return to this  
beautiful place and to enjoy each other's  
company/fellowship. I hope you will pray about it and  
consider joining us!

We always have a great time!!!

Any questions - call Barb Walter (716-574-8527).

Watch for the sign up board and specific details soon!



**January 14-16th, 2022**  
**Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center**



# ***Youth Group and Burrito Project***

## **Youth night**

Saturday December 4th 7-9pm at St. Pauls.  
This event is for everyone in grades 6-12th!  
Be ready for some pizza, devotions, and games!



## **Christmas Party**

Because December is such a crazy month, we have decided to schedule a Holiday party for January and celebrate Christmas AND the New Year. More information to come.

## **Burrito Project**

Tuesday December 21st 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!

Because of the cooler weather, we are bringing winter items with us to give out.

Right now, we have an abundance of blankets and hats. But, we ARE in need of hand warmers, warm gloves (not the thin, stretchy kind) and warm socks.

Thank you so much for your support.



## **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!

*Merry Christmas,*

*Adam Weber*

*Congratulations to*

*John Rushton*

*London Rushton*

*Olivia Mosgeller*

*And*

*Marcus Rodriguez*

*For making their First Communion!*



# Sunday School



Our Sunday school kids would like to say Merry Christmas to all of you with our taped Christmas Pageant that you will have the chance to view on December 19th!

Reminder to Parents that we will be taping this on December 12th.

Please have your children to Sunday school by 9:45 on that day!

Throughout November, we focused on being Thankful for all God has blessed us with and how we can share our blessings with others. The children brought in donations of food for our Tigers Den. The kids learned that by living our life sharing with others that we show how thankful we are by how we live; we call it "Thanks living"!

Upcoming news –

Due to Christmas being on Saturday Dec. 25th there will be no Sunday school on Dec. 26th.

On January 2nd. Sunday school will take place in the sanctuary with our family blessings.

Sunday school will resume on January 9th and I am looking for feed back from the parents on moving back downstairs into the Sunday school wing and bringing the kids back into the sanctuary for the beginning of the service and children's time with Pastor Steve.

Masks will always still be required!

I wish you all a wonderful, happy & healthy New Year!

Peace, Love & Joy

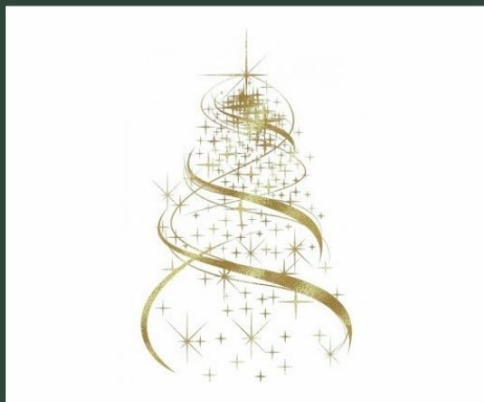
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# *Christmas Worship Schedule*

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Christmas Worship Schedule*



*Come join us for an abbreviated  
40 min in-person service at*

***4 pm at St. Paul's***

***5 pm on MeTV - WNY Church Unleashed***

***7 pm at St. Paul's***

*In accordance with NY State mandates, and for the health  
and safety for all of our members,  
masks are required in the building at all times.*

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

**ST. PAUL'S  
4007 MAIN STREET  
EGGERTSVILLE, NY 14226**

**716-835-0407**

# ***Poinsettia Dedications***

## **Annual Poinsettia Dedications**

**Poinsettias are \$10 per plant**

Dedications for Poinsettias will be noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please indicate how you wish the dedication to read on the form below. Please return order form with check payable to St. Paul's by mail or on the offering plate.

**ABSOLUTE Deadline for orders is December 5th**

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Poinsettia(s) \_\_\_\_ (\$10 each)

\_\_\_\_ Please deliver my plant to a shut-in member  
after Christmas

Poinsettias are Given to the Glory of the Newborn King...

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_

OR

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_

OR

in celebration of \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2ND ANNUAL SNOWBALL GOLF CLASSIC "CHIPPING AWAY AT HUNGER"

*WNY's first winter  
charity golf scramble!*



**THE DOME**

**8230 WEHRLE DR - WILLIAMSVILLE - 14221**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021**

**2PM SHOTGUN START**

**PEBBLE BEACH GOLF COURSE**

**DETAILS: FB OR DAILYBREADFOODTRUCK.COM**

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**\$360/FOURSOME**

**DINNER BY LOCAL GRILLE**



# Daily Bread Food Truck Mission



As of Monday November 1st, the Daily Bread Food Truck has been serving free hot meals at St. Paul's (from the truck) to people suffering from food insecurity.

We will continue to serve every Monday through the winter season.

Starting in December, we will be serving meals on the Saturdays that the Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open, as well.

If you would like to help volunteer in the kitchen to prep OR to help hand out meals, please contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).



## Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share Schedule

*(The Tiger's Den Food Pantry would have been open the fourth Saturday of December, but will open on Thursday December 23rd, instead, due to Christmas).*

Monday December 6  
Saturday December 11  
Monday December 13  
Monday December 20  
Thursday December 23  
Monday December 27

### *\*NOTE\**

*The Celebration of Life Fall Fest that was held back in October was a wonderful success!*

*All of the donations are finally in and because of support from people such as you, we raised a few dollars short of \$8,300.00! Thank you for all of your love and support!*

# *Tiger's Den Food Pantry*



Wow! What an abundance of love and support the Tiger's Den Food Pantry has received this season! Throughout November, because of donations such as yours, every Tiger's Den family was given a grocery gift card or turkey to assist with holiday shopping

Additionally, many Amherst Central School district families were given Thanksgiving holiday help in the form of gift cards, turkeys, and fixings for the special day.

Thank you to St. Paul's members who give to the pantry. We couldn't do it without you!

For December we are collecting:

Juice,  
snacks such as chips and pretzels,  
canned SpaghettiOs and ravioli.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

*The Pantry will be closed the fourth Saturday of December for Christmas. Instead, we will be open on Thursday December 23rd.*

Tigers Den is open the following days in December:

Thursday, December 2 from 3:00-6:30  
Saturday, December 11 from 9:00-12:30  
Thursday, December 16 from 3:00-6:30  
**Thursday, December 23 from 3:00-6:30**  
Thursday, December 30 from 3:00-6:30

Please remember to come on Sunday December 5th to the Annual Holiday Needs Drive right here at St. Paul's from 11 am—2 pm. 100% of your donations benefit the Tiger's Den Food Pantry, the Daily Bread Food Truck, and Parkside Food Pantry.

# *Amherst Family Support Center*

## AMHERST CENTRAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## TIGERS HELPING TIGERS



Many families could use the helping hand of a friend during the holiday season. We are seeking donations to give some "extras" to our Amherst Central School District Tiger's Den families during the holidays.

Donations made through this campaign will assist the ACSD families that are registered through the Tiger's Den Food Pantry.

Adults and children will receive these items!

### Can You Give?

- Art supplies/kits
- Balls - football, basketball, soccer
- Board games
- Blankets (kids/adults)
- Books
- Coloring books
- Fidget sensory toys, stress balls
- Gel pens, markers
- Gift cards - grocery, drug store, retailers
- Socks, slippers



A single donation can make a big impact for our families. Help out if you are able!

**DROP OFF BY DEC. 10  
AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
4007 MAIN STREET**

#### Drop Off Times

Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - Noon  
Sunday - 9-11 a.m.

Enter through St. Paul's back parking lot, Tiger's Den doorway

**Label the Bag: Tigers Helping Tigers**



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**Pastor Steve Biegner (716-868-1232 cell)**

**Administrative Director:** Katie Basham

**Office/Tiger's Den Food Pantry  
Coordinator:** Adrienne Leary

**Youth Director:** Adam Weber

**Music Director:** Paul Storfer