

**June  
2022**

# **The Messenger**

***St. Paul's Lutheran Church***



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



*Come and Celebrate  
The 25th Anniversary of  
Pastor Steve's Ordination  
and Recognition of the Staff at St. Paul's*



Join us Sunday, June 5th as we honor the St. Paul's staff  
and Pastor Steve's 25 years of ministering, engaging, loving and caring!

We are asking each of you to come and share your  
memories and experiences of Pastor Steve.

If you cannot be there in person, please send a card or note, an email,  
photographs/videos to the Church Office at

4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226

or via email to: [office@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)

If you would like to make a monetary donation in

Pastor Steve's honor,

please make it to WNY Impact Foundation

[www.wnyimpactfoundation.com](http://www.wnyimpactfoundation.com)



*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*

(Pastor Steve's message was originally presented in the Annual Congregation Report in May 2022)  
Friends and Missionaries at St. Paul's,

Before I started this Annual Report, I looked back on last year's report. During that time, St. Paul's completed a new Visioning Process – a process that gave us the tagline: "Reaching Beyond Ourselves." And wow, did we ever focus on that this past year. "Lil' ol' St. Paul's" is now a space and community that houses: the oldest Lutheran Church in Erie County (that's us), Ray of Hope Lutheran Church, Peniel Haitian Church, Wheels for Workers 716, the Amherst Family Support Center, Daily Bread Food Truck and Amherst Tiger's Den Food Pantry. Those organizations, along with our weekday recovery groups, are geared primarily for people who are not from within St. Paul's. They certainly can be, but most aren't. Therefore, they just catapult us into the vision of "reaching beyond ourselves." And oh yes, we are now part of helping the AlAli family resettle into the United States through living in the parsonage. (Side note: in the first couple days of the family moving in, getting bikes for the kids, teaching them basketball, giving them space to play and laugh again, and getting them a life beyond war in Syria where their home was destroyed, refugee-living in Jordan where they waited for seven years to come to the United States, and two months of cramped living in a hotel room on Niagara Falls Blvd, Hasan (dad) said to me through our translator: "We want to live here forever!" So, we're going in the right direction – reaching beyond ourselves.)

Your giving. Your energy. Your time. Your sharing of self and blessings. All of that makes this sort of church possible. In fact, ironically, if the church is functioning correctly, St. Paul's "Pastor's Report" is really about what the church community is doing and inspiring to build God's kingdom around Amherst. And you're doing it!

I've been rolling through this pastor gig for 25 years now and in those years, I've been so blessed to see God working actively through the church community and especially the church staff I've been lucky enough to work with.

Over my 10+ years at St. Paul's:

Our office has been blessed with Mary, Katie, Adrienne, and now Heidi. These servants have been incredible gifts. They are the front line, first voice, and face of all that comes through the World Headquarters of St. Paul's. They see the "behind the scenes of church" for its best and worst. Their gifts of compassion, listening, organization, creativity, multi-tasking, and also tolerance of me are beyond measure.

Our youth and children's ministry staff of Kristen (KK), Adam A, Adam W, and June (as well as our Impact DayCamp staff) have blessed the lives of more children and youth than we can count. Their passion for passing on the story of Jesus in creative, fun and service-learning experiences has been incredible.

Our music staff with Paul as our director for 28 years now at St. Paul's, choir, and soloists have enhanced worship and created a joyful community worship each week. 28 years is pretty good considering Pastor Olin asked Paul to cover for a year or so!

Our Digital Ministry led by Andrew is almost two years old. Digital Ministry?? Who knew?? So thankful for Andrew's work and most of my requests to him end with: "thank you for making my life easier!" That mission is all about "reaching beyond ourselves."

Our facilities have been cared for by Mark, Mike, and now Jeff taking the lead. These guys along with countless volunteers have kept an aging building in the best condition possible and ready to go for

## At St. Paul's

whatever happens next. Council members. Team leaders. Committee Chairs. Deacons. Altar Guild. Property people. All of you helped make for another memorable year at St. Paul's. Yes, we did some baptisms (6), weddings (11), confirmations (5) and funerals (14). But even many of those were offsite and for people who were having their first experience of what church can be. And then there were the new missionaries (15) that jumped into St. Paul's. Who knows where they will steer us this coming year?

So, I guess in summary, thank you! Thank you for living into this vision that God has put out there for us. I'm humbled and proud to be in service with you!

Be well, safe and blessed,

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Bible Study  
The St. Paul's Bible Study Group  
is taking a break for the summer.  
The group will return in September

### *Thank You Notes*

The following groups expressed their gratitude for donations made by St. Paul's:

- \*The Leadership Council of Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation
- \*Lutheran Charities
- \*Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
- \*The Lutheran Foundation of WNY

### Men's Group!

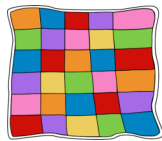
Come and join the men of St. Paul's as they gather in fellowship every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

If you would like to get involved OR if you have any questions, please contact the office at [office@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)



Pinochle Group! Open to all!

Please join us on Wednesday  
June 1st -1:00 pm  
for the last Pinochle Group. We will  
break for the summer and resume next fall.  
For additional information, please contact  
Sara Gallagher at 716-834-1833 or



Comforters! Come join us !  
- Wednesday June 1st -  
Bring a bagged lunch  
Upstairs in the Dining area next to the  
Parish Hall at 10 am  
If you have any questions,  
please call the office at 835-0407.  
See you there!  
We will be having a break during July and August.  
See you in September.

### In our St. Paul's Family:



Congratulations to Scott and Ashley Beyer on the Baptism of their son Cole Matthew



After 4 sons and 3 grandsons , Steve & Kris DiPasquale were blessed with their first granddaughter!! Riley Kay was born on 5/22/22. Congratulations!!

If you have announcements you would like in the Messenger (i.e.. births, anniversaries, weddings, baptisms, or funerals), please call 716-835-0407  
email [office@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.com).

## *Report from the Church Council*

Have you noticed the children riding their bikes in the parking lot, playing in the front yard, or reading quietly in the shade of the front garden? This is the AlAli family who through the efforts of Journey's End, Westminster Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's has been successfully resettled in the Olin House.

Although their English is still rudimentary, they all know how to say hello and give a great smile and wave. I encourage everyone at St. Paul's to do the same if you see them. If you have questions about how to assist the family, more guidance will be forthcoming through Ed Weiss, so stay tuned. Council is completing several initiatives as we wind down for the summer break. A comprehensive building use agreement has been developed for members and non-members requesting to use our facilities.

A vendor has been engaged to assess and make recommendations for improving our technical infrastructure to better serve our staff and tenants. Several existing committees have been revived and/or revamped to better serve our current needs. I'd like to thank the outgoing members of Council (Janelle Andersen, Nick Hazlett, Deb Howe and Matt Fricano) for their service and support. I'd also like to welcome the incoming members Sara Hannon, Vanessa Solomon, Robert Brown and Scott Vahue. I'm looking forward to integrating their talents and skill sets into the next series of initiatives

Dr. Kathryn Francis, Church Council President

## *St. Paul's Resettlement Mission*

April 19, 2022

Dear Wheels for Workers and Friends,

At Journey's End Refugee Services, we are devoted to helping refugee families as they start a new life in The City of Good Neighbors. Your support is instrumental as we continue this lifesaving work. On behalf of all refugees we help to build a productive life in Buffalo each year, I thank you for your compassion and thoughtfulness.

I am grateful that you stand with us in championing the rights of our refugee brothers and sisters, those who are in refugee camps seeking protection, and those who are here and desperately waiting to be reunited with family who remain overseas. We are honored to have you on our side as we welcome and embrace refugees as our coworkers, neighbors, friends, business owners, community leaders, and eventually, proud American citizens.

Your kind donation of bicycles and locks will go a long way towards supporting and empowering the world's most vulnerable people.

With gratitude, Karen M Andolina Scott  
Executive Director , Kscott@jersbuffalo.org



How can we learn more about the Syrian culture?  
Journey's End has a series of webinars.  
Check their website at: [www.jersbuffalo.org](http://www.jersbuffalo.org)  
See the WNY Refugee Film Festival at [www.wnyrff.com](http://www.wnyrff.com)

## Cultural Awareness Corner



We've been working hard to try to stop the spread of the Covid virus in the past two years.....But what are we doing to stop the spread of hatred? Hate is like a virus; it takes hold of people and spreads. Hatred fuels violence, like what happened at Tops on Jefferson Ave in Buffalo on May 14. It is our obligation, as Christians and as members of the ELCA to love ALL our neighbors and demonstrate our love through our behaviors - not just our words. One way we can do this is to embrace diversity and learn about those with different backgrounds, skin colors, ethnicities, sexual orientations or preferences etc. It's easy to hate what/who we don't know. We can try to get to know people who are different from us and spread love by doing so.

The month of June is jammed packed with a lot of Festivals in Western New York. Bring your appetite and your wallet as you navigate the diversity that WNY has to offer, and maybe learn something or **someone** new.

The month begins with the ***Greek Festival, June 3-5***. Get immersed into the Greek culture while enjoying authentic Greek food, desserts, music and dance. You will undoubtedly return year after year.

***LGBT Pride Parade-June 6*** Gay Pride week has morphed into a month of raising awareness and to uplift the LGBTQ community by providing access to diverse events that bring people together in the spirit of celebration, advocacy and Community engagements. Because the LGBTQ community has been ignored by Christian churches, many ELCA congregations seek to extended a welcome that directly addresses their spiritual needs. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) policy states, "LGBTQ+ individuals are welcomed and encouraged to become members and to participate in the life of the congregation." To show that St. Paul's a welcoming church, you will see the rainbow flag, also known as the gay pride flag, on the front lawn June 5 & 12th as well as rainbow stickers available for all in wear to show we are a welcoming church. Over the years, Holy Trinity and Parkside Lutheran Churches in Buffalo have walked in the Pride Parade to show allyship. If interested in walking in the parade, contact one of those churches and ask to join them.

***Juneteenth - June 19*** - is another festival providing authentic ethnic food, art, music, tours and a parade down Genesee St. to MLK park. Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and observed on June 19. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed more than three million slaves. Two years passed before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. Union Soldiers arrived in Galveston Texas on June 19, 1865, and informed the residents there that slavery had been abolished. The following year on June 19 the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. Buffalo's Juneteenth celebrations began in 1976 and is now one of the 3 largest celebrations in the country. In 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday in the United States. You will see Juneteenth flags on the church's front lawn June 19 & 26, to show we welcome all at St. Paul's.

***Taste of Diversity Festival - June 25*** Features representation of food, live music, art and dance from Buffalo's many ethnic and cultural communities and groups. This festival takes place in the heart of Buffalo's West Side Market District on Grant and Lafayette streets.

## ***LCLC***



It's that time of year, again!  
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is starting to register for their yearly  
Summer Camp Programs.

For more information, Go to [www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org)

Week 1—June 26-July 1 (Classic Youth Camp and Horse Camp)  
Week 2—July 3-8 (Sailing camp 1&2, Family Camp)  
Week 3—July 10-15 (Congregational Confirmation Camp)  
Week 4—July 17-22 (Classic Youth Camp, Mini Camp: Pastor Steve is chaplain this week)  
Week 5—July 24-29 (Senior High Week)  
Week 6—July 31-August 5 (Classic Youth Camp, Night Owls 2.0)

**\*Remember\***

There are discounts for early payments, bringing a friend or going with a sibling.  
No one is ever denied an LCLC experience due to financial difficulties.  
So, if you find yourself in need of assistance, please talk to Adam Weber or Pastor Steve.  
There are LCLC camperships available for those unable to afford camp fees.

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



The next Burrito Project night will be Tuesday June 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 and then taking them downtown to the bus station.

For more information, please contact Adam Weber directly at [aweber308@yahoo.com](mailto:aweber308@yahoo.com).



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



# Sunday School



## June Newsletter



As I write this letter, I ponder how our Sunday school year went through so many changes over the past couple of years. It's good to have the kids back in the sanctuary for children's time and back downstairs in the Sunday school wing! It's been nice to welcome some new and visiting children and so good to have the connection with the kids!

Thank you to the parents and all who have volunteered in helping with Sunday school throughout the trying times!

In Sunday school we have been focusing on Love, Respect, Peace and treating others as Jesus has taught us, as we would want to be treated and to follow His lead.

We have made many kinds of crafts that revolve around our lessons each week. For Mother's Day the kids crafted beautiful flowerpots in which they planted flowers to show their love and appreciation to their moms!

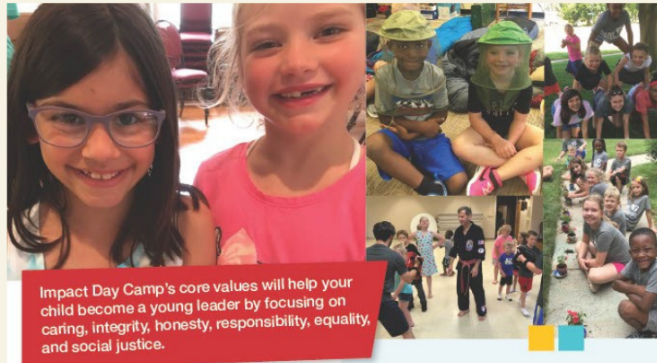
Our last day of Sunday school has been moved to June 12<sup>th</sup>. A day that there will be a very special dedication and the spring fair following the church service, with lots of fun things for the kids to do!

Impact Camp will be starting up on June 27<sup>th</sup> and running 3 weeks! If you haven't signed your children up yet, please do so soon!

In Peace & Love ~ June



# Impact DayCamp



## REGISTRATION FORM

**Child's Name:**

First Name

Last Name

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

First Name

Last Name

**Best Contact #:** (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**

**Home Address:**

**Child's School:**

**Child's Grade** (*Grade child has completed*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle week you are registering for:**

**June 27- July 1 (\$125)**

**July 5-8 (\$100)**

**July 11-15 (\$125)**

*\*Sibling discounts available: 2nd child costs 75%; 3 or more costs 50%*

*For registration, mail this form with a check payable to St. Paul's,  
4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226 (please note the week of camp)*

**OR**

*you can download form and pay online at [www.stpaulseggertsville.org](http://www.stpaulseggertsville.org).*

*Any questions?*

*Please call St. Paul's at 716-835-0407 for more information.*



# Spring Into Summer

JOIN US!!

Everyone  
is  
welcome!

No  
admission  
fee

# Spring into Summer

Family FUNdraising  
Event

Sunday, June 12th  
12 - 3 PM

## Activities:

- Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Fire Truck
- Zumbini
- Food truck
- Basket Raffle
- Rock Painting

All proceeds and  
donations  
will support  
Noah's  
Helping Hands  
Project

For more information:

[noahshelpinghands716@gmail.com](mailto:noahshelpinghands716@gmail.com)

Call 716-310-3542



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

The Daily Bread Food Truck has teamed up with FeedMore WNY to provide essential food and personal care supplies to the community affected by the temporary closing of the TOPS market on Jefferson Street.

Through the generosity of many in our Daily Bread community we have received \$10,000 in pledges for us to buy and deliver to FeedMore the urgently need items.

If you would like to donate, please send a check to St. Paul's made payable to "Daily Bread Food Truck" or use the Donate Button at [dailybreadfoodtruck.com](http://dailybreadfoodtruck.com)

#CompassionNourishmentLoveFaith

As our Summer Season approaches, the Food Truck will begin our Sunday Breakfast at St. Paul's beginning on June 12 and continuing every other Sunday thereafter.

Our standard serving hours will be 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

However, on June 12 we will be participating in Spring Fest and will extend our hours of operation to 1:00 pm.

Emilie Piette has created a special opening day menu including:

Daily Bread Signature Breakfast Bowl

Mini Waffles with Seasonal Fruit

Daily Bread Breakfast Sandwich

Purple Truck Smoothie

Opening Day Muffins



We are looking forward to a new season!



*Happy Father's Day  
to all of our dads!!*



# *Tiger's Den Food Pantry*



Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's for your continued support of Tiger's Den. Because of your generosity, we have grown and adapted to meet the needs of those who suffer food insecurity in our area

June pantry hours are: Thursday 6/2, 6/16, and 6/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 6/11 and 6/25 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Donations for June are: cereal, oatmeal, tomato products (tomato sauce, tomato paste, stewed tomatoes)

We greatly appreciate all of the donations of canned food items, personal care items, and paper products you have so generously donated to the pantry. However, because the pantry is usually open only one day a week, we ask that you not leave your donations by the outside back pantry door.

There have been instances where food donations have been enjoyed by the squirrels and birds dropping by! And donations of paper bags were ruined by the rain.

Please drop off your donations when the pantry is open, and we will have additional hands available to help unload your donations.

Thank you.

## *Volunteers for St. Paul's*

- \* **GARDENING:** If you have a green thumb, would you be interested in helping the Tiger's Den grow their vegetable garden this year? If so, please give Adrienne a call at the Church Office at 716-835-0407 for more information.
- \* **SOUND & TECHNOLOGY:** We are looking for a team willing to learn how to work the sound and video (AV) equipment. Contact Andrew at: [therecorddijo@gmail.com](mailto:therecorddijo@gmail.com)
- \* **FACILITIES:** If you are handy with carpentry, gardening, painting, etc. and would be willing to donate your time for special church projects, either sign-up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area, or email Jeff at [facilities@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:facilities@stpaulseggertsville.com)
- \* **DAILY BREAD FOOD TRUCK:** If you would like to help with the Food Truck, email [dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com](mailto:dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com) or call the office at 716-835-0407.



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**Youth Director:** Adam Weber

**Music Director:** Paul Storfer

**Christian Education:** June Piette

**Facilities Manager:** Jeff Stein

**The St. Paul's Church Directory is 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 the office at  
[office@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)