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The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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Greetings St. Paul's Community,

I hope you are enjoying the fabulous WNY summer weather and you are planning times of renewal, adventure and rest this summer!

We have launched back into the typical busy summer of St. Paul's. After missing two summers due to Covid, Impact Day Camps are back through July 15th. Three weeks of kids learning Five Habits of Highly Happy Kids: First Things First, Show Love to Others, Seek Understanding, Working Together, Being Reflective. It is soooooo good to have them back here!

I hope that you will continue to plan time for worship this summer, either here onsite at St. Paul's, live stream, YouTube or Church Unleashed. Also, take new times of prayer and spiritual reflection as you walk, run, rest and paddle. Don't forget you can use our Guided Movement Meditations called: Wellness Walks. They can be found on Spotify or any other site you find our podcasts.

I'll be away a lot over the summer on both vacation and leading Diamond Point Community Church. Remember, if you're in the Lake George area this summer, stop by for worship. Eight of the twelve weeks of the church are led by Lutheran pastors from across the country.

Lastly, thank you for everyone who reached out, shared notes/gifts and celebrated in worship as I crossed over into 25 years of ministry. It's been an incredible ride and I'm blessed to have been with St. Paul's for over 10 years now. Let's go for another 10 and see what happens!

Enjoy summer!! May God's blessings pour over you today and may they be super easy to see!!
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*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)*

Church Unleashed



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 or call 716-835-0407.

Parish Council

Dr. Kathryn Francis, Church Council President

The Council completed its final meeting in June by welcoming our new members Sara Hannon, Bob Brown, Vanessa Solomon and Scott Vahue. Scott will be completing the remaining two years of Matt Fricano's term as Matt leaves us for marriage and a new church. Our elected officers remain the same as last year (President: Kathryn Francis, Vice-President: David Schunak and Secretary: Gerri Horton).

The Council will continue to oversee our tenant relationships and review any new applications for using our facilities. We will also be assisting Pastor Biegner as he explores a potential relationship with Amherst Lutheran Church. Also planned is a review of our committee charters to update them as appropriate to our current needs. We will work out Council committee liaison assignments at our next meeting in September.

Enjoy the summer!

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



At St. Paul's

Sunday School



Sunday School is over for the summer. It will restart on Sunday, September 11.
All children are welcome from 3 years old through 5th Grade.

Impact Day Camp



Impact Day Camp is in full mode and doing great! There are a few openings left
in the third week, July 11—15.

For more information about **Sunday School** or **Impact Day Camp**, please
email Miss June at: j-tpiette@msn.com

In Peace and Love ~ June

The following church organizations will be
taking a break during July &
August:



Bible Study

Comforter's Club

Men's Group

Pinochle Group

If you have any questions, please call the
office at 716-835-0407.

Thank you notes

*Dear Members of St. Paul's,
Knowing that I am being prayed for as I receive my
chemoradiation treatments, is a true gift. I received
the lovely prayer shawl. It is so beautiful and I am
sure, made with love. Thank you!!!
~ Sandy Shaw*

In our St. Paul's Family



Congratulations to Paul & Erin Carroll,
on the Baptism of their son
Davis James Carroll.

If you have announcements you would like in the
Messenger (i.e. births, anniversaries, weddings,
baptisms or funerals), please call 716-835-0407 or
email the office at:
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Cultural Awareness Corner



This Cultural Awareness Corner “column” was added to the monthly newsletter a few months ago when the Cultural Awareness Team began to meet. This team was developed to help foster more cultural diversity at St. Paul’s. We have been meeting monthly to explore and discuss this purpose and what this should look like.

Author J.D. Greear states "In a multi-cultural church, not only skin color but ethnic distinctives are featured. So various groups influence the worship. That means that there will typically be more “Amen!” during the sermon than white people are used to (which, by the way, I love). That may be uncomfortable for a lot of people, but that discomfort is actually a sign that you are in a multi-cultural church: In a multi-cultural church, everyone will feel a little uncomfortable because we’re always going to be doing **something** a little outside your culture. If you’re always comfortable at your church, that means that it only reflects your culture.”

That quote summarizes the goal of our team. We hope you have begun to notice some small changes taking place to reflect this. We have purchased and placed flags to celebrate various cultures including Juneteenth, Pride, and the multi language Hate Has No Home Here flag to proclaim to all who enter our building that we are welcoming to ALL people. We have had the pleasure of more diverse music selections during worship to reflect the increasingly diverse make up of our congregation. We’ve sought out more diversity in our leadership in worship; and we have purchased pronoun stickers to be added to name tags for those who wish to promote gender identity awareness and make it easier to know the correct pronoun to use in reference to others. In the coming months we will be looking at our website and social media messages and we hope to be more actively involved in various cultural events in the community.

The articles below have guided us in our mission. Please check them out and let either Michelle Biegner or Helen Gibson know if you’d like to join our team when we resume meeting in the fall.

<https://jdgrear.com/why-multi-cultural-matters-more-than-multi-colored/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/06/beyond-the-rainbow-flag/>

Also consider attending one of the many cultural events around WNY this summer. Here are a few suggestions:

Italian Heritage Festival July 15-17, 11-8 on Hertel Ave.

Grease Pole (Hispanic) Festival July 15-17 Swan St featuring live bands, food, car show, domino tournament and comedians.

Taste of Diversity Festival August 20, 11- 7 on Grant St. at the Westside Market District - Delicious food, vendors and live music.

Go to stepoutbuffalo.com for a full listing of cultural events and festivals in WNY this summer.

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

#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 excited for a new season!!

Burrito Project and Youth Group



The Burrito Project will be taking a break during July and August.

We will be starting back in September. If you are interested in getting involved in making/delivering the burritos, or for more information about the Youth Group, please contact Adam Weber at:

aweber308@yahoo.com

Tiger's Den Food Pantry



Summer has arrived, and with that so have the children who are celebrating their summer vacation. The pantry continues to grow as the issue of food insecurity continues in our area. In June, we had three new families join the pantry. We also worked closely with Ed Weiss to ensure the AlAli family had the necessities they needed.

We would like to thank John Hannon and Wheels for Workers 716 for their donation of child/young adult bicycles to many of our pantry families.

We are sad to report that one of our founding pantry members will soon be retiring. Carolyn Catalano, who together with Adrienne, established the Tiger's Den Food Pantry in 2017. Carolyn is the "official" representative to the pantry from the Amherst schools. Carolyn has been an amazing advocate for the pantry and the pantry families, and will be sorely missed when she retires in July.



July pantry hours are: Thursdays 7/7 and 7/21 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and
Saturdays 7/9 and 7/23 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

August pantry hours are: Thursdays 8/4 and 8/18 from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm, and
Saturdays 8/13 and 8/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Donations for July & August are: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, granola bars, rice, and juice

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

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 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!

Upcoming Events

>>>>>  Presents... <<<<<



@ SAHLEN FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND

Game Tickets: \$10 each

Concession Packages: \$12 each
(includes: hotdog, soda and popcorn)

Game Time @ 7:05 & Postgame Fireworks!

Register Online

or Download a Mail-In Ticket Order Form at
www.WNYLutheranCharities.org

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Niagara Frontier Conference

2022 Summer Institute of Theology

For anyone and everyone

Interested in learning and growing in faith!

August 15—18, 2022

Notre Dame Retreat Center

Canandaigua, NY

For more information or to register, call 716-984-2938

Or email: stpauls1827@juno.com



LCLC
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

At this printing, there are still openings for weeks #2—#6

For more information, Go to www.lclcenter.org

- * Week 1—June 26-July 1 (Classic Youth Camp and Horse Camp) - completed
- * 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.



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