

September  
2022

# The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EGGERTSVILLE



## Backpack Blessing Sunday!

Join us at St. Paul's on Sunday,  
September 11 at 10:00 am for our

Annual Backpack Blessing!

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

Ice Cream Social to follow!



**The Daily Bread Food Truck**  
is in need of one very unique  
volunteer: *Restaurant Liaison*.  
This person will reach out to  
restaurants /bakeries  
for donations

**The Daily Bread Food Truck**  
gives out meals to those that are  
suffering from food  
insecurities in the 14226 area.

Please contact  
the office at 716-835-0407  
Or  
Leslie at [leslie1224@roadrunner.com](mailto:leslie1224@roadrunner.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*

Dear Friends and Missionaries at St. Paul's,

"Where would you rather be than right here, right now?" - from The Prophet, Marv Levy, in the book of ***Bills Wisdom***

Here, as a Bills and Sabres fan? For sure!!

Here, as a WNYer in the fall with the greatest weather around? For sure!

Here, as a missionary at St. Paul's Lutheran as we continue to "reach beyond ourselves" to God and one another? For sure!!

Me too! To all three.

I had some wonderful time away this summer with cherished colleagues/friends that serve up and down the East Coast in various Lutheran Churches. Most of them are happy in their settings. But some of their settings are also stagnate or dying. Some of their settings have lost track of what their mission is in the world. We also shared stories of so many Lutheran Churches across the country that are closing, filled with dysfunction and/or becoming "chapels," just staying open to take care of a few people.

And then I come home to St. Paul's, where each week, new people are arriving. Each week, people are telling me stories of new ministry ideas and potentials. Each week, we hear of ongoing ministries doing amazing things: getting ready to feed hungry people or restart teaching the faith to our kids. Each week, I hear one of our veteran missionaries say, "I barely know half the people here anymore." (That is because so many new folks have jumped in.) Each week, others are working to figure out how do we share the vision and build relationships in this growing ministry.

Where would you rather be than right here?

If you'd like to hear more about the growing mission of St. Paul's or even just sit in to meet some of the folks newer to the community, join in the New Missionary Gathering, September 25th at 11am. (Don't worry, I'll have you out by 11:45am to get home in time for the game against Miami). These are great gatherings to learn, share and get to know one another. Just email the church office to let us know you are coming. Email: [office@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)

Thanks for living out the commission and call of Jesus to "reach beyond ourselves" - to teach, share, baptize and Go! I look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the exciting months to come!

Be well, safe and blessed!

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## *Letters of appreciation to St. Paul's*



Hello,

My name is Rinard Brown. (When the bike I used for work was stolen), Mr. and Mrs. Brown got a bike from you, for me to get to and from work.

I just wanted to thank you.

For that, I am forever grateful.



**THANK YOU** to the many Sponsors, Business Donors and Golfers who supported our golf outing at Glen Oak Golf Club earlier this month. In spite of the rain and wind, we prevailed and raised over \$11,000 to underwrite community grants in 2023!

**EVERYONE'S A WINNER** when we come together in support of the many organizations that provide life=giving and life=changing resources to those who need it most in WNY.

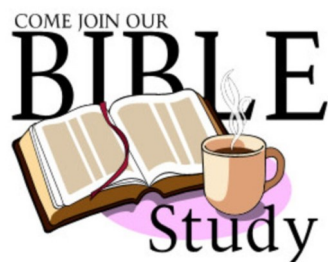
We at Lutheran Charities couldn't do what we do without your participation and generosity, so thank you for **Gathering God's Gifts for Good.**

We can't wait for our 25th year!

Blessings,  
The Board of Directors



# Daytime Missions at St. Paul's



## Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays, at 10:00 am beginning Sept. 13th

We meet in the Fellowship Room. We'll be looking at the people and events that are celebrated and commemorated in the calendar of Festivals and Commemorations. These are people and events significant in the life of the Church over the centuries; some of which you may have heard & some which will be totally new.

Join us on Tuesday mornings!

Bring your own beverage; Timbits will be provided.

## The Comforters

The first Wednesday of the month, beginning Sept. 7

10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the upstairs banquet area

The Comforters are a group of people who love to knit, sew or crochet. While having a fun time talking, they create quilts, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and more!

Some of the benefactors of this ministry have been:

Roswell Cancer Institute

Women's and Children's Hospital

Erie County Home, Nursing Homes, Harvest House Baby

Bring a bag lunch for after the session. A monthly hostess will bring a dessert to share.

*Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time!!*



## Pinochle Club

The first Wednesday of the month, beginning Sept. 7

1:00 pm in the Gathering Space

We have both serious and social card players! Join us!

If you have any questions, call Sara at: 716-834-1833

or email the office at: [office@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:office@stpaulseggertsville.org)





## Other Missions at St. Paul's



### God on Tap

Faith Development & Fellowship

**God on Tap** is a group of men and women who come together for faith, food and fellowship!

If you are interested in restarting this group since the pandemic, please sign up in the Gathering Space. Starting date is TBA, dependent on how many people sign up.

Hope to see you there! Ps



## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Join the Sanctuary Choir

Practices beginning Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 pm  
under the direction of Mr. Paul Storfer.



### Cultural Awareness Team

Did you know St Paul's has a Cultural Awareness team? We began meeting last year with the mission to be intentional in becoming a church that is welcoming to ALL people and to demonstrate our affirmation and inclusivity of all cultures, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations. We will continue to meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month beginning September 20th at 7 pm. If you would like to join, please contact: [Michellebiegner@gmail.com](mailto:Michellebiegner@gmail.com) or let the church office know so that you can get on our email.

## ***Parish Council***

The Council will be reconvening in September to continue its work on enabling development of the foundations required to fully support the many important missions of our congregation.

This will include working with our Facilities Manager and Finance Committee to develop standard procedures for use of our facilities (lease agreements, rental agreements, etc.), updating our aging infrastructure (technology and physical plant) and reviewing/updating our current committee charters to ensure they reflect our current needs, clearly articulate their roles and responsibilities and encourage participation from our congregation. All this work is intended to position St. Paul's to engage in exciting new opportunities for expanding our mission in the community.

Thank you for your continuing support and please stay tuned for updates on our progress this year.

— — — Kathryn Francis, MD

### ***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 Aubrianna Weber and her daughter, Jessica on their Baptism!



Congratulations to  
Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Nicole (Philbrick) Pendleton  
and  
Mr. Adam and Mrs. Elizabeth (Sieracki) Weber as  
they start their new life together!

### ***Online 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!

# ***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).

The worship service is now called "Church Unleashed."

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.

## **Wellness Walk**



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

Search **Wellness Walk Steve Biegner** at any of the  
following sites: Google, Amazon Music and Spotify

## **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



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



**As we conclude our Summer Sunday Breakfast Event,  
we give a huge and heartfelt thanks to Emilie Piette.**

**Emilie was one of the original members of the  
Daily Bread Food Truck Mission in 2016  
and has shared her creative talents joyfully and tirelessly.  
Whether she was making her special cinnamon rolls or  
working alongside her father, Tony, she helped us achieve  
our original goals of "Get one – Give One."**

**We ask for God's blessing upon Emilie  
as she moves forward in a new direction of her life.**

**Thank you and we will miss you!!**

**We are moving into our third season of Monday Meal Share,  
our opportunity to share our  
abundant gifts with those who experience food vulnerability.  
The 2021-2022 season started on November 1 and continued through April 11  
totaling 25 Mondays. We served 2,855 meals along with  
drinks, snacks and fresh vegetables.**

**We had the great fortune of having three experienced chefs  
who executed the process from shopping through clean up.**

**Approaching the 2022-2023 season beginning October 17,  
we are in a very different environment of having one chef on a limited availability basis.  
As we continue to search for additional chefs/cooks, we will be very dependent  
on volunteers of various talents to make this season a success.**



## **Restaurant Liaison**

**This person will reach out to restaurants for meal donations  
and to bakeries for bread & pastry donations.**

**Please check out the list of volunteers needed on the next page.**



## ***Daily Bread Food Truck cont.***

Questions to ask yourself – do you know how to: (or would like to learn) .....

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Read a grocery list -</b> | <b>Grocery shopper</b>      | <b>Friday or Saturday</b>           |
| <b>Chop, dice, stir....</b>  | <b>Food Prep</b>            | <b>Sunday or Monday</b>             |
| <b>Follow a recipe</b>       | <b>Cook</b>                 | <b>Monday - 2:30-4:15 (approx)</b>  |
| <b>Portion/Plate Food</b>    | <b>Work on Food Truck</b>   | <b>Monday - 4:15- 6:00</b>          |
| <b>Smile and converse</b>    | <b>Greet and Take Order</b> | <b>Monday - 4:15-6:00</b>           |
| <b>Wash dishes</b>           | <b>Cleanup</b>              | <b>Monday 5:30 – 6:30 (approx.)</b> |

If you said “yes” to any of these questions, we would love to have you join our Mission. For further details contact Leslie Boynton at 716-525-2443 or [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

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



As the song on TV says, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year!! “

September is the start of the new school year, and the return to our “new normal” here at St. Paul’s.



We want to say thank you for your support of our August request for school supplies.

We were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to more than 70 pantry children in Grades K-12. We also partnered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christ the King Church who provided additional school supplies.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral.  
The September pantry hours are: Thursdays 9/1, 9/15, and 9/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm,  
and Saturdays 9/10 and 9/24 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Donations for September: crunchy peanut butter, canned peaches,  
canned pineapple, any flavor juice

# ***Sunday School***

**Welcome back to Sunday school on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>!**

We are so happy to have you all back and welcome all children ages 3 yrs – the 5<sup>th</sup> grade back to worship & learning Bible stories!

We meet each Sunday at St. Paul's during the 10 am service. The children start out in the sanctuary with their parents. In the beginning of the service Pastor Steve will have the children come forward for a children's message. Afterwards the children will leave the sanctuary to go to Sunday school. There we will have a group story or object lesson on the Gospel of the day. Then the children will be dispersing into their age-appropriate classrooms to participate in a craft that relates to what they have learned. Parents can pick the children up at the end of the service.



On September 11<sup>th</sup>, please have your children bring their backpacks for a blessing! If the weather allows on that day we will have Sunday school outdoors, where you can meet your children there after the service and enjoy an ice cream social!



We welcome and encourage all parents and church missionaries to volunteer some time helping with Sunday School. Please speak with me if you are interested.

For those of you who are unable to attend on a Sunday, we have another option! On Saturdays at 5:00 pm, there will be a service at Amherst Lutheran church at 5125 Main St., Williamsville. There you will find our own Pastor Steve alternating with the other church unleashed Pastors: Pastor Jeremiah, and Pastor Roger. They will, also, have a service that the children will start out in the sanctuary and then head off to Sunday school after the children's message.

Any questions feel free to contact me at [j-tpiette@msn.com](mailto:j-tpiette@msn.com)

In peace and love,

~ June Piette

## ***KNAC-Kids Night at (Amherst Lutheran) Church***

### **Kids Night at Church**

KNAC happens on the 1st Saturday of each month, beginning October 1, 2022.

All children from 5 years old—10 years old are welcome!

The evening starts at 5:00 pm with our Saturday night worship.

Then we break off to "Sunday School," and some fun.

A main meal will be provided after the session (pizza or subs) and everyone is welcome to bring a side dish or dessert. This year's KNAC nights are:

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Oct 1, 2022 | Nov 5, 2022 | Dec 3, 2022 | Jan 7, 2023 |
| Feb 4, 2023 | Mar 4, 2023 | Apr 1, 2023 | May 6, 2023 |

#### **Amherst Lutheran Church**

5125 Main Street

Williamsville, NY 14221

716-632-4185

## ***St. Paul's Tenants***



### **AMHERST CENTRAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

#### **Mission:**

Partnering with community human service agencies, the Amherst Central Family Support Center will **provide support for families' social, education, mental and physical health needs.**

#### **Mission:**

Students learn new subject matter in dynamic ways that spark curiosity and increase motivation. Summit students at St. Paul's will be 18+ years old, learning job skills and trades.



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



I hope everyone had a great summer! I know many of you got to spend a week at camp this summer, and I can't wait to hear all about it. I know this is a busy time with school starting next week, but I would love to see everyone this month.

**Youth Night:** Saturday, Sept. 17th from 7-9 PM. Join us for food, games and a short devotion at St. Paul's. Friends are welcome!

**BURRITO PROJECT:** Tuesday, September 20th from 6-9 PM. We start at St. Paul's making the burritos and then head downtown at 7pm to hand them out. Let Adam know if you are interested in volunteering.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** We are planning a bowling night in October, and a possible Lasertron lock-in in October or November. Dates and other details to follow.

Excited to see everyone soon!



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

**Christian Ed Coordinator:** June Piette

**Youth Director:** Adam Weber

**Music Director:** Paul Storfer