

Day of Pentecost



June 8, 2025

10:00 am

St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus



Welcome to St. Paul's!

We're so glad you're here...



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*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Eggertsville Campus
Pentecost
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Musician: Paul Storfer



Confession and Forgiveness

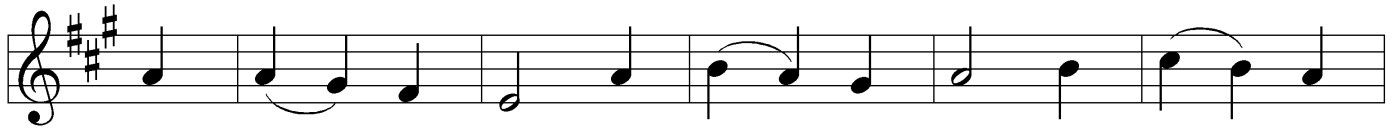
P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own
way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the
abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and
generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life
in you. Amen.

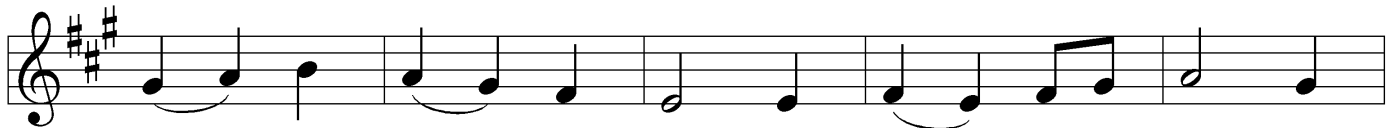
P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the
cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are
forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.
Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Time

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

A How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

A There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

A You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

A You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

A You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

A May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

C Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



O Spirit of Life

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,

in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
 in - crease our faith you in our dear Lord;
 make us to love us your sa - cred word;
 en - light - en us by that same word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from God's great throne,
 un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
 the ho - ly flame of the love im - part,
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
 that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
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Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948

Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

Apostle's Creed

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith together:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now either silently or aloud. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

Offering Music and Prayer

Ways to Give to St. Paul's:

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

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P Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor. May the gifts we offer here and in our planned giving be used for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

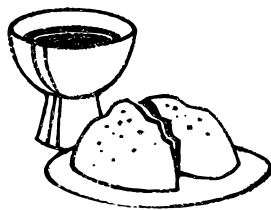
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.
Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen

Closing Hymn: WOV 723 (on the following page)

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

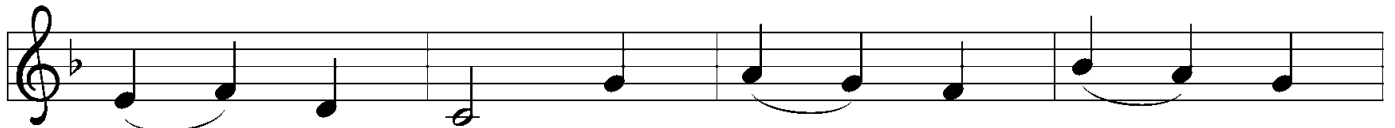
C Thanks be to God.



The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



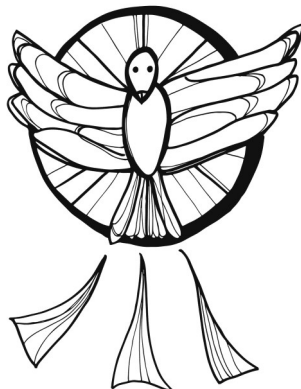
to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 8-15, 2025

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus

- Sunday:** 9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at AC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Last Day of Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
- Monday:** 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
5:30-9:30 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
7:00 pm: Waiting in Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting (Bring a dish to share for lunch)
6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 7:15 pm: Book Club at AC
- Friday:** 7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging Meeting
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
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Deacons: 6/8: Martin Troutman; 6/15: Nancy Bartels-Holliman

Ushers: 6/8: Jim Tanevich & Robin Miano; 6/15: Mimi & Scott Fierle

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Sylvia McLaughlin; Julia Jarvis (Andrea Jarvis' daughter); Michelle Uro-Ramos (Dave Hornung's daughter); Bob O'Brian (Mark O'Brian's brother); Gloria Chaves (Betty Aprile's sister); Sue Epstein

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D127, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529

Joan Maefs: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #136, East Amherst, NY 14051

Elaine Masman: Heathwood Assisted Living, 815 Hopkins, Room 251, Williamsville, NY 14221

Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Road, #54, Williamsville, NY 14221

Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
Charles Scofield: Beechwood, 2235 Millersport Highway, #706, Getzville, NY 14068
Ira Striejewski: 48 Cornell Avenue, Eggertsville, NY
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Campus, 5125 Main Street, Williamsville, 14221, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, 14226. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

Prayer Team Ministry: Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Cody at: Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com

Nursery/Nursing Mom's Room: Located downstairs by the Sunday School room. There is a wall TV for streaming the Sunday worship service. Babies 0-24 months are welcome in the nursery and must be monitored by their parent.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:30-5:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for June are: Thursday 6/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays 6/14 and 6/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for June: cereal and granola bars.

Book Club: Thursday, June 12 beginning at 7:15 pm at the Amherst Campus. The June book is "The Ride of Her Life" written by Elizabeth Letts. The Book Club will take the summer off and resume in September with the book "No Two Persons" by Erica Bauermeister. For more information, contact Karin Johnson at 716-689-6365 or karinej42@gmail.com.



The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place following the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 22, 2025. If you are a St. Paul's member, your vote counts, so please plan on joining your fellow missionaries at the annual meeting. In addition to voting for Council members, the following Motions will be voted on:

Motion 1: Resolved, that St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church sell the Amherst Campus property, in recognition of increasing administrative and financial burdens, in order to focus and strengthen our ministry presence and mission in the Eggertsville community.

Motion 2: Resolved, that the net proceeds from the sale of the Amherst Campus be designated for the expansion of the Eggertsville Campus, specifically for the construction of a coffee house and gathering area to support the Daily Bread food ministry and enhance our capacity for community outreach and relationship-building.



WALK & TALKS

WITH STEVE AND KRISTEN

Remember your old walkie talkie? I always had fun with mine for about five minutes. Because it would go all crackly and I couldn't understand what my friend was saying and we'd give up because the connection wasn't clear enough. So, forget the walkie talkie, and the rotary phone, and facebook messages, and the text messages and let's meet up FACE TO FACE! Steve and I have both blocked out time through June, July and August to host "Walk & Talks". You can ask office@stpaulseggertsville.com for a link to our calendars and sign up for a time to go on a 45 minute walk (or run if you're with Steve). There are multiple weekday and weekend options, and you can go for a one-on-one or small group. Let's connect with one another, the neighborhood, and God, without the crackly connections. Over and out.

EMAIL OFFICE@STPAULSEGGERTSVILLE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Dare to RUPAIR Cafe
Fix it. Don't ditch it!

JOIN US AT A FREE UPCOMING EVENT:
Co-Hosted by: **wheels for workers**

TUESDAY
June 17TH
4:30PM-7:30PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
4007 Main Street, Amherst, NY, 14226

Note: Repairs are not guaranteed and all participants will be required to sign a waiver. Not all fixers can make every event, so registering ahead of time helps ensure we've got someone who can fix your item. Replacement parts are limited, so bring 'em if ya got 'em!

Dare to Repair Cafes are pop-up community events where individuals can bring broken items and have a team of volunteer fixers try to repair the item alongside them for free!

Current repair categories include small appliances, lamps, electronics, bicycles, computers, sewing machines, clothing, and textiles. Please no gas powered items or TVs. Learn a new skill, save money, and help save the planet!

Register to attend: thetoollibrary.org/daretorepair

Funding generously provided by NYS Senator Sean Ryan

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New Beginnings
for Single Ladies

St. Paul's is starting a women's ministry for Single Ladies: widows, divorcee, or never married.

Our purpose is 3-fold:

- Social** - luncheons, plays, day trips, games
- Support** - do you need a car ride, a Mr. Fix-it
- Spiritual** - Seasons change, perhaps this is not how you expected your life right now. You are welcome.

Please join us for lunch and a discussion on how you would like this group to proceed.

Wednesday, June 18th at 12:00 noon
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
4007 Main St.
Eggertsville, NY 14226

Email: Joan Keptner
keptnersafari@gmail.com

Call: Heidi Ginal
716-480-9227



*+ St. Paul's Mission +
To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

St. Paul's Congregation Council

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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

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Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm