

*Eighth Saturday
after Pentecost*



*August 2, 2025
5:00 pm
St. Paul's Amherst Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Musician: Adam Schmidt



Welcome to St. Paul's!

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Welcome Form

Has your mailing address, email address or
phone number recently changed?
We are in the process of updating the Church
Directory and would love to include your new
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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.

Lead Me, Guide Me

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E C#m7 F#m7 B7 F#m7

Lead me guide me a - long the way; for if you

6 B7 E A₃ E E E7/G#

lead me I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each

11 A Am E B7 E

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me

17 E C#m7 F#m7 B7

I am weak and I need thy strenth and pow'r
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness
I am lost if you take your hand from me,

22 F#m7 B7 E A E

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press
I am blind with - out thy light to see.

27 E E7/G# A Am

Help me through the dark-nes thy face to see
I am put - ting all my trust in thee
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be

32 E B7 E

lead me, O Lord, lead me

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.

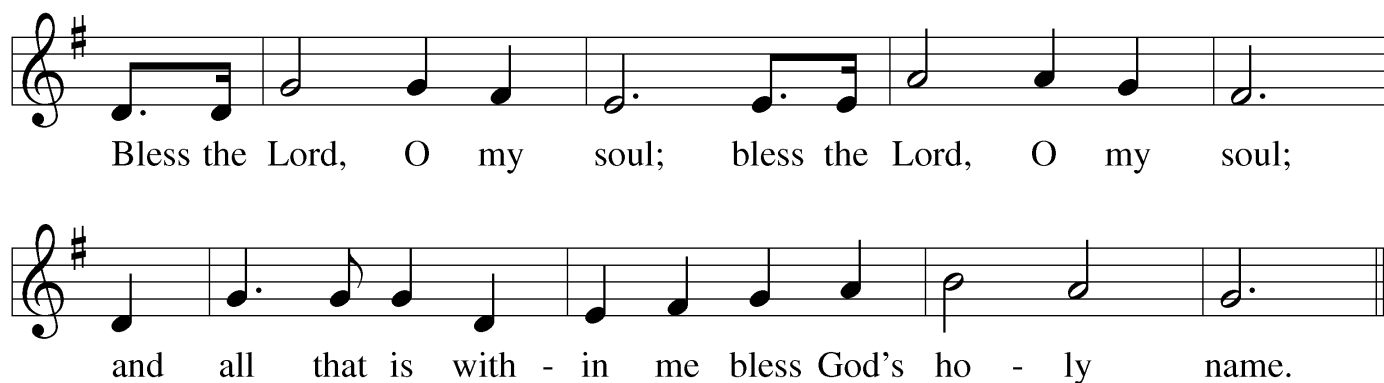
Prayer of the Day

P Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: WOV 798 (repeat three times)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "and all that is with - in me bless God's ho - ly name." The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes.

Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional

First Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12 (read responsively)

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

A Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

A My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

A Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

C the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

A One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

C for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

A in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

A Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

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Spirit of the living God

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a series of chords: F, Gm⁷/B^b, D/A, Gm, F/C, C⁷, and F. The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords corresponding to the top staff. The lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,' are written below the top staff.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff continues the chord progression: F, Gm⁷/B^b, D/A, Gm, F/C, C⁷, and F. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' are written below the top staff.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of music. The top staff features a new chord progression: B^b, F, G⁷, C, F/C, and C⁷. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.' are written below the top staff.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff continues the chord progression: F, Gm⁷/B^b, D/A, Gm, F/C, C⁷, and F. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' are written below the top staff.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Sermon



Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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

P In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. (Please be seated.)

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

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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Offering Hymn: WOV Page 35



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C 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. 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 speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 Hymn: WOV Page 39



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

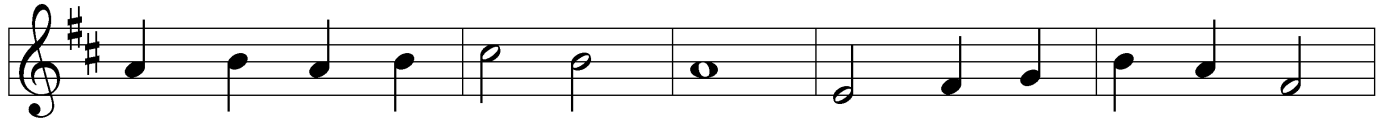


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

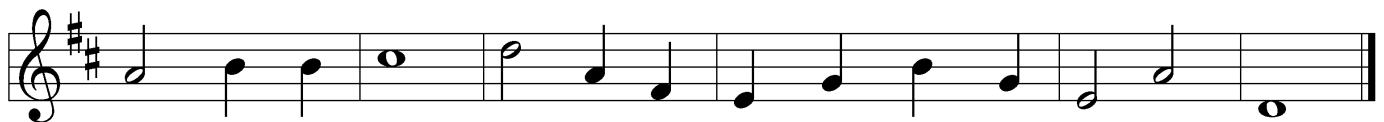
Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

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 Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

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

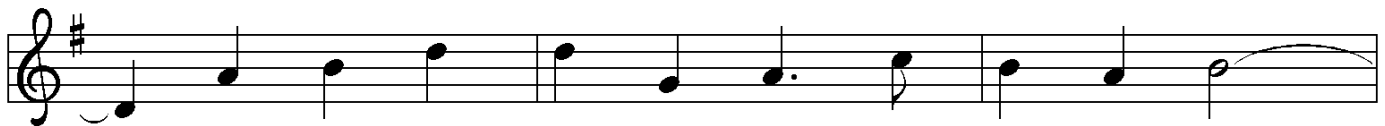
We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 3-10, 2025

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

- Sunday:** 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 Baptisms of Henry Gordon Vanthoff, Vivian Lynette Vanthoff, Evelyn Rose Vanthoff, and Lilah Grace Spinuzza
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
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** No Events Planned
- Friday:** No Events Planned
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC
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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Lavon Amos; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; Marian Coco Reilly; David Schunak; Kate Kopasz and Lynda LoTempio (Phyllis Campbell's nieces); Sylvia McLaughlin; Julia Jarvis (Andrea Jarvis' daughter); 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

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 Striejewske: 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

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:15-5:15 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. In order to abide by FeedMore requirements, the pantry days for August have changed. The pantry will be open Saturdays 8/9 and 8/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursdays 8/14 and 8/28 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for August are: paper towels and coffee.



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!



*+ 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.*

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