

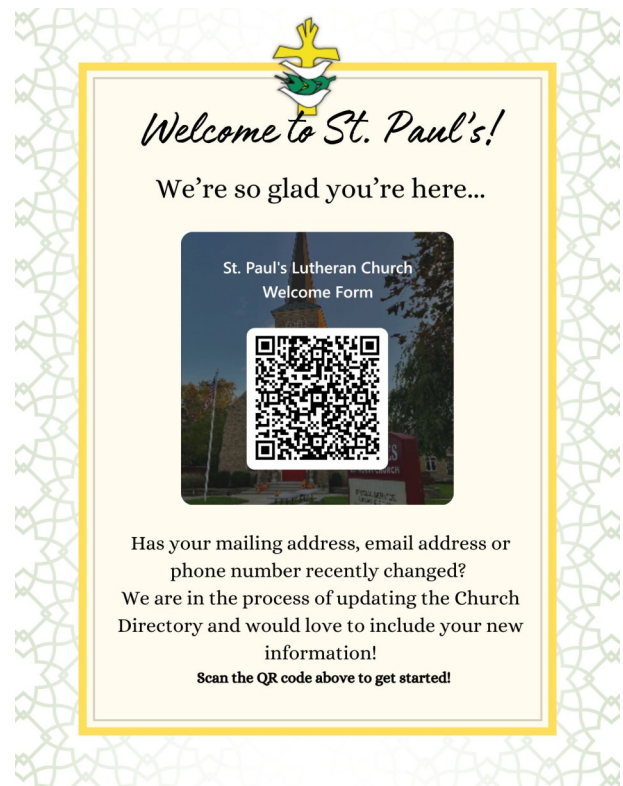
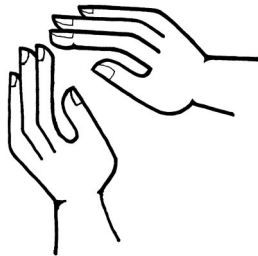
*Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost*



*July 13, 2025
10:00 am
St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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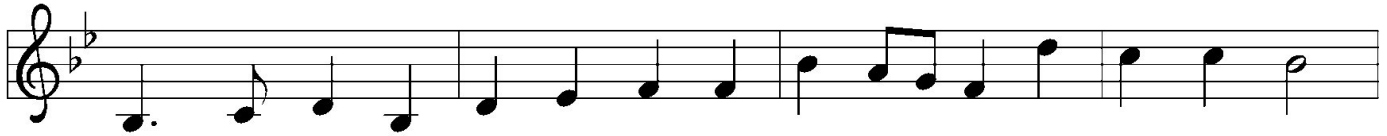
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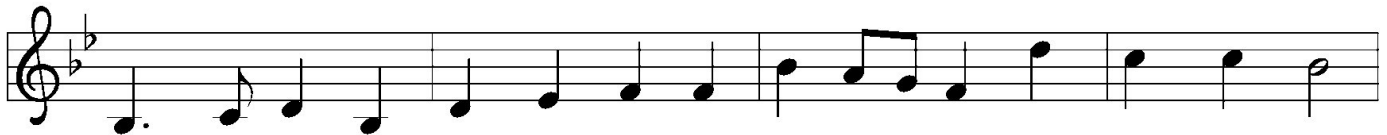
Confession and Forgiveness

- 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.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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 O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-10 (read responsively)

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

A To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

A Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

A Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

A Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

- C You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- A You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- C All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.
- 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.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

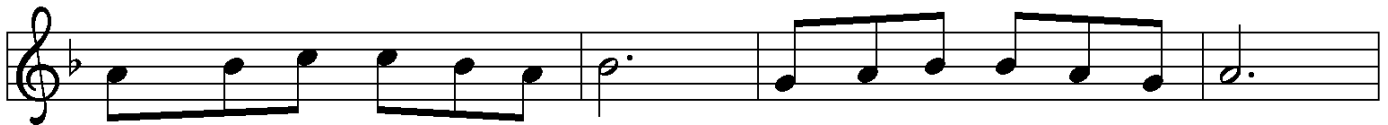
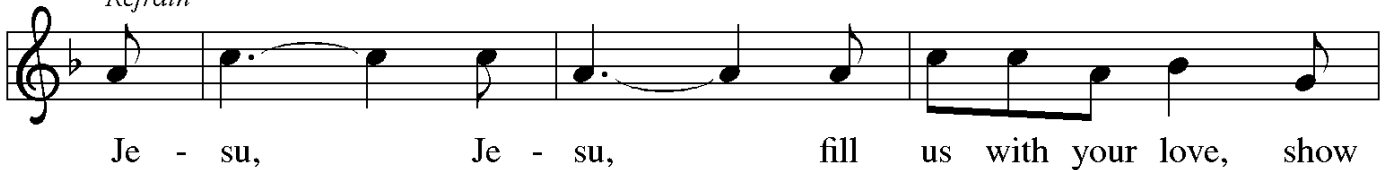
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

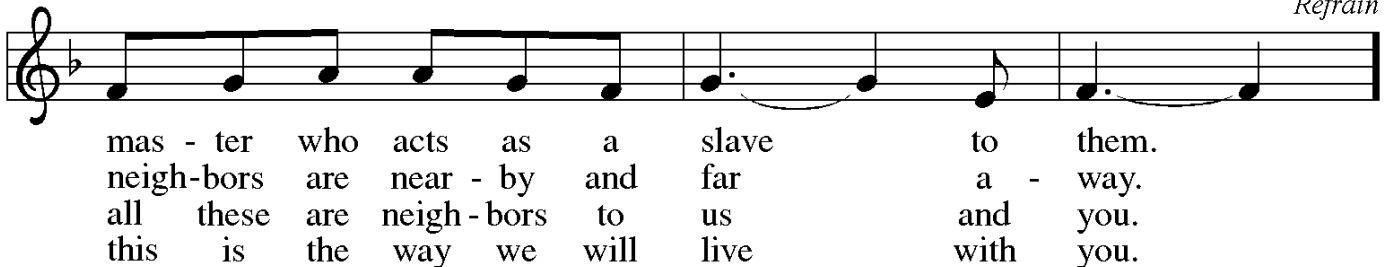


Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



Refrain



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Apostle's Creed

A 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 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 kneel or sit as you are able.)

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A 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 Music and 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 sing their unending hymn:



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 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...

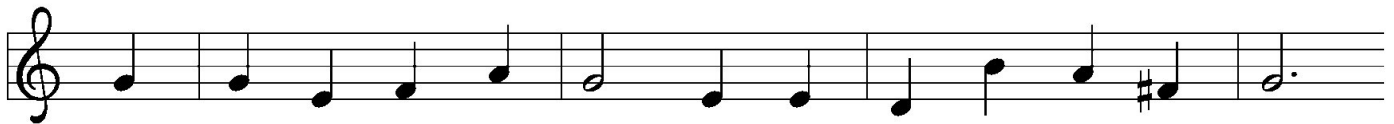
C Amen

Closing Hymn: LBW 495

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 13-20, 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 and Communion
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
7:00-8:30 pm: Waiting in Hope
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Wake for Edwina Stubbs
11:00 am: Funeral for Edwina Stubbs
12:00 pm: New Beginnings Meeting
6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
- Friday:** 10:00 am: Funeral and Internment for Catherine Dohn at Amherst Campus
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
4:00 pm: Wedding of Michael Rogowski and Lauren Panaro
5:00 pm: **NO Worship and Communion at AC: Please join in tomorrow's 10:00 am service at St. John's Pavillion, which will include voting on calling Kristen to be a Pastor at St. Paul's, followed by our Outdoor Gathering**
- 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 and Communion at St. John's Pavilion, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville, followed by Congregational Meeting and Outdoor Gathering
11:00 am: Congregational Meeting to vote on calling Kristen to become a Pastor at St. Paul's
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Deacons: 7/13: Martin Troutman; 7/20: Barbara Walter

Ushers: 7/13: Lonny Walter & Gerry Keppel; 7/20: Karen & Bob Brown

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Robert Crocker
whose funeral took place on July 11.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Edwina Stubbs.
A wake will take place at St. Paul's on Wednesday, July 16 at 10:00 am,
followed by the funeral at 11:00 am.

Prayer List: *In our congregational and extended family: Bennett Ast; 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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

&

SUMMER GATHERING

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

10 AM

**OUTDOOR PAVILLION AT
ST. JOHN'S WILLIAMSVILLE
(6540 MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSVILLE, 14221)**

The Congregational Meeting will take place at 11 am and we will vote on calling Kristen as a Pastor at St. Paul's!

After the meeting, we hope you will join us for a meal! Hamburgers, Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. If you are able to bring a side dish or dessert to share, that would be wonderful! (Please Sign up in Church or see SignUpGenius below to sign up to bring something!)



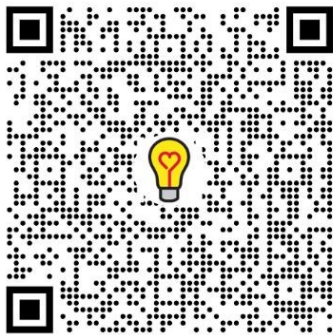
Prayer Team Ministry: Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please

contact Cody at:

Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com

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 July are: Thursdays 7/17 and 7/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 7/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for July: crackers, juice, and granola bars.



WANT TO GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE?

Give 716 Day was created as a joint effort between the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation in response to the urgent needs facing our nonprofit community.

This event will **begin on July 15, 2025, at 7:16 PM and conclude on July 16, 2025, at 11:59 PM**. Our goal is straightforward: to raise both funds and awareness for local nonprofits in one extraordinary day!

The Western New York Impact Foundation will participate in this event to gather donations that will help improve the lives of others in our community through the missions of the Daily Bread Food Truck and Wheels for Workers. We have set a donation goal of \$10,000 to fund necessary repairs for the food truck and to purchase bike repair parts.

To participate, scan the QR Code included, or head on over to:
<https://give716.org/give/give716/give716/2025-give-716/charities/western-new-york-impact-foundation>

We are encouraging everyone to give as little or as much as you can. **Give716** is offering **hourly incentives for your giving, including times when they will match your donation!** (Those incentives are listed below or by visiting give716.org)

Please remember when searching for the Western New York Impact Foundation within the **Give716** site, that you spell out Western New York. (It will not load if you type WNY).

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



TUESDAY, JULY 15

TIME	POWER HOUR SPONSOR	INCENTIVE
	GIVE 716 T-SHIRT CREATED BY 26 SHIRTS	First 3,000 donors of \$71.60 or more
7:16 PM	BILLS/SABRES FOUNDATIONS	\$50,000 Matching Donation
8:00 PM	JOSH ALLEN SIGNED JERSEY	First 100 donors of \$1,000 or more
9:00 PM	SEAN & JAMIE MCDERMOTT	\$20,000 Matching Donation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:00 AM	TRUSTED TALENT	Five \$1,000 grants
8:00 AM	BILLS PRESEASON TICKETS SPONSORED BY WEGMANS	First 100 donors of \$117.60 or more
9:00 AM	HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$25,000 Matching Donation
10:00 AM	BANDITS TICKETS	First 100 donors of \$117.60 or more
11:00 AM	SABRES GOATHEAD SIGNED JERSEY	First 100 donors of \$500 or more
12:00 PM	KEYBANK	\$15,000 Matching Donation
1:00 PM	M&T BANK	\$25,000 Matching Donation
2:00 PM	ARTS & CULTURE HOUR SPONSORED BY M&T	First 100 donors of \$50 or more
3:00 PM	NEW ERA EXCLUSIVE GIVE 716 CAP	First 300 donors of \$71.60 or more
4:00 PM	WEGMANS	\$25,000 Matching Donation
5:00 PM	BISONS TICKETS	First 200 donors of \$50 or more
6:00 PM	SABRES TICKETS SPONSORED BY HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	First 100 donors of \$117.60 or more
7:00 PM - 11:59 PM	BILLS, BANDITS, SABRES GOLDEN TICKETS	\$50 or more for a chance at our golden ticket items!



*+ 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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