

May
2026

The Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Egbertsville & Amherst
Campuses



Congregational Meeting- June 7

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP

WE WILL VOTE ON EGGERTSVILLE
HOUSE, NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND APPROVE ANNUAL REPORTS



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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)

Building Team Update

Greetings St. Paul's community,

We wanted to give you a few more updates on the Eggertsville House expansion project. We've been waiting for a few weeks due to bids coming in on the project. However, here's what we know right now:

1. The sale of the Amherst Campus will be official on April 30th. (Save the date of May 23rd for the final service there). At that time, we'll know the final number of the proceeds from the building.
2. We have received bids from three builders and will be able to share those numbers at our "10-minute info sessions." (See below for those dates)
3. They did all come back higher than expected due to increased building costs, tariffs, shortage of labor and a number of renovations that will need to be done on our current building at the same time.
4. We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday June 7th after worship to vote to officially move forward with hopes of shovels in the ground by August 1st.
5. The Building Team will be stopping by several small groups and gatherings to share information about expansion and show visuals of the Eggertsville House. We hope you can make one of these sessions. You are more than welcome to attend any of them, even if you aren't a member of the group listed.

Choir	April 30
Comforters	May 13
Tuesday morning Bible study	May 12
Sunday morning Adult Forum	April 26
Open Zoom session	May 13 – 12pm
Wheels for Workers	April 22
Council	May 12
Daily Bread Meal Share	May 4
Tiger's Den Crew	April 30 – 3:15pm
Saturday night service	May 9
Thursday Book Club	May 14 – 7:15pm
Amherst Family Support Center	April 22

AC Last Service 5/23

You are cordially invited to join us for a special last
Worship Service at
St. Paul's Amherst Campus

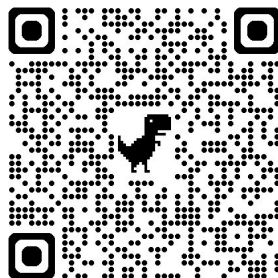
Saturday, May 23, 2026
5 pm

We will gather in gratitude, reflection, and hope. .
This sacred service will be a time to give thanks for
all that has been, to honor the memories we hold
dear, and to entrust the future to God's care.

Cake & Light Refreshments served after the service

Evening Service Survey QR Code

**Please scan the QR Code below to fill out a survey
regarding an Evening Service at
Egbertsville**



Transition Team Updates

May and June will be especially busy but overall we have been hard at work planning for the Closing Worship Service at the Amherst Campus, working with renters, beginning clean out and inventorying items. Some highlights include:

RENTER TRANSITION: Two rental groups have moved on at the end of April, and three others are in process. Peniel Haitian Church is the only group that may transition over to Eggertsville but they are looking at all their options.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN OUT: We will be scheduling a day in late May/early June to do some clean up work. Be on the lookout for that! But if you've got some time, we've got some projects!

2nd SERVICE SURVEY: The survey is underway! You can fill it out via paper copy or using the QR code/link that will lead you to an online form. We are grateful for your participation and will have that survey open until the end of May so that everyone who wants to fill it out can. Please only fill out one per person.

WORSHIP PLANNING: If you know of past musicians or members that should be invited to our worship service on May 23rd please let Pastor Kristen or Adam Schmidt know so we can coordinate. The music team wants as many people to participate as possible!

NEEDS: We could use some help posting things online to a buy/nothing group or for sale. We are also in need of a photographer for the windows, someone with connections to a shredding company (or just willing to bring boxes to a place for shredding), a couple big trucks for moving items from one campus to another.

Thank you to all who have been helping to prepare for this transition. Be sure to come and worship with us on Saturday, May 23rd at 5pm.

~Pastor Kristen & the Transition Team (Dave Dahlberg, Doug Wurtz, Heather Hornung-Winkler, Tina Tehaar, and Andrea Jarvis)

Tiger's Den Food Pantry



TIGER'S DEN
Food Pantry



Did you count the number of tigers hanging down? Yes, Tiger's Den Food Pantry is now 9 years old!!!! Seems like only yesterday Carolyn and I were standing in the one-room pantry waiting to officially open – and look where we are today!! We started out with about five volunteers, and 12 families, and we have grown a lot since then. We now occupy five rooms, have more than 25 volunteers, and average about 75 families each month. In 2025 we provided food for 923 families, which amounted to 25,056 meals. None of this could have happened if not for your continued generosity and care. Thank you so much.

In 9 years, we have experienced a lot of what food insecurity looks like, and the impact it has on families. From new families to senior citizens, the current impact of cuts in SNAP benefits has taken a toll. Families and individuals must decide if they should put gas in their cars, buy needed medications, or buy food. Tiger's Den is here to help with non-perishable food items, fresh fruit and vegetables, paper products, and personal care items.

A special thank you goes out to Pastor Steve who, along with Amherst Schools, founded Tiger's Den. His insight helped establish this ministry at St. Paul's, and his foresight helped hundreds of families find food and assistance. Pastor Steve has supported Tiger's Den through these 9 years of growth and expansion, and we thank him for all he has done.

Hours for May: In order to abide by FeedMore WNY's rules, please note that Tiger's Den will **not** be open on Thursdays, May 7 or May 21, but instead will be open: Thursdays, May 14 and May 28 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays, May 9 and May 23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Donations for May: personal care items such as shampoo, body lotion, and toothpaste

Wheels for Workers

Spring Has Sprung....ish

Although the weather indicates otherwise, Spring is right around the corner and Wheels for Workers is out in the community getting folks ready to ride their bike safely! This month we will participate in bike repair and education events at the University at Buffalo (North, South and Jacobs School of Medicine Campuses), Buffalo State and the Kenmore-Tonawanda School District.

We have also been busy adding new partners and have welcomed Peaceprints of WNY and Youthbuild Buffalo as bicycle donation locations.

We continue to work with young people at the Wheelhouse hosting two students from Amherst Schools every Wednesday throughout the school year. On Thursday April 23rd, we will host a group of students from The Nichols School. The students engage in a hands-on project that allows them to build their teamwork skills and shows them how to think through a project from beginning to end. Most importantly they see a group of volunteers working together to make their part of the world a little better place for their neighbors.

Look for more information soon as we host Slow Roll and Dare to Repair events at ST. Paul's and many other exciting events!

Thank you for all you do to help us fulfill our mission!



New Beginnings for Single Ladies

New Beginnings for Single Ladies Tour of Roycroft Campus

**May 20 (Wed.) - meet at St. Paul's at
11:15 a.m. We will carpool.**



**Tour begins at
12:00 pm
Cost: \$20.00**

**Optional lunch
follows at
Riley St. Station
East Aurora**

**We have reserved 10 places. Please email or text
below to hold a spot for you!**

**Our
May drum circle
was fantastic &
fun! Good for the
brain, the joints
and learning how
to play as
one!**



For more information or reserve a spot

Email Tracy: leftytmn@yahoo.com or text Heidi at: 716-480-9227

Daily Bread Food Truck



ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD?

The Daily Bread Food Truck is looking for drivers to pick up donated food from Wegmans early Sunday mornings for distribution during the Daily Bread Food Truck Monday Meal Share. Pickup is 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings at the Alberta Drive and Sheridan Drive Wegmans locations. If you are interested in helping this mission please use the signup sheet in the Gathering Area at the Eggertsville campus or in the Narthex at the Amherst Campus and a Daily Bread Food Truck volunteer will contact you with details. If you have questions please contact Leslie Boynton, Tim Johnson or Shari Rembold.

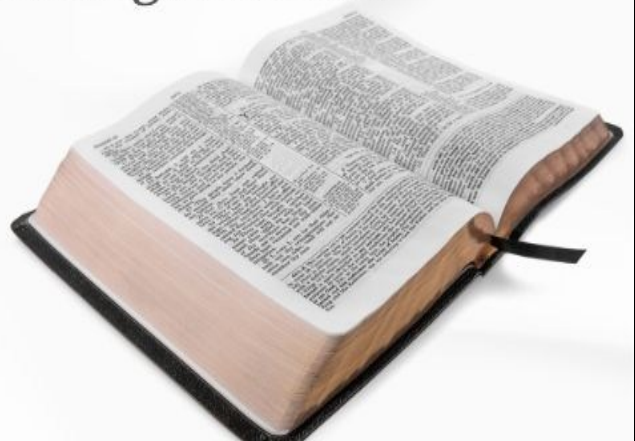
SUNDAYS
ADULT FORUM
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

SPRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 26 : “Accidental Saints” Conclusion

MAY 3: Topic to be announced

MAY 10, 17, 24: An Overview of Events in the Middle East
Led by Mr. Craig Maefs, a knowledgeable member who
served as Operations Manager of Combined Security
Transition Command in Afghanistan



Waiting In Hope Infertility Support Group

WAITING *in* HOPE INFERTILITY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

WHAT IS WIH?

WAITING IN HOPE MINISTRIES (WIH) is a national non-profit support ministry that exists to encourage, support and embrace those struggling through the grief of difficulty conceiving, known as infertility, miscarriage, adoption, and waiting through the process. We support, encourage, equip and point women and couples to the only hope of Jesus within their waiting and struggle to conceive or grow their family.

The next curriculum is "Fear or Faith: Resting in God's Faithfulness" which is a seven-session study. Feel free to join at any point! It is not required to attend every session.

WHEN & WHERE IS WIH?

Every other Monday from 7:00PM-8:30PM* at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(4007 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226)

May 4 th	June 29 th
May 18 th	July 13 th
June 1 st	July 27 th
June 15 th	

**Most sessions last an hour, but we allow for extra time after!*

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEXT CURRICULUM?

Will I choose fear or faith to guide me? Infertility is a rollercoaster of circumstances continually jolting us. This seven-session study is a practical exercise in identifying and stepping out of the effects of unhealthy fear, teaching women to actively choose to trust a trustworthy God. When we move past our fears and choose faith we can rest in God's faithfulness because it's who He is.

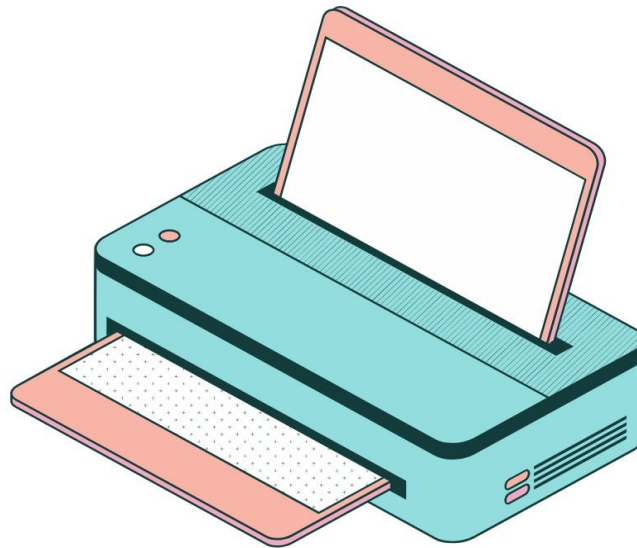
This is an open support group with anonymity. We want you to feel safe, trusted, and not alone. This is for YOU. So come comfy with a blanket, drink and snacks, or whatever else you'd like!

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to Janelle at 716-471-5484!

Name Tag Maker Needed

DO YOU HAVE A PRINTER
THAT CAN PRINT PLASTIC
NAME TAGS?



ST. PAUL'S HAS BEEN BLESSED FOR YEARS WITH A MISSIONARY
MAKING OUR NAME TAGS FOR US. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRINTER
THAT WAS BEING USED IS NO LONGER WORKING, AND WE ARE
HOPING A NEW NAME TAG ANGEL WILL STEP IN!

IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A PRINTER SIMILAR TO A MUTOH
XPJET 461UF AND ARE WILLING TO HELP US OUT, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 716-835-0407 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@STPAULSEGGERTSVILLE.COM

Pinochle 5/6

In April we had six players and we had an afternoon of playing six-handed pinochle. Everyone enjoyed the challenge of having two partners and playing with a double deck. No matter how many players we have, we can arrange the games accordingly.

Our next Pinochle day is Wednesday, May 6, 2026. at 1:00 p.m.

Hope you will consider joining us. If you are interested and want more info, call Heidi at 716 480-9227 or Sara at 716 834-1833.



Music Ministries at SPEC-Choir Rehearsal 6/4

We'd love to have you join us in the
Church Choir at St. Paul's Eggertsville campus,
under the direction of Mr. Paul Storfer.

No experience or training needed. . . .
Only a willingness to participate and sing!

The next rehearsal is

Thursday, June 4 at 7 pm

in the SPEC music room. For those singing in the choir during the
worship service, please arrive before worship at 9:30 a.m.



Comforters 5/13

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the parish hall. Bring a sandwich and drink for yourself. Dessert will be provided. We will have lunch at noon.

As always, there is plenty to do and more than enough things to talk about. Please join us and help....or just join us.

If you sew, consider picking up a kit to make a walker bag for us. If you have fabric or buttons that you can donate we would love to have them to help make the kits.

If you have any questions, Call Sara at 716 834-1833. Don't be shy, come on by.



Ushers Needed

**INTERESTED IN
BECOMING AN USHER
AT CHURCH?**

We'd love to have you!

PLEASE EMAIL TODD VAHUE FOR MORE INFORMATION
TVAHUE@GMAIL.COM

Grief Support Group

Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after
the death of a loved one.

Join us at
GriefShare®

Thirteen Week Session

When May 6 thru July 29, 2026
11 am – 1 pm

Where: Abiding Savior Church
1534 Ruie Rd.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

For more information:
Contact: Karen Hirnle
716-694-2514

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Thank You St. Paul's

Kevin Guest House wrote a letter expressing their gratitude for St. Paul's recent donation of \$623 toward meals for the KGH guests. KGH noted that St. Paul's continuously provides them with tremendous gifts and for that they are very grateful!

Sunday School

Sunday School



April showers bring May Flowers! As we celebrate this month of May our youth director Jordan (and some helpers) will be leading Sunday School on Mother's Day! So that I and all our mom volunteers can enjoy church with their families! Thank you Jordan!



Other news for May – There will be no Sunday School on May 24th for Memorial Day weekend.

In April, the children enjoyed our Easter egg hunt in the Parish Hall! Pictures below!



When we returned to Sunday school the children learned that we may not always recognize Jesus, just as the friends on the road to Emmaus. But as we read Bible stories and learn about Jesus, we recognize Him in our everyday life. We recognize Him through kindness, helpfulness, peace, prayer, love and even in the silence, He is always with us!

The children also learned how Jesus is our Shepherd. The sheep follow the shepherd's voice and wherever he goes because they know that the shepherd will bring them to places where they can eat, drink, sleep and be safe. The sheep trust the shepherd. because the shepherd cares for them. Just like Jesus is our Shepherd and if we follow Him, He helps us live a better way.

That's the Good News from Sunday School!

In peace & love~ June

Lutheran Charities of WNY

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Who Wants a Chance to

WIN COLD HARD CASH

Proceeds support the mission of

Ticket Cost: \$20



THREE PRIZES AVAILABLE
to Win:
\$1,000 or \$500 or \$250

Winning Tickets will be
Drawn June 29th
at the Charity Golf Classic!

To Purchase Tickets, Call or Email
Barbara Biegner
(716) 741-4573 / chicknbarb@verizon.net

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Dinner with Friends (Family Fun Night) at AC



Dinner with Friends
(aka Family Night)

**All are welcome to share "Dinner with Friends"
on the First Saturday of each month after the 5pm service at the
Amherst Campus.**

**We will gather to enjoy a simple meal and enjoy conversation with old
and new friends.**

Pizza and drinks are provided.

**If you are able to bring a side dish (veggies or fruit) or dessert, it
would be greatly appreciated.**

**Simple board games or cards add to the fun so bring your favorite game
to share.**

May 2nd- join us for our last Saturday night family night @ ALC



Book Club- 5/14

May Book Club News

When: 2nd Thursday of the month.

Where: Gathering Room at the ALC campus, 5125 Main St.

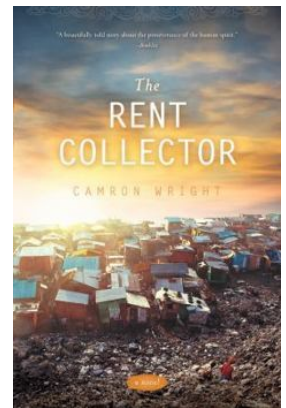
Time: 7:15 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14

Book: The Rent Collector by Camron Wright

**June Book: Somehow: Thoughts on Love by
Anne Lamott**

All are welcome. Come to discuss or just to listen.



For more information contact Karin Johnson.

Phone/Text Home: 716-689-6365 or Cell: [716-860- 9549](tel:716-860-9549).

Email karinej42@gmail.com

Bible Study-Tuesdays at 10 am

Tuesday Bible Study:

10 am in the Fellowship Room. Bring your own beverage, Timbits (and other goodies) provided.

"What was spoken by the Lord through the prophet..." Prophecies and their fulfillment in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, especially from the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us for a look at Old and New Testament and how they fit together!

May Birthdays

MAY Birthdays

ALAN STEWART	MAY 1	LOIS SNYDER	MAY 24
DARLEEN VAHUE	MAY 13	CURTIS CHACE	MAY 25
JAN ISAACS	MAY 14	KELLEY OMEL	MAY 25
GARY WILGER	MAY 17	DIANE MILLACE	MAY 29
JOAN KEPTNER	MAY 18	SUZANNE KEPPEL	MAY 29
JUDY MEYER	MAY 22	PHYLLIS CAMPBELL	MAY 30
BOB REMBOLD	MAY 22	PAUL STORFER	MAY 30
BONNIE BUTLER	MAY 24	TODD SCANLON	MAY 31
JOHN SIEFERT	MAY 24		





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