

July/
August
2026

The Messenger
St. Paul's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July & August

Eggertsville House Groundbreaking Ceremony

EGGERTSVILLE HOUSE
**GROUNDBREAKING
CEREMONY**

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH AT 11 AM

You are cordially invited to a brief Groundbreaking Ceremony for Eggertsville House on the front lawn after worship on 7/12. After, we hope you'll stay for a delicious meal served by the Daily Bread Food truck!

*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)*

Egbertsville House Updates

A few updates for the weeks ahead:

1. Please join us for the groundbreaking and front lawn fellowship on the 12th, with breakfast menu available from Daily Bread Food Truck. We'll have Town officials and the news there so we hope for a good turnout.
2. The outline of the space is on the front lawn if you haven't had a chance to check it out.
3. We are hoping to be able to save one of the trees we thought might have to come down. We're going to limb it up higher and hopefully it will be able to stay to some shade on the lawn.
4. Construction should be starting in mid-July. We don't expect anything being affected inside this summer but we ask for your continued flexibility and excitement for what is to come.
5. Scott Cassety and Todd Vahue will be our "Co-Clerk-of-the-Works" overseeing the day-to-day of the construction process. Keep them in prayer and they shepherd this process.

Transition Team

THANK YOU!

Thank you all so much for your work in the final push to move us out of the Amherst location.

It is hard, emotional work to leave a place well and we were able to rehome so many beloved, and meaningful items to people.

Just as the transition team was getting worn out and had done a lot of cleaning and organizing, a second crew of folks ready to push us over the finish line came through. And because of this extra work – there are more updates! Read along for some extra great news!

THE ORGAN – multiple people on the transition team tried to make something happen with the organ with no luck, and then through reconnections at our final service, many conversations and a big moving truck – the Schlicker Organ at the Amherst Campus was removed and will be installed at The Grove

Transition Team (continued)

Methodist Church in Medina, NY sometime in 2027. We'll be invited to take a listen when it's all set up. (Janet Schmidt, Scott Schmidt, and Parsons Pipe Builders made this happen!)

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS – The St. Paul Blossom congregation is considering whether they can move the stained-glass windows from Amherst Lutheran to their new building. They are working with an architect to see if it can be incorporated right now! If for some reason that won't be possible, the original plan to allow families to take them once the new owners are ready to refurbish will be in place.

REMAINING PEWS – The majority of the pews were taken to Blossom, but for the few that remained, they've gone to a couple different woodworkers. We might hear in the future of some shelves or even cutting boards that have been created! (Thank you Doug!)

There's an older Ani DiFranco song (she's not a Christian artist, but she is from Buffalo!), and one of the lines says something we know really well at St. Paul's. "Up, Up, Up, Up, Up, Up, goes the steeple... but God's work isn't done by God, it's done by people." God's work cannot be done without people who say 'yes', people who say, 'let me try', people who say, 'do you need help?'. Thank you ALL for getting to work these past 5 months.

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kristen and the Transition Team



Sunday School



Our last day of Sunday school for the season was on June 7th.

The kids sang “This little light of mine” in church to remind them to continue to let their gospel light shine throughout the summer months!

They learned that Jesus came to teach and heal all of us, especially those that are lost and need extra help!

We remember to reach out to those in need and if we are ever feeling lost or broken to know that Jesus is there to help us through!

The children wrote and drew messages with sidewalk chalk on the front stairs and walkway to share their gospel light with everyone!

Have a blessed summer and information about Sunday school restarting in the Fall will be in the August newsletter!

In peace and love ~ June

2026 Give 716



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, 2026, at 7:16 PM and conclude on July 16, 2026, 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, Wheels for Workers and Noah's Helping Hands. We have set a donation goal of \$20,000 to fund necessary ongoing costs and supplies.

To participate, scan the QR Code included, or head on over to:

<https://give716.org/give/give716/give716/2026-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) **In addition, an anonymous St. Paul's donor will also match donations up to a total of \$10,000!**

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tiger's Den Food Pantry



Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In case you were wondering: Just a quick update on the Tiger's Den vetting process. Since we are part of FeedMore WNY, we are required to abide by the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the New York State's Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). There are three steps we require:

Before a person/family can receive assistance from Tiger's Den, they must prove their income falls within the USDA guidelines (income guidelines are available on the USDA website). They must provide proof of income (tax return) or proof they already participate in one of the following programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, or SSI. Proof the person/family resides within zip code 14226: this is usually a utility bill. Proof of the number of family members: as claimed on their tax return, or claimed to be eligible for SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, or SSI.

Once the above requirements have been met, the person/head of household is asked to attest that all the information they provided is correct and sign the TEFAP Attestation of Eligibility form.

Because we are a FeedMore recipient agency, we are also required to assist any person/family in need who resides outside our zip code once. We provide these individuals with needed essentials and then refer them to the FeedMore website to identify pantries within their own zip code.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Tiger's Den. Your support and donations are what has supported Tiger's Den for these past nine years.

July pantry hours: Thursdays 7/2, 7/16, and 7/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays 7/11 and 7/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for July: bottles or boxes of juice

August Pantry hours: Note schedule change: Saturdays 8/8 and 8/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursdays 8/13 and 8/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for August: canned fruit or canned vegetables

Wheels for Workers



Thank you for being patience as we continue to grow our mission and try to do so with minimal impact on church operations. You probably have noticed we now have three bike storage units. In the long run, this will help us prevent bikes from rusting over the winter in the elements and allow us to give more bikes to needy folks and keep them out of the landfill. In the short run, there is a lot of organized chaos as we get everything in order. Our pledge to you is that we have the area in the back looking great and not looking like a bicycle fire sale very soon!

We have been very busy as usual. We are close to 1,000 bikes donated this year with almost half the year to go! We have started tracking volunteer hours and are at an impressive 2,500 hours donated to Wheels for Workers.

On June 10th, we said goodbye to our Amherst High School students. Throughout the year, two students joined us every Wednesday to learn about bikes, civic responsibility, and the workplace.

Upcoming events include the Ride for Roswell, Williamsville Touch a Truck and Depot Car Show, Bike Rodeo at Maryvale Intermediate School in Cheektowaga and Family Day the Response to Love Center in Buffalo.

Finally, you are invited to a Wheels for Workers open house on July 9th at St. Paul's at 5pm. If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved, we will show you around, provide a brief orientation and feed you a nice meal from the Daily Bread food truck!

250 for 250 School Supply Drive

250 FOR 250

*Celebrate America's 250th by
Supporting Our Students!*

As our nation marks 250 years, we're honoring the milestone with a goal that reflects the spirit of community: Collecting 250 school supply items for Amherst Central School students.

You can purchase any of these items on Amazon (or Amazon gift cards to be used for listed items) and have them sent to the Church. (4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226) OR you can purchase from local stores and leave items in designated bin in Main Entrance hallway.

Items Requested:

Locker Ladders : amazon link-

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B086S2JVKD?>

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(Needs to have pockets and prongs)

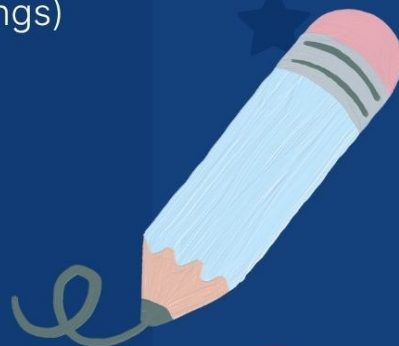
THANK
YOU!

1 1/2 inch binders

2 inch binders

dry erase markers thick

dry erase markers thin



New Beginnings - 7/15

It's our 1st Anniversary

New Beginnings for Single Ladies

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, NOON

**St. Paul's Gathering Space
4007 Main St.**

**Bring a Bag Lunch
Birthday cake & Coffee provided**

Call Heidi 716-480-9227 for info

Garden Available for Use



GARDEN AVAILABLE FOR USE!

FEEL FREE TO USE THE GARDEN
SPACE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE
ENTRANCE FOR QUIET TIME,
PEACE, REFLECTION OR PRAYER.

SPECIAL THANKS TO GORDON
FROM TIGER'S DEN & THE
FRIENDS OF NOAH'S HELPING
HANDS FOR CREATING SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL SPACE!

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 4th
May 18th
June 1st
June 15th

June 29th
July 13th
July 27th

**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!

Burrito Project Supply Drive



The Burrito Project would like to extend a heart felt thank you to everyone who donated to their Winter drive.

For the warmer months, these supplies are requested:

- Individual small sunscreens
- Hygiene wipes
- Individual Gatorade/electrolyte packets
- Individual Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Dried fruit/nuts/trail mix packets
- Cotton socks
- Small tissue packs

Please leave donations in entryway bin marked "Burrito Project"



Burrito Project- 7/21 & 8/18

BURRITO PROJECT



NEXT MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, JULY 21 & TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

AT 6 PM AT ST. PAUL'S!

If you or your young adult is interested in shopping, making burritos and/or delivering the finished product, please sign up on the Burrito Project sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area at Church.

Bible Study (resumes 9/15)

The Tuesday Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer.
We'll return on **September 15 at 10 am** with "A Day in the Life of a Disciple" - a look at those 12 whom Jesus called from scripture and tradition.
Mark your calendar and join us!

Pinochle (resumes in Fall)



**NO PINOCHLE
IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

Music Ministries- Choir

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

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

Those interested in joining Choir-
Please see Paul Storfer for more details!



Comforters (resumes in Fall)

*The Comforters
will not meet in
July or August*

See you in the fall!

Kids Day Camp

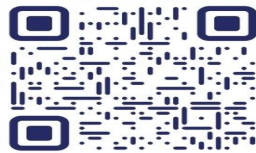
2026

Main Street Day Camp

**Kids
Entering
Grades
K-5**

**2 Weeks Available:
August 17th-21st
August 24th-28th**

**Cost:
\$200
per week
multi-child discounts
available**



**Scan the
QR Code
to Register!**

**Need More Information?
Visit: <https://sjlcamherst.com/daycamp>
or Call 716-632-6557**

Sponsored By:



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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

200th Anniversary Team

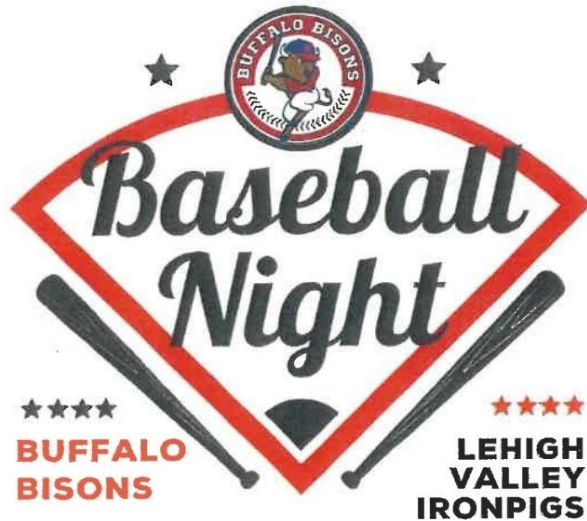


Beginning this fall, St. Paul's Eggertsville will begin celebrating our 200th Anniversary year! The purpose is to celebrate what God has been doing through the St. Paul's community for 200 years. Celebration activities will lift up the sacred and sacramental moments of life which have connected people to St. Paul's.

Special activities will begin this fall 2026 and carry through 2027... culminating in an Anniversary Dinner (November 2027) and Celebration Service (December 2027). These opportunities will involve the church and community, and current and past members.

For members of the SP200 Planning Committee, we have been meeting for over a year and we can't wait to share more news with you this fall! We hope that there will be something for everyone.

Lutheran Charities Baseball Night



@ SAHLEN FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

6:35 PM Game Time

How to Get Your Tickets...

Buy **ONLINE** at www.WNYLutheranCharities.org

or

Buy with **PayPal** – Use the QR Code

Note the # of Individual Tickets and/or Tickets w/ Concessions
& Any Seating Preferences (group, who with)

or Mail in a Check with the Form Below.

**** Tickets Must be Purchased Together to be Seated Together ****



Lutheran Charities Bisons Night RSVP: DUE IN the OFFICE by 10 AM, August 18th

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of individual tickets _____ x \$15 ea. = _____

of tickets WITH discounted concessions _____ x \$25 ea. = _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail Form with Payment to: Lutheran Charities, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville NY 14221

Outdoor Worship 7/19

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

*Our Annual Summer Outdoor
Worship & Gathering*

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

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
10 AM-WORSHIP
11 AM-LUNCH & GATHERING**

Hamburgers, Hot dogs, water and coffee will be provided. Please bring any other drinks of your choice! If you are able to bring a side dish or dessert to share, that would be wonderful!

(Please Sign up in Church)

Also, we are going to have games for kids to play-feel free to bring your own too!

**FOLDING CHAIRS PROVIDED. IF YOU'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE,
PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS TO SIT IN!**



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

DBFT Volunteers Needed



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.

BOOK CLUB

The St Paul's Book Club will not meet during July and August.

But... here are the book selections for the remaining months of 2026.

September: The Rose Code by Kate Quinn (historical fiction)

October: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawton (historical fiction)

November: Forgiveness: A Gift from my Grandparents by Mark
Sakamoto
(nonfiction, memoir, biography)

This will conclude the recommendations from our book box for 2026.

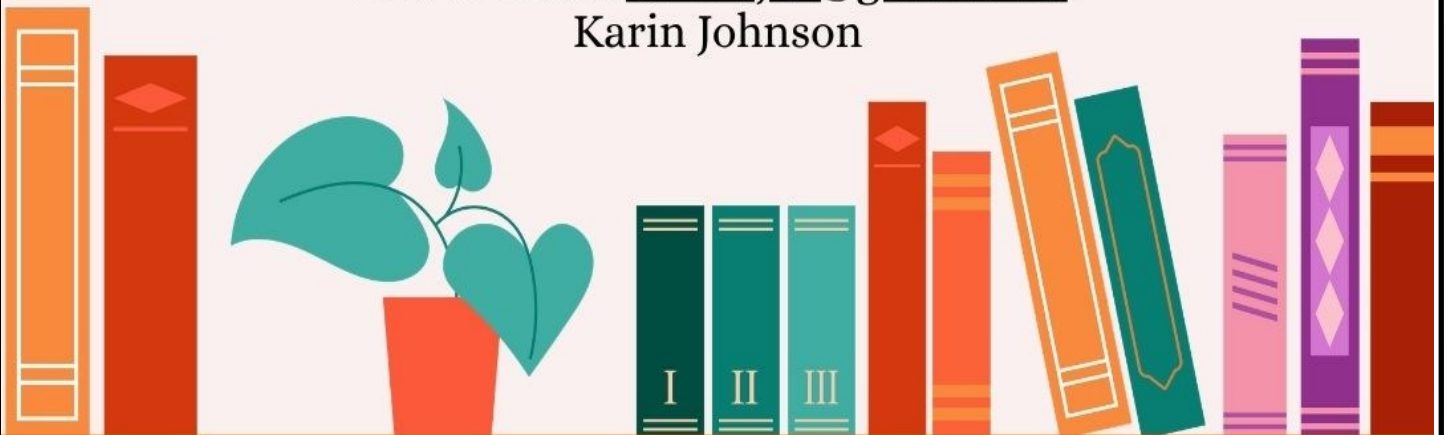
The Book Club Does not meet in December.

Think about new books to recommend for the Reading Year 2027. We'll
add new recommendations to the book box beginning in September.

Meanwhile.....have a wonderful summer and Happy Summer Reading!
Now's the time for those beach books!

For more information about the book club, call or text me at (716) 860-
9549 or email karinej42@gmail.com.

Karin Johnson



July & August Birthdays

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lawrence Fenske	July 4	Judith Elliott	August 2
Gerald Braun	July 4	Beverly Kaczynski	August 2
John Eggleston	July 6	Janet Federick	August 4
Karen Schoene	July 9	Charles Herschlag	August 9
Vanessa Solomon	July 11	Roslyn Bauman	August 9
David Gettman	July 12	Alain Bashore	August 9
Rick Vilonen	July 13	Mary Wolf	August 13
Jerry Tubbs	July 22	William Bulleigh	August 13
Robert Brown	July 27	Jean Brundage	August 13
Hilde Neubauer	July 28	Lynn Endres	August 16

Claudia Staines	August 17
Loray Sorto	August 18
Douglas Endres	August 19
Pattie Lowe	August 21
Nancy Bartels-Holiman	August 22
Craig Maefs	August 22
Lucille Kingston-Amos	August 31





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