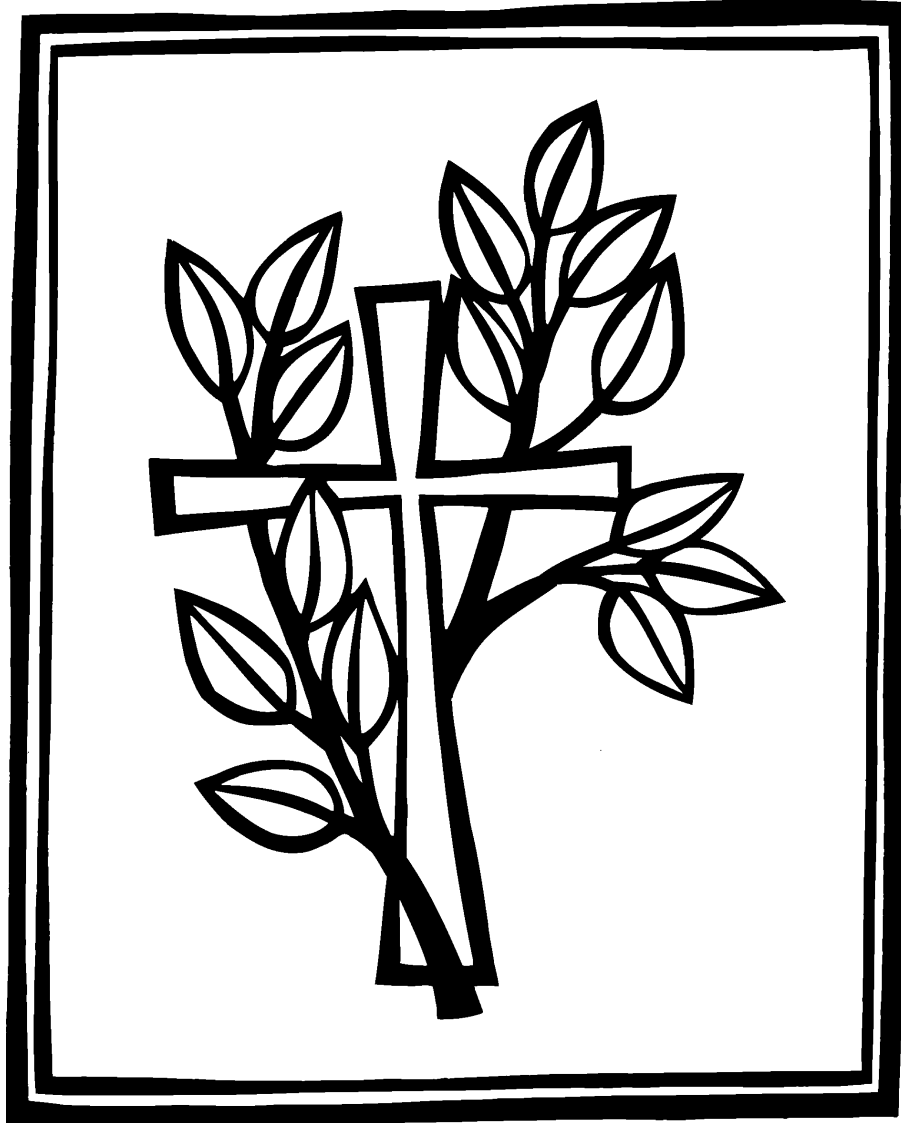


*14th Sunday
after Pentecost*



*August 30, 2026
10:00 am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*



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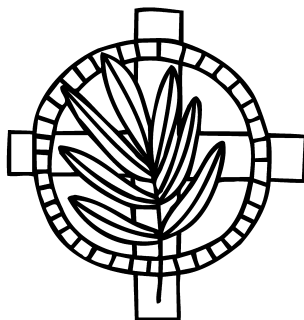


Do you have:
Prayer requests?
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Questions about joining St. Paul's?

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your needs with us!

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14th Sunday after Pentecost
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Musician: Paul Storfer



Confession

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn: WOV 777

Give Me Jesus

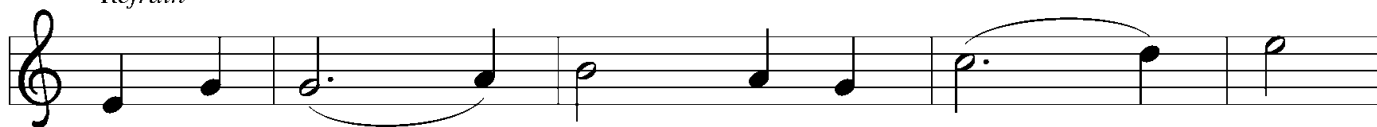


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

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 God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 26:1-8 (read responsively)

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

A Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

A For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

C I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

A I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
C I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession
round your altar,
A singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
C LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory
abides.
A This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

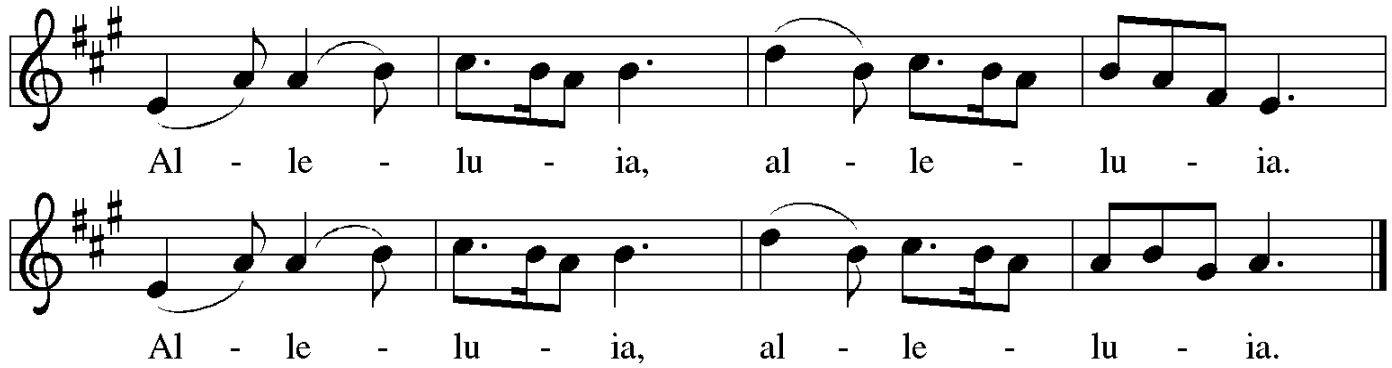
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1	"Will	you	come	and	fol	-	low	me	if	I	but	call		
2	"Will	you	leave	your	-	self	-	be	-	hind	if	I	but	call
3	"Will	you	let	the	blind	-	ed	see	if	I	but	call		
4	"Will	you	love	the	you	-	you	hide	if	I	but	call		
5	Lord,	your	sum	-	mons	-	oes	true	when	you	but	call		

your	name?	Will	you	go	where	you	don't
your	name?	Will	you	care	for	cruel	and
your	name?	Will	you	set	the	pris -	'ners
your	name?	Will	you	quell	the	fear	in -
my	name.	Let	me	turn	and	fol -	low

The first staff of music is written on a five-line treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, a quarter note on E4, a quarter note on D4, a dotted quarter note on C4, a dotted quarter note on B3, a dotted quarter note on A3, and a dotted quarter note on G3. A slur is placed under the last four notes (D4, C4, B3, A3).

know	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
kind	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
free	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
side	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
you	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same.

[illegible]

Will	you	let	my	love	be	shown,	will	you	let	my
Will	you	risk	the	hos	- tile	stare,	should	your	life	at -
Will	you	kiss	the	lep	- er	clean,	and	do	such	as
Will	you	use	the	faith	you've	found	to	re -	shape	the
In	your	com	- pa	- ny	I'll	go	where	your	love	and

[illegible]

name	be	known,	will	you	let	my	life	be
tract	or	scare?	Will	you	let	me	an -	swer
this	un -	seen,	and	ad -	mit	to	what	I
world	a -	round,	through	my	sight	and	touch	and
foot -	steps	show.	Thus	I'll	move	and	live	and

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), and C4 (half). The notes are connected by a continuous line, indicating a single melodic phrase.

grown	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
pray'r	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
mean	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
sound	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
grow	in	you	and	you	in	me.

Apostle's Creed

A Together we say what we believe using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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/>

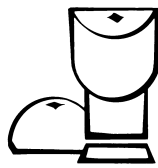
Last Week's Digital and Service Offerings: \$3,639.79

Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00

QR Giving Code:



- P Let us pray,
- C Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered here today and through our online giving. You have set a table before us, nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

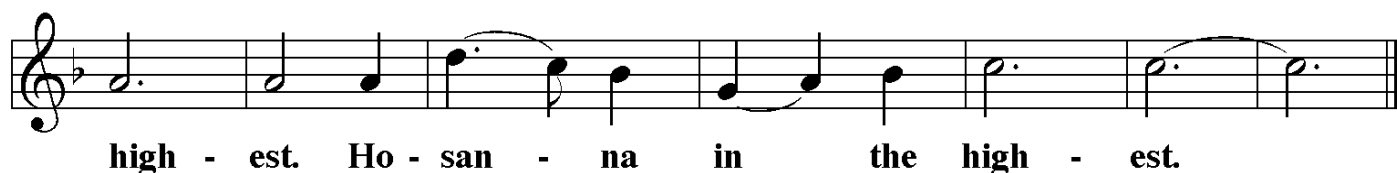
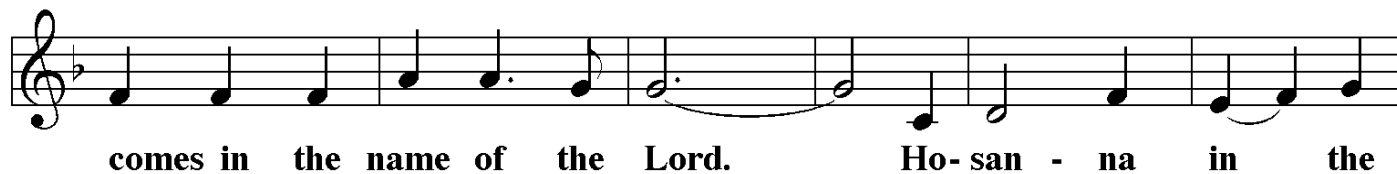
P Lift up your hearts.

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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord 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: ELW 660 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 30-September 6, 2026

Sunday: 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
Monday: 7:00-8:30 pm: Waiting in Hope Meeting
Tuesday: 12:00 pm: 200th Anniversary Meeting
5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
Wednesday: 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday: 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
Friday: No Events Planned
Saturday: No Events Planned
Sunday: 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Altar Guild Volunteer Meeting

Deacons: 8/30: Nancy Bartels-Holiman; 9/6:

Ushers: 8/30: Todd Vahue & Marissa Vahue; 9/6: Mimi & Scott Fierle

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: *Becky DiNunzio (Lynda Ruhland's friend); Mark Silsby; Claudia Staines; Maurice Saxton; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; Sue Epstein*

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

Roslyn Bauman: Greenfield Manor, 5953 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Jack Gallagher: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, #183, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Sylvia McLaughlin: 44 Sherwin Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Charles Scofield: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #61, Williamsville, NY 14221

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: *St. Paul's has one worship service on Sunday morning at 10:00 am at 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 2026 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, or by referral. The pantry hours for September are: Thursdays 9/3 and 9/17 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturdays 9/12 and 9/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for September are: spaghetti sauce and tomato paste.*

***Starting/Restarting in September:** Wednesday, 9/9: 10:00 am Comforters and 1:00 pm Pinochle; Thursday, 9/10: 7:15 pm Book Club; Saturday, 9/12: Intersections 4:00 pm-8:00 pm and Youth Night 6:30-8:30 pm; Sunday, 9/13: Adult Forum 9:00-9:45 am; Monday, 9/14: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share 4:15-5:15pm; Tuesday, 9/15: Bible Study 9:00 am and Lutheran Chorale 7:00-9:00 pm; Sunday, 9/20: Sunday School 10:00 am.*

Be an Altar Guild UVU (very important volunteer)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
WEEKLY, MONTHLY, SEASONALLY,
OCCASIONALLY

Interested?

MEET JUDI GERSIC AFTER WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 6 OR 13 IN THE CHANCEL (WHERE
THE CHOIR SITS) FOR 15-20 MINUTES

Can't do either date?

TALK TO JUDI ANY SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP



*+ 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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