



April 28th
One Worship Service
Together @ 9AM
Breakfast After
Worship

Join us for our Spring Fellowship Sunday! Brunch following one service at 9:00 am. Let's grow together as a congregation. In our Ministry Plan we set a Target to grow in love: All St. Paul members will feel known, loved and celebrated in Christ-centered relationships in the Body of Christ, and our love for one another will draw unbelieving people to the Church and to Christ.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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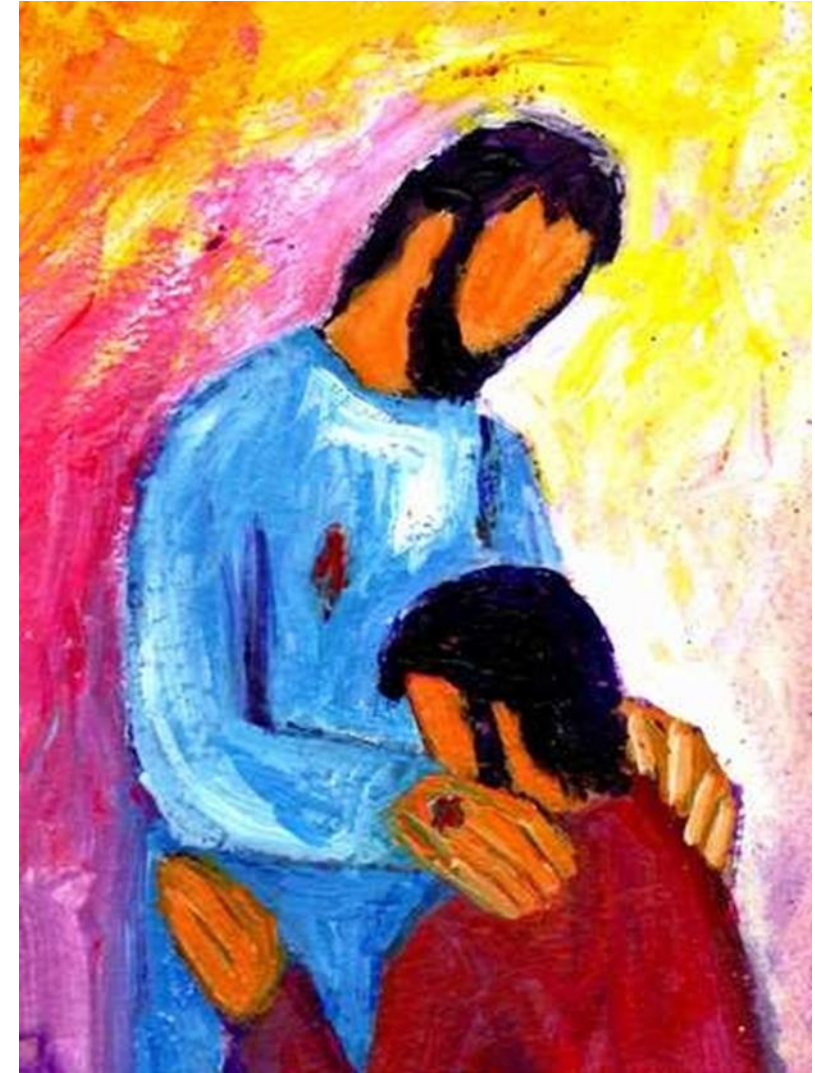
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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

Welcome to St. Paul!

We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, right here. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encourage to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: The disciples were fearful and didn't know what to make of the news of Jesus' resurrection – then Jesus showed up. Thomas doubted Jesus had risen – then Jesus showed up. Jesus shows up in our lives too. He comes giving His peace, pardon, and presence. He come to us without waiting for us to get our lives all together and seek Him out. He comes to us when we need Him most. God always shows up!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear living Lord Jesus, doubts torment me sometimes. Here as I worship, my faith seems so real and true. Then, when I go back into my day-to-day life, my confidence withers, old misgivings return, and I have doubts. Come to me, resurrected and living Lord Jesus. Bring me a sure and lasting faith in Your power and Your presence. Make my life to be a witness where others might see Jesus living in my words and actions. Amen.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Chuck & Fran Draga celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary.

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With God* is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven't investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There's no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost – just come, ask questions, and let's discuss faith and life. There are eight sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. **Wednesday evenings, 6:45 PM to 8:18 PM** Join Us!

Portals of Prayer daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of April - June are available now. Pick one up today.

Happy Times is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. *Happy Times* is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and April - May editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

It's a Joyful Privilege to get to welcome a new neighbor with a very nice gift for them. This month Sandy Long gets that privilege and joy. She submitted the name of someone she knows who just moved into Amherst. You, too, can experience this joy of meeting and gifting a new neighbor. All you have to do is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box. Each basket is beautiful and filled with seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul.

Ridge Hill Memorial Park is offering pre-planning seminars for free to the public. We are partnered with Hallett Legal Group, Hempel Funeral Home, and Dovin Funeral and Cremation Specialists to offer these free and educational programs. There is no sales pitch, it's purely to educate folks about estate planning, funeral planning, and cemetery planning. The next event will be at the Avon Lake Public Library on April 22nd at 6pm. We encourage anyone and everyone to attend, and to have their questions ready.

The Church Office will be Closed on Eclipse Day, Monday, April 8th.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Join us as we learn about the origins of God's grace in the Bible book of Genesis. You don't have to be a Bible scholar, just come! Everyone is welcome! Tuesdays @ 10 AM.

Men's Bible, Brews & Brotherhood - Join us this week Thursday at ESP Brewery on April 11th @ 7pm.

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist (8:30am)	Owen Reyda
Pianist (10am)	Owen Reyda
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Greeters	Mike & Debbie Smith (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Kids Church	Sandy Long
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Bryan Draga (L)

Prayer Requests this Week: *“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.”* Psalm 148:18

- God’s blessings on Chuck & Fran Draga as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary.
- Pray for Gerri Deidrick who is now home recovering after a hospital stay.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klentz’s lungs.
- Please pray for Mike McHugh as his leukemia has returned; Gerri Deidrick who is in chemotherapy.
- Pray for a friend of Brenda Cartmell who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for 11 yr. Old Aubrey who has a tumor in her eye and is going through chemotherapy.
- Pray for Denise DiLuciano (friend of Judy Bloom’s family) who has a rare cancer in her eye.
- Pray for Brian Harcula as he has cancer.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with cancer.
- Pat who has a brain tumor.
- Pray for Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer.
- Pray for Devin (mother of a preschool student) who has cancer.
- Pray for Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for Randy who has bladder and prostate cancer and is starting chemotherapy.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Evelyn Koch, Jeff Krupp, Jill Mlinarik, Lydia Rice, Giovanna Jiovanazzo, Wayne Northeim, Don Lamoreaux, Barb Spieker, Virginia Warnock.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week\$
<p>4/7 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 4/8 Church Office Closed 4/9 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 4/10 New Life With God 6:45 PM</p>	<p>4/14 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 4/16 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 4/17 New Life With God 6:45 PM</p>