



***“Beloved, if God so loved us,
We ought to LOVE one another.”
1 John 4:11***

Fellowship Sunday 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.

Sign Up in the Narthex TODAY.

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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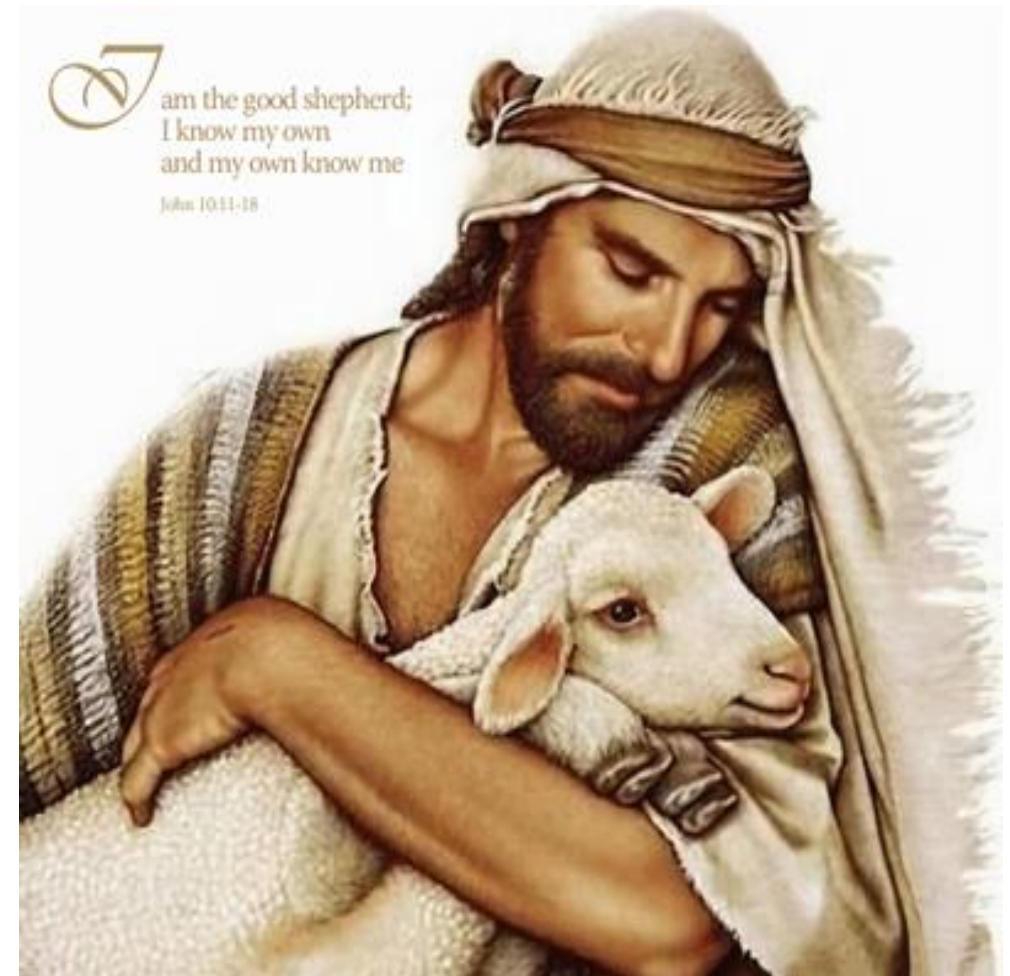
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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 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: Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we are presented with the comforting image of our risen Lord's mercy for us, His sheep. John says we see love displayed in the Good Shepherd's laying down His life for us. But there is another side to this Good Shepherd. He is also the mighty Lord who destroyed sin and death by His resurrection from the dead. For Peter and John before the temple officials, the same officials who had recently put Jesus to death, this resurrection faith translates into a boldness to witness and testify even in the face of a very powerful threat. This day we praise our risen Lord, our Good Shepherd, by giving ourselves to "Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Loving Shepherd, You know my name; You care for me. When I face darkness and death, walk beside me. When I hunger for your love, fill me with Your presence. When I am fearful, feed me at Your table. May I dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of my life. Amen.



In Today's 10:00 AM Worship service Myah Lynne Mullins is Baptized and given forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift of God's grace through the water combined with God's Word. Myah is the grand daughter of Gina Horton and Tim Fitzmaurice. Welcome into the family of God, Myah!

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by

- Ed & Judy Bloom in celebration of their daughter, Sarah's 23rd Birthday.
- John Schick in memory of loved ones.

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.

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week\$
4/21 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 4/22 Community Care Team Meeting 6:30 PM 4/23 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 4/24 Preschool Chapel 11:15 AM New Life With God 6:45 PM 4/25 Preschool Chapel 11:15 AM	4/28 Fellowship Sunday – One Service Holy Communion 9 AM Brunch 10 AM 4/28 Elders Meeting 6:30 PM 4/30 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/1 New Life With God 6:45 PM 5/2 Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM 5/4 Preschool Moms & Muffins

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** Sandy Long (E) Bob Steindl (L)
- Greeters** Karen Vilagi (E) Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
- Kids Church** Sandy Long
- Altar Guild** Karie Coffman
- Sound** Mike Warnock, Jeff Krupp (E) Judy Bloom (L)
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Clyde Strader (L)

Preschool Director Position Opening ~ St. Paul's Preschool Director, Mrs. Beth Naro, has announced she will not be returning to St. Paul next school year. We thank her for her six years of service and wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors. St. Paul's Preschool Board is actively searching for a new director of the preschool ministry. We are looking for a Christian who is organized, has good communication skills, and finds great joy in sharing Jesus' love with preschool age children and their families. This is a part-time position. Hours are somewhat flexible. Some benefits included. For information and to apply submit a resume by May 1st or go to: stpaulamherst.com/preschool/.

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

- God's blessings on Myah Lynn Mullins baptized today in the late service.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is recovering from successful heart surgery.
- Praise God for Danny Kemery's successful operation to remove melanoma. Pray for God's angels to protect he and Cyndi as they travel to Wyoming to visit children.
- Pray for Bob Kemmerle and his family upon the death of his father who lived in Florida.
- 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 Klenz's lungs.
- Please pray for Mike McHugh as his leukemia has returned; Gerri Deidrick who is in chemotherapy.
- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for 12 yr. Old Aubrey who has a tumor in her eye and is going through chemotherapy where she has lost her hair.
- 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: Sue Werner, Kallahan Coleman, Don Gramer, Sarah Bloom.



Lorain County Observance of NDP
Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Veteran's Memorial Park in Lorain
(Across Street from Lorain City Hall)

Our country needs God! Join in the county-wide National Day of Prayer event at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lorain, on Thursday, May 2nd @ 6 pm. We will ask our Heavenly Father to guide our nation, her citizens, and bless us in our dire needs.

There have been many national days of prayer throughout our country's history. In 1952 a joint resolution of Congress established an annual National Day of Prayer. President Reagan designated it to be the first Thursday of May each year.

THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS are going to be our guests. Hear their story and see their beautiful olivewood crafts.

On May 5, 2024 and during both services, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church Narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on this for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war. Due to this tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith's holy sites ,