



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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 Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM
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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 encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: we continue exploring some of the biggest questions that keep many people from considering faith in Christ. The question we discuss today is "**HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?**" For many modern people, one of the most baffling and offensive aspects of Christianity is the doctrine of Hell. After all, how could a God who is love, send people to an eternity of torture? That just doesn't make sense. However, not only is the doctrine of Hell something Jesus Himself talked about, it is vitally important for understanding our own hearts, living at peace in the world, and knowing the love of God.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, as I worship this day, direct my thoughts to the future You have prepared for me. Strengthen my Hope in Your coming again soon, Jesus, and the gift of heaven which awaits. May I leave here to live as a heaven-bound person. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Ron & Cindy Klein in celebration of Ron's birthday.

My Devotions for Families with Children is a very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. My Devotions are designed for families with elementary school aged children. Families simply include these resources in their daily routine, like during breakfast before school, during supper time together when distractions are turned off for a few minutes, or at bedtime. My Devotions are free. September through November editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Join us Tuesday mornings @ 10AM as we discover God's loving faithfulness in spite of our human mess-ups and flaws. This week we find Joseph's faith growing as he is unjustly thrown into prison for several years, where he discovers God is still with him and blessing him in the lowest time of his life. Just come, and try it! You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM

Women are always invited to the women's group that meets in the church parsonage every Tuesday night. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman. We are just beginning a new discussion, "Meant for Good."

Confirmation Ministry Program St. Paul's Confirmation program is for students in their 7th, 8th or 9th grade years. Confirmation is a time of growing in faith and learning about what we believe in order to get ready for Communion. Parents, God has placed on you the sacred responsibility to pass on Faith in Jesus to your children so that they may be saved eternally and spared the heartbreak and futility of living without Christ. Pastor Paul is very willing to set up a schedule of lessons that fit in your busy life. Please contact him (pastor@stpaulamherst.com).

Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" Hey guys, join us on the second Thursday night of a month at 7:00 PM. We are moving to The Brew Kettle, 300 Church Street in Amherst. We'll talk over a challenge men face while following Christ, while sipping on "Lutheran Pop." We'll see you Thursday, September 12th.

Gift for Your New Neighbor. A new neighbor is receiving a beautiful gift basket thanks to Gerri Deidrick. You can do the same for your new neighbor. No need to bake a pie, just fill out a form by the gift basket in the lobby, put it in the box, and you could be blessing your new neighbor next month. It's a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church.

SERVING

CHALLENGE

In October we are inviting you to go on a 40-day life-changing journey designed to lead to more personal fulfillment than one ever thought possible. We were made to serve. You were made for more than just believing and existing until you die. **Serve like Jesus.**

The opportunity to serve like Jesus will come with a significant cost. It will mean sacrificing, require losing, and be full of challenges. But, despite all the costs, when you serve like Jesus, you will find true fulfillment, joy, happiness, and great reward. **So, will you become a servant of Jesus? Will you follow the Way of Jesus?**

Sunday worship will also help you find the fulfillment of **serving like Jesus!** In place of small groups we will email to all St. Paul people weekly videos and questions to discuss at home.

YOUR WORKBOOK for daily reading and every day challenges is available to pick up today. Your workbook is waiting in the narthex (lobby). The workbook is the practical application for your 40 days of growing in Jesus-like compassion and love for people!

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

- Praise God for Shirley Brumfield’s newest great-grandson. Baby Gabriel was born premature at 26 weeks, weighing 2 lbs., yet he is doing well, along with Mom, Farrah Thomay.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is doing rehab in Mercy Hospital for several weeks.
- Continued prayers for Aubrey, 12 yrs. old. She has cancer in her eye, finished the radiation treatment in Columbus, and is now back home in North Carolina, where chemotherapy continues.
- Praise God that John Schick is now home after weeks of hospital and rehabilitation for breaking his neck.
- Pray for Ron Klein’s to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron who suffers with intense back pain.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Kevin, nephew of John Brabander, who has cancer.

- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for Floyd who has cancer in his back and started chemotherapy.
- Pray for Brian Harcula as he has cancer.
- Pray for Nola, a friend of Cyndi Kemery, who has lung cancer.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with 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, Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Harold Gibson, Gabriel Kirschner, Donna Kemmerle, Ron Klein.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
9/15 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 9/16 Circuit Pastors’ Conference @ St. Paul 9 AM-1 PM Elder’s 6:30 PM 9/17 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 9/21 Ohio Dist. Planning for Church Leaders 2 PM	9/22 Worship 8:30 Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 9/23 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM 9/24 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 9/26 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Worker Care Comm 7 PM

Serving in God’s House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist** Owen Reyda
- Elders** Jeff Krupp (E) John Brabander (L)
- Readers** Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
- Greeters** Judy Starbuck, Diane Lamoreaux (E) Sheryl Gregg, Phyllis Nabakowski
- Altar Guild** Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
- Sound** Mike Warnock, David Staylon (E) Judy Bloom (L)
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)