



Kendis Bender's Retirement Reception!

NEXT SUNDAY, August 8th, join us to thank Kendis and wish her God's blessings on her next adventure in life. The reception will be after both worship services in the Fellowship Hall, lower level. Kendis has served God as Director of Christian Education here at St. Paul, Kendis for 24 years. She looks forward to giving more time and attention to her family. No gifts are necessary; cards with personal notes are most welcome. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at either 9:30am or 11am on Sunday, August 8, 2021.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLAST **FRIDAY AUGUST 13TH** **5:30-8 PM**



Hot Dog



Join us for a Free Back-to-School Event!
Inflatables, Food, Crafts, and More.

Donations of school supplies will be accepted
and distributed to local schools and students.

Bring your backpack to have it blessed for the
upcoming school year!



Join us at 115 Central Drive, Amherst OH

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX FOR DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SHARE INVITE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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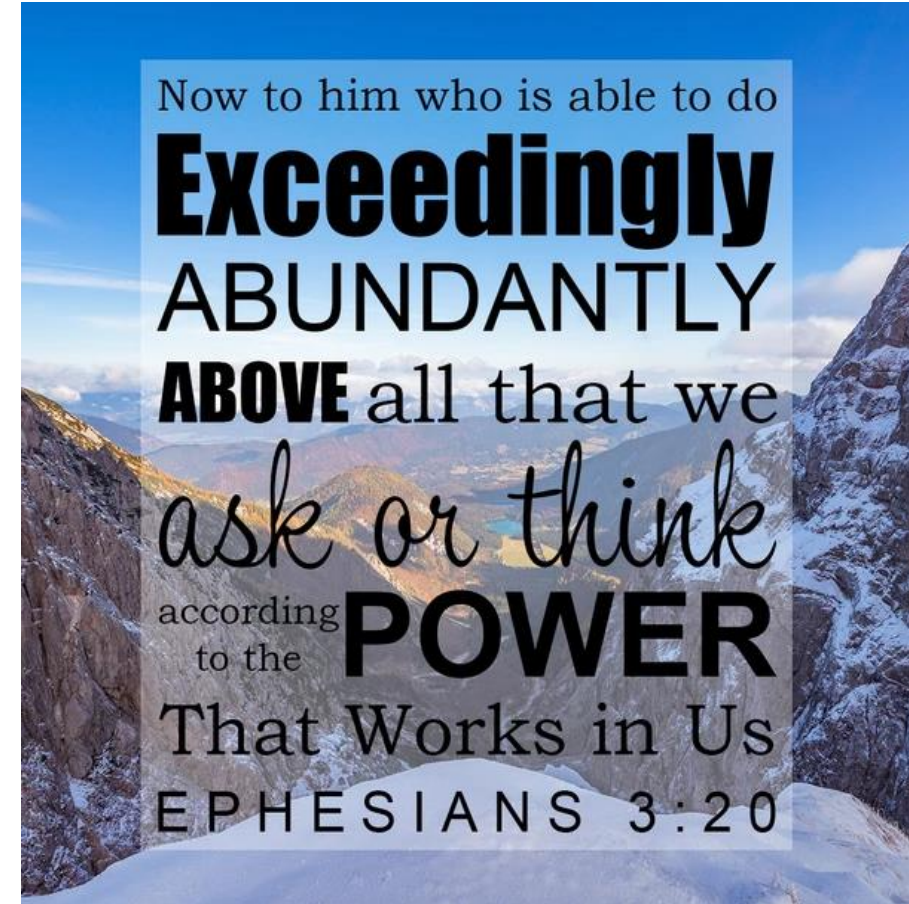
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Katherine Johnson, Organist



Now to him who is able to do
Exceedingly
ABUNDANTLY
ABOVE all that we
ask or think
according to the **POWER**
That Works in Us
EPHESIANS 3:20



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Sunday, August 1, 2021

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: We welcome our guest speaker today, Pastor Wayne Decker. Pastor Decker is a retired pastor who has served in the Cleveland area and now lives in Avon. Today he will share with us a sermon message entitled, "Beyond Our Imagination" based on today's New Testament reading from Ephesians chapter 3, verses 20 and 21.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Holy God, bless our lives, sanctify us, and in Your way, grant us our hearts desire. Fill our hearts with Your grace, that what we desire is also what You desire. Help us to understand that our hearts' true desire is the love of you. Amen.

Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and any other help you might need.

Kids' Activity Bags are filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center or see an usher for these.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement on the following page regarding Communion reception.

Please Complete a Communication Card No matter whether this is your first time at St. Paul or you're a seasoned veteran around here, please fill out a Communication Card and place it in an offering plate at the sanctuary door. You'll find Communication Cards at the doors as you enter and in each pew. Thanks!



Our greatest help is the Lord God Himself, who eagerly invites us to pray to Him. Today, sealed bags containing several prayer cards are in the narthex / lobby for you. Pick up a bag, take it home, and pray for each person whose name you receive daily throughout the coming month of August.

Pastor Werner is on vacation today and will be returning to the church office on Tuesday this week.

August Newsletters are available today, in the lower level of the narthex.



- Pray for Geri Diedrick who is recovering from back surgery, Kendis Bender who is recovering from hip replacement surgery, and Ida Horvatic who is recovering after several days in the hospital last week.
- Praise God for healing Ed and Geri Diedrick's granddaughter, Alicia Sutton, who had severe covid. She is home recovering.
- Pray for all who have cancer: Connie as doctors decide her treatment for cancer; Ida Horvatic as she continues radiation treatment, Cheryl Street as she begins treatment for a tumor, Roger who has leukemia; Summer (Katie Steindl's godmother), Debbie Raesler (friend of Karen Green), Sherry (Kevin Starbuck's mother-in-law), Naomi Yates, Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock), Cindy Cole (cousin of Laurie Beran), and Michelle (friend of Beth Albrecht) who are battling cancer.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Danny Koch, Eleanor Northeim, Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Ruth Pasta, Wade Hubbard, Ruth Murdy, Dorothy Barckert, Don Gramer, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Roderick Latvala, Diane Gramer, Tyler Moore, Lily Draga, Zach Hargreaves, Katherine Kuncel.

Have you seen a moving truck in your neighborhood? You can give an amazing welcome gift to your new neighbor! Check out the gift basket in the narthex (lobby). It is themed for a family movie night, with popcorn, candy, DVDs, along with community information and an invitation to St. Paul. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex.

Church Photo Directory Coming Say "Cheeeese!" To help us know one another better, we are making a new photo directory of St. Paul people. **It's FREE** to have your family picture taken by the professional photographers. Each family photographed receives a free 8" x 10" photo and a church member photo directory booklet. That's right, your participation helps us know one another and it's free to you. You may choose to purchase extras photos on your own. Photos will be snapped at St. Paul, Thursday, November 11, 2pm-8:30pm; Friday, November 12, 2pm-8:30pm; and Saturday, November 13, 9am-5pm. Sign up in person after worship services in September, or you can schedule your photo time now on-line at www.ucdir.com. Enter our church code: OH2460. The user password is "photos." **Please note the online sign up is not available to register on Saturday or Sunday.**

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/1 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 8/2 Elders 7 PM 8/3 Seasoned Saints 10 AM	8/8 Worship 8:30 AM Seasoned Saints 10 AM 8/13 Back-To-School-Blast 5:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Guest Pastor Pastor Wayne Decker
Organist Katherine Johnson
Elders Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley, Dave Bender (L)
Readers Christine Krupp (E) Tina Muska (L)
Acolytes Shane Hargreaves (E) Ashton Draga (L)
Greeters Tony & Lynn Jiovanazzo (E)
Sound Bruce McGlothlin (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)
Altar Guild Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves
Head Usher Ron Fisher
Ushers John Kirschner, John Cartmell, Ron Klein (E)
 Bryan Draga (L)