

**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AMHERST PRESENTS...**



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLAST**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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

in-Person or Live Stream @ [www.stpaulamherst.com](http://www.stpaulamherst.com)

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Sunday, August 8 2021

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:** we continue to hear Jesus' brother, James, share with us practical advice on living in a way that stands out, showing God's presence and grace to others around us. Today James speaks about taming the tongue.



**KENDIS BENDER'S RETIREMENT AND RECEPTION** In today's worship we wish God's blessings on Kendis Bender as she leaves her position as St. Paul's Called Director of Christian Education, and as she enters God's new calling on her life. Kendis has served God faithfully at St. Paul for 24 years, and God has impacted children, youth, and adults through her ministry. A reception will be after both worship services in the Fellowship Hall, lower level.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O Lord, thank You that You have called each Christian to share Your truth with heart-felt words and a life that backs them up. You have given me also this privilege. Thank You for the ministry of Kendis Bender among us. Bless us all that we serve you with passion, empowered by Your Word of grace. 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!

**Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by:** Harold & Debbie Gibson as a BIG thank you to Kendis Bender for all her hard work.

**COVID19 Prevention @ St. Paul** Many stores, businesses, and schools are again requiring all to wear face masks to prevent the spread of the delta variant of COVID19. While the government has issued no similar mandate to churches, we ask each person and family to use their best judgement and do what is best for themselves. If you choose to wear a face mask, please do. Free face masks are available at the main entrance if you would like one. Hand sanitizer is positioned throughout the church building. If you wish to keep social distance between yourself and others, please do so, and kindly ask others to respect your wishes. These are times of uncertainty that bring anxiety, so please extend grace to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ as together we live through this time of pandemic.



- Praise God for the blessings He has given through the ministry of Kendis Bender. Pray for God's blessings as she answers God's new calling in her retirement. Pray also for her quick and complete recovery from hip replacement surgery.
- Pray for Geri Diedrick who is in rehab following extensive back surgery.
- Pray for Gisela Bachman who is home receiving therapy for severe back pain.
- Pray for all who have cancer: Connie as she begins treatment; Ida Horvatic as she continues radiation treatment; Cheryl Street as she undergoes treatment for a kidney prior to surgery to remove a tumor; Roger who has leukemia; Summer (Katie Steindl's godmother) who is recovering well after cancer of the mouth and face; 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: Cody Thomas, Eli Bolen, Megan McLaughlin, Nick Street, Tim Street, June Tatum, Christine Kozman, Tess Henthorne, Gina Pignotti, Russel Nabakowski, Frank Becker-Balcik.

**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.

**Pray for One Another** Prayer cards for the month of August are available in the narthex (lobby). Pick up a packet and pray daily for those individuals.

**Church Photo Directory Coming** Say “Cheeeeese!” 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](http://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
<b>8/8</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM <b>8/10</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM <b>8/13</b> Back to School Blast 5:30 PM	<b>8/15</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM <b>8/17</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM <b>8/19</b> Preschool Parent Meeting 6 PM

**Serving in God’s House:**

**Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner  
**Organist** Katherine Johnson  
**Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley, Dave Bender (L)  
**Readers** Marty Offineer (E) Laurie Beran (L)  
**Acolytes** Ruari Dever (L)  
**Greeters** Judy Starbuck (E) Karen Anderson (L)  
**Sound** Bruce McGlothlin, Priscilla Harden (E) Darren & Ann Conley (L)  
**Altar Guild** Karie Coffman  
**Head Usher** Ron Fisher  
**Ushers** Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E)  
 Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)