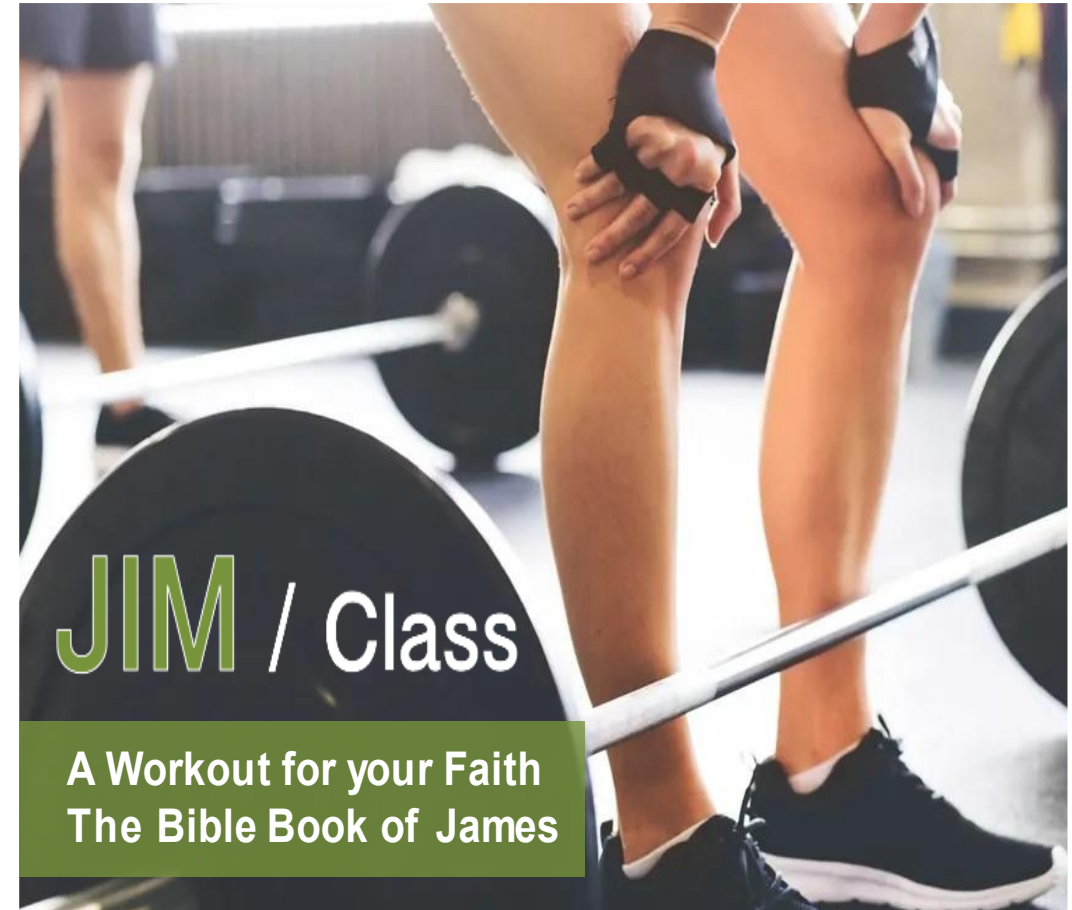


This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/15 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 8/17 Seasoned Saints 10 AM NO Women's Ministry 8/19 Preschool Parent Meeting 6 PM	8/22 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 8/24 Seasoned Saints 10 AM NO Women's Ministry

Serving in God's House:

Pastor Rev. Paul Werner
Organist Emily Marty
Elders Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley, Dave Bender (L)
Readers Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Tina Muska (L)
Acolytes Gwen Krupp (E) Katie Steindl, Tatianna Danico (L)
Greeters Nancy Beran, Ruth Williams (E)
Sound Bruce McGlothlin (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)
Altar Guild Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
Head Usher Ron Fisher
Ushers Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Jeff Phan, Steve Warnock (E)

Pastor Werner will be taking vacation beginning tomorrow, Monday August 16th, and returning to the church office Monday, August 30th. If you have a need for a pastor in this time Pastor Phil Zielinski from Valley City will be on call from August 16 to August 22 and can be reached at 440-458-0189. From August 22-29th Pastor Bill Mugnolo from Lorain will be on call and can be reached at 585-472-0266.



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Sunday, August 15, 2021

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: This summer we turn our attention to the Bible book of James. Today James issues a strong warning against worldliness. You cannot love Christ first and still love the comforts and things of this world. Martin Luther wrote, "We are to fear, love, and trust in God above all things."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Dear Jesus, the sin in my attitude towards You runs deep within my heart. Often, without realizing it, I only am a Christian so that I get what I want for my life. My heart is deceptively sinful as I try to use You for my self-centered goals. Today lead me to a deeper recognition of my sin, and a deeper love for You, who are my Highest and Best. In Jesus' Name I pray, 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: Chuck & Fran Draga in thanksgiving for God's many blessings!!

COVID19 Prevention @ St. Paul Here at St. Paul we ask each person and family to use their best judgement, deciding what is their best action to prevent the spread of the covid virus. There are many personal factors to consider such as vaccine status, age, health condition, etc. 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated, volunteered, attended, and prayed for Friday night's "Back to School Blast."

THANK YOU to everyone who prepared a beautiful reception last Sunday for Kendis Bender's retirement.



- Pray for St. Paul's Preschool as the new school year begins with a parent orientation and Open House this week.
- Pray for local school children, teachers and parents as Amherst and Lorain schools begin classes this week.
- Pray for Geri Dierick and Gisela Bachman who are recovering at home following procedures on their backs. Pray for Kendis Bender who is recovering after hip replacement surgery.
- Pray for Ida Horvatic who has completed radiation treatment for stomach cancer, but is in the time when one feels the worst from it. Pray for her comfort and strength as she battles through these weeks.
- Pray for Connie as doctors decide her treatment for cancer; Carol a friend of Cindy Klein's who has lung cancer, 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 Norheim, Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Ruth Pasta, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Ruth Murdy, Dorothy Barckert, Don Gramer, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Marilyn Green, Robert Pijor, Robert Becker, Karen Vilagi, Thomas Beran, Dan Streza, Cody Timbs, Debbie Smith.

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.