



## FALL FUN FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREATING

Saturday, October 23, 2021

12:30 - 3 pm

We're looking for volunteers to decorate their car and hand out candy or volunteers to help with games or serve food!! Sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex shortly!

Contact Sue Werner with any questions at 517-304-4611.

| This Week For The Lord   | Looking Ahead One Week  |
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| <b>9/19</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM<br>Worship 10 AM<br>Confirmation Ministry Orientation<br><b>9/23</b> Board of Directors | <b>9/26</b> Worship 8:30 AM<br>Holy Communion 10 AM<br><b>9/28</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM<br>Women's Ministry 7 PM |

### Serving in God's House:

**Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner  
**Organist** Katherine Johnson  
**Elders** Harold Gibson, Jeff Phan (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)  
**Readers** Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Beth Albrecht (L)  
**Acolytes** Shane Hargreaves (E) Katie Steindl (L)  
**Greeters** Tony & Lynn Jiovanazzo (E)  
**Sound** Bruce McGlothlin (E) Bruce McGlothlin (L)  
**Altar Guild** Karie Coffman  
**Head Usher** Ron Fisher  
**Ushers** Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E)

### St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

**Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM**

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

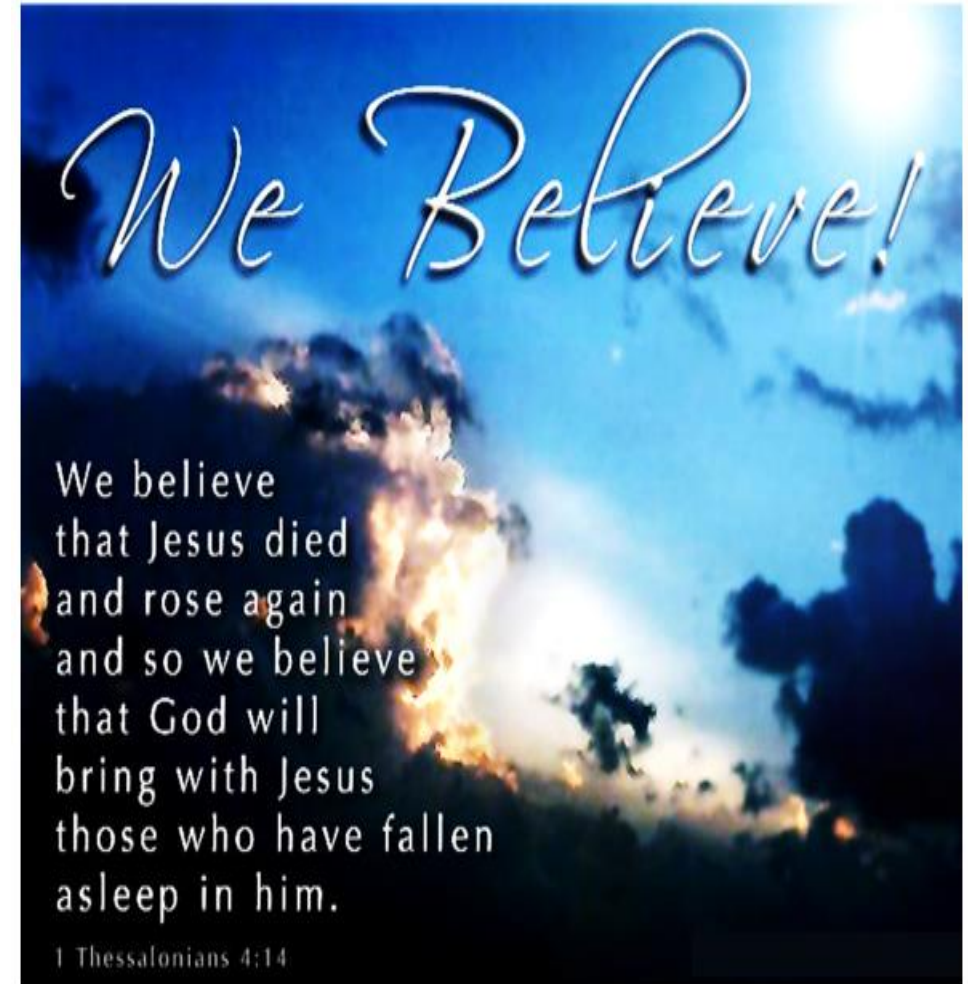
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**Katherine Johnson, Organist**



## St. Paul

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:** ALL OR NOTHING! Belief in Jesus' resurrection is heaven's "all or nothing." If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then the Christian faith is a hoax. You would still be stuck in sin and guilt. There would be no hope. But if Jesus' resurrection is true, then EVERYTHING CHANGES! If Jesus' resurrection is true, you can be forgiven, have hope for tomorrow and for eternity, and have a living Savior who gives you strength and comfort for each day. Belief in the resurrection is the core and center of the Christian faith. It's all or nothing. Today we will focus on "Why I believe in Jesus' Resurrection" and what this means for you.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** God our Father, by raising Christ, Your Son, You conquered the power of death and opened for me the way to eternal life. Let my worship today renew my hope. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who is risen, lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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:** Kuno & Christa Josupeit celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Grow in your Faith Everyday!** *Portals of Prayer* daily devotion booklets are free and easy to use. October - December editions are in the Narthex (lobby). Take one for yourself, and one to pass along!



- Prayer of praise for a healthy baby boy, born to Jill & Matt Mlinarik on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for Cheryl Street who is in hospice care at home, and Don Street whose mother, Rosa, died and was given Christian burial last Thursday.
- Pray for Marty Offineer who is in hospice care at home. Pray that God give faith, peace, and guidance through the days and weeks ahead, and that they find great hope in God's promise of life everlasting. And pray for joy as they celebrate their daughter Anna's wedding this weekend.
- Pray for Kendis Bender who has been in the hospital for covid. Praise God that each day is bringing improvements in breathing and strength. Pray for her full and quick recovery so she can go home.
- Pray for Connie who has pancreatic cancer; Roger who has leukemia; Summer (Katie Steindl's godmother) who is going through reconstructive surgery following mouth and throat cancer; Debbie Raesler who is struggling in her battle against cancer; 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, Jack & Marilyn Green, Ruth Murdy, Dorothy Barckert, Don Gramer, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice.
- For those celebrating birthdays last week: Joyce Trottier, Billy Swanzer, Dan Koch, Harold Gibson, Gab Kirschner, James Pasta.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Donna Kemmerle, Ron Klein, Margaret Uhrig, Sam Krause, Chad Moss, Jill Card, Kamille Coleman.

**Check out the amazing welcome basket** in the narthex (lobby). Sign up so you can give September's basket to *your* neighbor. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. Do it today!

**Confirmation Ministry Program** St. Paul's Family-based confirmation program is for students in their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade years. Confirmation is a time of growing in faith and learning about what we believe in order to get ready for Communion. St. Paul has a great program where parents are involved in teaching by using DVD's and self-guiding workbooks at home. Then we get everyone together every month to discuss how we're growing with Pastor Paul. Find out how the program works and get materials **TODAY - at 11:15 am** in upper level Conference Room.

**Seasoned Saints Bible Study** will not meet this Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM. We are studying the life of Jesus through the Bible book of Luke.

**COVID19 Prevention @ St. Paul** Covid sicknesses are surging in our community. Some schools and businesses require wearing masks and proof of vaccination. Many people are becoming loudly critical of other people whose approach to the pandemic is different from their own. Here at St. Paul your Elders are keeping a close watch on this issue. We have discovered that the reasons a person decides to receive a vaccine or not, wear a mask or not are personal and carefully considered. We can't assume what personal factors move another person to respond as they do. So we do not want to hastily judge another person's response to covid. Please extend grace to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ as together we live through this time of pandemic. 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. 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. Thank you.



**Kids' Church is Coming Back** Since the pandemic began we haven't offered children a time to grow their faith in Jesus in a fun, kid-friendly way. Starting on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kids' Church will return in the 10AM worship service. Children will join their families in the worship for the beginning of the worship service. Before the sermon, kids will be invited to go to follow the adult leader to the upper level for Kids' Church. Kids will return to their families in the worship sanctuary.

**Church Photo Directory Coming Very Soon!** 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, a church member photo directory booklet, and an amazing smart phone app that links you to St. Paul. 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, or take photos for Christmas, graduation, etc. The professional photographers will be 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 in the narthex/lobby before and after worship services every Sunday in October. You can also schedule your photo time now on-line Monday – Friday at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Enter our church code: OH2460. The user password is "photos."



## When God's People Pray

### ALL-CHURCH SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY COMING IN OCTOBER

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. Discover the keys that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all His resources of power and grace!

Six-Session Small Bible study & discussion groups, beginning first week of October. We strongly encourage *all people of St. Paul* to plug into a group! The menu of groups available and sign-ups begin next Sunday.

### Plug in to a "When God's People Pray" Group!

Great friendships are formed when we gather together in a small Community Group around God's Word to talk about God's grace in our lives, share our life-stories, care for and pray for one another, and engage in an outward-focused mission. It's an experience of what the Family of God is *supposed* to be!

### Find a Group that Fits You!

1. **Sundays after worship @ 10:00 AM** Stay right after the traditional worship service and head upstairs to the Conference Room for a time to grow in faith and friendship. Cyndi Kemmery leads. Begins Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).
2. **Monday Evenings @ 6:30 PM** Ann & Darren Conley, Fran & Chuck Draga lead this group in the comfortable setting of the church parsonage (house) next door. Begins Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).
3. **Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 AM** Join Pastor Paul in the church narthex (lobby) for coffee and Bible study. This location is easily accessible for those with physical limitations. Begins Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).
4. **Tuesday Evening Women's Group @ 7:00 PM** This group for women meets in St. Paul's parsonage (house next door). Led by Sue Werner. Begins Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).
5. **Wednesday Morning Men's Group @ 7:00 AM** This group for men meets at Panera Bread Co., 8000 Oak Point Drive, Amherst (by Target). Buy your coffee, bagel, or breakfast to munch while we talk or take with you for the road to work. Begins Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).
6. **Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 PM** Hosted by Tina and Ron Muska in St. Paul's homey parsonage next door. Begins Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Sign up today in the narthex (lobby).

**Sign Up For a Group Today in the Church Lobby.**