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Summer J.A.M. 2022

Tuesday Nights
 June 21st, 28th,
 July 5th, 12th & 19th
 5:30- 7:30 PM
 ALL WELCOME

Volunteers Needed! Please see the sign-up board in the narthex!
 You don't have to commit to every Tuesday! Help when you can!
 Have questions? Talk to Lee Steindl, Jill Mlinarik, Judy Bloom,
 Kendis Bender, or Sue Werner

Forward in Faith

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Special Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held Sunday, June 12th from 9:20 – 10AM. Our Ministry Planning Team has taken all of *your* amazing ideas expressed at the Congregational Creative Event and formed a plan for St. Paul's future growth. This Voters' Meeting is to discuss this important step. If the congregation agrees, the plan will be formally adopted at this meeting, or a later date for voting will be set. The Voters' Meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall (lower level), between the two Sunday worship services, from 9:20 – 10:45 AM.

Ministry Plan for Growth is Now Available – The New Proposed Ministry Plan for Growth is available at St. Paul's website (www.stpaulamherst.com) and printed copies are in the narthex (church lobby) today for picking up. Please *Prayerfully Consider* this plan prior to the Voters' Assembly Meeting on Sunday, June 12th.



"I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut."

Revelation 3:8



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Sunday, May 29, 2022

IN TODAY’S WORSHIP: “An Open Door” is a picture for Opportunity. Today we continue exploring the Book of Revelation, and two doors are placed before us. One is the door to your heart. Is Jesus fully welcomed there? The other door is an opportunity to serve Him. Will you go thru that door? The great news is: we know the One who holds the keys! It’s Jesus. He’s the God of the Open Door.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, through Jesus You not only welcome us to Yourself, but You have actively sought us and You rejoice over each person who is brought to trust in Jesus for forgiveness and heaven. Give us Your heart for lost people that will translate into actively seeking by sharing Your love. Amen.

Please fill out a Communication Card in the pew, and pass it towards the center aisle anytime in the first half of the worship service. You may also use the yellow card in your pew to write down prayer requests for needs or praises. Ushers will gather them during the hymn prior to the sermon. This means you will no longer need to stop on the way into worship to complete one. Offerings will continue to be collected at the doors.

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.

WORSHIP WITH US @ ST. PAUL’S ON-LINE -- St. Paul’s 8:30 AM and 10 AM worship services are live-streamed on Sunday mornings. Go to the church website (www.stpaulamherst.com) and click on the Live-Stream banner on the home page. Recordings of the 8:30AM worship services remain on-line after the livestream for viewing anytime.

Altar Flowers given to God’s glory by The Latvala family in memory of their brother Roderick Latvala.

CHURCH ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE Repairs are being made on the elevator’s doors to comply with State building code. The church elevator should be working again very soon and we will let you know as soon as it is running again. Secondly, please remember that in order for the elevator to operate the gates and doors on all levels must be fully closed. Thank you, Trustees

Road Construction is continuing, making it difficult to get to the church building from Cleveland Avenue. As the work proceeds its just easiest to get to St. Paul from the south. Park Avenue remains open allowing you to drive up either Central Drive or Jackson Street to get to church.

Its SUMMER! A beautiful gift basket filled with goodies for summer is ready for *you* to give to a new neighbor! It’s a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. Do it today!

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Debbie Gibson is looking for volunteers to make coffee or bring a dessert on Sunday mornings for the month of June. Please check with Debbie or sign up in the narthex.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
5/29 Worship 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 5/31 Seasoned Saints 10 AM New Life With God 6:45 PM Women’s Ministry 7 PM	6/5 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 6/6 Elders 7 PM 6/7 Seasoned Saints 10 AM New Life With God 6:45 PM Women’s Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God’s House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Oziah Wales
Elders	Harold Gibson (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Tina Muska (L)
Greeters	Nancy Beran, Ruth Williams (E)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.” Psalm 148:18

- Please pray for the grieving families and community members in Uvalde, Texas after the tragic shooting deaths of many people at an elementary school.
- Please pray for peace in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Pray also that lives are spared, refugees are safe, and families are reunited.
- Pray for Karen Anderson and her mother, Joan Curran. Joan is in hospice care at home.
- Pray for Gail Slater, friend of Deb Lasko, recovering from double lung transplant, hoping to go home soon.
- Pray that Galen’s Crohn’s disease would go into remission.
- Pray for Brad Archambeau in ICU.
- Pray for Jerry Sekula (Judy Bloom’s Uncle) recovering from surgery and beginning treatment, Char Guzman (Tina & Ron Muska’s niece) as she has just been diagnosed with lymphoma, for Brian Holmes to qualify for a new treatment as his leukemia has returned; Summer (Katie Steindl’s godmother) whose cancer has returned, and she is recovering from extensive reconstruction surgery; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck’s mother-in-law), Naomi, Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock), for Cindy (cousin of Laurie Beran) who is battling cancer, and for Shirlyn, a friend of Jan Beko-Nathan, that she remains miraculously cancer-free.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Danny Koch, Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Wade Hubbard, Julie Foisy, Tiffany Maclean, Clyde Strader, John Susanjar, David Zvara, Sharon Hambly, Cindy Klein, Hannah Moore.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE St. Paul is a part of a nation-wide denomination called the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS Office of International Mission is currently working with five partner churches and schools in Europe to help refugees from this conflict. To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to donate: (1) text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444; (2) Give online at www.lcms.org/givenow/displaced; or (3) call 888.930.4438

Families with Children can pick up and take home some very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. *Happy Times* is geared for preschool children. *My Devotions* is designed for families with elementary school aged children. June editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

Food Collection Next Sunday, June 5th. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



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 June.

Ministry to college-age Young Adults this Summer -- Molly McGlothlin is our Summer Ministry Intern planning and leading events aimed at young adults. Molly has experience in this. She attends Bowling Green State University and works for a Lutheran church near campus to reach out to and engage college students in ministry. Molly is a member of St. Paul, who was very active in Next Step Youth Ministries with us. She is reaching out to young adults now for ministry events this summer.

A PRAYER RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY IN UVALDE, TEXAS THIS PAST WEEK

Dear God, I know that the world wasn’t meant to be like this. Uvalde, Texas is my nation’s newest synonym for tragedy. Even for me, though these names are little more than headlines to weep over and shake my fist at, they still leave me reeling.

But you, God, know these names better than all of us. They’re not just names to you. You’ve studied every detail of every life damaged or lost in this and previous tragedies. You’ve known all the victims as reflections of your own image.

You know far better than I that the world wasn’t made for hatred and pain.

Bring an end to violence and hatred and discord.

Even now, in the midst of the darkness, I believe you are at work. I believe you have the power to fashion something new out of our disastrous ruins.

If tragedy and chaos persist, keep me from apathy. Give me a heart that loves deeply enough to break again and again. Give me a passion for peace that only burns brighter as time goes by.

Thank you that your love has never stopped blazing. Thank you that no matter how many times our human race falls, you have never fallen into apathy. When we are faithless, you remain faithful.

One day, I know, you’ll give us a perfect peace that lasts forever. One day every sorrow will be erased and every tear wiped away. One day pain will be locked in a heavenly museum and hatred will be the stuff of history books. But I dare to ask for peace sooner than that. I dare to believe, along with King David in Psalm 27:13, that **“I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”** I dare to plead with you in the name of Jesus, in the name of the one who suffered so I could plead with you: *Give us peace.* Amen