

**Join us for Family Fun, Inflatables, Games, Food, and More!**



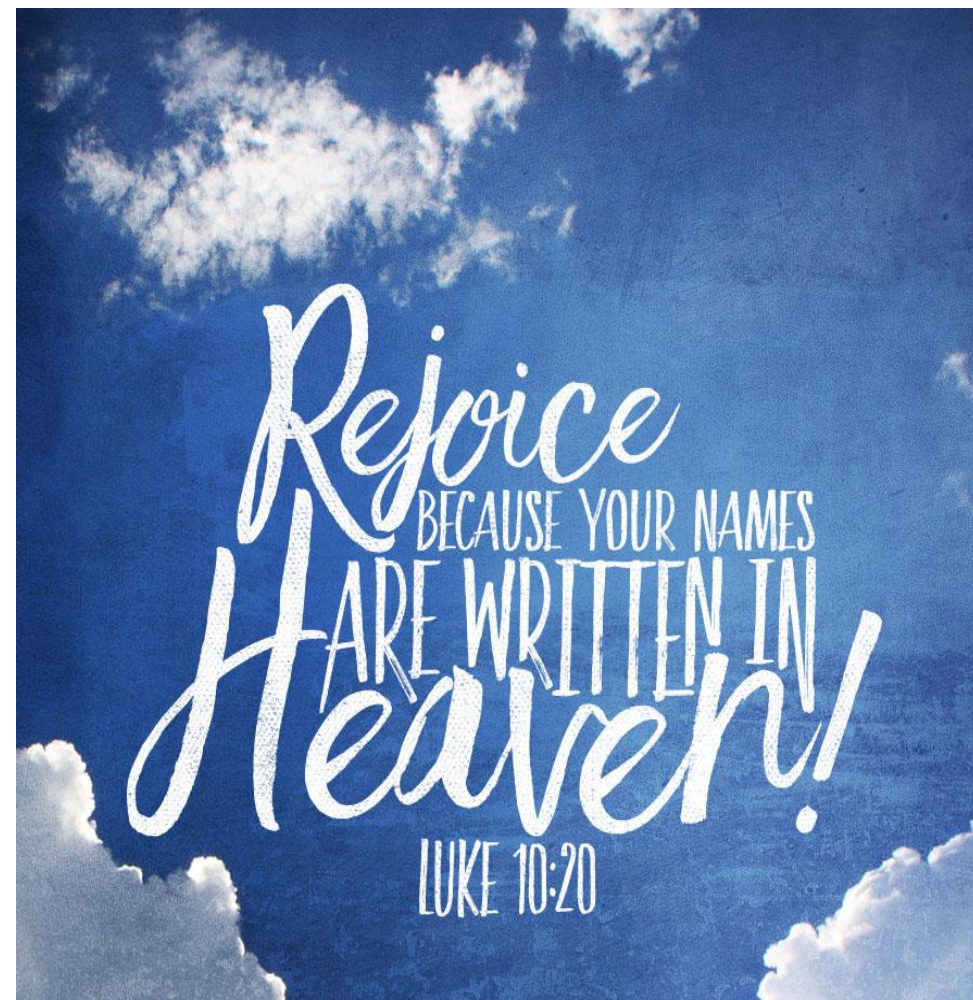
**Tuesday Nights**  
**June 21st, 28th,**  
**July 5th, 12th & 19th**  
**5:30- 7:30 PM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Summer J.A.M. 2022**

**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**

**Sunday, July 24th @ 10AM**

Bring a lawn chair, dress casual if you're headed to the lake or the game, and join us under the blue summer sky to worship our gracious God! Meet under the big maples on the front lawn of the parsonage, along Central Drive. In case of rain we move inside. The traditional 8:30AM worship service remains indoors.



**St. Paul**

**Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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Sunday, July 3, 2022

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:** Jesus sends out seventy-two people to go ahead of Him, two by two, to every place where He Himself was about to go. We might, at times, wish that we could have been there, to hear a clear directive from Jesus, to be sent on a mission by Jesus, in person. We imagine how strong we would be and how purposeful the mission would be if Jesus standing right there had told us. Yet, for the seventy-two, tumult lay ahead. It was not so easy for them. So, to those who listen through almost deaf ears, and follow with almost broken bodies, who look through dimmed eyes, to those who have lived amongst the wolves, and not quite made it out of town before being shoved back into that dust, to those Jesus speaks peace through this message of the cross, "Hush now, the reign of God has come near to you."

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Heavenly Father, as I come to worship this day, forgive my sin of slowness to love others as myself, and my fear of sharing Your love. As I confess my sin in worship and receive Your absolution, renew me with stronger love for You and for the people around me. Since Your love, Lord Jesus, was not just in words, but in actions as You went to the cross for me, so may my love for others be shown in actions of love. Amen

**We welcome our guest speaker today,** Pastor Lynn Podoll. Pastor Podoll has served several congregations as pastor for over 50 years. He is retired and lives in Cleveland. He will share with us a sermon message entitled, "The Greatest Joy in the World" based on today's Gospel reading.

**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.

**Altar Flowers given to God's glory by Roger & Wanda Aschenbach** celebrating their anniversary.

**Give a Summer Gift to Your New Neighbor.** A beautiful gift basket is ready for *you* to give to *your* new neighbor! It's a fun way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to St. Paul. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. People who receive these gift baskets *love* them! So sign up today in the narthex and it can be yours to give away.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>7/3 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM <b>7/4 Church Office Closed</b> <b>7/5 No Seasoned Saints</b> Summer J.A.M. 5:30 PM	<b>7/10</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM <b>7/12</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Summer J.A.M. 5:30 PM

**Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Lynn Podoll
<b>Organist</b>	Luca Cantone
<b>Elders</b>	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley, David Bender
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Tina Muska (L)
<b>Greeters</b>	Lynn Jiovanazzo (E)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle

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

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

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**Luca Cantone, Summer Organist**

**Pray for your Family of God** - Everyday of every month we lift up our brothers and sisters in faith through our prayers. You can participate. Small bags are on the table next to the entrance doors (by the cookies 😊), each bag contains several cards with the name of a member of your spiritual family. Take a bag today to pray for those people in the month of July.

**Portals of Prayer** daily devotion guides for July - September are free, and in the narthex today for you to take home and use. They are great for family devotion time after supper or use them personally. The book fits easily into a pocket, purse, or lunch bag.

**THANK YOU Volunteer Servants!** Last Sunday we celebrated our many people who volunteer their time and abilities to serve God and others. If you serve in any capacity and you didn't receive a gift of thanks last Sunday, stop by the table in the narthex today. "One Purpose" pens, cell phone accessories, and devotion booklets are waiting for you!

**Trip To Israel** – A tour group trip to Israel will be traveling next March 2023 and you are invited. The Warnock family is going and they have placed information packets in the narthex. The info packets contain specific dates, costs, and itinerary. Deposits are needed within the next 2 weeks. Contact Steve Warnock for more information.

**Pastor Paul is on a vacation this week** and he returns to the church office on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bill Mugnolo is available in case of emergencies, and he can be reached at: (cell) 585/472-0266.

**July Newsletters** – Printed copies of the July edition of St. Paul's monthly "Grace Notes" newsletter are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex today.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated non-perishable food today for Second Harvest Food Bank. The next food gathering will be Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** - Rachel Bender would like to thank those who supported her financially to attend the National Youth Gathering as a Young Adult Leader. She asks for continued prayers for safety and blessings on the gathering which will take place July 9-13th in Houston, Texas.

**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](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/displaced); or (3) call 888.930.4438



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

- We thank and praise God that our nation has ended a guaranteed right under the U.S. Constitution for kill unborn children for any cause and any time.
- Please pray for peace in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Pray also that lives are spared, refugees are safe, and families are reunited.
- Pray for Gail Slater, friend of Deb Lasko. Gail has been recovering from double lung transplant, finally got out of the hospital, then had to go back in last week.
- Pray that Galen's Crohn's disease would go into remission.
- Pray for Nancy Dau (sister of Anita Labella & Karen Saegert) who has lung cancer; Jerry Sekula (Judy Bloom's Uncle) going through treatment for cancer; Char Guzman (Tina & Ron Muska's niece) as she has just been diagnosed with lymphoma; 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); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and Cindy (cousin of Laurie Beran) who is battling cancer.
- 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: Sarah Gallo, Molly McGlothlin, Ken Moore Jr., Aaron Hopkins, Andrew Schneider II.