

Family Focus Team who will provide learning events and relationship-building events for families in our preschool and surrounding community. Pick up a Ministry Description teams to see if this team is what God would have you do. Check the Resource wall in the lower narthex.

If you would like to participate in any team Just contact Dave Bender (dave.bender@oberlin.edu 440/315-9603), Edna Klenz (ednaeklenz@gmail.com); Bruce McGlothlin (bdmcglothlin@gmail.com 440/452-3488) or Pastor Paul (wernerpaul@sbcglobal.net 440-988-4157).



Donations Accepted Through Sunday 2/11

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St Paul's Community Care Team is asking for your support of our first outreach for 2023.

Donations of NEW or like-NEW jammies (Pajamas) size infant to Adult M will be collected for The Blessing House. Bins are available in the Narthex.

Blessing House is a children's crisis care center, caring for children birth through 12, whose parents or caregivers are facing a crisis or emergency.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

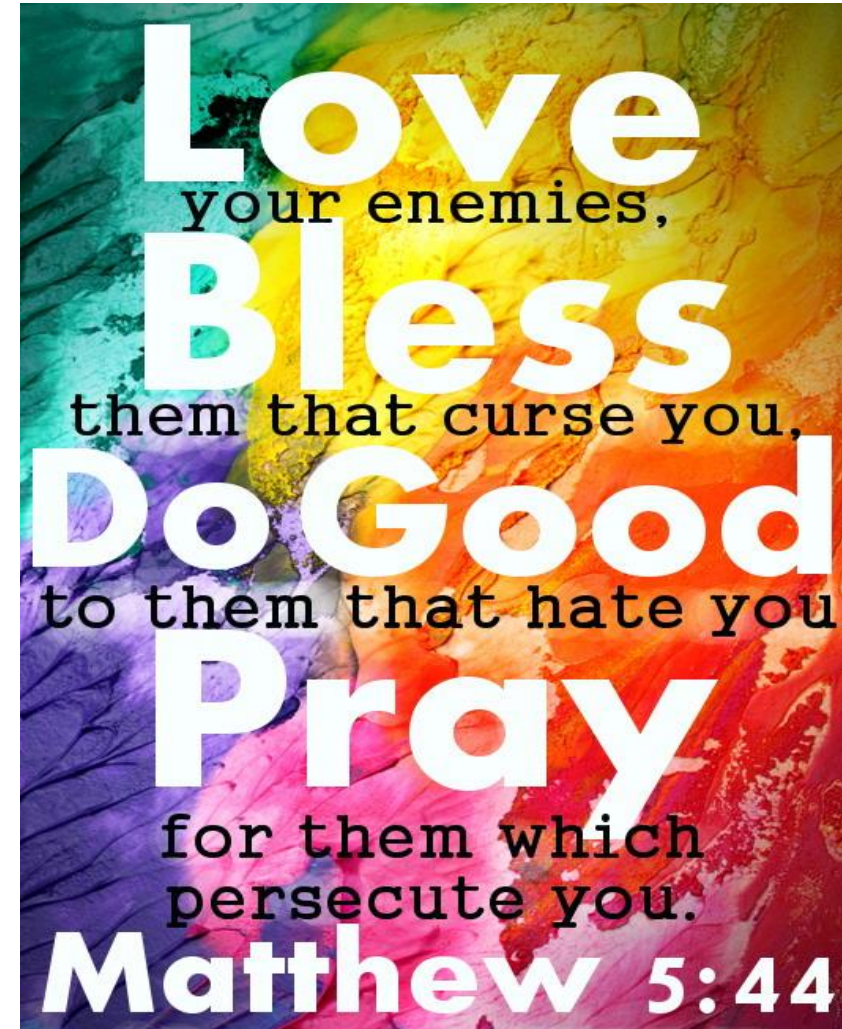
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Sunday, January 15, 2023

WELCOME! We're glad you're here!

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 11:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

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.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP As we begin a new year we see possibilities to improve our lives by setting new goals to work towards. Frequently, we fall back into old habits, some of which are hurtful. Today we begin a series of sermon messages we are calling, "Bad Goals for Your Life" with a message, "Hold On To Bitterness." We will discover God's grace which sets us free through forgiveness so that we forgive others.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Jesus, may I receive and celebrate Your forgiveness of my sins. I continually sin against You, Heavenly Father, yet You forgive me at a heavy cost to You. Thank you for Your grace! Move me by Your Holy Spirit to forgive others who have hurt me. Set me free from bitterness to live in Your grace. In Jesus' Name I pray, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 22nd, refreshments between worship services will be served in the Fellowship Hall, lower level. This day is the start of National Lutheran Schools Week, and our Preschool Staff is holding an Open House for you. Come to see what the Preschool ministry is like and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments too!

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by: the Bloom family in celebration of Judy's birthday on Friday.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2023 are still delayed this year due to a problem with the printer. Your box of offering envelopes for next year will be given to you as soon as we receive them here at St. Paul. Until they arrive, you may use extra offering envelopes from 2022, or use a plain envelope and write your name and envelope number on it. You may also give to God electronically by clicking on the "giving" tab at St. Paul's web site (www.stpaulamherst.com)

The 2023 Flower Chart is now posted in the narthex. Cost remains the same as last year \$25 per arrangement. If you wish to have flowers on the Altar please choose a Sunday, put your name, phone number, & occasion you would like listed in the bulletin.

MOVIE NIGHT Join Ron & Tina Muska to watch "The Chosen" TV Series on *Thursday Evenings at 7 PM* in the Youth Room. We will start watching season two on December 29th. The Chosen shows the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with him –the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Now you can experience it! All welcome! Come and binge Jesus!

PLEASE PASS THE PLATE – Beginning in February we will begin passing the offering plates in worship again. You may place your gift to God and your completed Communication Card into the offering plate. Plates will also remain stationed at the entrances.

BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY

CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD

A Call to Courage, Confession and Love On Tuesday mornings @ 10 AM We examine the religious beliefs behind "woke" ideology. This week, January 17th, we will explore "Social Justice." YOU are welcome to join in, and you will find it time well spent! You'll develop friendships, along with grow stronger in your faith.

WOULD YOU SERVE IN WORSHIP lighting the candles? Women and Men are welcome to light and extinguish the candles. We simply don't have enough youth to be acolytes. If you are willing to serve in this way, write it on your Communication Card along with which worship service time you prefer. Thank you.

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

- Pray for Wyatt who was born premature at 26 weeks and is in NICU.
- Sandy & Jeff Binggeli who have come down with COVID.
- Pray for Lynn Giovanazzo who is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery last Monday.
- Pray for Ron Klein who is at home and weak.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is recovering at home from pneumonia and heart complications with A-Fib.
- Pray for Kathy Lasko (Andy Lasko’s Mother) who fell backwards, injured her back, and is in rehab now.
- Praise God that Galen’s Crohn’s disease has gone into remission!
- Pray for God to give a Grandson victory in his battle with a drug problem.
- Praise God that Nancy Dau’s lung cancer is now in remission (sister of Anita Labella & Karen Saegert);
- Pray for Laura Stanley, Ron Muska’s sister, who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; Pray for Norm Buckingham (friend of Deby & Andy Lasko) who was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sarah Perkins who has lung cancer; Brian Holmes who is beginning an trial treatment for his leukemia – pray that it works and he goes into remission; Summer (Katie Steindl’s godmother) in her long battle with cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck’s mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); Pat Kidder and Pam Hundal, friends of Steve Warnock, who are 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.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Kristopher Aschenbach, Kaden Clotz, Judy Bloom, Darren Conley, Jack Green, David Staylon

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
1/15 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 1/17 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 1/19 Movie Night “Chosen” 7 PM	1/22 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM Preschool Open House 9:30 AM 1/24 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women’s Ministry 7 PM 1/26 Movie Night “Chosen” 7 PM 1/28 Preschool Dad’s & Bowling @ Park Lanes 12PM

Serving in God’s House:

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| Pastor | Rev. Paul Werner |
| Organist | Oziah Wales |
| Readers | Christine Krupp (E) |
| Greeters | Chuck & Fran Draga (E) |
| Altar Guild | Wanda Aschenbach |
| Head Usher | Ron Fisher |
| Ushers | John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) |