



MINISTRY PLAN FOR GROWTH
Opportunities to Serve God

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

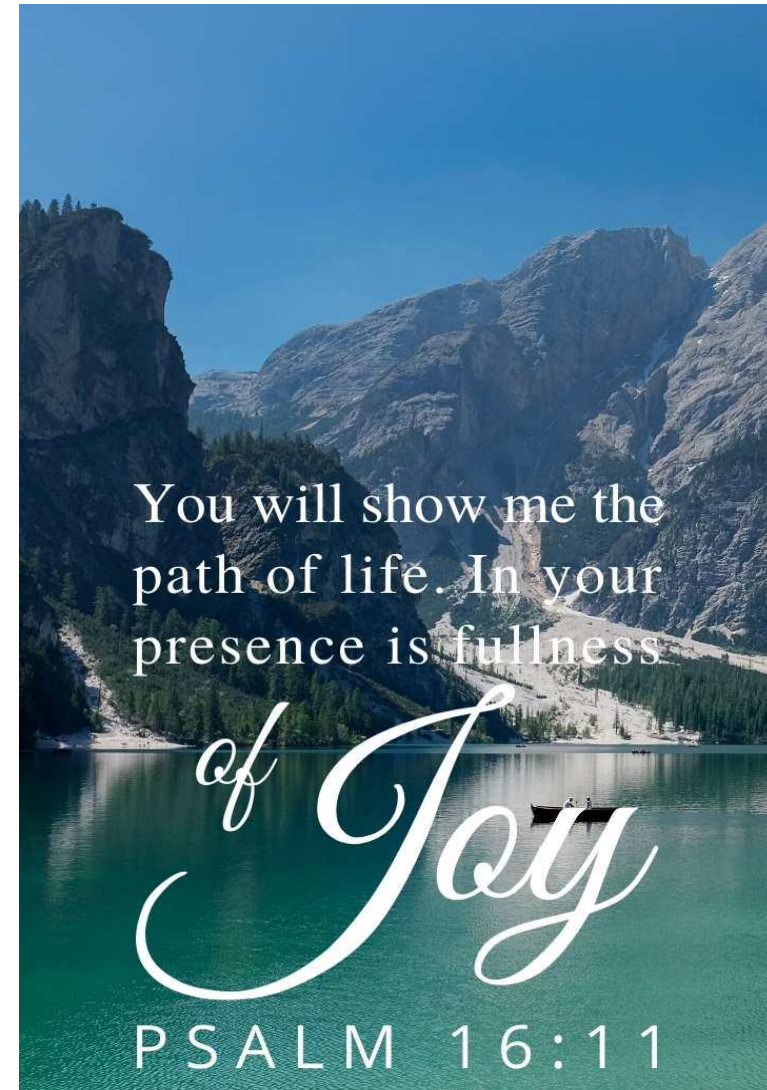
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Sunday, January 22, 2023

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 More than any other time in history, Americans today live in a consumer culture that convinces us happiness is just one purchase away. When we live with happiness as our goal, we will miss it. When we live with knowing Christ as our goal, we receive Him ... AND happiness, contentment, joy, and peace.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Jesus, the sins in my attitude towards You run 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.

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.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by: Harold & Debbie Gibson celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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)

Happy Times is a very practical, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school aged children share faith in Christ at home. Happy Times is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and February thru March editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

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!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
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	1/29 Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 10 AM Kids Church 10 AM 1/31 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Oziah Wales
Elders	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
Acolyte	Gwen Krupp
Kids Church	Judy Bloom
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Greeters	Harold & Debbie Gibson (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Bryan Draga (L)

TODAY join us for an OPEN HOUSE of our Preschool between services in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) This is to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, January 22 – 27. **Refreshments between worship services will be served in the Fellowship Hall**, lower level. Come to see what the Preschool ministry is like and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments too!



ONE Joint Worship Service

Sunday, February 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Let's worship together as God's Family of St. Paul!

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, February 12, 2022, 10:15 AM

St. Paul's annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be following a joint worship service on Sunday, February 12th. The ONE worship service this day begins at 9:00 AM.

The meeting will feature reports on God's blessings in the past year 2022, and updates on all ministries, finances, buildings and grounds, and St. Paul's Ministry Plan for growth.



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." *Psalms 148:18*

- Pray for Deby Lasko recovering at home from surgery.
- Pray for Wyatt who was born premature, is still in the hospital, and is recovering from a surgery he needed last week.
- Pray for Ron Klein who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- 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.
- 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: James Anderson, John Brabander, Ava McLaughlin, Roger Aschenbach, Jacob Green, Jason Fisher.