

**RIGHT NOW THESE TEAMS ARE OPEN FOR YOU TO PLUG IN!**

- **Family Focus Team** ~ You will host family-life education events like seminars to build up great marriages and to teach parenting skills. You will also host relationship-building events for families.
- **Child Care Team** ~ You will investigate adding before and after school care to our current Preschool ministry, so that we share Jesus with families who work and need child care.

**If you would like to participate in any team** Just contact Dave Bender  
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***“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”***

*Luke 23:34*

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Sunday, February 26, 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.

### **SUNDAYS IN LENT**



**More Loving Words were Never Spoken!** The Sundays in Lent, from February 26<sup>th</sup> to Easter, we are listening again to Jesus' final words spoken while giving His life for us on the cross.

**IN TODAY'S WORSHIP** The 7 Greatest Words of Love. These weeks leading up to Easter we are listening to Jesus' final words that He spoke while giving His life for us on the cross. When a person is near death, their final words are important and to be remembered. Jesus prayed, "*Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.*" Today we will discover what we usually do with our guilt, what Jesus wants me to do with my guilt, and then what Jesus does with my guilt.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Through this season of Lent, O Lord, remind us often when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse You walked a road that took You to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue. Amen.

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**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.

**Food Collection Next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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 March.

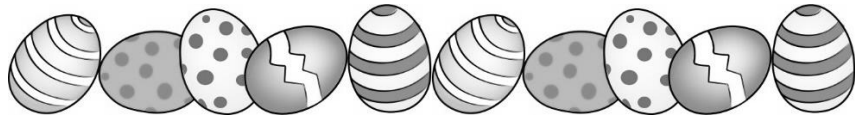
**A New Neighbor** who moved into Sandy Binggeli's neighborhood has won a beautiful gift basket with Christ-themed decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to make St. Paul their new "church home." Sandy gets to meet her new neighbor with a wonderful gift to give. YOU can do the same thing! All you have to do is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box. Check out the new gift basket for March in the narthex and sign up!

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>2/26</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM <b>2/27</b> Preschool Board 4 PM Board of Directors 6:30 PM <b>2/28</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM National Day of Prayer Meeting 5 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>3/1</b> Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/2</b> "The Chosen" 7 PM	<b>3/5 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM <b>3/6</b> Elders 6:30 PM <b>3/7</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>3/8</b> Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/9</b> "The Chosen" 7 PM <b>3/11</b> Card Making 1 PM

#### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Organist</b>	Oziah Wales
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
<b>Kids Church</b>	Judy Bloom
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Sue Werner (L)
<b>Acolyte</b>	Steve Warnock
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Donna Kemmerle
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Brad Draga (L)

**Greeting Card Making!** Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards **on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.



## St. Paul's Easter Party & Egg Hunt!

**Saturday, April 1, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

A lot of hands will be needed to make this year's Easter Party run smoothly and easily. We will be inviting kids and families from our local community, and all the fun shares the *REAL* reason for joy – Jesus! **Plan now to help?** We will need candy donations and eggs filled. We will need prizes for the special eggs and prizes for the guessing jar. To volunteer talk to Sue Werner or email her at [wernersuz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wernersuz@sbcglobal.net)

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

- Please pray for Wade Hubbard as he recovers at home from a week in the hospital for testing.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is going through a series of heart and lung procedures to help her breathe and have her normal energy.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger as he is on oxygen at home.
- Pray for Steven, Geri Deidrick's son, whose cancer has returned after 4 years in remission.
- Pray for Isaac, the great-grandson of Ed & Gerri Deidrick, who broke his leg.
- Pray for Ron Fisher's mother, Ruby, who is in the hospital after a fall in which she broke both arms.
- Pray for Wyatt who was born premature, is still in the hospital, and is recovering from a surgery.
- Pray for Heather, a young mother of 3, who is in hospice care.
- Please pray for Patti Long (cousin of Carole Naro) who is in hospice care.
- Pray for Laura Stanley, Ron Muska's sister, who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sarah Perkins who has lung cancer; Brian Holmes who is in a trial treatment for his

leukemia – pray that it works and he goes into remission, and pray that he can go back to work; 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; Pam Hundal who is not doing well right now in her body's battle with cancer.

- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: 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 last week and week: Robert Gramer, Beth McGinnis, Tatiana Danico, Sarah Keller, Amy Kuzman, Scott Lasko, Ashton Draga, Dakota Koch, Andrew Schneider, Matthew Jenkins, Justin Ramey, James Walts.

## Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul



On Wednesday nights in the season of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will open our lives up for some intense examination ... and for lots of healing with God's forgiveness and power to change. **Join us for “Seven Deadly Sins”! Invite a Friend!**

### Wednesday Evening Lent Services

**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 PM**

**Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**



Each Wednesday night Lent service begins at 7pm, and a supper for everyone is served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Suppers are simple and easy and for a free-will offering. Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent for good food, great friendship, and moving worship experiences!



## Lenten Daily Devotions

Pick up your *Man of Sorrows, People of Joy* devotion booklet for Lent in the narthex (lobby) at St. Paul. They are free. You can have these devotions emailed to you every day if you wish. Sign up at [www.lhm.org/devotions](http://www.lhm.org/devotions)