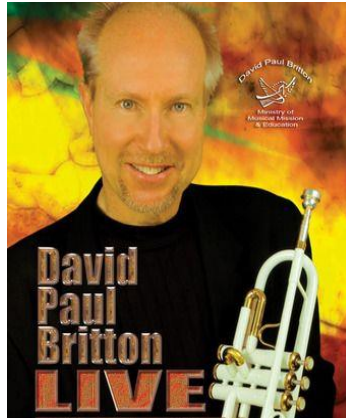




DAVID PAUL BRITTON

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, AMHERST

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
8:30 AM & 10 AM



David Paul Britton shares the Message of Christ in Word and song. He has served the body of Christ as a worship leader, musician/songwriter/producer, radio show host, university consultant, Praise Team and Choral Clinician, Lutheran High School educator, and Gospel messenger for over 44 years throughout the US. Having produced 9 CDs of original songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, he has been a regular presenter throughout The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for scores of conferences, conventions, and Gatherings.

In a sight-and-sound world, the sight and sound of God's Love and Truth brings hope and healing. From sanctuaries to lake-side parks, from convention halls to classrooms, a retirement center or a pub ... in hundreds of engagements yearly, David touches hearts for the sake of Jesus' Love and Truth.

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RED LETTER CHALLENGE



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Easter Sunday, April 16, 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 10:00 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' Activities to keep little ones busy during the worship service – There are cloth bags filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center hanging on a small coat rack. Kids will also be given activities at today's Children's Message, on the front steps with pastor in today's service.

**RED LETTER
CHALLENGE**

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP *WHY* does the world around us and the life we live not look anything like the reality Jesus talked about? Why is there no significant difference between the lives of those who call themselves Christians and the rest of the world? What kind of

witness can we be in this world if we simply look the same as everybody else? The solution is simple: Take Jesus words – the ones that are written in red letters in your Bibles – and put them into practice. Literally. That's the very unoriginal yet revolutionary idea that's going to change not just the followers of Jesus, but the world in which we live! Today we begin a six-week series, "The Red Letter Challenge." What you discover in these 40 days will lay the foundation for our Fall 2023 all-church small group focus "The Being Challenge."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Dear living Lord Jesus, doubts torment us sometimes. Here as I worship, my Faith seems so real, so believable and true. Then, when I go back into my day-to-day life, my confidence withers, old misgivings return, and I am full of doubt. Come to us, resurrected and living Lord Jesus. Bring to us a sure and lasting faith in Your power and Your presence. Make our lives to be the sort of witnesses where others might see the truth of Easter in the way we live in the world. Amen.

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Portals of Prayer daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of April - June are available now. Pick one up today.

You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with a beautiful Spring-themed gift basket that says "welcome to the neighborhood." It's full of seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul. New neighbors love these gifts! All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box.

Happy Times is a simple, 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 April - May editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

The Community Care Team invites you to join us for a Blanket Making Event in the narthex on Monday, April 17th & Tuesday, April 18th from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. These are tied blankets. Bring your fabric scissors if you have them. Coffee & Donuts will be provided!

SOUL KEEPING

CARING for THE MOST IMPORTANT PART of YOU

When's the last time you thought about the state of your soul? The health of your soul is the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. You are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings, at 10 AM to discover the way out of spiritual shallowness to true divine depth of your soul. **"Soul Keeping"** begins on Tuesday, April 25th.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/16 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM	4/23 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM
4/17 Blanket Making 9:30 AM Elders 6:30 PM	4/24 Preschool Board 4 PM Community Care Team 6 PM
4/18 Circuit Pastors Meeting 9 AM Blanket Making 9:30 AM Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	4/25 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
4/20 "The Chosen" 7 PM	4/27 "The Chosen" 7 PM
4/22 St. Paul Preschool Mom's Event – Fellowship Hall	

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist** Oziah Wales
- Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
- Readers** Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bryan Draga (L)
- Acolyte** Steve Warnock
- Greeters** Harold & Debbie Gibson (E)
- Altar Guild** Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Bryan Draga (L)

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

- Praise God for the birth of Pia Catherine Pijor, born to Jake and Megan Pijor.
- Pray for Andy Lasko who is recovering from a heart catheterization surgery on Maundy Thursday.
- Pray for John Schick who is recovering from surgery last Tuesday to repair a strangulated bowel.
- Pray for Dee Dickey (Karen Anderson’s aunt & godmother) who suffered a stroke after hip replacement.
- Pray for Wyatt, a baby, whose heart and breathing are doing much better as he got off a ventilator last week. Pray he can go home soon.
- Pray for Judy Roehrs (Christine Krupp’s mother) who will be having open heart surgery in April. Pray for successful surgery and that arrangements can be made to watch over Judy’s husband, Norm, during the long recuperation period.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who is home and finally feeling better as breathing is improving.
- Pray for Bob Wiersum who is in the hospital in Florida with pulmonary embolism and circulation problems.
- Please pray for Wade Hubbard who is at Amherst Manor for rehabilitation therapy.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering after a mild heart attack and a blood infection, and recovering from COVID. He is at home.
- 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 Clyde Strader who will have outpatient procedures for cancer.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Pray for Braylon, a child with a brain infection. Praise God he is out of ICU, and pray for continued recovery.
- Pray for Ron Fisher’s mother, Ruby, who is back in the hospital now with congestive heart failure.
- Pray for Eddie Daniels (friend of Ron & Tina Muska) who suffered serious back injuries in a collision with a deer. Praise God surgery was successful surgery and pray for a positive recovery.
- Pray for the family of Pam Hundal who went home to heaven, and all who grieve.
- Please pray for Steven, (Geri Deidrick’s son) whose cancer has returned after 4 years in remission; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; 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); and pray for Pat Kidder.

- 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 college students that they turn to God and find guidance for their decisions, their sense of value and dignity in Him, and hope for times of loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays last week: 4/15 Lucy McHugh, this week Tim Card, Kelly Krause, Sue Werner, Kendis Bender



Wednesday evenings
6:45 PM to 8:18 PM beginning
Wednesday,
May 3, 2023

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With God* is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven’t investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There’s no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost -- just come, ask questions, and let’s discuss faith and life. There are seven sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us!