

May Showers!

Shower Cornerstone with support for Mothers & Babies!



Ways you can help in the month of May

- Pray for Cornerstone staff and the families they are helping.
- Fill baby bottles with change and money; bring in every week to mark our progress.
- Donate “New” items for the shopping boutique.
 - Parent can shop for donated items at a reduced cost with Cornerstone “bucks” they receive for completing education courses.

Items that they would like:

Hygiene:

Baby Shampoo
Baby Wash & Baby Lotion
Baby wipes & Diaper rash cream
Baby nail clippers & thermometers
Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

Clothes (Newborn to 2T)

Onesies: NB-Boys, Boys/Girls 6m-18m
Sleepers: NB-Boys, Boys/Girls 6m-24m
Outfits: Boys-summer NB-34m
Socks & Shoes

Other Needs:

Bottles & bottle liners, Formula (Similac, Enfamil, Gerber)
Crib sheets, Receiving & Baby Blankets
Pacifiers, teething rings, spoons, forks, sippy cups
Small toys & rattles
Maternity clothes
Nipple cream, breast pads, nursing scarves
Bobby pillows, infant carriers, changing pads
Baby monitors, diaper pails/refills, diaper bags



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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Sunday, May 28, 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.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP Fifty days after Passover (our Easter-time) came the festival of Pentecost. Jerusalem was again filled with visitors from all over the then-known world to celebrate the barley harvest. God had chosen this time centuries before, as the time He would give His Holy Spirit to begin a new harvest – a harvest of people. The Holy Spirit came on the first believers, empowering them to scatter the "seed" of the Good News that Christ paid for all sins on the cross and rose on Easter to guarantee this forgiveness. The Holy Spirit today still empowers us, His people. He (1) Brings us to faith through the power of the Word (1 Corinthians 12:3); (2) Helps us understand the magnitude of God's love and grace to us (1 Corinthians 2:10); and (3) Takes our prayers and enhances our thoughts before God's throne (Romans 8:26). Today is a great day to worship! It's a great day to thank God for all the blessings that come to us through the work of the Holy Spirit!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant to us today that by the same Spirit we may have a right understanding in all things and that we always rejoice in the Holy Spirit's guidance and comforting. Amen

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Bob & Lee Steindl in honor of College & High School Graduates.

It's time for Star-Spangled Decorations! You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with the exciting Red-White-n-Blue gift basket that says "*welcome to the neighborhood.*" It's full of Summer 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. Thanks to Carole Naro who is giving the Spring basket for May to her new neighbor.

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 June & July editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby

My Devotions for Families with Children is a very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. My Devotions is designed for families with elementary school aged children. Families simply include these resources in their daily routine, like during breakfast before school, during a supper time together when distractions are turned off for a few minutes, or at bedtime. My Devotions are free. June thru August editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
5/28 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 5/29 Church Office Closed 5/30 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/31 New Life with God 3:30 PM 6/3 New Member Orientation Playground Dedication 12 PM	6/4 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 6/6 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 6/7 New Life with God 3:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
Greeters	Harold Gibson, Debbie Gibson (E)
Altar Guild	Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
Ushers	Head Usher Ron Fisher Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Brad Draga (L)

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR: Come have a cup of java and kick around any topic you want to talk about, while getting to know your fellow church members. We will meet at the Sandstone Coffee House (old Arabica Coffee) at 254 Park Ave. in downtown Amherst. This is a great opportunity for anyone who knows a "shut in" to get them out for some lively banter or even a time to invite a potential new member. The coffee hour will be on Thursday, June 1st from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

NEW REGULAR ATTENDERS' ORIENTATION ~ If you're new to St. Paul within the last year, you are invited to join us Saturday, June 3rd, from 10AM to 12 NOON. You will find out everything this congregation offers you and your family, groups you might want to try out, how to grow spiritually, the best way for you to serve. You'll feel more at home and be equipped to "plug in" in ways that will benefit you most. Pastor Paul is the leader. Questions? Ask Pastor: pastor@stpaulamherst.com

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION, Saturday, June 3rd @ 12noon Have you noticed St. Paul's new Preschool playground? After several years of planning and fundraising, the climbing structure is up, complete, and ready for fun. We invite *YOU* to join in praising God for this new addition to our Preschool ministry. Everyone is welcome to join us for a brief ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, Saturday, June 3rd, at 12 NOON, behind the church parsonage.

Host an International Student? International Student Exchange (I.S.E.) has many students looking for host families for this upcoming school year, but specifically a student, Claas (16) from Germany, who is very involved with his Lutheran church back home. They would love to be able to find him a family that also attends a Lutheran church. Claas would be here for the entire 2023/2024 school year and would attend the school district in which the family lives. Students are all high school students, ranging in age from 15-18 years old, and have a good grasp on the English language. All families are accepted: parents with children, single parent families, families with no children, grandparents/empty nesters, same sex couples with or without children. Everyone is welcome! A flier is posted on the board near the narthex mailboxes, and the church office has more information if you are interested.

ISE is a 501c3 non-profit organization with over 40 years of experience in international education and we are designated by the U.S. Department of State and arrange approximately 3,000 exchange programs each year. Our mission is to bring the people of the world closer together while educating the leaders of tomorrow.



Looking for volunteers!!
Build a Bed Night with Good Knights
TUESDAY, June 13th
6-8:30 PM

A Sign-up sheet will be available in narthex shortly.

Prayer Requests this Week: *"The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM."* Psalms 148:18

- Pray for Dave Cullen who is at Cleveland Clinic Main with serious heart problems. Pray for Donna too as she is going to be with him everyday.
- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is in Amherst Manor for rehab to gain strength.
- Pray for Edna Klenz as she begins a long treatment for non-TB micro-organisms in her lungs. Pray for her endurance and for healing.
- Pray for Debbie Gibson who is getting shots in her knee.
- Pray for Amy Akosi's Mom who has a heart blockage and possibly open heart surgery.
- Pray for Wyatt, a baby, was born prematurely and has had heart problems.
- Pray for Judy Roehrs (Christine Krupp's mother) who is recovering from heart surgery in Florida, and pray for Judy's husband, Norm, during the long recuperation period.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit as he had two heart procedures soon at UH Main.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Pray for Ron Fisher's mother, Ruby, who is back in the hospital now with congestive heart failure.
- 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, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: David Bloom, Sydnie Card, Charolette Dickinson, Meredith Funderburg, Ed Bloom, Emilee Ratti, Wade Hubbard, Julie Foisy, Tiffany Maclean, Clyde Strader, John Susanjar, David Zvara.