


YOUR Vote is Wanted!

St. Paul needs a logo image for our church. Please help decide which one.

Why a new logo for St. Paul? The current red and blue cross image was never adopted. We just began using it when St. Paul had to print our own bulletin covers. Now the Community Care Team will soon be making St. Paul shirts to raise funds for an outreach project in the local schools. So which logo gets embroidered on the shirts? The Board of Directors reached out to one of our member's families to help us with logo designs. We have narrowed it down to two choices.

logo 1 St. Paul Lutheran 
Church and Preschool

Logo 1 shows four people gathered around the cross. The significance of *four* relates to the 4 parts of St. Paul's ministry plan. We strive to grow in (1) **Worship**, (2) **Love**, (3) **Friendship** - which is outreach or evangelism, and (4) **Families**.

logo 2 
ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Logo 2 shows four people facing outward, forming a cross. The significance of *four* relates to the 4 parts of St. Paul's ministry plan. We strive to grow in (1) **Worship**, (2) **Love**, (3) **Friendship** - which is outreach or evangelism, and (4) **Families**.

VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE at the table in the rear of the worship sanctuary today, Sunday, June 11th, and next Sunday, June 18th. One vote per person.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool
Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM
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Sunday, June 11, 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' Church will resume in September in the 10AM Worship Service.

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.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP What really pleases God? It is faith! Faith in God's promises often seems impossible of fulfillment. For example, Abraham and Sarah were promised a child though they were far past the age of childbearing. Was that a problem *for God*? No! God can do it. What is an obstacle for us is not for God. And so, God invites us to have faith in His promises, in spite of what everyone and everything may tell us. God even creates the faith needed inside of us as His gift. It's all about faith in God.

WE WELCOME TODAY Pastor Lynn Podoll, our guest speaker. He has served several congregations as pastor for over 50 years. Pastor Podoll is retired and lives in Cleveland. He will share with us a sermon message entitled, "God Can Do It" based on today's New Testament reading, Romans 4:13-25.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP My heavenly gracious Father, You have given me Your dear Son, Jesus, my Savior. Now, You make righteous in Your sight all who put their faith in You through Him. Strengthen my faith in You, that I never lose my certainty in Your love and the hope of my salvation. I praise You that You accept me, not because I impress You, but by simple faith. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Bob & Donna Kemmerle in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

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.

The CASE for CHRIST

INVESTIGATING THE EVIDENCE FOR JESUS

Many people today dismiss Jesus by claiming there is no evidence that Christ is really the Son of God. Come to discover what the historical facts really say! You are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Update on Worship Technology - In late April a power surge damaged the projectors in the chancel that we use for words and videos on the front screens. We lost the ability to control the screens in the front of the sanctuary from the video desk in the back. We have tried several ways to fix the problem without success. In the meantime, our Worship Technology Committee had been working for months on replacing the entire system because of other ongoing problems. The Committee has finalized the system design for sound, video presentation in church, and livestreaming. The contract is being signed now and soon we will know the schedule to install the new system which should serve the church well for many years. Until then, we have a temporary way to operate the video screens, but it is very burdensome.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
6/11 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM	6/18 Worship 8:30 AM & 10 AM
6/13 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Good Knights – Building Beds 6 PM	6/20 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
	6/21 New Life With God 3:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Guest Speaker	Pastor Lynn Podoll
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Laurie Beran (L)
Acolyte	Gwen Krupp (E)
Greeters	Danny & Cyndi Kemery (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Kids Church	Janine Trottier
Altar Guild	Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery Bob Kemmerle (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

Pastor on Call: Pastor Chris Streeper may be reached while Pastor Paul is on vacation next week. Pastor Streeper's contact number is (330)441-0502. Pastor Paul will return to the church office on Wednesday, June 21st.



Looking for volunteers!!

Build a Bed Night with Good Knights

TUESDAY, June 13th

6-8:30 PM

A Sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

Meet us at: 1935 Cooper Foster Park Dr,
Amherst, OH 44001

Behind Tractor Supply on the opposite end of Amherst Plaza, along the soccer fields.

We will be helping in various ways all abilities are welcome! Good Knights will be delivering beds that day also, and welcome us to help with that if anyone would like to. Please fill out volunteer wavier online or day of: <https://goodnites.org/NewVolunteerSignUp.aspx>

Sunday, July 2nd @ 10AM

Bring a lawn chair, come in shorts & t-shirts, if you're headed to the lake or the game then join us under the blue summer sky to worship our gracious God! Meet under the shade of the big maple trees on the front lawn of the parsonage, along Central Drive. Future outdoor worship services are on July 23rd and September 3rd. In case of rain we move inside.



Help Plan a Party? You shared your input and we listened! Now we want to start having an all-church fellowship event 4 times throughout the year, beginning the last Sunday in July. Want to help us plan a party such as a Sunday brunch after worship? Please email pastor to volunteer: pastor@stpaulamherst.com

Update on Organist - St. Paul has been blessed with skilled student organists from the Oberlin College Music Conservatory. When the students go home for summer, in past years we have been able to have a student or a local organist play during the summer. This year we have not been able to locate either a student or a local organist for the Sunday 8:30 AM traditional worship services. We have been using recordings of hymns played through the sound system, (which complicates our current A/V issues more). **You may be able to help us search for an organist.** How? (1) Do you know of a person who can play the organ? If so, please share their contact information with the church office and we will take it from there. Email us: pastor@stpaulamherst.com or churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com, or call 440/988-4157, M-Th, 9am-2pm. (2) Can you help your church place the organist job posting on recruiting websites such as Indeed.com? If you can help, let pastor know by using the contact info above.

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

- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is in Amherst Manor for rehab to gain strength.
- Pray for Lynn Jiovanazzo's sister, Lori Gingrich, who is recovering from surgery for colon cancer.
- Pray for Cindy Werner, who is recovering from brain surgery last week.
- 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 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 Kuno Josupeit as he had two heart procedures soon at UH Main.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Please pray for Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Laura Stanley, (Ron Muska's sister) who has lung cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who has pancreatic cancer; Brian Holmes who is in a trial treatment for his leukemia; 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: Rebecca Demich, Emily Krieg, Allison Vilagi, Claire Vilagi, Linda Donovan, Shane Hargreaves, Amy Hicks, Darlene Mack, Rebecca Sizemore, Elizabeth Anderson, Terri Dziak, Karen Strader, Lynne Maclean, Michael Seeley, Paula Summer.