

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.

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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**.

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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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**"I am sending you out as sheep in the
midst of wolves, so be wise as
serpents and innocent as doves."**

Matthew 10:16



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Sunday, June 18, 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 Jesus sends us out as lambs among wolves. Sheep are weak, self-centered, and helpless. Jesus is the only One who can rescue lost sheep. He is the Good Shepherd, who faced and defeated the ultimate wolves -- sin and death. From this sacrifice of Jesus, our Shepherd's life comes the hope of green pastures. We, then, as sheep invite others into the flock of God. The going, however, is not always easy. There are spiritual and moral dangers. We are sent as lambs among wolves.

WE WELCOME TODAY Pastor Chris Streeper, our guest speaker. Pastor Chris is former military, who came to faith in Jesus, and became a Baptist pastor. His study of Scripture has led him to God's truth which is what the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod believes and teaches. He is in the process of becoming a Lutheran pastor and will complete the process next Fall. He lives with his family in Spencer, and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Valley City. Pastor Streeper will share with us a sermon message entitled, "Sheep Amongst Wolves."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Most Gracious God, assist us always by Your grace that with constant love we may keep our relationship with You, grow in love toward You and for each other, and invite other sheep into Your fold, which is Your Church now on earth, and forevermore in heaven. Amen.

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.

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.

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

Want to help Plan Summer J.A.M.? A planning session will be Thursday evening, June 22nd, at 7 PM at the church building. You are welcome to join us in make this be an amazing outreach event to kids and families.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
6/18 Worship 8:30 AM & 10 AM 6/20 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 6/21 New Life With God 3:30 PM 6/22 Summer J.A.M. Planning Mtg 7 PM 6/24 New Regular Attenders' Orientation	6/25 Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 10 AM 6/27 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Guest Speaker	Pastor Chris Streeper
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Molly McGlothlin (L)
Greeters	Eric & Sandy Long (E) Ed & Gerri Deidrick (L)
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E)



TRADITIONAL SERVICE COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGE IN JUNE

Sunday, June 18th there will not be Holy Communion served in the 8:30am Traditional worship service. This is a 3rd Sunday of the month and routinely a day for Holy Communion in the early service. We will have a guest pastor, however, on that Sunday, who, although he can do most parts of the worship service, he is not yet authorized to preside at the Lord's Supper. This is because he is in the process of changing ("colloquizing") to become a Lutheran pastor in our denomination, and while he can preach, teach, and lead now, he will become fully certified this Fall. Holy Communion, then, will be celebrated in BOTH services on Sunday morning, June 25th.

NEW REGULAR ATTENDERS' ORIENTATION next Saturday ~ If you're new to St. Paul within the last year, you are invited to join us Saturday, June 24th, 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. This is rescheduled from Sat. June 3rd. Pastor Paul is the leader. Questions? Ask Pastor: pastor@stpaulamherst.com



St. Paul Lutheran Church of Amherst, Ohio

Unique Opportunity to Serve God –
Would you like to help your church observe the 150th Anniversary of gospel ministry to the people of this community? In two years we will celebrate this huge blessing from God, and now is the time for us to begin the planning. If you would like to participate in our 150th Anniversary Committee, please let Pastor Paul know.
(pastor@stpaulamherst.com).

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.



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.

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

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

- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is in the hospital.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is in the hospital.
- 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 who will have 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: Sheryl Gregg, Dan Werner, Sage Bungard, Danny Kemery, Gwen Krupp, Jeff Kulp, Ben Norheim.