



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.



Summer J.A.M.'s Coming!

Tuesday, July 18th, 5-8 PM

Tuesday, July 25th, 5-8 PM

Tuesday, August 1st, 5-8 PM

Water Slides, Games, Bible Stories, Food, Crafts, Friends, Fun!

Be sure to join us for St. Paul's big summertime kids' and families' event!

Start spreading the word as you invite neighbors, friends, grandkids.

In July you can sign up to help, and donate needed supplies.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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

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Sunday, June 25, 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 We begin our summer series of sermon messages today, "*Truths that Transform.*" St. Paul was a man whom God dramatically and completely changed. Just as Paul's judgmental, condemning, violent personality was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, our sinful lives are to be transformed by God's working through His Word and His forgiveness in Communion. This summer we will consider some of the transitions in Paul's life that apply to you also. This Sunday we focus on the words that God guided Paul to write in the Bible, "**One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**" We are easily distracted to run to the wrong finish line, pursuing empty goals in life, or to look sideways, comparing ourselves to others. The Christian life is one where our eyes are fixed only on Jesus who stands at the finish line in heaven.



Holy Communion is celebrated in BOTH worship services today, June 25th.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Today we are expressing appreciation to all volunteer to serve Jesus in a ministry of St. Paul. There are so many people who serve, in so many different ways! You build up the faith of the people who are present, and reach out to those who are not yet present. **THANK YOU!** If you volunteer in the ministries of St. Paul *in any way* please stop by the table in the narthex after the worship service!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, help me to surrender my worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, I can celebrate a new life centered in Jesus Christ. Being loved, send me to love others. Forgiven, empower me to forgive. Having received Your grace, move me to give to others with a gracious spirit that reflects You alone. Amen

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by

- Karie Coffman in memory of her mother, Diane Coffman
- Jan Ingersoll in memory of her mother, Martha Jamie

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

Food Collection Next Sunday, July 2nd. 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 July.

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.

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. **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.

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

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

- Pray for Emma Sekerak who is recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is back in Amherst Manor for rehab to gain strength.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is in a rehab hospital to recover from surgery.
- Pray for Emma Jenkins who fell and broke her upper arm.
- Pray for Edna Klensz as she begins a long treatment for non-TB micro-organisms in her lungs. Pray for her endurance and for healing.
- Pray for Carole Naro who is recovering from surgery to remove cancerous cells.
- 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: David Bender, Cathi Aufdenkampe, Bob Wiersum, Debora Zvara, Nicholas Burgess, Janet Eshelman, Myra Koch, Diane Lamoreaux

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
6/25 Holy Communion 8:30 & 10 AM 6/27 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women’s Ministry 7 PM	7/2 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM 7/4 Church Office Closed

Serving in God’s House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
Acolyte	Steve Warnock (E)
Greeters	Mike & Lucy McHugh (E) Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
Altar Guild	Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Brad Draga (L)