



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.

Invite kids, grandkids, neighbors, and their families! It will be loads of fun, safe, and something for kids of all ages and mom, dads, grandmas, and grandpas too.

Pray that kids and their families discover Jesus who loves them and is always near.

Serve one or all of the Tuesday evenings of Summer J.A.M. You can serve food, help kids with crafts, greet people, set up, and more. Just be a person of joy! **Check out the sign up board in the narthex for all the opportunities.**

Donate we need you to save the tubes from T.P. & paper towel rolls, egg cartons (paper preferred) We need donations of bottled water, kool-aid or capri sun pouches, cookies, and chips.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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

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BLESSED
be the
NATION
whose
GOD IS THE
LORD
psalms 33:12



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 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 As our nation pauses to celebrate Independence Day, our thoughts turn toward the blessings our God has given us through our country. Today we ask God's continued blessing and guidance upon the leaders and people of our nation as we meet the challenges of the future.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by

- Roger & Wanda Aschenbach who are celebrating their anniversary.
- Gramer family in celebration of Marylou's birthday

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.

You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with this month's 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.

The CASE for CHRIST Will NOT meet this week, Tuesday, July 4th, and will resume on Tuesday, July 11th @ 10 AM.

The Church Office will be Closed this week Monday, July 3rd, and Tuesday, July 4th, in honor of the Independence Day holiday.

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

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
7/2 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM	7/9 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 7/10 Preschool Meeting 11 AM
7/3 & 7/4 Church Office Closed	7/11 Seasoned Saints

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Greeters	Jim & Carole Naro (E) Sheryl Gregg (L)
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E)

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY, Sunday, July 2nd @ 10AM

Weather permitting, the 10am worship service will be 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.

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

- Pray for Andy Lasko who will have heart surgery on Monday, July 3rd.
- Pray for Emma Sekerak who is home recovering from back surgery.
- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is in Amherst Manor for rehab to gain strength.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who was in the hospital last week for two operations.
- Pray for Emma Jenkins who fell and broke her upper arm.
- Pray for Edna Klentz who needs strength and healing through a long treatment for non-TB micro-organisms in her lungs.
- Pray for Carole Naro who is home recovering from successful 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 had two heart procedures at UH Main last week.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Please pray for Pat who has a brain tumor; 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: Mary Lou Gramer, Gerald Huya, Janet Koehn, Sarah Gallo, Betty Heck, Amanda Staylon, Corey Wengerd, Molly McGlothlin, Kenneth Moore Jr., Timothy Rein, Erika Bauer, Erica Dorrance, Andrew Schneider II.