

FINAL WEEK



Tuesday, August 1st, 5 – 7:30 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!
Invite neighbors, friends, grandkids.

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 as we still need volunteer servants this week and next. **Check out the sign-up board in the narthex for all the opportunities.**



TRUTHS *that* TRANSFORM

ST. PAUL 
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

Welcome
to



ONE Worship Service
@ 9:00 AM
Celebrating Holy
Communion Together

Stay for Brunch Together in Fellowship Hall following Worship

As a body of believers, our goal is to grow in love: All St. Paul members will feel known, loved and celebrated in Christ-centered relationships in the Body of Christ, and our love for one another will draw unbelieving people to the Church and to Christ.

Welcome to our Guests!

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 continue our summer series of sermon messages today, *"Truths that Transform."* How many times have you and I stumbled in the dark searching for the light switch, fearful about where we are going and what harm and evil await us in the darkness? Life is like that. Some people like the darkness because the dark can hide a lot. Christians are to be lights to people living and groping in the darkness. So, shine in this world of darkness! Live **"blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.'** Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold **firmly to the word of life.**" Philippians 2:15-16

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.

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
7/30 Fellowship Sunday Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship brunch following worship 8/1 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Summer J.A.M. 5 PM	8/6 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 8/8 Seasoned Saints 10 AM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner
Readers	Sandy Long
Greeters	Nancy Beran, Ruth Williams
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, as I come to worship this day, forgive my sin of slowness to love others as myself, and my fear of sharing Your love. As I confess my sin in worship and receive Your absolution, renew me with stronger love for You and for the people around me. Since Your love, Lord Jesus, was not just in words, but in actions as You went to the cross for me, so may my love for others be shown in actions of love. Amen.



New Bible Study *The Parables of Jesus*

Your ability to have peace and hope through life's difficulties, joy in your relationships with others, and purpose for living are all tied to how much you feed your faith in Jesus. We are offering you an opportunity to grow deeper in faith through learning to understand and apply Jesus' teachings to your life. Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 AM for a new series on "The Parables of Jesus."

This series uses "Life Light" Bible study helps. This is a method of looking at the same Bible passage in three different ways: first by yourself through the week; second, in a discussion group on Tuesdays; and third, a presentation by Pastor. Your rewards will be well worth your effort! We ask a free-will offering of \$15 per person for materials. Join us for "The Parables of Jesus" on Tuesdays @ 10 AM, here at St. Paul.

Food Collection Next Sunday, August 6th. 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 August.

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 August - September editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

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

- Pray for Carole Naro as she begins follow-up treatment following surgery to remove cancer.
- Pray for Galen who is going through a difficult time right now due to physical problems that are causing other problems.
- Pray for the Stumpf family from our Preschool. Twin boys were born last week prematurely, and after a difficult labor Mom is hospitalized too.
- Pray for Kat (8-year-old niece of Sandy Long) whose father, Danny, died from brain cancer. She is having a rough time dealing with this.
- Pray for Wade Hubbard who is now at home to keep gaining strength.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering at home.
- Pray for Emma Jenkins for the bones in her broken arm to keep healing.
- Pray for Edna Klenz for healing of her lungs.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is at home, recovering, and doing well.
- 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: Diane Gramer, Tyler Moore, Lily Draga, Zachary Hargreaves, Eli Bolen, Megan McLaughlin, Nick Street, Tim Street, June Tatum, Debbie Wiersum.
- Praise God for Summer J.A.M. that God works powerfully to plant the truth of His love into the hearts of children and adults.