



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, September 3rd @ 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. In case of rain we move inside.



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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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

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. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

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.*" Our focus today is on the words that God guided Paul to write in the Bible, "**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**" Often we search for joy in our achievements, in our possessions, in pleasure, or in people. These things let us down leaving us disappointed or depressed. Joy is found "in the Lord." Only a relationship with Christ can bring joy, regardless of the circumstances of your life.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Come to me, living Lord Jesus. Bring to me a sure and lasting faith in Your power and Your presence. Make my life to be one where others might see the truth of Your grace and love in the way I live in the world. Send your Holy Spirit on me through the Means of Grace, so that I grow up in all things into maturity in faith and witness. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Janet Koehn in memory of heavenly family.

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 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. You are invited to 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.

Thank You to everyone who participated in, donated to, prayed for, or served at Summer J.A.M. We had an opportunity to share God's Word and His love with children and their families: 91, 100, and 74 over the 3 weeks of events. Keep praying for the children and families that they grow closer to Jesus and connect regularly with a local Christian Church.

CHAIR LIFT – Operation Instructional Next Sunday The new chair lift from the Narthex to the Second Floor is ready for use. Next Sunday, August 20th, you can attend a short presentation to learn how to operate it. You can stop at the chair lift anytime from 9:30 – 10AM and it takes only a few minutes to see how to use it.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/13 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 8/15 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 8/17 Guest Hospitality 1 PM	8/20 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 8/22 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM 8/24 Preschool Board 4:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
Acolyte	Gwen Krupp (E)
Greeters	John & Brenda Cartmell (E) Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

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

- Pray for Carole Naro’s doctors to have wisdom as they determine her follow-up treatment following surgery to remove cancer.
- Pray for Geri Deidrick to have a successful surgery on August 25th to remove colon cancer cells, and for a complete and speedy recovery.
- Pray for Galen who is going through a difficult time right now due to physical problems that are causing other problems.
- Pray for Edna Klentz for healing of her lungs.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering after a procedure this past week to replace his pace-maker. (Kuno is 96 yrs. Old).
- Pray for Ron Klein, Wade Hubbard, and Don Lamoreaux that each one gain strength as they recover and receive therapy in their homes.
- Please pray for Eddy Daniels who has inoperable cancer; Priscilla Harden’s sister in California who has cancer; 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: Russell Nabakowski, Frank Becker-Balcik, Marilyn Green, Rob Pijor, Robert Becker, Karen Vilagi, Susan Brabander.

Door Offering for Ugandan Lutheran Church ~ Today you have an opportunity to participate in a special mission project. Several Lutheran pastors in Uganda and the Lutheran Seminary in Jinza, Uganda have requested Lutheran hymnals in the English language, specifically the old red covered *The Lutheran Hymnal* (TLH). The Lutheran churches in our local area (Ohio District LCMS, North Central Circuit 2) have taken this on as a project and collected the needed 200 hymnals. The shipping cost to Africa, however, is over \$400. Your gift, no matter how small, will help pay for shipping and enable you to participate in this special mission project. Collection plates are at the doors marked for “Uganda.”