



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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TRUTHS *that* TRANSFORM



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 In our summer series of sermon messages, *Truths That Transform,* today we ask, "What are you living for?" Many people live their whole lives for empty pursuits. St. Paul was guided by God to say boldly, "*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*" *Philippians 1:21.* Today we will help you evaluate the purpose and direction of your life.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, our Creator, continue to build this household of faith into what You want us to be. O Christ, our Savior, lead us to do as You will. O Spirit, our Power, strengthen us for the work of the Kingdom, a worship and a service which is ours today as well as tomorrow. O Blessed Trinity, fill this place and these people with Your presence. For yours is the Power, and the Salvation, and the Creation, now and always. Amen.

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 Fall 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.

NEW CHAIR LIFT –It is really great! Learn how it works today, either for yourself, or to help another person operate it. Stop by this morning 9:30 – 10AM for a short presentation. It takes only a few minutes to see how to use it.

St Mark's Lutheran Milford, Ohio needs your help!! St Mark's Lutheran School in Milford, Ohio is a P3-Grade 8 school in the Cincinnati suburbs, where enrollment has increased by over 50% in the last four years. What a blessing from God!! A building expansion of 4-6 classrooms and a gymnasium is needed to keep up with School enrollment growth!! Without this expansion, the School will have to turn away children from hearing God's word in 2 years! The estimated cost of a building expansion of 4-6 classrooms and a gymnasium is around \$4 million. This will be the largest building project in the history of St Mark's and is something that St Mark's Church cannot support on its own! A crowdsourcing site has been set up to help raise funds and is active at: <https://www.givesendgo.com/G9W7Y>. Please prayerfully consider donating! If you'd prefer to donate, but would prefer not to donate via the crowdsourcing site, please send an email to stmarksmilfordexpansion@gmail.com

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
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	8/27 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 8/28 Preschool Parent Meeting 6 PM 8/29 Preschool Meet the Teacher The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 8/30 Preschool Meet the Teacher 8/31 Preschool Orientation 10 AM & 1 PM 9/1 Preschool Orientation 10 AM & 1 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
Readers	Sandy Long (E) Sue Werner (L)
Greeters	Ed & Gerri Deidrick (E) Sheryl Gregg, Phyliss Nabakowski (L)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Clyde Strader (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 September 7th to remove colon cancer cells, and for a complete and speedy recovery.
- Pray for the family of Summer who lost her long battle with cancer on Thursday, Aug. 10th. Summer was Katie Steindl’s godmother. Pray that God gives the family comfort in their grief.
- Pray for the family of Lori, a friend of Sandy Long’s who passed away. And for the family of Jerry, a friend of Eric Long’s who passed away, that both families find comfort, hope, and peace in Jesus.
- Pray for Galen who is going through a difficult time right now due to physical problems that are causing other problems. And pray for Ben, a young man whose spirits are down from several disappointments.
- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber. Lori is back in the hospital with serious complications related to colon cancer.
- Pray for Edna Klenz that the doctors come up with a new workable plan to heal the infection in her lungs, because the treatment she was receiving had adverse effects.
- Pray for continued strong recovery for Kuno Josupeit after a procedure to replace his pace-maker. (Kuno is 96 yrs. Old).
- Pray for John, a friend of Jim Naro, that the doctors can help him walk again.
- 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, a friend of Ron & Tina Muska, that the treatment for his cancer works and prolongs his life; 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; 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: Thomas Beran, Dan Streza, Cody Timbs, Debbie Smith, Jeff Trottier, Sherry Fisher.