

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

# Grandparents Day 2023

Sunday, September 10

**Christian Grandparents are uniquely positioned to influence their grand kids spiritually ... and God wants this too. Let us help!**

On Grandparents Day, Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, you'll not only hear a special sermon, "Pass it on before you pass on," but we have free practical resources for you to fulfill your God-given role.

- **Ideas of experiences** Grandparents & Grandkids share together and ways to reflect on the memory.
- **Lunchbox Notes** jokes and verses for grandparents to give to their grands.
- **Month Calendar** with ideas for activities with your grand and a place to record them.

**Invite a friend to join you in worship here on Grandparents Day  
Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!**



## **DON WHARTON**

*Singer Songwriter Speaker Storyteller*

**COMING TO ST. PAUL**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

Don Wharton left a teaching and coaching position at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, MI in 1979 to pursue a full-time music ministry. He has performed over 3,000 concerts at churches, schools and conventions in all 50 states and three foreign countries. He has written over 250 songs, recorded 20 album projects, written 3 books and 5 screenplays, and survived one plane crash. Don continues to pursue a full schedule of concerts and speaking engagements, writing, and, most recently, producing films. Come to be inspired by Don Wharton's music and testimony on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul. Don will speak and perform in both the 8:30am and 10am worship services.



TRUTHS *that* TRANSFORM

**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 conclude our summer series of sermon messages today, "*Truths that Transform.*" "Garbage in, garbage out!" We've all heard this saying. It means that what goes into our minds comes out in the form of bad behavior. What kind of thought-life are we promoting as Christians? Do we fill our minds with things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and praiseworthy or do we just absorb everything our society throws our way? Are we incubators for the devil's schemes to grow and flourish, or are we greenhouses where God's plans and will, for us, bountifully grow and produce great fruit. God wants us to think about excellent, praiseworthy things. May that be our aim!

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken my heart that I may never forget Your blessings but sincerely thank and praise You for all Your goodness, that I may live in true reverence of You until with all Your saints I praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by**

- Lil Hamilton in memory of her husband Jim
- Sherry Fisher who celebrated her birthday yesterday.

**Food Collection Next Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.

## **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 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.



This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>8/27</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM <b>8/28</b> Preschool Parent Meeting 6 PM <b>8/29</b> Preschool Meet the Teacher The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>8/30</b> Preschool Meet the Teacher <b>8/31</b> Preschool Orientation 10 AM & 1 PM <b>9/1</b> Preschool Orientation 10 AM & 1 PM	<b>9/3 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM <b>9/4 Church Office Closed – Labor Day</b> <b>9/5</b> First Regular Day of Preschool T-Th Class The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM <b>9/6</b> First Regular Day of Preschool M-W-F Class

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Elders</b>	David Bender (E) Ron Fisher, John Schick (L)
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bob Steindl (L)
<b>Acolyte</b>	Steve Warnock
<b>Greeters</b>	Chuck & Fran Draga (E) Ron & Tina Muska (L)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Giovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Brad Draga (L)

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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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 September.

**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.

**My Devotions for Families with Children** is a very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. My Devotions is designed for families with elementary school aged children. Families simply include these resources in their daily routine, like during breakfast before school, during a supper time together when distractions are turned off for a few minutes, or at bedtime. My Devotions are free. September thru November editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

***Greeting Card Making!*** Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards on **Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:30pm at St. Paul**. We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We always have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving. Contact Sue Werner at 517-304-4611 if you have any questions.

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

- Pray for Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long, that he may be free from a blood clot that is killing a kidney.
- Pray for Debbie Wiersum who had shoulder replacement surgery last Tuesday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and she is recovering at home.
- 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 who had surgery on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 Klentz 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: Ann Conley, Deborah Heller, Theo Draga, Karen Welsh