

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 10th, 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.

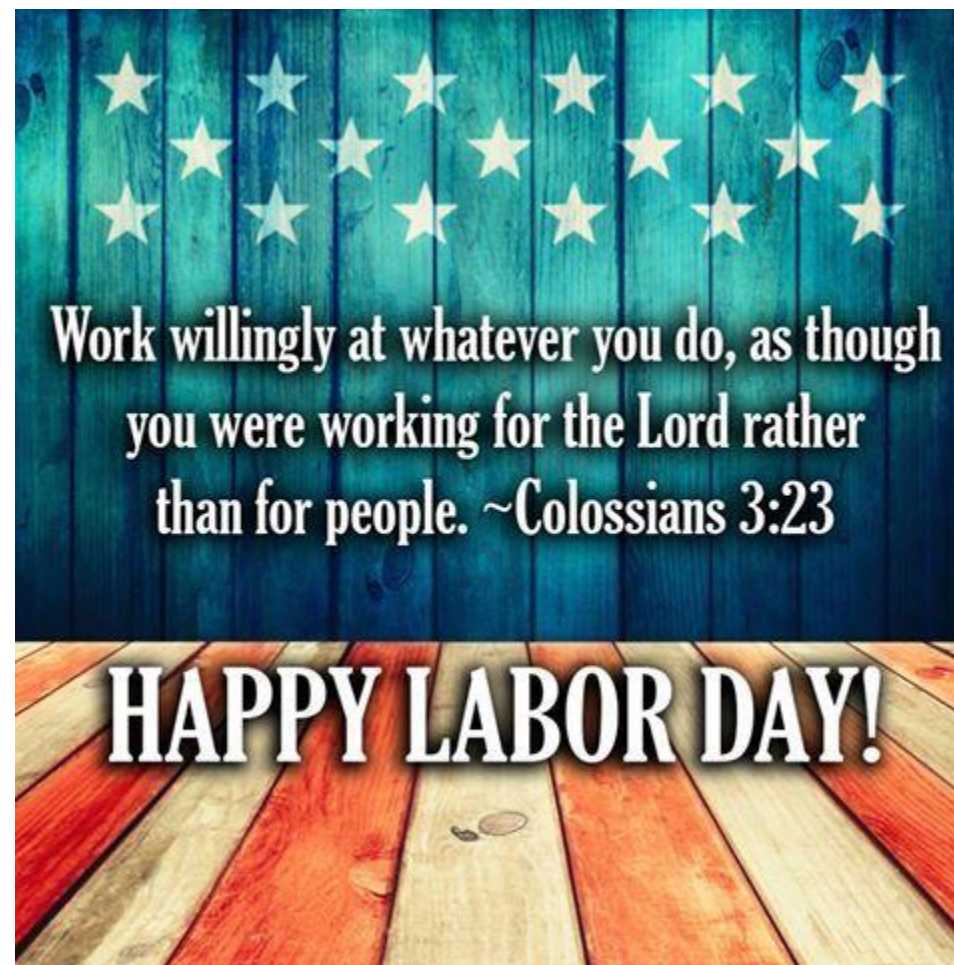
**Invite a friend to join you in worship here on Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 10th!**



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 17th, at St. Paul. Don will speak and perform in both the 8:30am and 10am worship services.



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 10th 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 respond to God's gifts of forgiveness and heaven by living for Him, that is, all we say, do, and think responds to and reflects Jesus' grace! When our relationship with God is so central in our lives we "get work right."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP My God, Father and Savior, since You have commanded us to work in order to meet our needs, bless our labor that it may bring nourishment to our souls as well as to our bodies. Make us constantly aware that our efforts are worthless unless guided by Your light and by Your hand. Make us faithful to the particular tasks You have given to us, taking from us any envy or jealousy at the vocations of others. Give us a good heart to supply the needs of the poor. And if You should call us into greater poverty than we desire, save us from any spirit of defiance or resentment, but rather let us graciously and humbly receive the bounty of others. Above all, may every temporal grace be matched by spiritual grace, that in both body and soul we may live to Your glory. 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.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Don & Diane Lamoreaux celebrating their wedding anniversary.

THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY is being held outdoors. Join us under the big maple trees in front of the church's house, next door.

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
9/3 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM 9/4 Labor Day – Church Office Closed 9/5 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	9/10 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 9/11 Elders Meeting 6:30 PM 9/13 Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Greeters	Harold & Debbie Gibson (E) Jim & Carol Naro (L)
Altar Guild	Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Bryan Draga (L)

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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 all those who labor, that their work is honorable, and a means to earn so they can share with others in need.
- Pray for school children, teachers and parents as schools have all begun classes week. Pray for all universities and colleges that they be safe places, and that God's truths have free expression.
- Pray for St. Paul's Preschool asking God that children and families hear and receive the Good News of Jesus' love, and that God grant some families to plug-in to St. Paul where faith will be nurtured and relationships with believers grow.
- Pray for people who are recovering from the wildfire on Maui, and hurricanes in Florida.
- Pray for local families who were flooded in last week's storms.
- 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 Carole Naro as she has begun immunotherapy as follow-up treatment after surgery to remove cancer.
- Praise God that Geri Deidrick's surgery to remove colon cancer cells was very successful. And now pray for pain to be alleviated as she recovers.
- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber. Lori is in the hospital with serious complications related to colon cancer.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit as he continues to recover from surgery to replace his pace-maker.
- 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: Penelope Koch, Ron Muska, JoAnna Tatum, Randy Murdy, Eric Bender, Cyndi Kemery, Pastor Paul.