



DON WHARTON

Singer Songwriter Speaker Storyteller

NEXT WEEK @ 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 sing in both the 8:30am and 10am worship services.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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Grandparents Day 2023

*For the Lord is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
& his faithfulness continues
to each generation.*

PSALM 100:5



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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 Families please join in the 10AM Worship Service, and kids will be excused to leave for Kids' Church, then return to parents at the end of the 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 **Christian Grandparents are uniquely positioned to influence their grand kids spiritually.** To help strengthen you in your God-given role we have some practical free resources. Stop at the table in the narthex (lobby) to pick up some helps.

- **"Grandparents: Pray, Play and Proclaim"** *Simple Ways to Live and Share Your Faith.* This booklet by Rich & Hazel Bimler is full of great ideas, prayers, and motivation.
- **Lunchbox Notes** jokes and verses for grandparents to give to their grands. Elementary age and Jr./Sr. High versions available.
- **Month Calendar** with ideas for activities with your grand and a place to record them, and a link to download a year of calendars.
- **GRANDventures** – A pocket booklet full of adventures to share with grandkids.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, You have committed to the Church the care and nurture of children and adults. Grant that those who teach may be endowed with Your wisdom, and that those who learn may have an earnest desire to discover new truths. Bless us with Your Holy Spirit that we may all grow in the knowledge of God and the love of Jesus. We pray in the name of Jesus, the greatest teacher of all. 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.

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
9/10 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 9/11 Elders Meeting 6:30 PM 9/12 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 9/13 Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM 9/15 Parsonage in use – Circuit Pastor Event	9/17 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 9/19 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
Acolyte	Gwen Krupp
Greeters	Cindy Klein (E) Karen Anderson (L)
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (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 Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long, that he may be free from a blood clot that is killing a kidney.
- Praise God that the immunotherapy Carole Naro is receiving as follow-up to surgery to remove cancer is going very well with few side effects.
- Praise God that Geri Deidrick’s surgery to remove cancer was very successful, and that she is getting up and back at doing things around the house.
- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber. Lori is now in a rehab facility to gain strength, but she has several health complications to be healed.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit as he is at UH Main with an infection.
- 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 Paston Roby as she has cancer; 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: Mason Mlinarik, Jack Nabakowski, Joyce Trottier, Billy Swanzer, Cindy Given, Harold Gibson

Preschool Wishlist – You can participate in St. Paul’s Preschool Ministry by donating needed supplies. We have an Amazon Wish List at this link: <https://a.co/3hTEVIn>
See the Preschool section of the resource wall for more information. If you need help ordering contact Judy Bloom at the church office during normal office hours. M-Th 9am – 2pm.

Gift a Preschool Child with a Bible! You can sponsor a Bible for a St. Paul preschooler. Please look in the narthex on Sunday for the sign-up! Bibles will be \$11 each. Your name will go in the child’s Bible as having sponsored it for him/her.



**BEING CHALLENGE is a 40 Day Study to Help You
GROW to be like JESUS.**

WHEN? Sunday, October 1st to Sunday, November 8th

- WHAT?**
- ▶ Every-Day Personal or Family 5-minute readings in your *Being Challenge* book.
 - ▶ Small Groups for you to view a video, discuss, and apply to your life with like-minded Christ-followers from your Church family of St. Paul, along with friends, neighbors, and relatives you invite to join your group!

HOW? ***Being Challenge* books available** Sundays Sept 17 & 24, and Oct.1
(Suggested free-will donation of \$22 per book)

SIGN UP for a Small Group Sundays Sept 17 & 24, and Sun. Oct.1