



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 today & Sundays Sept 24, & Oct. 1
(Suggested free-will donation of \$22 per book)

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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ST. PAUL
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 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 Welcome Don Wharton! This morning Don Wharton will share the Message of Christ in Word and song. Don 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 thousands 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 books and screenplays, and survived one plane crash. Don Wharton will weave together God's promises in Scripture with his music and his personal story of God's faithfulness in his life to portray our Lord's gracious faithfulness. Don will speak and sing in both the 8:30am and 10am worship services.

BE SURE TO STOP at the table in the narthex (lobby) after today's worship services where you will find Don Wharton's original music, books, and **a free book** of his story of rescue.

You are invited to support Don Wharton's ministry with any amount free-will gift. You will find a collection basket on his display table in the narthex this morning.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Dear Jesus, today may I receive and celebrate Your forgiveness of my sins. I continually sin against You, Heavenly Father, yet You forgive me at a heavy cost to You. Thank you for rescuing me by Your gift of Yourself! In Jesus' Name I pray, 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER are short readings for every day with a verse from God's Word and brief application to your life. Stay connected with God. This is one simple *and FREE* way to do it. October thru December editions are in the narthex today.

Director of Worship Technology – St. Paul has an opening for a part-time position to oversee and train volunteer servants to operate the audio, video, livestream, and lighting systems which will be installed soon. Copies of the ministry description are available on the resource wall in the narthex.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
9/17 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 9/19 The Parables of Jesus Bible Study 10 AM	9/24 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM 9/26 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Elders** Jeff Krupp (E) Bruce McGlothlin, Bob Steindl (L)
- Readers** Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
- Greeters** Lynn Jiovanazzo (E) Judy Bloom (L)
- Altar Guild** Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** John Kirschner (E) Clyde Strader (L)

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by

- Kuno & Christa Josupeit celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary.
- Ron & Cindy Klein in celebration of Ron's birthday.

Today we wish Farewell and Godspeed to Bruce McGlothlin – Bruce has faithfully served God here at St. Paul for many years as Elder, Confirmation small group leader, Junior High Sunday School teacher, Acolyte trainer, and the operator of the audio, video, and livestream technology.

Please stop at the table in the Narthex to add your signature to our farewell gift to him.

Have You Seen St. Paul's NEW SIGN? It's along Cleveland Ave. and looks absolutely great! Soon the electronic message board will be operational. This project was made possible by members who remembered their church in their will. It's very affordable. And, as you can see from the new sign, it makes a huge impact! Thanks also to Steve Warnock for spearheading this project.

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL

Thank You for your Support! We recently announced how 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/3hTEVln> A big THANK YOU to the people of St. Paul for being so eager to purchase the items needed. We will keep updating the Amazon Wish List. When you want to give a gift to a charity that makes a practical difference for good, please remember St. Paul's preschool ministry.

Only 6 Bibles left! You can give a "Beginner's Bible" to a preschool child. So far the congregation's response has been wonderful as members have purchased 29 of the 35 Bibles for the children. Each Bible is \$11. If you would like to sponsor a Bible for a St. Paul preschooler, please look in the narthex on Sunday for the sign-up! Your name will go in the child's Bible as having sponsored it for him/her.

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

- Pray for Bruce McGlothlin as he moves to a new home and begins a new job.
- Praise God for the many blessings on Kuno & Christa Josupeit as they celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary.
- Praise God that Larry Cassidy's kidney is now functioning and he is recovering! Larry is brother-in-law of Sandy Long.
- 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 home recovering and pray that his immune system can fight off 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 Paxton Roby as she has cancer; Bill Przbilowicz (neighbor of Don & Diane Lamoreaux) who has bone 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: Gabe Kirschner, James Pasta, Donna Kemmerle, James Heller, Ron Klein, Margaret Uhrk.