

St. Paul's
Family Fall Festival
Trunk - or - Treat

Costumes Games

Fun Friends

Hot Dogs Crafts



SATURDAY OCT. 28th
11AM-2PM

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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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Almighty God, whose ways are higher than our ways and whose thoughts higher than our thoughts, lavishes unbounded generosity upon His children through the Gospel. Dragged down by our sinful nature, our own ways and thoughts tend toward being miserly, or prideful in what we've earned. Nevertheless, through the Gospel and the Sacraments, the Spirit of Jesus Christ delivers us into glorious liberty. Freed, we enjoy the experience of the Father's unbounded generosity.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your extravagant, unreasonably lavish grace and live according to Your Word alone. Help me, Holy Spirit, to worship Christ who is the only source of freeing, joy-filling grace. Amen.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by

- Wanda Aschenbach in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.
- Karen Saegert

Happy Times is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. Happy Times is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and October - November editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby

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.

Food Collection Next Sunday, October 1st. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



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 October.

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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
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	10/1 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 10/3 Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM Being Challenge Women's Small Group 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Sandy Long (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Acolytes	Steve Warnock
Greeters	Danny & Cyndi Kemery (E) Ed & Gerri Deidrick (L)
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Brad Draga (L)

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.

ORGANIST - This year we have not been able to locate either a student or a local organist for the Sunday 8:30 AM traditional worship services. We have been using recordings of hymns played through the sound system. **You may be able to help us search for an organist.** How? Do you know of a person who can play the organ? If so, please share their contact information with the church office and we will take it from there. Email us: pastor@stpaulamherst.com or churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com, or call 440/988-4157, M-Th, 9am-2pm.

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.

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

- Pray for Jeff Howells who had a brain bleed and is in the hospital.
- 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: Terri Gerber, Chad Moss, Regina Schuster, Jill Card, Kamille Coleman, Wanda Aschenbach, Matt Lasko



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

GROW EVERY-DAY through Personal or Family 5-minute readings in your
Being Challenge book.

GROW WITH OTHER BELIEVERS through **SMALL GROUPS** for you
to view a video, discuss together, 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!

Being Challenge BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex on the table at
the sanctuary doors.

BEING Challenge Small Group Gatherings Available for You

Get into a Small Group! You'll enjoy the great relationships
with others, make friendships, find fresh insights into God's
relationship with you, and the joy of serving God together.



SIGN UP for a group on the *BEING Challenge* board in the narthex.

See List of Groups on back side. 

BEING Challenge 6 Small Group Gatherings Available for You !

Sundays @ 10:00 AM Join Cyndi and Danny Kemery in the upper-level
Conference Room. **This group begins in January 2024**, start date TBD.
All are welcome. Enjoy coffee or refreshments. Sign up today at the *BEING
Challenge* display in the lobby.

Sundays @ 5:00 PM Two discussion small groups meet for a bite to eat together,
followed by brief singing and the video teaching in the worship sanctuary,
followed by discussion groups. Pastor Paul and Tina Muska lead the groups.
Beginning Sunday, October 1st. All are welcome. Sign up today at the *BEING
Challenge* display in the lobby.

Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM Join Pastor Paul in the upper level at church for coffee
and Bible study, beginning Tuesday, October 3rd. All are welcome. Sign up in
the church lobby.

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM This group is for women and meets in the church
parsonage, beginning Tuesday, October 3rd. Sue Werner leads. Sign up today
in the lobby.

Thursday Night Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" This group meets
Thursday nights at 7:00 PM at ESP Brewing Company, 8055 Leavitt Rd.,
Amherst. Pastor Paul leads the group. Guys, sign up today at the *BEING
Challenge* display in the lobby.