

St. Paul's

# Family Fall Festival

## Trunk - or - Treat

Costumes Games  
Fun Friends  
Hot Dogs Crafts



SATURDAY OCT. 28th  
11AM - 2PM



**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**ONE Worship Service Together**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Fellowship After Worship**

### St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ [www.stpaulamherst.com](http://www.stpaulamherst.com)

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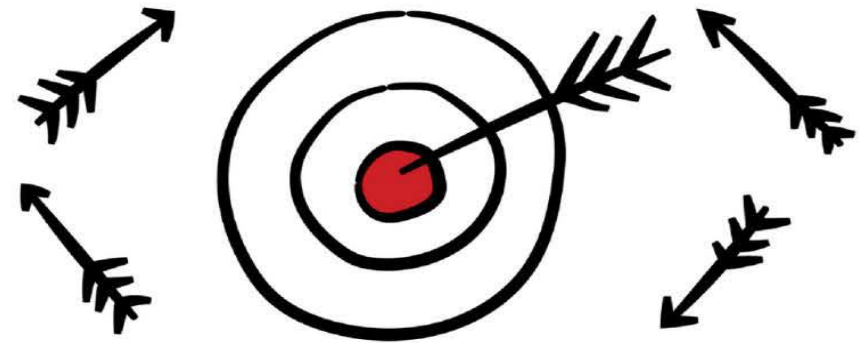
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# BEING

# CHALLENGE



40 Days to  
**GROW to be like JESUS.**

**ST. PAUL**   
**LUTHERAN**  
 CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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** Jesus' disciples have two great commandments: love God with all their hearts, and love the people in their lives the way they love themselves. Jesus said this is how His identity and mission would be verified—by the existence of a community of irrationally loving disciples. This standard, of course, is not a completed quality, an accomplished fact in our lives as we live on earth. Instead, we always keep growing to know Christ, and be shaped in the image of His heart. Today we begin "The BEING Challenge" which is a six week time of learning habits to keep us ever growing closer to Jesus, our Savior.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Almighty God, through Jesus You not only welcome us to Yourself, but You have actively sought us and You rejoice over each person who is brought to trust in Jesus for forgiveness and heaven. Give us Your heart for lost people that will translate into actively seeking by sharing Your love. Amen.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Volunteers Needed.** On October 21st and 22nd, The Amherst Historical Society is hosting a Cemetery Tour of the Cleveland Avenue's Cemetery Amherst founders. They will be using our parking lot. With their blessings, we at St. Paul will be hosting refreshments and light snacks in the front lawn. This is the perfect opportunity for our Church and Preschool to become better known in the community. We can also pass out information about our services, preschool and activities. We need help from our membership to serve, set up and tear down. Would you also consider making baked goods? The time of this event is 2:30 to approximately 5:30 each day including prep time. Sign up in the narthex. Questions can be answered by contacting Sandy or Eric Long At 440 988 5329. Thank you in advance for helping us get our church more involved in our community.

| This Week For The Lord   | Looking Ahead One Week  |
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| <b>10/1 Food Collection</b><br>Holy Communion 8:30 AM<br>Worship / Kids Church 10 AM<br>Being Challenge Small Group 5 PM<br><b>10/3</b> Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM<br>Being Challenge Women's Small Group 7 PM<br><b>10/5</b> Mens "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM<br>ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst | <b>10/8</b> Worship 8:30 AM<br>Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM<br>Being Challenge Small Group 5 PM<br><b>10/10</b> Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM<br>Being Challenge Women's Small Group 7 PM<br><b>10/12</b> Mens "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM<br>ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst |

**Serving in God's House:**

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
- Readers** Christine Krupp (E) Bryan Draga (L)
- Greeters** Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
- Altar Guild** Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Bryan 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](mailto:pastor@stpaulamherst.com) or [churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com), or call 440/988-4157, M-Th, 9am-2pm.

**St. Paul's NEW SIGN now Operational** The new church sign on Cleveland Ave. looks great and it is now lighted and working. We trust we will be able to invite the community to church events that will share God, His love and His hope! 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

- Please pray for Edna Klensz who injured an arm and is also dealing with an immune issue causing an infection in her lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Pray for Marily Novak, sister-in-law of Barb Spieker, who fell and broke her ankle.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who will undergo surgery on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, to correct an intestinal problem. Pray that God gives peace that she is in His hands, and that it goes successfully.
- 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: Alison Pacheco, Jack Trottier, Nicole Schneider, Andrew Lasko, Nate Beran, Ayden Bungard, Brooklyn Fisher.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.