

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

Costumes Games
 Fun Friends
 Hot Dogs Crafts



SATURDAY OCT. 28th
 11AM - 2PM



Sunday, October 29th
ONE Worship Service Together
NEW TIME 10:00 AM
 Lunch & 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

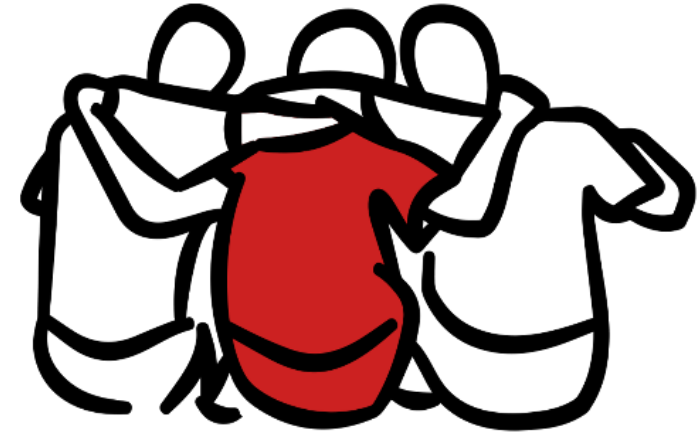
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BEING
 CHALLENGE



Commit to Community



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 As we explore the five keystone habits of Jesus to help us grow in our relationship with God, today we focus on the first keystone habit: Commit to Community. God tells us that we are to "love one another," "encourage one another," "exhort one another," and "forgive one another." People who trust Jesus are to be so changed from the inside out that we are to be interconnected to one another. That's why we are called "The Body of Christ." A body is very interconnected! We are made by God for relationships.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Gracious God, the gifts of loving relationships are from the goodness of Your hand. You are the source of that greatest of all gifts, love, which You demonstrated most clearly for us in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus. Enable us to model and share Your compassionate love in a world for which You gave Your Son; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



In Today's 8:30 AM Worship service Lillian Susan Carrero is Baptized and given forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift of God's grace through the water combined with God's Word. Lillian is the daughter of Jason and Jacqueline Carrero, and her sponsors are Jordan Carrero and Cory Steffen. Welcome into the family of God, Lillian!

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.

HEAT IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH BUILDING - We have a leak in our church's 70-yr. old boiler which provided heat throughout the building. This means we cannot turn on the heat without repairs. Our trustees have called professionals who are currently preparing estimates of both repairing and replacing this essential equipment. We hope this process will take no longer than several weeks, but we don't know at this point. In the meantime, you can bring with you to worship a sweater, a jacket, a parka, or a hot brick from the oven (like the first days of this congregation), but please refrain from bringing propane heaters and hair dryers. 😊 Thank you.

Fellowship Sunday, October 29th - Part of St. Paul's ministry plan is that we grow in love for one another. We have stated, *All St. Paul members will feel known, loved and celebrated in Christ-centered relationships in the Body of Christ, and our love for one another will draw unbelieving people to the Church and to Christ.* Please join us on Sunday, October 29th as we worship *together* in one worship service at **10:00 AM**, and receive Holy Communion together. Then stay for lunch together in the fellowship hall. Main course is provided and sign up to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Church pot-luck meals are always amazing! Sign up is in the narthex.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
10/8 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM	10/15 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM
10/10 Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM Being Challenge Women's Small Group 7 PM	10/17 Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM Being Challenge Women's Small Group 7 PM
10/12 Mens "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst	10/19 Mens "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst
	10/21-22 Amherst Historical Society Cemetery Walk 3 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
Greeters	Lucy & Mike McHugh (E) Sheryl Gregg, Phyllis Nabakowski (L)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

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.

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.

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.

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

- Pray for Dorothy Barckert who is in Amherst Manor for rehab.
- Please pray for Edna Klentz for healing in her arm and in her lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Pray for Marilyn Novak, sister-in-law of Barb Spieker, who fell and broke her ankle.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who will undergo surgery on Thursday, October 12th, 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.
- Pray for Geri Deidrick and Ed as Geri begins a treatment of chemotherapy to follow up surgery removing cancer.

- Pray for Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber, who is now home doing rehab therapy and she will start chemo soon.
- 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; 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: Karen Green, Jack Coleman, Ed Deidrick, Emma Sekerak



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.
- ▶ By listening to the everyday brief videos St. Paul will email to you each day. Leave your email address on the white card and put it in the offering plate.

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 - Just four are still available in the narthex on the table at the sanctuary doors. If you still want one, please request on your white *Communication Card* that we order a book for you.

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.



See List of Groups on back side.



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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 - **This Group is Cancelled.**

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.