



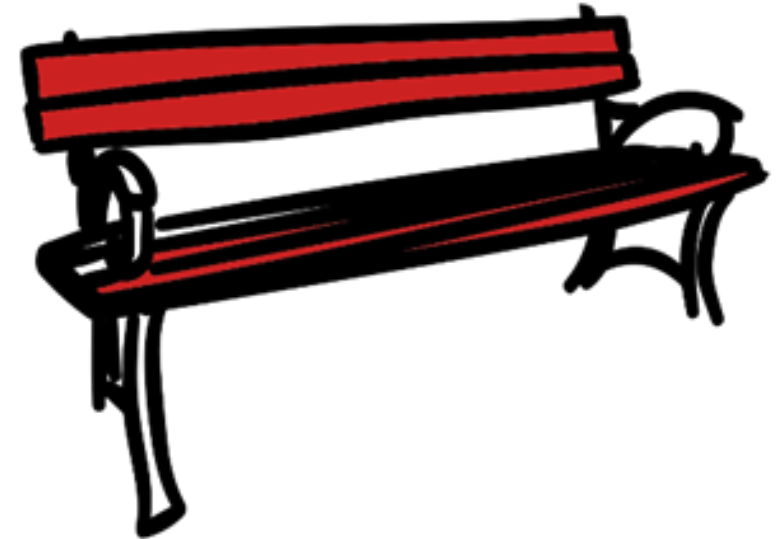
November 5, 2023

Remembering those who have gone before



**Set Your Clocks Back One Hour
Saturday Night, Nov. 4th**

BEING
CHALLENGE



Seek Solitude

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM


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CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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 As we explore the five keystone habits of Jesus to help us grow in our relationship with God, today we focus on the fourth keystone habit: Seek Solitude. Solitude is not about being alone. It is about being alone *with God*. It is an intentional effort to quiet the noise and distractions in our lives in order to fill our minds with God, His Word, and His affirmation of love for you. This last Sunday in October is also the time of year when we remember the Protestant Reformation which Dr. Martin Luther began on October 31, 1517. Much of today's service will celebrate the Scripture truth that Luther rediscovered: you are saved by *grace* through *faith* in Jesus Christ!



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Dear God, You do say through Your beloved Son: You do not fail to call us graciously through Your Son to hear Your word when He says: Blessed are they who hear God's Word and keep it. We are dust and ashes and stand in need of Your word a thousand times more than You need hearers. O how inexpressibly wonderful and great are Your goodness and patience! And how pitiful is the thanklessness and total blindness of those who not only fail to hear Your word but also maliciously despise, persecute, and blasphemy it. O God, the Father of all poor, forlorn souls, grant all of us your grace, and enlighten us with your truth. Amen. ~ a prayer of Martin Luther for before going to church.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Bob & Donna Kemmerle in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

TODAY: FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM Today 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.

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR: The next men's coffee hour will be on **November 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at the Sandstone Coffee Shop located at 254 Park Ave in downtown Amherst. Make sure to bring someone with you... a shut-in, neighbor, missing church member, friend, or relative.

Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2023 9:30am – 10:00am

Please join us between Sunday morning worship services on November 19th. As a family of God we will elect officers for the next 3 years, consider the annual 2024 budget, and get updates on changes taking place in your church.

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, November 15th @ 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
10/29 Fellowship Sunday Holy Communion 10 AM Fellowship Lunch 11 AM 10/31 Being Challenge Small Group 10 AM 11/2 Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew" 7 PM ESP Brewing Co. 8055 Leavitt Rd, Amherst	11/5 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kid's Church 10 AM 11/7 Women's Ministry 7 PM 11/9 Men's Coffee Hour 10 AM Sandstone Coffee Shop, 254 Park Ave

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Elders** Chuck Draga, John Kirschner
- Readers** Sandy Long
- Greeters** Judy Starbuck, Diane Lamoreaux
- Altar Guild** Ann Conley, Linda Hargreaves
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** John Kirschner, John Cartmell, Brad Draga

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.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who will have surgery this week.
- 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 Jeff Howells who had a brain bleed and is in the hospital.
- 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, and Don Lamoreaux that they 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; Priscilla Harden’s sister in California who has cancer; Pat who has a brain tumor; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has 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, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Brianna Sekerak, Edward Gerber, Paul Hambly, Jakub Pijor, Brad Draga, Chase Mylechraine, Lindsey Trottier.

Letter from Ohio District President Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson ~ President Wilson has written a letter to all congregations and church members in our District of Ohio, W. Virginia, and Kentucky. Printed copies are available today on the table at the entrance to the Worship Sanctuary.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE! St. Paul’s Christmas Offering will be here soon. Every year we gather a special gift, above and beyond our normal offerings, as a “thank you” gift to God for sending us His Son, our Savior at Christmastime. This year-end gift has been a great blessing to accomplish some wonderful projects. We would like your suggestions of worthy recipients of this gift. The need can be local, national, or across the globe. We would prefer to support a worthy need that also agrees with our Christian Faith. Please submit your ideas in writing by Sunday, November 12th. You may place a note in the offering plate, in the drop-box under the portico, or email to the church office (churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com). Please include your name in case we need to ask for more information such as address, website, etc. thank you, your Board of Directors.

WORK DAYS MINI MISSION TRIP IN CLEVELAND, OH

Historic Zion Lutheran is working to renovate the school building to connect with the community and launch a Campus Ministry in the downtown area. Zion began in the 1840’s and built the present building shortly after 1900. Rich in history and ministry, the church and surrounding churches are asked to gather to clean up, spruce up, and fix up the building for continued ministry opportunities. Whether you can volunteer for 3 hours or 3 days. we’d love your help! Contact Sharon for the schedule & details stieman@immanuelcl.org.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL IN WESTLAKE invites you: Don’t miss this special musical treat – **Marginalia: Underrated Musical Gems**, performed by Matt Ginter (Organ and Piano) and Julie Myers-Pruchenski (Soprano) on **Sunday, November 5, 2023** at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary of **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 27993 Detroit Road in Westlake, Ohio**. A freewill offering will be collected to support Mary’s Hunger Ministry.

The Redeemer Crisis Center (Iglesia Cristiana Hispana), Cleveland, Ohio (ENG) is asking for your help with their bag packing events for the upcoming holiday season. The Thanksgiving bag packing will take place November 15, 16 & 17, from 7:00-9:00 PM. The Christmas bag packing event will take place December 13, 14 & 15, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Register with Diane Zellmer at: 216-219-3325. Prayerfully consider giving your time and use your abilities to assist where the need is great. Thank you!