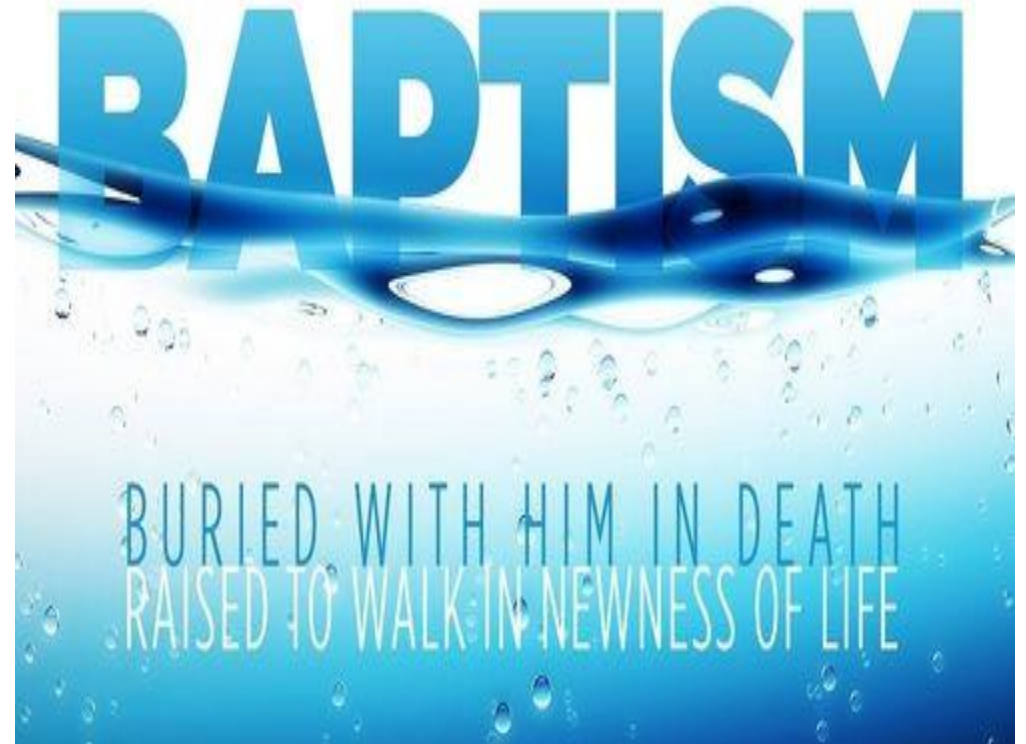




January 28<sup>th</sup>  
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## ***Welcome to St. Paul!***

**We're glad you're here!** Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, right here. 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.

**Crayons and coloring booklets** are available for young children who would enjoy them. Please see an usher for these.

**Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion** are encourage to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

**IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY** we begin a new series of sermon messages, "Killing It!" If you look online, 'Killing it' means having a ripped body, a cool fashion style, career success, a high level of achievement, and immense popularity. Everybody wants to be killing it. St. Paul, however, calls us to be completely different. We follow Jesus as CHRISTians, who lived a humble, self-sacrificing life in order to save you from sin, death, and the devil. In baptism, our first reading tells us today, our sinful nature was drowned in Baptism – killed – so that we live a new – and counter-cultural – life.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Heavenly Father, as I begin this new year remind me of my beginning to You through Holy Baptism. Thank you for making me Your dear child. Empower me with the Holy Spirit that I may worship You and live according to my calling in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Portals of Prayer** daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of January - March are available now. Pick one up today.

**Offering Envelopes for 2024** are in member's mailboxes on the narthex (lobby) wall. You may also give to God electronically by clicking on the "giving" tab at St. Paul's web site ([www.stpaulamherst.com](http://www.stpaulamherst.com))

**Pray for One Another in January** Prayer cards are available today on the table by the worship sanctuary doors.

**Thank you** to everyone who took down the Christmas decorations yesterday.

**2024 Wall Calendars** are available for free in the lower narthex, with the church resources.

**JOIN US FOR A NEW BIBLE STUDY** beginning this Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 10am. We will begin the Bible book of Genesis. Genesis is the foundational book for understanding all of the Bible, and even why the world is at it is. All are invited!

**Men's "Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew"** Hey guys, join us on the second Thursday night of a month at 7:00 PM at ESP Brewing Company, 8055 Leavitt Rd., Amherst. We'll see you THIS Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **MEDICARE 101**

A Free Seminar for St. Paul Members and Guests  
**Saturday, January 27, 2004 ~ 11:00AM to 12NOON**  
Presented by Jeff Allison of HealthMarkets Insurance Agency

This is a Free Informational seminar on Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. No plans or services will be sold. No Pressure. Come to find out more about Medicare and what works best for your needs. Invite friends.

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>1/7 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM <b>1/8</b> Community Care Team 6:30 PM <b>1/10</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>1/11</b> Got Baptism? 9:15 AM <b>1/13</b> Card Crafting 1 PM	<b>1/14</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM <b>1/15</b> Elders 6:30 PM <b>1/17</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Pianist</b>	Jennifer Belmont
<b>Elders</b>	John Kirschner (E) Ron Fisher (L)
<b>Readers</b>	Sandy Long (E) Bryan Draga (L)
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Vilagi (E) Karen Anderson (L)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karie Coffman
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Bryan Draga (L)

## GOT BAPTISM?

If you want to check out Baptism for a child or an adult, join Pastor Paul for a 1-hour free seminar on Thursday, January 11, 2024 @ 9:15AM. He will share what Baptism is, why its important for a child to be Baptized, what godparents (sponsors) promise, what parents promise in Baptism, and we can schedule the day and time for the actual Baptism.



***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 **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

**St. Paul's Community Care Team** will be collecting NEW GLOVES, SCARVES, AND HATS to be distributed by Amherst Schools to students and families in need. Donations will be accepted the first 3 Sundays in January (1/7, 1/14, & 1/21). Preferred colors are Amherst colors: Green, Yellow, White, or Black, in Youth and Adult sizes. Please leave donations in the box in the Narthex.

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

- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering at home from surgery.
- Coralie Swanzer who fell and is in pain with broken ribs.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klentz's lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Please pray for Gerri Deidrick who is in the middle of chemotherapy to follow-up on a surgery which removed colon cancer; Janet Bremke who has cancer; Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber, as she goes through chemotherapy; Brian Harcula as he has cancer; Paxton Roby with 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; 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: Jessie Beran, Brandon Grusell, Juliet Liszeski, Robert Ziehm, Dave Timbs, Dorothy Barckert, Ken Moore, Olivia Hargreaves, Robert Draga, John Schick