

# LENT

A time to remember God



**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

**WORSHIP SERVICE @ 7:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday service includes receiving ashes and Holy Communion.

## Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul

Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM



Each Wednesday night in Lent join us for supper before the worship service from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Suppers are simple and easy and for a free-will offering. All are welcome.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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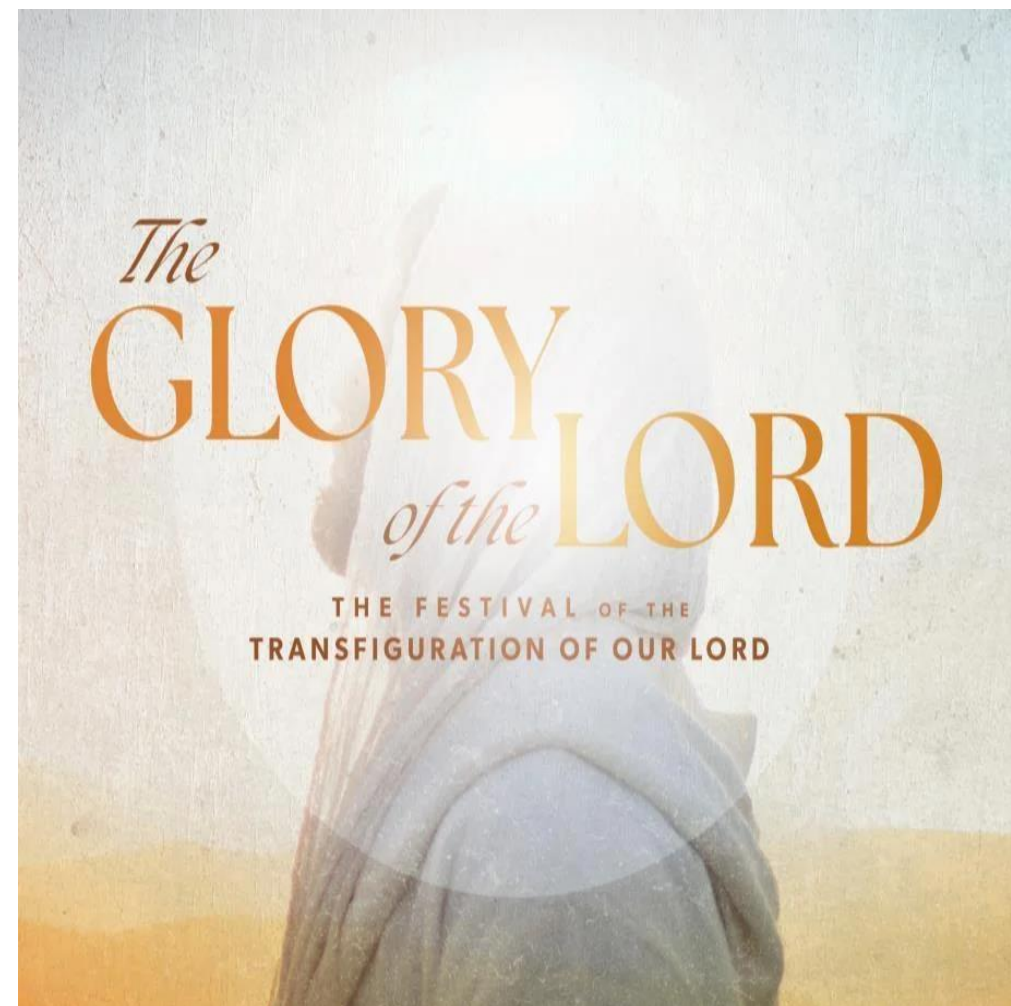
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**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

## **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.

**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** Who is this Jesus? Old Testament believers had the Law and the Prophets to point ahead to Christ, but this was only a shadow of what would come. The transfiguration provided an opportunity for the disciples to see this manifest: the fading glory of the old, the Law and the Prophets; replaced with the permanence of the new, Christ Jesus, come to save us. By the work of the Holy Spirit, the veil that obscures Christ's face is removed, and by faith, we are called to the light.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Gracious God, You are the source of all hope. Grant us unshakable confidence in Your great mercy at all times and in all places. Give us in this time of worship a sure sense of Your everlasting love, that we may live our lives with a full sense that You are with us in every season of life. Give us the assurance that finally we will share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in His eternal kingdom. Amen

**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY** The book of Genesis is the foundational book for understanding all of the Bible, and even why the world is at it is. This week join us to discover how Satan lied to Eve by coming in the disguise of a serpent, and how he comes to you in disguise these day. There's a seat for you this Tuesday @ 10am for growth, friendship, understanding, and yummy cookies.

**A new resident in Vermilion is receiving a nice Valentine's Day gift!** One of our church members has been given a beautiful Valentine's Day themed gift basket to give to a new neighbor. The basket has home decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to make St. Paul their new "church home." All you have to do to win the basket for your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket and stuff it in the box in the narthex. You will get to meet a new neighbor without having to bake a pie.

**Altar Flowers giving to the glory of God by Harold & Debbie Gibson in memory of loved ones.**

## **Voters' Assembly TODAY**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30 AM**

St. Paul's annual Voters' Assembly Meeting is today @ 9:30 AM. Please stay following the Traditional 8:30 AM worship service. The Voters' Meeting will be held in the worship sanctuary.



## **An INVITATION from St. Paul's new Director of Music Ministries!**

"Greetings to the People of St. Paul. My name is Owen Reyda, a student at Oberlin Conservatory studying organ, and I am happy that I will be the new Music Director starting in February. I would like to reincorporate a church choir to sing at the traditional 8:30 am service, and a hand bell choir to play at various services throughout the year.

Responsibilities of participating in one or both choirs would likely include a weekly rehearsal in the evening, and a brief vocal warm up before the worship service for the church choir. Don't worry - it will not be a stressful commitment, just an opportunity to make music and have some fun. All are welcome to join these choirs, including youth, and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to speak with me in person, reach me through cell phone (716-224-2681), or email (oreyda@oberlin.edu). No audition is required.



This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>2/11</b> Worship 8:30 AM Voter's Assembly Meeting 9:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids' Church 10 AM <b>2/13</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM <b>2/14</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Ash Wednesday 7 PM	<b>2/18</b> Holy Communion 8:30 Worship / Kids' Church 10 AM <b>2/20</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM <b>2/21</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM

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

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Organist</b> (8:30am)	James Feddeck
<b>Pianist</b> (10am)	Owen Reyda
<b>Elders</b>	Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
<b>Greeters</b>	Cindy Klein (E) Ron & Tina Muska (L)
<b>Kids Church</b>	Sue Werner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Conley
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)



## You Can Help St. Paul as we Team Up with Good Knights

**Build & Deliver Beds --** Bed build dates are the second Tuesday (Feb 13<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup>) of the month at 6pm. Sign-up online or on Facebook for bed builds. If you would like to volunteer to build or want more information visit Good Knights website <https://goodknightsflc.org/>

**Donations of NEW Pillows, Twin Bedding, or Twin-Size Sheets --** Bedding items can be dropped off in the Narthex (just look for the bed 😊). Deadline is Sun. March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Good Knights is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to providing complete beds to children in need in Lorain County Ohio. The work this group is doing in Lorain/Amherst area and throughout Lorain County is amazing.

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

- Please continue to pray for Ed Deidrick. He is now in a rehab facility but has pneumonia and is weak. He is slowly gaining strength. And pray for Gerri as she deals with the stress of her husband's sickness and her own chemo treatments.
- Pray for Denise DiLuciano. It was just discovered that she has a rare cancer in her eye. Denise is a friend of Judy Bloom's family and she asks for prayers as she begins this journey.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, Sandy Long's brother-in-law, who is in rehab in Florida.
- Continue to pray for Coralie Swanzer who broke several ribs in a fall, as she continues to recuperate.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Billy Swanzer's mother, Lynn, who will have heart valve surgery this week Thursday.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klenz's lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Pray for Sandy Long's great niece, Emmah, who is having surgery on her leg and she's in a lot of pain.
- Pray for the family of Diane Beyer (Sally Krause's niece) as they grieve. Diane died Sat. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Please pray for Gerri Deidrick who is in the middle of chemotherapy to follow-up on a surgery which removed colon 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; 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: Fran Draga, Jeff Binggeli, Edna Klenz

This Lent at St. Paul

# FORGIVING CHALLENGE



## A Forgiven Person is a Forgiving Person

*Forgiving Challenge* takes you on a life-changing journey to experience the fullness of God's grace so that you can share it with others. The forgiveness that Jesus has already won for you assures you of eternal life with Him. It also offers you the opportunity to live with purpose today. So come. Be forgiven. Be free. And watch how God works through you to change the world.

**SIN**      Experiencing Freedom starts by acknowledging we have all missed the mark.

**CONFESSION**      God invites us to bring our sin to Him and experience Freedom.

**ABSOLUTION**      Every sin of every person has been paid in full by the blood of Jesus Christ!

**RESTORATION**      Jesus' forgiveness restores our identity and we live with purpose.

**SANCTIFICATION**      We walk in complete freedom bringing His kingdom to this earth now.

**YOUR WORKBOOK** for daily reading and every day challenges are available to pick up today. Your workbook is waiting in the narthex (lobby). The workbook is the practical application for your 40 days of Lent.

## Sunday Sermons in Lent and Wednesday Eve Lenten Services

will help you grow in the five Phases of Freedom (**S.C.A.R.S.**)

Join us for each worship experience.

Be Forgiven. Be free. Live with Grace. Experience fulfillment.