

LENT

A time to remember God



Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul
Every Wednesday @ 7 PM Now until Wed. March 20.

Lent Fellowship Suppers

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.



Lenten Devotions from **Lutheran Hour Ministries** are excellent and free. These devotions speak to the power of God's love, grace and forgiveness to a fallen world. You can access the Lenten Devotions in several ways. (1) You can read them or listen to them on the free app from LHM (Lutheran Hour Ministries). (2) You can have them emailed to you where you can read or listen to them. Go to www.lhm.org/devotions. (3) You can print them to read from the same website.

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FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Sin

Confession

absolution

restoration

Sanctification



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 TODAY'S WORSHIP: Every single one of us miss the mark. As inventive, creative, and successful as humans can be in many aspects of life to overcome issues, the only way to overcome our sin is through Jesus. Rather than casting your sins aside, your failures simply become an opportunity for the grace of Jesus to appear again and again and again in your life.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Faithful God, I give thanks for Your abundant blessings. I my worship today give me sincerity to admit my sin to You, and give me Your grace, as You never give up on me, but call me Your child once again. In Jesus' name I pray. 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.

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR: It's time to enjoy a cup of java and a pastry if you so choose with your fellowmen. It is a chance to bring a friend, missing church member, or shut even to come have some fellowship. We will meet at the Sandstone Coffee House (old Arabica Coffee) at 254 Park Ave. in downtown Amherst. The coffee hour will be on Thursday, March 28, 2024 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Hope to see you there.

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.



Ridge Hill Memorial Park is offering pre-planning seminars for free to the public. We are partnered with Hallett Legal Group, Hempel Funeral Home, and Dovin Funeral and Cremation Specialists to offer these free and educational programs. There is no sales pitch, it's purely to educate folks about estate planning, funeral planning, and cemetery planning. The next event will be at the Amherst Public Library on February 22nd at 6pm. Following that, we will present at the Lorain Public Library Main Campus on March 14th at 6pm. Finally, we are scheduled at the Avon Lake Public Library on April 22nd at 6pm. We encourage anyone and everyone to attend, and to have their questions ready.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
2/18 Holy Communion 8:30 Worship / Kids' Church 10 AM	2/25 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM
2/20 Seasoned Saints 10 AM	2/27 Seasoned Saints 10 AM
2/21 Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM	2/28 Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM
2/22 Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM	2/29 Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist (8:30am)	Owen Reyda
Pianist (10am)	Owen Reyda
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Sandy Long (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Acolyte	Gwen Krupp (E)
Greeters	Lynn Jiovanazzo (E) Jim & Carole Naro (L)
Kids Church	Sandy Long
Altar Guild	Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Brad Draga (L)



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

Build & Deliver Beds -- On Tuesday March 12th 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://goodknightsoflc.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 10th.

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 back in the hospital for treatment of pneumonia. And pray for Gerri as she deals with the stress of her husband’s sickness and her own chemo treatments.
- Pray for Jack and Marilyn Green who have covid.
- 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 is recovering from heart valve surgery.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klensz’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 Laurie Beran’s family on the death of her uncle Butch Osko.
- Please pray for Gerri Deidrick who is in the middle of chemotherapy to follow-up on a surgery which removed colon cancer; Denise DiLuciano (friend of Judy Bloom’s family) who has a rare cancer in her eye; 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); Devin (mother of a preschool student) who has cancer; 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: Lee Steindl, Debbie Gibson, Scott Jiovanazzo, John Kirschner.



Wednesday evenings
6:45 PM to 8:18 PM beginning
Wednesday,
April 3, 2024

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With God* is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven’t investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There’s no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost -- just come, ask questions, and let’s discuss faith and life. There are eight sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us!

St. Paul’s Easter Party & Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 23, 2024 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

There will be a children’s Easter message, egg hunts, crafts, cookie decorating, balloons, and of course, the Easter bunny! Grab all your friends and come have a great time!

There will be multiple hunts about every 20-25 minutes.

Come and join us for a basketful of fun!

Church members: A lot of hands will help make this run smoothly and easily. We will need candy donations and eggs filled. We will need prizes for the special eggs and prizes for the guessing jar.

Areas for helping:

Running the Eggs Hunts	Setting up Friday Night
Running the Crafts	Taking Down Saturday Afterwards
Cookie Baking	Cookie Decorating
Handing Out Prizes	Registration
Greeters	Running Games
Coffee Makers	Dressing like a Bunny

This Lent at St. Paul



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.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE

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