



**Sunday January 28th
One Worship Service
Together
@ 10:00 AM**



**Chili / Soup Cook-Off
and
Pie Baking Contest**



**Sign Up
in Narthex**



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

*Welcome
to*



**ONE Worship Service
@ 10:00 AM
Celebrating Holy
Communion Together**

Stay for Brunch Together in Fellowship Hall following Worship

As a body of believers, our goal is to grow in love: 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.

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 "Killing It!" is a phrase that means having career success, immense popularity, good looks, and a comfortable living. "Killing It!" is success as our world defines success. The city of Corinth was a place that was "killin' it." St. Paul came surprisingly making his personal inadequacies known. He proclaimed Jesus who died on the cross. We often succumb to adopting worldly values, and end up believing our circumstances are obstacles to God working. "But I ... am old, am young, am busy, out of shape, tired, battling addiction, too poor" etc. God, however, uses people who admit their weaknesses and problems. He uses what this world calls "foolish." His love is so persistent that He overcomes any obstacle to save you and employs you as His servant so others are saved.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Lord, Your mercy on us shower;
By Your power Christ confessing,
We will cherish all Your blessing. Amen

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Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Harold & Debbie Gibson who are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary.



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 14th @ 7 PM

Wednesday February 21st @ 7 PM

Wednesday February 28th @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 6th @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 13th @ 7 PM

Wednesday March 20th @ 7 PM



Each Wednesday night Lent service begins at 7pm, and a supper for everyone is served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Suppers are simple and easy and for a free-will offering. Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent for good food, great friendship, and moving worship experiences!

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 we examine what God teaches us about the creation of people, and marriage. Join us this Tuesday @ 10am for growth, friendship, understanding, and yummy cookies. All are invited!

We Have a WINNER! A New Neighbor who moved into Cindy Klein's neighborhood has won a beautiful gift basket with Christ-themed 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.

Food Collection Next Sunday, February 4th. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



Our greatest help is the Lord God Himself, who eagerly invites us to pray to Him. Today, sealed bags containing several prayer cards are in the narthex / lobby for you. Pick up a bag, take it home, and pray for each person whose name you receive daily throughout the coming month of February.

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30 AM

St. Paul's annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be Sunday, February 11th at 9:30 AM. The meeting will feature reports on God's blessings in the past year 2023, updates on all ministries, finances, buildings and grounds, audit reports, election of some officers, and policy changes. Please participate in the "family business" of your church family.



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. I will try to find a date and time that works for everyone participating to hold rehearsals, and the first rehearsal will likely be during the week of Feb. 5th through 9th. Thank you!"



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

- Please pray for Ed Deidrick who had emergency gall bladder surgery 2 weeks ago, and an extensive surgery to remove blood clots and repair an intestine last week. He is in ICU at St. John Westshore. Pray that he gains strength to recuperate. And pray for Gerri as she deals with the stress of her husband's hospitalization and her own chemo therapy treatments.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, Sandy Long's brother-in-law who is in the hospital in Florida with pneumonia, and for his wife, Lorraine.
- Continue to pray for Coralie Swanzer who broke several ribs in a fall. She is now out of the hospital and adjusting to moving in with her son and family.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Billy Swanzer's mother's cancer. Pray for her healing. At the same time they have grandma move in, and the entire family situation needs God's strength and peace.
- 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; 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 Sandy Long's great niece, Emmah, who is having surgery on her leg and she's in a lot of pain.
- 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: Jason Fisher, Alex Steindl, Janice Ingersoll, Steve Warnock, John Eibon

Protecting St. Paul ~ Christian churches, schools, and organizations in the U.S. have suffered from those who have filed lawsuits against them claiming discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. At St. Paul we must continue to hold to God's teachings in the Bible on these matters, even though our beliefs may be objectionable to some people, unpopular, and for public institutions our beliefs may be illegal. Our parent church body, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, has partnered with the Alliance Defending Freedom to advise congregations like St. Paul on S.O.G.I. (Sexual Orientation / Gender Identity) policies. Our congregation's Board of Directors has spent several months studying these issues and they have come up with a very practical approach. The first recommendation of St. Paul's Board of Directors is that we adopt a very clear statement explaining the Bible's teachings on marriage and family. This statement is to be included into St. Paul's Employee Handbook. The second step St. Paul's Board of Directors has taken is to revise the church's application for people and community organizations to use church facilities. These two documents are available today for you to examine prior to the February 11th Voters' Assembly meeting, where your Board of Directors is asking the Voters' Assembly to approve and adopt them. Copies are in the narthex (lobby) on the table at the entrance to the worship sanctuary.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<p>1/28 Fellowship Sunday – Holy Communion 10 AM Chili / Soup Cook Off & Pie Baking Contest 11 AM</p> <p>1/29 Preschool Board Meeting</p> <p>1/30 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM</p>	<p>2/4 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM</p> <p>2/6 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Altar Guild 6 PM Board Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM</p>

Serving in God's House:

Pastor Rev. Paul Werner
Elders Ron Fisher
Readers Bryan Draga
Greeters John & Brenda Cartmell
Altar Guild Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
Head Usher Ron Fisher
Ushers Bryan Draga