

LENT

A time to remember God

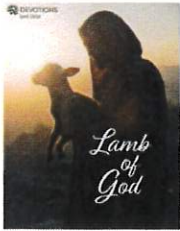


Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul

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
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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: Confession of sin does not lead to a prison sentence, but to a life of freedom. Freedom begins with admission of sin. The most important aspect of confession is simply the fact that Jesus postures Himself to give us His grace, even if we don't have the words to say. We experience His grace as He takes it all upon Himself.

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.

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.

CHURCH KEY HOLDERS: Over the last couple of weeks several doors have been left unlocked and/or left open leaving our property in a vulnerable situation. Also, several times that the ADA operating doors have been locked without turning the ADA motor off. This allows the hand pads to activate the motor but not open the door which could result in burning out the motor. Please insure when on the church property that all doors are closed and locked and that ADA motor operation buttons are in the off position (toggle in the center position) before leaving the property. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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 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
2/25 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM	3/3 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM
2/27 Seasoned Saints 10 AM	3/5 Seasoned Saints 10 AM
2/28 Men's Coffee Hour 9 AM Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM	3/6 Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM
2/29 Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM	3/7 Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist (8:30am)	James Feddeck
Pianist (10am)	Owen Reyda
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Acolyte	Steve Warnock (E)
Greeters	Eric & Sandy Long (E) Judy Bloom (L)
Kids Church	Janine Trottier, Lindsey Trottier
Altar Guild	Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Bryan 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://goodknightsofnc.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

- Praise God that Ed Deidrick is doing better and has stepped down into a rehab facility as he continues to overcome pneumonia.
- 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 Lynn Swanzer whose heart valve surgery was postponed and will occur this week.
- 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.
- 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: Bobby Gramer, Tatiana Danico, Scott Lasko, Ashton Draga, Dakota Koch, Andrew Schneider.



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

SPRING AHEAD! Don't forget to change your clocks *ahead* one hour before bed on Saturday, March 9th so that you won't be late for worship on Sunday morning.

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.

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

CPR/1st Aid Certification Class

Boy Scout Troop 428 will be having a Red Cross lead CPR/1st Aid certification training session on March 9, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$35 per person and additional \$5 if you would like the troop to provide your lunch. The class will take place at Beaver Creek Sportsman Club: 12131 Quarry Rd. South Amherst (On Quarry Rd. about 2 miles south of Russia Rd.). Registration deadline is March 1, 2024. Please register with Stephen Warnock (216-233-7572). Payment will be via check made out to the instructor Brian Lenox. If you have any questions please contact Stephen Warnock.



Preschool Fundraiser!!

Stoller Cookie Dough and Bread Braid Sale going on now Order forms are in the lobby! We will collect orders until Tuesday, February 27th. Orders can be picked up on Thursday, March 21st from 9:30am-11:30am! Questions? Contact Beth Naro at preschool@stpaulamherst.com