

# 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](http://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, MARCH 3, 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 sin has a cost to it. The first aspect of being forgiven is understanding that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the debt of all sin, of all time, of all humankind has been paid for and canceled. Today, we will see Jesus beautifully recreate Peter's worst moment in order to show Peter that He is unafraid to enter into our worst moments, and that His grace is big enough to cover even the worst parts of our stories.

**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.

**WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR to the neighborhood. Let St. Paul help you out!** You can win a beautiful Spring-themed gift basket that says "*welcome to the neighborhood*" and deliver it personally to your new neighbor. All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box. In March the gift basket will be given to a family from the community who attends St. Paul's Easter Party and Egg Hunt.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Finally, we are scheduled at the Avon Lake Public Library on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. We encourage anyone and everyone to attend, and to have their questions ready.

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>3/3 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kid's Church 10 AM	<b>3/10</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM
<b>3/5</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM	<b>3/11</b> Preschool Board 4 PM
<b>3/6</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM	<b>3/12</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM
<b>3/7</b> Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM	<b>3/13</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM
	<b>3/14</b> Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM

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

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Organist</b> (8:30am)	Owen Reyda
<b>Pianist</b> (10am)	Owen Reyda
<b>Elders</b>	Jeff Krupp (E) Darren Conley (L)
<b>Readers</b>	Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike & Debbie Smith (E)
<b>Kids Church</b>	Sue Werner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold Gibson, Steve Warnock (E) Clyde Strader (L)



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

**Build & Deliver Beds** -- On Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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

- 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: James Walts, Sandra Binggeli,

Tabitha Krupp, Sharen Bennington, Karen Lence, Jackson Strohsack, Gisela Bachman.



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### THIS WEEK IN THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE

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



### **PALM SUNDAY**

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024, 7:00 PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

12 NOON & 7:00 PM

### **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

CELEBRATION SERVICES, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM