

# Easter Party & Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23<sup>d</sup>

10AM – 12NOON



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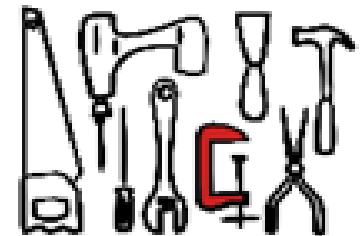


# FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Sin

Confession

absolution



restoration

Sanctification



**PALM SUNDAY**

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024,  
7:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024  
12 NOON & 7:00 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024  
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 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:** Last week we focused on Absolution, which is the truth that because of Jesus you are forgiven. The debt is paid. But there is more, that can be harder to believe than receiving forgiveness of your sins: God loves you. God restores you to still be His child. Still His disciple. Still the person Christ entrusted things to. Still the person He believes in. God is thrilled to have you back!

**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.

## **Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul**

**Wed. March 13 & Wed. March 20 @ 7 PM**

### **Lent Fellowship Suppers**

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.

**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.

**Men's Bible, Brews & Brotherhood** will be delayed this month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night. Join us at ESP Brewery on Thursday, March 21 @ 7pm.

### **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>	Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gwen Krupp
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Vilagi (E) Chuck & Fran Draga (L)
<b>Kids Church</b>	Sandy Long
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Donna Kemmerle
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Streza, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)



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

**This Tuesday, March 12 @ 6pm**

**Build & Deliver Beds --** If you would like to volunteer to build or want more information visit Good Knights website <https://goodknightsolc.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 TODAY.

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*

- Pray for Ed Deidrick to gain strength as he recovers at home.
- 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 to recover from heart valve surgery. She is at home.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klenz’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; 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); Randy who has bladder and prostate cancer and is starting chemotherapy; 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: Anita Labella, Jenna Tatum, Lynn Czajkowski, Brad Conley, Rick Lence, Nancy Beran

## newlife with God

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

**Invite Friends & Relatives** to join you for Holy Week and Easter worship services, and our Easter party. Use the back of this bulletin to pass along the invitation. All the info your guest needs is there!

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** is St. Paul’s gift to you. Lots of people are growing as God’s grace is setting them free! If you wish to make a gift toward the cost of your workbook, you are welcome to do so. The cost of each workbook is \$25 and a gift envelope is in your workbook. You may place it in the offering plate, outdoor drop box, or send it to the church office. Thanks!

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

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>3/10</b> Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM <b>3/11</b> Preschool Board 4 PM <b>3/12</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM <b>3/13</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/14</b> Handbells 6 PM Choir 6:45 PM	<b>3/17</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM <b>3/19</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM <b>3/20</b> Lenten Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/23</b> Easter Party & Egg Hunt 10 AM-12 PM

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