



*“Beloved, if God so loved us,
We ought to **LOVE** one another.”
1 John 4:11*

Fellowship Sunday TODAY

**One Worship
Service Together**

**Everyone’s Invited
to Stay After for
Brunch**

Join us for our Spring Fellowship Sunday! Brunch following one service at 9:00 am. Let’s grow together as a congregation. In our Ministry Plan we set a Target 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.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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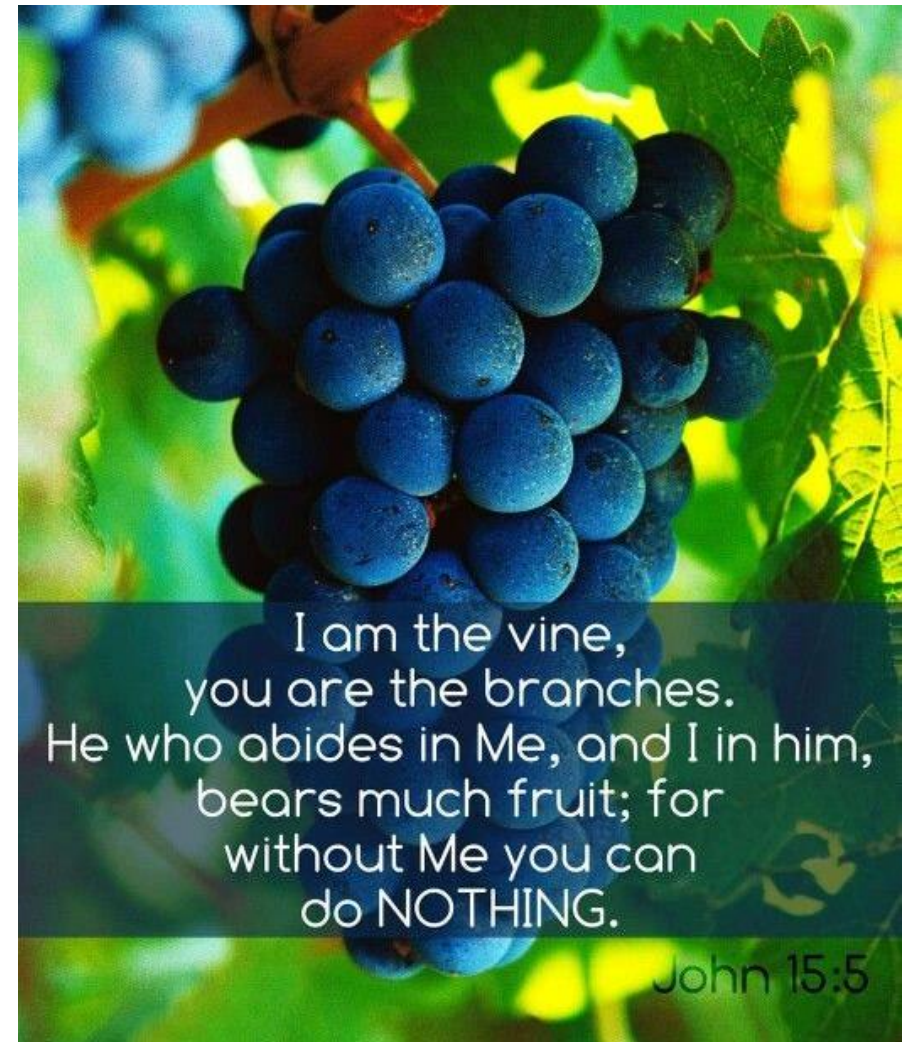
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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

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: As the season of Easter continues, we discover that the risen Christ now lives in God's baptized believers. It is as if we have been joined to His risen body, drawing life from Him like a living branch connected to a living vine. The result is bearing fruit for the kingdom of God. As we live by the promise of our Baptism and by the life-giving Word of God, we also invite and lead others to discover eternal life through God's Word and Sacraments. As Philip was led to preach the Gospel to an Ethiopian, God also blesses our witness one person at a time. Today we rejoice in the great love of God for us and for the whole world.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear. Amen. Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97, alt. Text: © 1964 World Library Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004369

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by

- Lil Hamilton in memory of loved ones.
- Ron & Tina Muska in memory of loved ones.

Be Sure to Join Us for Worship on Sunday, May 12th ~ St. Paul will be honoring all women with gifts of a nice daily devotion book, a plant and a beautifully decorated cookie. Invite your family to come with you to a worship service at either 8:30 am or 10 am.

Food Collection Next Sunday, May 5th. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.

It's a Joyful Privilege to get to welcome a new neighbor with a very nice gift for them. This month Sandy Long gets that privilege and joy. She submitted the name of someone she knows who just moved into Amherst. You, too, can experience this joy of meeting and gifting a new neighbor. All you have to do is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box. Each basket is beautiful and filled with seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul.



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 May.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Join us as we learn about the origins of God's grace in the Bible book of Genesis. You don't have to be a Bible scholar, just come! Everyone is welcome! Tuesdays @ 10 AM.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/28 Fellowship Sunday – One Service Holy Communion 9 AM Brunch 10:00 AM 4/28 Elders Meeting 6:30 PM 4/30 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/1 New Life With God 6:45 PM 5/2 Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM 5/4 Preschool Moms & Muffins	5/5 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 5/7 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Altar Guild 6 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/8 New Life With God 6:45 PM 5/9 Brothers, Bibles, & Brews 7 PM @ ESP Brewery

Serving in God's House:

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| Pastor | Rev. Paul Werner |
| Organist | Owen Reyda |
| Pianist | Owen Reyda |
| Elder | Bob Steindl |
| Reader | Bryan Draga |
| Greeters | Jeff & Sandy Binggeli |
| Kids Church | Sue Werner |
| Altar Guild | Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck |
| Sound | Mike Warnock, Jeff Krupp |
| Head Usher | Ron Fisher |
| Ushers | Bryan Draga |

Preschool Director Position Opening ~ St. Paul's Preschool Director, Mrs. Beth Naro, has announced she will not be returning to St. Paul next school year. We thank her for her six years of service and wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors. St. Paul's Preschool Board is actively searching for a new director of the preschool ministry. We are looking for a Christian who is organized, has good communication skills, and finds great joy in sharing Jesus' love with preschool age children and their families. This is a part-time position. Hours are somewhat flexible. Some benefits included. For information and to apply submit a resume by May 1st or go to: stpaulamherst.com/preschool/.

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

- God's blessings on Ben Kirschner as he graduates from Bowling Green State University this weekend.
- Pray for God's blessings on Carole Naro as her immunotherapy to treat cancer has been stopped due to complications, leaving her feeling ill. Pray that God bless her and the doctors to find a new treatment for her.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klentz's lungs.
- Please pray for Mike McHugh as his leukemia has returned;
- Pray for Gerri Deidrick whose chemotherapy is now complete. Pray that she recovers and that she is cancer-free.
- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for 12 yr. Old Aubrey who has a tumor in her eye and is going through chemotherapy where she has lost her hair.
- Pray for Brian Harcula as he has cancer.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with cancer.
- Pat who has a brain tumor.
- Pray for Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer.
- Pray for Devin (mother of a preschool student) who has cancer.
- Pray for Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for Randy who has bladder and prostate cancer and is starting chemotherapy.
- 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: Charles Waryu, Miko Ellis, Myah Mullins, Jan Beko-Nathan.



Lorain County Observance of NDP
Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Veteran's Memorial Park in Lorain
(Across Street from Lorain City Hall)

Our country needs God! Join in the county-wide National Day of Prayer event at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lorain, on Thursday, May 2nd @ 6 pm. We will ask our Heavenly Father to guide our nation, her citizens, and bless us in our dire needs.

There have been many national days of prayer throughout our country's history. In 1952 a joint resolution of Congress established an annual National Day of Prayer. President Reagan designated it to be the first Thursday of May each year.

THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS are going to be our guests. Hear their story and see their beautiful olivewood crafts.

On Sunday morning, May 5, 2024 during both services, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church Narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on this for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12 yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war. Due to this tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith's holy sites.