



Join us this Summer for Summer J.A.M.

Summer J.A.M. is St. Paul's big summertime kids' and families' event! It takes place one night a week over 4 consecutive weeks in mid-summer. It's free. It's for the whole community. There are **Water Slides, Games, Bible Stories, Food** (free pizza supper), **Crafts, Songs, Friends, Fun!** Watch for your invitation and the announcement of dates to arrive in your email in June.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 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 Mothers' Day reminds us that the love which draws us together has its source in God's love to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus loves us and gave His life for us, even though we were sinful and imperfect. His sacrificial love is both the model and the motivation for our love for other people. Mothers love their families selflessly. As Christian mothers, fathers, children, and adults of all ages, our selfless love for others becomes a powerful witness to God's love in Jesus.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God of love, You have given a new commandment that we should love one another; I pray for those who do not know the satisfaction of being accepted and loved. Help me, O God, to live in peace with all people, to accept as I have been accepted with forgiveness, to love as I have first been loved through Jesus Christ. Amen

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Ron & Tina Muska in memory of loved ones.

We Invite All Women Present to stop in the narthex (lobby) to receive our gifts to honor all women: a nice daily devotion book, a plant and a beautifully decorated cookie. We thank God for you!

We Thank our Director of Music Ministry, Owen Reyda for his work to fill our worship services with wonderful music to praise God. We wish him a wonderful summer back home with his family, and we look forward to his return in September.

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.

It's a Joyful Privilege to get to welcome a new neighbor with a very nice gift for them. This month Wanda Aschenbach 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.

St. Paul members! The St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Class of 2024 will be graduating on Wednesday, May 22. We would love to have your help providing a cookie reception for the families after the program! **If you are willing to donate two dozen cookies for graduation, please sign up in the narthex! All cookies need to be in the church office by 2pm on Wednesday, May 22.** Thank you in advance for helping us make this day even more special for our preschool families!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
5/12 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion 10 AM 5/14 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/15 Piano Recital Rehearsal 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM New Life With God 6:45 PM 5/18 Piano Recital 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Jennifer Belmont Students	5/19 Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 5/21 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM 5/22 Preschool Picnic 11 AM Preschool Graduation 6 PM New Life With God 6:45 PM

Serving in God's House:

- Pastor** Rev. Paul Werner
- Organist** Owen Reyda
- Pianist** Owen Reyda
- Elder** John Kirschner (E) John Brabander (L)
- Reader** Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Laurie Beran (L)
- Acolyte** Gwen Krupp (E)
- Greeters** Harold & Debbie Gibson (E) Jim & Carole Naro (L)
- Altar Guild** Wanda Aschenbach
- Sound** Mike Warnock, Virginia Warnock (E) Judy Bloom (L)
- Head Usher** Ron Fisher
- Ushers** John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Laurie Beran, Deby Lasko (L)

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

- Pray for God's blessings on Carole Naro as she has changed treatment plans for her on-going battle against cancer.
- Pray for Jim Temple who has had lots of recent hospital stays and several medical issues going on.
- Pray for Audrey Neff, a 31 yr. old woman who had a stroke.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klenz'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: Brenda Cartmell, Kayla Pijor, Maggie McGlothlin, Tom Sekerak, Mike Smith, Grace Card, Debbie Rein, Bob Steindl, Lewis Heller.
- Thank God for Alex Koch's safe return home from his military deployment. Alex is son-in-law of Anita Labella.
- Pray for God to guide and bless our search process for a new Preschool Director.
- Pray for the members of Peace Lutheran Church in Warren, Michigan as their congregation holds a final worship service and closes next Sunday afternoon, May 19th. Pray that God comforts them in their loss, and that all are enfolded into a new congregation so that none are lost in faith in Jesus.