



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

Water Slides, Games, Bible Stories, Food (free pizza supper), Crafts, Songs, Friends, Fun!

Summer J.A.M. is St. Paul's big summertime kids' and families' event! It's free. It's for the whole community.

**Wednesdays, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Invite** kids, grandkids, neighbors, and their families! It will be loads of fun, safe, and something for kids of all ages and mom, dads, grandmas, and grandpas too.

**Pray** that kids and their families discover Jesus who loves them and is always near.

**Serve** one or all of the Wednesday evenings of Summer J.A.M. You can serve food, help kids with crafts, greet people, set up, and more. Sing-Up board coming soon for serving and donating useful stuff needed.

**DONATE** → **We need empty, clean plastic peanut butter jars** with their lids, labels removed. We have 25 and need 35 more by Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday 7-10 the kids are making bug catchers as we share the story of God creating all living things. Drop them off in the narthex, upper level.



### **St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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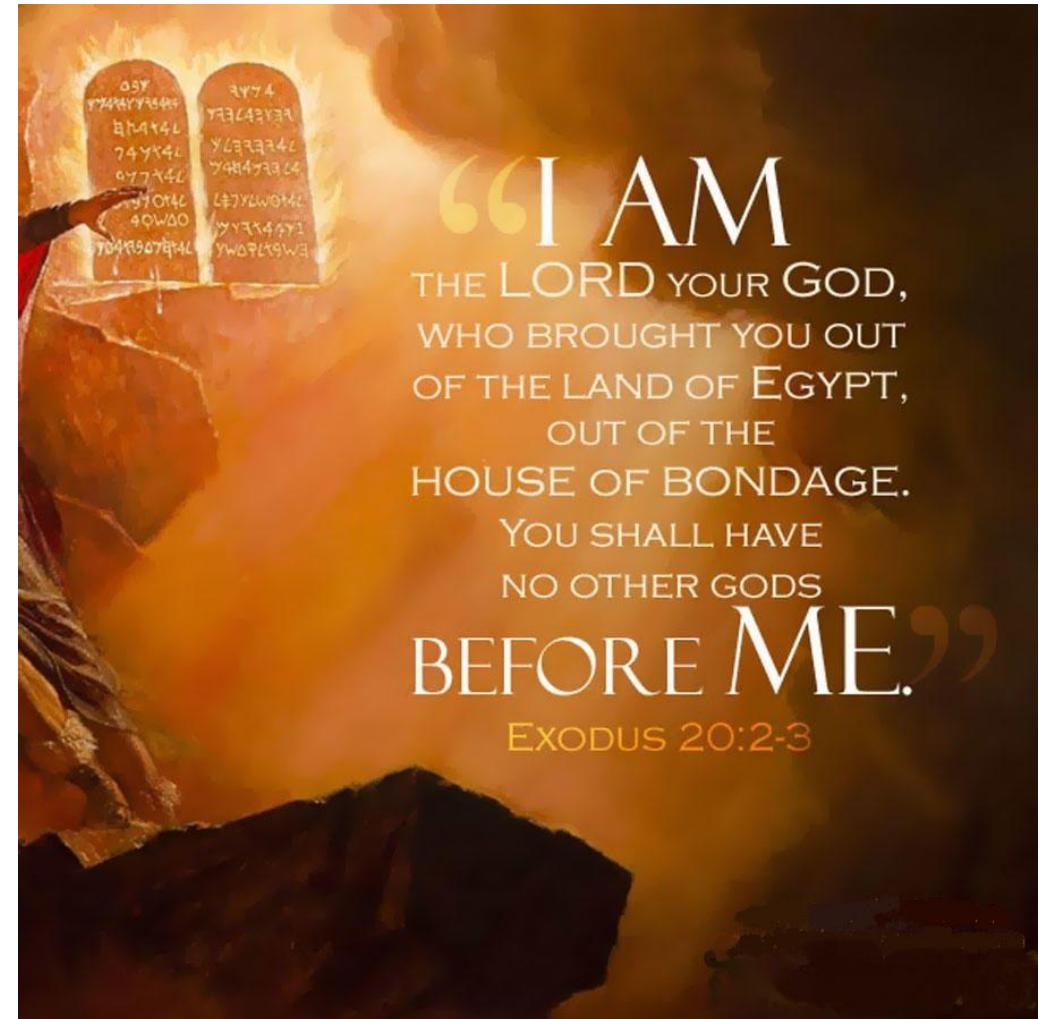
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**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

## ***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** we begin a series of worship services on the Ten Commandments. Today we focus on loving God before and more than anyone or anything else, which is the first and foundational commandment.

### **The First Commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

*"Let everyone, then, take care to magnify and exalt this commandment above all things and not make light of it. Search and examine your own heart thoroughly and you will find whether or not it clings to God alone. Do you have the kind of heart that expects from him nothing but good, especially in distress and want, and renounces and forsakes all that is not God? Then you have the one true God. On the contrary, does your heart cling to something else, from which it hopes to receive more good and help than from God, and does it flee not to him but from him when things go wrong? Then you have an idol, another god."*

- Dr. Martin Luther, The Large Catechism

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Outdoor Service Today @ 10AM**

Bring a lawn chair, come in shorts & t-shirts, if you're headed to the lake or the game then join us under the blue summer sky to worship our gracious God! Meet under the shade of the big maple trees on the front lawn of the parsonage, along Central Drive. In case of rain we move inside.



**Happy Times** is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. Happy Times is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and June & July editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - We DO meet this week, June 25<sup>th</sup>, but DO NOT MEET Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come, and try it! You don't have to be a Bible scholar: just come and listen. Everyone is welcome! Tuesdays @ 10 AM.

**A Red-White-& Blue Gift for Your New Neighbor.** This month Sandy Binggeli has given to her cousin who just moved to town a beautiful gift basket filled with patriotic, gifts is perfect for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today to give to *your* new neighbor one of these baskets and you'll see how delighted people are to receive one! It's a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church. All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex.

**LOVE INC CLOTHE-A-KID DONATION DRIVE UPDATE!!** Thank you for your generous gifts, we have surpassed our goal of \$1,000. As of 6/16/24 total donations received are \$1,185.00. Which will cover supporting 13 children in Lorain County with clothing. We will continue to collect donations through July. *Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and put Clothe-A-Kid in the memo of your check.* Envelopes can be dropped in the offering plate or put in the secretary's mailbox in the narthex. Watch for the donation thermometer to be in the narthex soon!! Help us share the love of Jesus by helping Lorain County kids in need.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

The last Sunday in June we will express appreciation to all volunteer to serve Jesus in a ministry of St. Paul. There are so many people who serve, in so many different ways. You build up the faith of the people who are present, and reach out to those who are not yet present. The Board of Directors will give a gift to each, as a token of our appreciation!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>6/23</b> Worship 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship / Holy Communion 10 AM <b>6/25</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM	<b>6/30</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 10 AM <b>7/2 NO SEASONED SAINTS</b> <b>7/4-5 Church Office Closed</b>

### Serving in God's House:

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Elder</b>	Jeff Krupp (E) Ron Fisher (L)
<b>Reader</b>	Sandy Long (E) Bryan Draga (L)
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike & Debbie Smith (E)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock, Judy Bloom (L)
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Bryan Draga (L)

### Prayer Requests this Week: "The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM." Psalm 148:18

- Pray for Gerri and Ed Deidrick as Ed is now home and in hospice care. Ask God to bless them with great days together and strong faith centered on the hope Christ gives.
- Pray for Ron Klein's as he recovers from a heart surgery to regain his strength.
- Pray for Sherry Fisher who is recovering from surgery at home.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is in a rehab facility following surgery on his hip.
- Pray for John Schick who is homebound recovering from prostate surgeries.
- Pray for Savi who has severe insomnia, that God give her peace and rest.
- Pray for Sam, 32 yrs. Old, who is in hospice from a head injury.
- Pray for Audrey Neff, a 31 yr. old woman who had a stroke.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- 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 Noal, a friend of Cyndi Kemery, who has lung cancer.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with cancer.
- 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: Danny Kemery, Gwen Krupp, Cathi Aufdenkampe, Bob Wiersum.
- Pray for Summer J.A.M. that God bless the planning and preparing so that lots of kids and families discover God's love for them.