

**Next Sunday, September 1st
Last Outdoor Service of Summer
@ 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.



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: With all the turmoil in the stock market and fear of a recession, it may sound out of touch to ask us to be content. Whether we have a lot or a little really doesn't affect how content we are. Rich people and poor people alike are usually discontent and want more. God asks us not to get our lives all wrapped up in the desire for more. Instead, He wants us to use what He has given us to help other people.

THE NINTH and TENTH COMMANDMENTS

You shall not covet your neighbor's house
You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Dr. Martin Luther wrote this about contentment in his Large Catechism: "You must learn that God does not wish you to deprive your neighbor of anything that is his, letting him suffer loss while you gratify your greed, even though in the eyes of the world you might honorably retain the property. To do so is dark and underhanded wickedness Although you may act as if you have wronged no one, you have trespassed on your neighbor's rights. It may not be called stealing or fraud, yet it is coveting – that is, having designs upon your neighbor's property, luring it away from him against his will, and begrudging what God gave him. The judge and the public may have to leave you in possession of it, but God will not, for He sees your wicked heart and the deceitfulness of the world."

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by

- The Gramer family in celebration of Sherry Fisher's birthday
- Steve and Virginia Warnock celebration their 50th wedding Anniversary.

Food Collection Next Sunday, September 1st. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



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 September.

My Devotions for Families with Children is a very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. My Devotions is designed for families with elementary school aged children. Families simply include these resources in their daily routine, like during breakfast before school, during a supper time together when distractions are turned off for a few minutes, or at bedtime. My Devotions are free. September thru November editions are available on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

Greeting Card Making!

Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards **on Tuesday, August 27 @ 7 pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/25 Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 10 AM 8/27 Seasoned Saints Greeting Card Making 7 PM 8/29 Preschool Orientation T/TH 10 AM 8/30 Preschool Orientation M/W/F 10 AM	9/1 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10 AM 9/2 Labor Day-Church Office Closed 9/3 First Day of Preschool T/TH 9/4 First Day of Preschool M/W/F

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organists	James Feddeck
Elder	John Kirschner (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Reader	Christine Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Greeters	Lucy & Mike McHugh (E) Ron & Tina Muska (L)
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Sound	Mike Warnock, Jeff Krupp (E) Judy Bloom (L)
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Brad Draga (L)

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.
All these speak so clearly of Your love,
Your power,
and Your beauty.
All are expressions of Your creativity,
and more importantly of Yourself, Heavenly Father.
As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colors of a butterfly's wing
You share the exuberance of Your love. Amen.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Join us Tuesday mornings @ 10AM as we discover God's loving faithfulness in spite of our human mess-ups and flaws. This week we find Joseph's faith growing as he is unjustly thrown into prison for several years, where he discovers God is still with him and blessing him in the lowest time of his life. Just come, and try it! You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Summer Themed Gift for Your New Neighbor. A new neighbor moved in next to Marylou and Don Gramer and will be receiving the amazing gift basket filled with summertime gifts and info about the community and St. Paul! 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.

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

- Pray for school children, teachers and parents as schools have all begun classes week. Pray for all universities and colleges that they be safe places, and that God's truths have free expression.
- Pray for St. Paul's Preschool that God bless with a wonderful year of sharing Jesus' love.
- Pray for Don & Dian Lamoreaux as they both have COVID. Don is in the hospital.
- Continued prayers for Aubrey, 12 yrs. old. She has cancer in her eye, finished the radiation treatment in Columbus, and is now back home in North Carolina, where chemotherapy continues.

- Pray for John Schick as he recovers from a serious neck injury.
- Pray for Ron Klein's to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron who suffers with intense back pain.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Kevin, nephew of John Brabander, who has cancer.
- Pray for Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- Pray for Floyd who has cancer in his back and started chemotherapy.
- 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 Devin 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, Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sherry Fisher, Cindy Seng, Ann Conley, Debbie Heller.