



We're looking for volunteers to decorate their car and hand out candy and volunteers to help with games or serve food!!  
Sign-up in the narthex today.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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:** we conclude our exploring of some big questions that keep many people from considering faith in Christ. The question we discuss today is *"HOW COULD A LOVING GOD ALLOW SO MUCH SUFFERING?"*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Heavenly Father, as I worship You today, lift up my eyes to You. Strengthen my faith in You, because my help comes from You alone. Reassure me that I am never alone, for You know me inside and out, you even know every word I speak before they are on my tongue. Your love for me is so great! Amen.

**Altar Flowers** given to the glory of God by Roger & Wanda Aschenbach in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**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 discover how God worked through Joseph's 20 years of slavery and prison to save his family and preserve God's promise to give us our Savior, Jesus. Just come, and try it! You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

### **Women's Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM**

Women are always invited to the women's group that meets in the church parsonage every Tuesday night. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman. We are just beginning a new discussion, "Meant for Good."

## **MEDICARE 101**

A Free Seminar for St. Paul Members and Guests  
**Saturday, October 5, 2024 ~ 11:00AM to 12NOON**  
Presented by Jeff Allison of HealthMarkets Insurance Agency

This is a Free Informational seminar on Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. No plans or services will be sold. No Pressure. Come to find out more about Medicare and what works best for your needs. Invite friends.



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 October.

**Portals of Prayer** daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of October - December are available now. Pick one up today.

**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 the October/November edition is available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>9/29</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM <b>9/30</b> Elders Meeting 6:30 PM <b>10/1</b> Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>10/5</b> Medicare 101 11 AM	<b>10/6 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kid's Church 10 AM <b>10/8</b> Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Organist</b>	Owen Reyda
<b>Elders</b>	Jeff Krupp (E) John Brabander (L)
<b>Readers</b>	Sandy Long (E) Sue Werner (L)
<b>Acolytes</b>	Steve Warnock
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff & Sandy Binggeli (E) Judy Bloom (L)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Conley
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock, David Staylon (E) Judy Bloom (L)
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold Gibson, Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Strader (L)

**Gifts for New Neighbors ~** September’s beautiful Fall-themed gift basket will be loaded with additional gift cards and become the prize at St. Paul’s Family Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. As families register to win the prize, we also gather information to invite them to return. Anita Labella has won the October basket to give to a new neighbor. You can do the same for your new neighbor. Just fill out a form by the gift basket in the lobby, put it in the box, and you could be blessing your new neighbor next month. It’s a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church.

**Volunteers Needed.** On October 19th and 20th, The Amherst Historical Society is hosting a Cemetery Tour of the Cleveland Avenue’s Cemetery Amherst founders. They will be using our parking lot. With their blessings, we at St. Paul will be hosting refreshments and light snacks. This is the perfect opportunity for our Church and Preschool to become better known in the community. We can also pass out information about our services, preschool and activities. We need help from our membership to serve, set up and tear down. Would you also consider making baked goods or donating apple cider? The time of this event is 2:30 to approximately 5:30 each day including prep time. Sign up in the narthex. Questions can be answered by contacting Judy Starbuck 440-320-7436. Thank you in advance for helping us get our church more involved in our community.

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

- Pray for Ruth Williams who is recovering from a fall and surgery to repair a broken hip. She is in Kingston for care and rehabilitation.
- Pray for Margaret Uhrik who is recovering from soreness due to a fall.
- Pray for Kuno and Christa Josupeit as Kuno is in hospice care are New Life Hospice.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is doing rehab in Mercy Hospital for several weeks.
- Pray for John Schick to continue his recovery at home after breaking his neck in July.
- Pray for Ron Klein’s to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron who suffers with intense back pain.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long, so that he restores his strength.
- 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 Linda Little who has cancer.
- Pray for Kellie Conley, Darren Conley’s sister-in-law, as she is starting chemo for a new cancer diagnosis.
- 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 Nola, a friend of Cyndi Kemery, who has lung cancer.
- Pray for Lorie, Cyndi Kemery’s cousin, who has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Pray for Paxton Roby with 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: Wanda Aschenbach, Alison Pacheco, Jack Trottier, Nicole Schneider, Lillian Carrero, Andrew Lasko.

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## CHALLENGE

In October we are inviting you to go on a 40-day life-changing journey designed to lead to more personal fulfillment than one ever thought possible. We were made to serve. You were made for more than just believing and existing until you die. **Serve like Jesus.**

The opportunity to serve like Jesus will come with a significant cost. It will mean sacrificing, require losing, and be full of challenges. But, despite all the costs, when you serve like Jesus, you will find true fulfillment, joy, happiness, and great reward. **So, will you become a servant of Jesus? Will you follow the Way of Jesus?**

**Sunday worship** will also help you find the fulfillment of **serving like Jesus!** In place of small groups, we will email to all St. Paul people weekly videos and questions to discuss at home.

**SERVING Challenge Workbooks are Available today** for you to pick one up, and take home for daily reading and daily challenges from October 6 through November 16. Your workbook is a free gift to you, and waiting in the narthex (lobby). The workbook is the practical application for your 40 days of growing in Jesus-like compassion and love for people! SERVING Challenge begins in 1 week, so get your workbook today.

Unlike previous 40-Day Challenges we have done at St. Paul, the **Serving Challenge will. not offer small groups for you to participate in.** Instead, we will help you grow in 3 Ways:

1. Sunday Sermon Messages from October 6<sup>th</sup> thru November 10<sup>th</sup> will tie in with each weekly theme. You can also find them on our YouTube channel at “St. Paul Amherst Ohio.”
2. Videos will be emailed to you every week to watch, learn, and discuss at home or with friends.
3. Your workbook reading and journaling is a key part of your growing in faith! **Your SERVING Challenge workbook is YOUR GO-TO** for your six -week journey.