

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.
We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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The serving challenge

ACTION



**“Someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’
Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will
show you my faith by my works....”**

James 2:18

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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: All other religions have an inactive God. In other religions their god teaches or demands, but the followers must work or meditate or build their own way to some form of eternal life. Aren't you glad that the true God is not inactive? He entered the life of His creatures in order to save us. He suffered, died, and rose again to win his children back! Moved by His love, you are invited into the joy of actively serving others.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Loving Heavenly Father, You have given me the Holy Scriptures for me to hear, learn, and take Your Words into my heart. Help me to listen to Your Word to me in worship, and then, to trust Your Word so that I put Your truths into action in my life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Carl & Karen Saegert in celebration of their anniversary and in memory of their parents.

Get Refreshed mid-week with Tuesday Morning Bible Study - This week we begin a new study on God calling Moses to "Set My people FREE" from slavery in Egypt. This is foundational for understanding what Jesus has done for you. **This is a great time to jump in!** Try it out this Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 10AM. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Food Collection Next Sunday, November 3rd. 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 November.

Boar's Head Festival at Concordia University – Each December since 1978 students, faculty, staff and community members come together to enact medieval Christmas traditions and the story of Christ's birth. The festival combines organ, choir, symphony, carol singing, costumed actors, medieval history and the story of Christ's birth into a moving spectacle, in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity on the campus of Concordia University, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In medieval England, Christians considered the wild boar to be a ferocious beast and a symbol for evil. They adapted the Roman feast custom of serving a boar's head on a platter to represent the triumph of the Christ child over evil. Pastor Paul was able to get a limited number of tickets to the performance on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 4:00pm. The campus is a 2 hour drive from Amherst and we will arrange transportation together from St. Paul. Tickets are \$22. each. See Pastor Paul soon if you'd like to go.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
10/27 Worship 8:30 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 10 AM	11/3 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM
10/29 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM	11/4 Elders 6:30 PM
10/30 Recital Practice 4 PM	11/5 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
10/31 Reformation Day	
11/2 Piano Recital – Jennifer Belmont 9 AM – 1 PM Card Making 1 PM	

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Ron Fisher (L)
Readers	Sandy Long (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Greeters	Cindy Klein (E) Judy Bloom (L)
Altar Guild	Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon
Sound	Mike Warnock, Judy Bloom (L)
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell (E) Bryan Draga, Brad Draga (L)

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.”

Gifts for New Neighbors ~ October’s basket is a beautiful Fall-themed gift basket. 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 this month. It’s a great way to meet a new neighbor and invite them to church.

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 Saturday, November 2nd @ 1 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.

Got Bubble Wrap? We are looking for donations of large bubble, bubble wrap for a kids New Years Eve Event here at St. Paul. Place bubble wrap in the narthex.

SERVING

CHALLENGE

The **Serving Challenge** is 40-days dedicated to lead to more personal fulfillment than you ever thought possible. You are created by God to serve. You were made for more than just believing and existing until you die. **Serve like Jesus.**

THIS WEEK we will grow in learning to put faith into **ACTION**.
In your Workbook you are on day 20. KEEP GOING EVERYDAY!

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

- Pray for Christa Josupeit as she and family and friends miss Kuno who was called home to Jesus on Monday October 21st. Pray for God to comfort her.
- Pray for Lydia Rice as Will was called to heaven on Thursday, October 17, and the Christian funeral was held on Friday. Pray God grant her peace of mind and heart.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who is in the hospital with breathing problems.
- Pray for Margaret Uhrik who is in rehab at Amherst Manor that she

- 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 Edna Klenz who is recovering from a fall and a fracture in her neck. She is at Kingston of Vermilion.
- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is recovering at Kingston in Vermilion.
- Pray for John Schick to continue his recovery at home.
- Pray for Ron Klein’s to regain his strength.
- Pray for Ron Muska for relief of his 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 who has been going through treatment for cancer in her eye.
- Pray for Devin Jarvis, a young wife and mother who has a type of cancer that has been very hard to treat.
- 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 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 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, John Harden, Andy Lasko, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jerry Draga, Brianna Sekerak, Edward Gerber, Paul Hambly, Jakub Pijor.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East and that the people of Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Gaza can receive food and care to survive. Pray that the tensions lessen and the conflicts do not spread. Pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia, that lives be spared, that there is a just and fast solution to the conflict without bringing other nations into the war.
- Pray for the United States that there is peace surrounding the coming election, that respect for one another replaces anger, that God’s Biblical truths replace confusion, and that we live in peace.