

Take your Next Step!



Investigate a life of faith in Jesus.

God is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven't investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There's no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost – just come, ask questions, and let's discuss faith and life. There are eight sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us! **Wednesday mornings 9:30 AM to 11 AM, beginning Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With*

150th ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

Sunday, February 9, 2025



ONE Worship Service

9:30AM

Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson

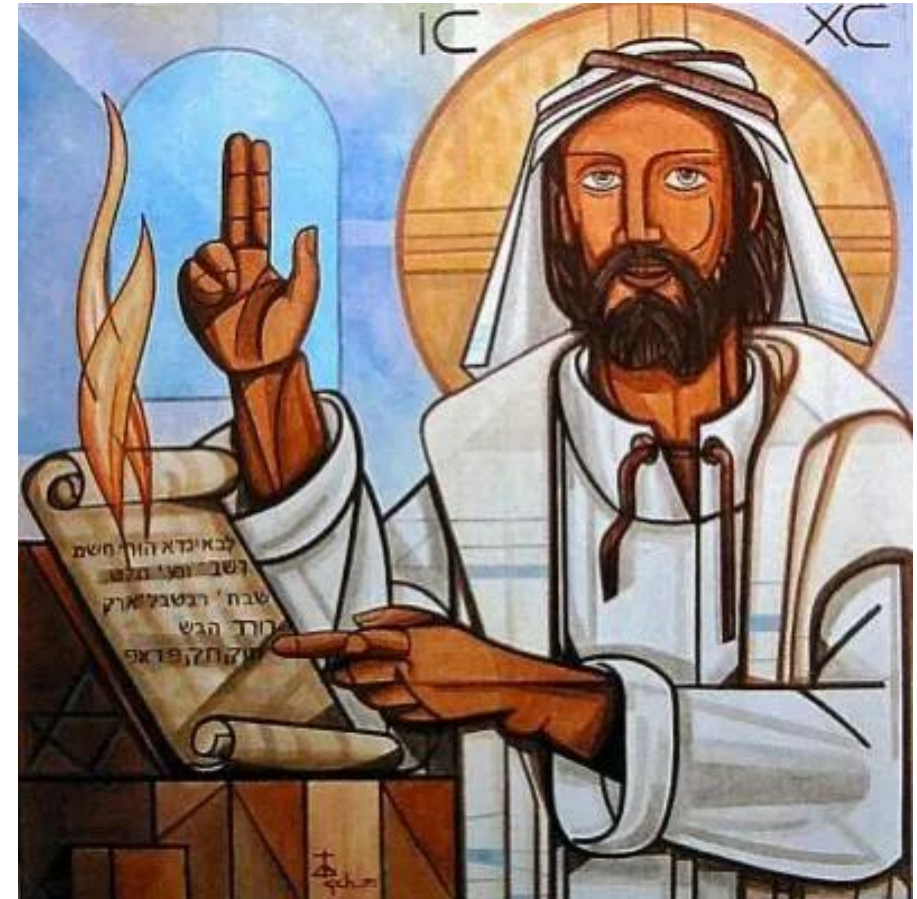
Guest Preacher

President, Ohio District LCMS

Celebration BRUNCH

10:45AM in Fellowship Hall

SIGN UP for Brunch at Narthex Information Counter



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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 Many of us are rejoicing this week in a college football national championship. It feels great when "my team" wins. In Jesus' day, most people had the same expectation of God – that He is a winner. When Jesus came to His hometown of Nazareth and preached, He revealed that He is God and He is for losers – spiritual losers and sinners like you. He would lose His life on the cross. He also moves us in compassion to show love in practical ways to the "losers" in this world all around us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord God, set me free from the bondage of my sins, and give me the full life of Your kingdom, which You have made known to us through Your Words in Scripture and in Your grace given in the Sacraments. Fill me with Your love that I share Your love in Your name with others. Amen.



After Worship services today, Reema, Kadin, Ronan & Kellan Klingshirn will be Baptized and given forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift of God's grace through the water combined with God's Word. Welcome into the family of God, Reema, Kadin, Ronan, Kellan.

PLEASE FILL-OUT A COMMUNICATION CARD which is found in the pew rack. So that we can send you an invitation to St. Paul's 150th Anniversary, we ask EVERY HOUSEHOLD to fill out a SEPARATE card, leaving your correct address in the notes section. Use one card per household. Please place your Communication Card in the offering plate as it is passed in today's worship service.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE GOD AND HIS CHURCH Our Preschool has for many years been an excellent program in Amherst. Our Preschool Board is made up of St. Paul members who have a heart for children and families to know Jesus, and our Board is in need of one more member to carry on the work. If you have a heart for kids and you have some budgeting experience you can be a big help to this ministry. Let Pastor Paul know if you feel God is leading you to this ministry.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
1/26 Worship 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM 1/28 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM 1/29 New Life With God 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM 1/30 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM	2/2 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship/ Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM 2/4 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 7 PM 2/5 New Life With God 9:30 AM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Bryan Draga (L)
Acolyte	Steve Warnock
Greeters	Eric & Sandy Long (E) Judy Bloom (L)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Sound	Mike Warnock, David Staylon (E) Judy Bloom (L)
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Bob Kemmerle (E) Bryan Draga, Charles Draga (L)

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Harold & Debbie Gibson celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.



GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER

Sunday Mornings 9:45 AM to 10:45AM

- Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship

You are invited to join in as we start today learning about Jesus’ life and ministry through the Bible Book of Luke. Today is a great day to try it out as we start.

Food Collection Next Sunday, February 2nd. 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 February.

2024 Giving Statements are now in your church mailboxes located across from the restrooms in the narthex.

2025 Flower Chart is now posted in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please note the price increase to \$30.00 per arrangement. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 440-988-4157.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are in members’ mailboxes in the narthex. Please pick up your box and take it home to give your thank offerings regularly to Jesus. You may also go to St. Paul’s web site (www.stpaulamherst.com) and set up automatic electronic payments as a way to give to God regularly.

Get Refreshed mid-week with Tuesday Morning Bible Study - You are invited this week Tuesday @ 10AM. You’ll meet some friends, find encouragement, enjoy home-baked cookies, and grow in faith. Try it out this Tuesday as we see God setting His people free from slavery in Egypt, and discover His grace and power in our lives. We meet in the upper level. You don’t have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Women’s Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM Resumes Tuesday January 7th. 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.”



Free Seminar to Learn How to Design Your Estate to Make a Lasting Impact

Do You Want to leave a blessing for your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren? Do you want them to have a Church where they can grow in Jesus’ love and truth?

As part of St. Paul’s 150th Anniversary, we have a wonderful seminar for you to discover ways to plan your estate. Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 10AM – 12NOON. Dianna Raasch, of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) of St. Louis, MO will be with us to lead a panel discussion. You will hear from Rachel E. Lyons, Attorney Trust & Estate Law, Cleveland, OH, and Sean Caywood, Christian Financial Planner, Grafton, OH. You can ask your questions to our team of experts. Nothing will be sold. Watch for registration information so we can plan space here in St. Paul’s facilities.

A New Neighbor on Judy Starbuck’s street is receiving a beautiful “welcome to the neighborhood” gift basket. You can do it too! (It’s a lot of fun to meet your neighbors ... and give them such a nice gift!) Just fill out a form by the gift basket in the narthex/lobby, put it in the box, and you could be blessing your new neighbor next month.

Would You Share St. Paul Memories? A Display Cabinet is in the narthex to display old keepsakes from St. Paul’s past. If you have photos of events, or certificates from a baptism, confirmation, or marriage from years past, we’d like to display and share them with the congregation. Karen Saegert would love to talk with you, and you can reach her at: (440)965-9234, or ksaegert925@gmail.com

The Community Care Team is teaming up with Amherst Schools and Second Harvest to add paper products to the next food pick up. We are looking the below listed items. Donations can be added to the bin in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, February 23, 2025. Any questions contact Karen Vilagi at 440-667-6903.

- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Napkins
- Paper plates
- Toilet paper

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

- Pray for Shirley Brumfield and her family as baby Gabriel died last Monday night from his medical complications. May God comfort them in their devastating loss.
- Pray for Andy Lasko who is in the hospital with heart problems, and he is weak. He will be moving to Amherst Manor soon, so pray for his rehab to get back on his feet.
- Pray for Reema, Kadin, Ronan & Kellan Klingshirn baptized today.
- Pray for Emma Jenkins’ daughter, Tracy, who has cancer and is receiving radiation.
- Pray for Ruth Williams who is in hospice care in Kingston.
- Praise God that Lydia Rice’s 25 yr. old grandson, Justin Sanchez, had a successful brain surgery last Tuesday. Pray for his continued healing.
- Pray for Joan Ackerman who is in a nursing home from a fall and fractured hip, and just found out she has cancer.
- Pray for Grant Harfield, who is in the hospital due to low oxygen exchange. Ask God that the doctors can find the cause, and that Grant, who is severely autistic, have peace.
- Praise God that surgery reattached John Hamilton’s retina in his eye, and pray for his delicate healing.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Carl Saegert recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Brad Draga who is having severe back issues.
- Pray for Tom who has kidney stones and his wife, Ruth, who had a stroke.
- Pray for Laurie, a friend of Sandy Long, who fell breaking a hip, elbow, and has a concussion.
- Pray for Judy Starbuck’s close friend, Barb, receiving treatment for cancer.
- Pray for the continued healing of those recovering at home: Terri Gerber, Don Lamoreaux, John Schick, Ron Klein, Larry Cassidy.
- Pray for Nancy Dau, as her cancer has returned for the 3rd time and she is starting treatment.
- Pray for Zack, a friend of Cyndi Kemery, who has cancer.
- Pray for Devin Jarvis, a young wife and mother who has a type of cancer that has been very hard to treat.
- Pray for Beth, friend of Judy Bloom, recovering from surgery.
- 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 Randy who has completed his treatment of chemotherapy and is recovering.
- Pray for Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Ruth Williams, 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: Jacob Green, Jason Fisher, Alex Steindl, Brenda Hamilton