



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, an Attorney of Trust & Estate Law, Cleveland, OH, and Sean Caywood, a Christian Financial Planner, Grafton, OH. You can ask your questions to our team of experts. Nothing will be sold. So that we can plan space here in St. Paul's facilities, please register by clicking the QR code here. →



**150th ANNIVERSARY
of ST. PAUL**

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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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: In our world the rich people, the people with fame and influence are the lucky ones, the blessed ones. Jesus came to announce a new and different kind of kingdom. In Jesus' kingdom the poor, those who mourn, those who hunger are the blessed ones, the favored ones. Jesus turns our values upside-down. His kingdom is open to all people, and yet His kingdom is restricted to those who humbly admit their need of Him.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Almighty God, You pour out on all who desire it Your Spirit of grace; when I draw near to You in worship, keep me from coldness of heart and wanderings in my mind, so that my thoughts and my love for You may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Voters' Assembly TODAY at 9:45 AM

St. Paul's annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be Sunday, February 16th at 9:45 AM. The meeting will feature reports on God's blessings in the past year 2024, updates on all ministries, finances, buildings and grounds, audit reports, and present options to the Voters for repairing and upgrading the pews in the worship sanctuary. Please participate in the "family business" of your church family.



Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Harold & Debbie Gibson in memory of loved ones.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will resume next Sunday, February 23rd at 9:45am. Today we invite you to join us for the Voters' Assembly meeting.

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.

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

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
2/16 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Annual Voter's Meeting 9:45 AM Worship / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM 2/17 No Preschool 2/18 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 7 PM 2/19 New Life With God 9:30 AM 2/20 Guest Hospitality Team 1 PM 2/21 150 Anniversary Committee 1 PM	2/23 Worship 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM 2/25 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM 2/26 New Life With God 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM 2/27 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elders	Jeff Krupp (E) Ron Fisher (L)
Organist/Piano	Owen Reyda
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Sue Werner (L)
Greeters	Ron & Tina Muska (L)
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle
Sound	Mike Warnock, Cyndi Kemery, Billy Swanzer
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Bob Kemmerle (E) Clyde Strader (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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Tracie Heuring – Interim Director of Preschool

Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

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."

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.

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. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us, Wednesdays mornings, 9:30 AM to 11 AM, in the conference room, upper level.

A New Neighbor around the corner from Pastor Paul's house is receiving the amazing "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

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

- Pray for Harold Gibson who was in the hospital to have a heart stint replaced.
- Pray for Therese Strader who found out she has double lung cancer. The docs are doing more testing before recommending a course of treatment.
- Pray for Mike McHugh because his leukemia has returned.
- Pray for Linda George who has upcoming back surgery.

- Pray for Earl Mullins and his family. He has not long to live.
- Pray for Alex, son-in-law of Anita Labella, that he may recover from surgery well.
- Pray that Alicia Sutton recovers quickly and well from her surgery.
- Pray for Andy Lasko who is now in Amherst Manor for his rehab to get back on his feet.
- Pray for Emma Jenkins' daughter, Tracy, who has cancer and is receiving radiation.
- Pray for Ruth Williams who is in hospice care in Kingston.
- Pray for Joan Ackerman who is in a nursing home from a fall and fractured hip, and just found out she has cancer.
- 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 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: 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, starting radiation treatment soon.
- 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: Jeff Binggeli, Edna Klenz, Lee Steindl, Debbie Gibson, Scott Jiovanazzo, John Kirschner.