



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

Do You Want to leave a blessing for your children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren?

Do you want them to have a Church where they can grow in Jesus' love and truth?

In celebration of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Amherst's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have a wonderful seminar for you to discover ways to plan your estate.

**Join us THIS COMING Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 10AM – 12NOON.**

At this "Ask the Experts" seminar 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. Please register by email ([office@stpaulamherst.com](mailto:office@stpaulamherst.com)) or click the QR code to the right.



St. Paul Lutheran Church, 115 Central Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

## LENT AT ST. PAUL



Lent is a season that calls us to reflect on the great love that Christ has for us – a love so great that it moves Him to die. As Jesus Himself comments: ***"Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another"*** John 13:34. This Lent we will look at ways we can reflect Jesus' love, using Paul's description of what love is from 1 Corinthians 13.

**Join us all 6 Wednesday nights, starting Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Wednesday night worship services start at 7PM. A Fellowship Supper is offered before each service, 5:46 – 6:45PM, for a free-will offering.



**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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:** "Do not Judge" is one of the most quoted passages in modern times because, culture tells us, who are we to judge others when we're not perfect either? But, as counterintuitive as it seems, the Bible actually tells us to judge. Today we will see judgement as God sees, and learn how we are to judge with the compassion of Christ.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord God, as I worship, let me see Your compassion clearly. Keep before me the love You have revealed in Your Son, Jesus. As He prayed even for His enemies, in my words and deeds change me to be more and more like Christ Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.



**MARCH 5, 2025**

**WORSHIP SERVICE @ 7:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday service includes receiving ashes and Holy Communion.

### **Wednesday Evening Lent Services at St. Paul**

Six Wednesday nights in Lent @ 7PM, beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>, and ending April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Each Wednesday night Lent service begins at 7pm, and a supper for everyone is served from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Suppers are simple, delicious, and for a free-will offering. Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent for good food, great friendship, and moving worship experiences!



**LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONS** - Pick up your *Servant of the Lord* devotion booklet for Lent in the narthex (lobby) at St. Paul. They are free. You can have these devotions emailed to you every day if you wish. Sign up at [www.lhm.org/devotions](http://www.lhm.org/devotions)

In Jesus Christ, God Himself enters our human condition. In *Servant of the Lord*, we see Jesus as God's Son and our Redeemer. He has made the Heavenly Father known to us. Proclaiming the kingdom of God, Jesus served us—lovingly, patiently, compassionately—as He died for our sins and rose three days later in Easter victory.

We have in Jesus the supreme example of devoted service. His teachings defined the lives we are to live—both in praise and honor to God and in love and peace toward one another. All this Jesus did as God's chosen Servant, sent from heaven to earth to be our King, Savior, and trusted Friend.



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 March.

**Food Collection Next Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



### **GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Sunday Mornings 9:45 AM to 10:45AM

• Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship

Come and see Jesus' life and ministry through the Bible Book of Luke. Today is a great day to try it out.

**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 for 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

**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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>2/23</b> Worship 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM <b>2/25</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM <b>2/26</b> New Life With God 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM <b>2/27</b> Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM <b>3/1</b> Leave a Legacy 10 AM	<b>3/2 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM <b>3/4</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 7 PM <b>3/5</b> New Life With God 9:30 AM Supper 5:45 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM <b>3/6</b> Kapelle Choir 7 PM <b>3/7</b> Preschool "Dudes & Dogs"

Serving in God’s House:

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Elders</b>	Jeff Krupp (E) Ron Fisher (L)
<b>Organist/Piano</b>	Owen Reyda
<b>Readers</b>	Sandy Long (E) Bryan Draga (L)
<b>Acolyte</b>	Steve Warnock
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Vilagi (E) Judy Bloom (L)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karie Coffman
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock, David Staylon, Judy Bloom
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Bryan Draga, Charles Draga (L)

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology  
Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

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

- Pray for Brad Draga as he recovers from last Tuesday’s back surgery.
- Pray for Gavin, and 18 yr.-old who is severely depressed.
- Pray for Harold Gibson is home recovering from having a heart stint replaced.
- Pray for Linda George who has upcoming back surgery.
- Pray for Earl Mullins and his family. He has not long to live.
- 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 Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- 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 Therese Strader as she starts treatment soon for lung cancer.
- Pray for Nancy Dau, as her cancer has returned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock).
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Mike McHugh, 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, Joan Ackerman.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Robert Gramer

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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