

## 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.

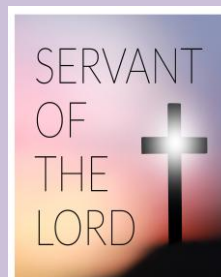
Join us every Wednesday night @ 7pm, now thru Wed. April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> the menu is: Sloppy joes, baked potato bar, salad, & desserts.

**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 Servant of the Lord, we see Jesus as God’s Son and our Redeemer. He has made the Heavenly Father known to us. All this Jesus did as God’s chosen Servant, sent from heaven to earth to be our King, Savior, and trusted Friend.



**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, MARCH 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 11:00 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: LOVE IS ...** Christ's love for us is so great that it moves Him to die. We are not only to reflect on Christ's love, but reflect out His love to the world, as Jesus Himself commands: *"Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another"* John 13:34. This Lent season we look at some of the ways we can reflect Jesus' love, using Paul's description of what love is from 1 Corinthians 13. Today we consider the dark sin of envy and that *"love is not envious."*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Through this season of Lent, O Lord, remind us often when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self-sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue. Amen.

**A New Neighbor** in a senior complex has won this month's "welcome to the neighborhood" gift basket. A preschool student's grandmother submitted the name and is presenting the 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.



## **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.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
<b>3/16</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>3/19</b> New Life With God 9:30 AM Fellowship Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/20</b> Guest Hospitality Team 1 PM	<b>3/23</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>3/25</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM <b>3/26</b> New Life With God 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Fellowship Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM <b>3/27</b> Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM

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

**Pastor**

Rev. Paul Werner

**Elders**

Chuck Draga (E) Bob Steindl (L)

**Organist/Piano**

Owen Reyda

**Readers**

Christine Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)

**Acolyte**

Steve Warnock

**Greeters**

Lynn Jiovanazzo (E) Ron & Tina Muska (L)

**Altar Guild**

Karla Staylon

**Sound**

Mike Warnock, Cyndi Kemery, Tina Muska

**Head Usher**

Ron Fisher

**Ushers**

Dan Streza, 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](http://www.stpaulamherst.com)**

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**Tracie Heuring - Interim Director of Preschool**

**Mike Warnock - Director of Worship Technology**

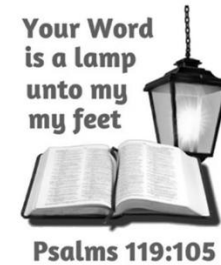
**Owen Reyda - Director of Music Ministries**

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

- Pray for Marylou, Bobby, Diane Gramer, Sherry Fisher and all their family as they experienced Don Gramer’s Christian funeral last week, and now face the week after.
- Pray for Deby, Scott, and all the Lasko family as they miss Andy Lasko who was called home to heaven. Andy’s Memorial Service will be on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.
- Pray for Harold Gibson who has a serious heart problem. Pray that the doctors will be able to successfully operate to repair his aorta, and that Harold is strong enough to survive another surgery. Pray for Debbie as she cares for him while their home is for sale and a move to a condo impending.
- Pray for Ken Vilagi who is back home after being in the hospital with infection following surgery.
- Pray for Gavin, a 18 yr.-old who is severely depressed.
- Pray for Earl Mullins and his family. He has not long to live.
- Pray for Larry Cassidy, brother-in-law of Sandy Long whose is in a nursing home and his health is declining.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg’s brother in hospice care.
- Pray for Judy Starbuck’s close friend, Barb, who is in ICU with cancer and complications. Pray that she can successfully come off the ventilator and recover.
- Pray for Mike McHugh as he starts a new kind of treatment for his leukemia which is back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.
- Pray for Therese Strader as she starts treatment soon for lung cancer.
- Pray for Jerry Camera, a relative of Sally Krause, with bladder 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 Tracy, who has cancer and is receiving radiation.
- 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 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 those who have on-going chronic illnesses or are home-bound: Janice Ingersol, Mike McHugh, Ruth Williams, Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, John Harden, Betty Heck, Joanie Fahrney, Ron

Klein, Joan Ackerman.

- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jacob Conley, Pat Rein, Alan Trottier, Ruari Dever, Kayla Sekerak, Micheal Sekerak.



**Where God’s Word is active**, by being read, and discussed, and applied to our lives, there the Holy Spirit is active, strengthening God’s people in faith and for service. We need us all to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Plug into a Bible Study this week.**

**The Tuesday Morning Bible Study WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK** on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us the following 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.”



**The Community Care Team** will be collecting donations of NEW pillows, Twin Size Bedding Sets, and Twin Size Comforters through the month of March. Good Knights of Lorain County make beds, delivers, and assembles them for children in Lorain County. Every child deserves a Good Night. Place donations in the collection bins at the Information counter in the narthex.

**Easter Baskets** The Hospitality Team has a list of names and ages from the Salvation Army for Easter Baskets donations. If you would like to put together a basket for a child in need, take a name from the narthex. Return the basket by April 13<sup>th</sup> or sooner with the name of the child attached.

**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)990-7002, or ksaegert925@gmail.com



## **PALM SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025,  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025,  
7:00 PM**

## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025  
12 NOON & 7:00 PM**

## **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2025  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

# **St. Paul's Easter Party & Egg Hunt!**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

There will be Egg Hunts, a children's Easter message, cookie decorating, games, prizes, a family photo-op, and of course, the Easter bunny! Grab all your friends and come have a great time!

There will be multiple hunts about every 20-25 minutes.

Come and join us for a basketful of fun!

***How Can I Help?*** Give candy donations; Fill plastic eggs with candy; Donate new prizes for kids; and lend a hand the day of the event – in these ways:

Running the Eggs Hunts

Running the Crafts

Cookie Baking

Handing Out Prizes

Greeters

Coffee Makers

Setting up Friday Night

Taking Down Saturday Afterwards

Cookie Decorating

Registration

Running Games

Dressing like a Bunny