

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 9th.



Wednesday, March 26th the menu is: Soup, Sandwiches & dessert



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, MARCH 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 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 how our speaking can either build up or destroy relationships, and God guides us: *"love is not rude."*

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
3/23 Worship 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM	3/30 Holy Communion 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship / Kids Church 11 AM Divorce Care 3 PM
3/25 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 6:30 PM Women's Ministry 7 PM	4/1 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
3/26 New Life With God 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Fellowship Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM	4/2 New Life With God 9:30 AM Fellowship Supper 5:45 PM Lenten Service 7 PM
3/27 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

Jan Beko-Nathan (E) Bryan Draga (L)

Greeters

Eric & Sandy Long (E) Judy Bloom (L)

Altar Guild

Donna Kemmerle

Sound

Mike Warnock, David Staylon, Billy Swanzer

Head Usher

Ron Fisher

Ushers

John Cartmell, Danny Kemery (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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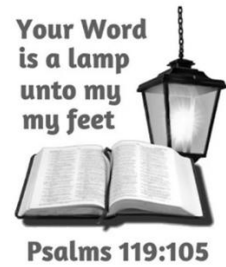
Tracie Heuring – Interim Director of Preschool

Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

Easter Flowers - The Altar Guild is looking for donations for the purchase of Easter Flowers this year. There will not be an order form in the bulletin. Make checks payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" in the memo line please add "Altar Guild-Easter Flowers" and place it in an envelope with your church envelope number on it. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or in the secretary mailbox in the narthex. You are welcome to take flowers after the Easter Sunday service at 11 am. Only change is you will not be preordering a certain flower & you will be able to choose first to come, first serve on what is available. We hope this saves us from having to throw away flowers that no one takes. Thank you!

In celebration of our church's 150th anniversary, we are honored to present a special concert by a talented piano trio from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The program includes works by Beethoven, Bach, Chopin, and more, including an arrangement of Schubert's "Ave Maria." Come enjoy an evening of beautiful music as we celebrate the rich musical tradition of our church. **Sunday, April 13th, 7pm** here at St. Paul.



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.

Take an hour to Grow your Faith this week at 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.”



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 13th 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

PART-TIME JOB OPENING – St. Paul is seeking a person to assist the church custodian. Specific duties are moving light furniture and wet mopping floors. Hours are as needed in afternoons and evenings, with a maximum of 5 hrs./week, beginning immediately. Pay begins at \$15./hr. If interested, contact St. Paul’s church office (440)/988-4157, churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com) or Pastor Paul.

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

- Pray for Harold Gibson as he is at home, waiting for heart surgery to repair his aorta.
- Pray for the family and friends of Brian Harcula as he passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 15, 2025, following a two year battle with cancer.
- 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 now in rehab.
- Pray for Mike McHugh as he starts a new kind of treatment for his leukemia which is back for the 3rd 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 3rd 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 Keri who has pancreatic cancer and is experiencing complications from chemotherapy.
- 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: Robert Becker, Al Gallo, James Steindl, Cheryl Kirschner



HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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:
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| Running the Eggs Hunts | Setting up Friday Night |
| Running the Crafts | Taking Down Saturday Afterwards |
| Cookie Baking | Cookie Decorating |
| Handing Out Prizes | Registration |
| Greeters | Running Games |
| Coffee Makers | Dressing like a Bunny |