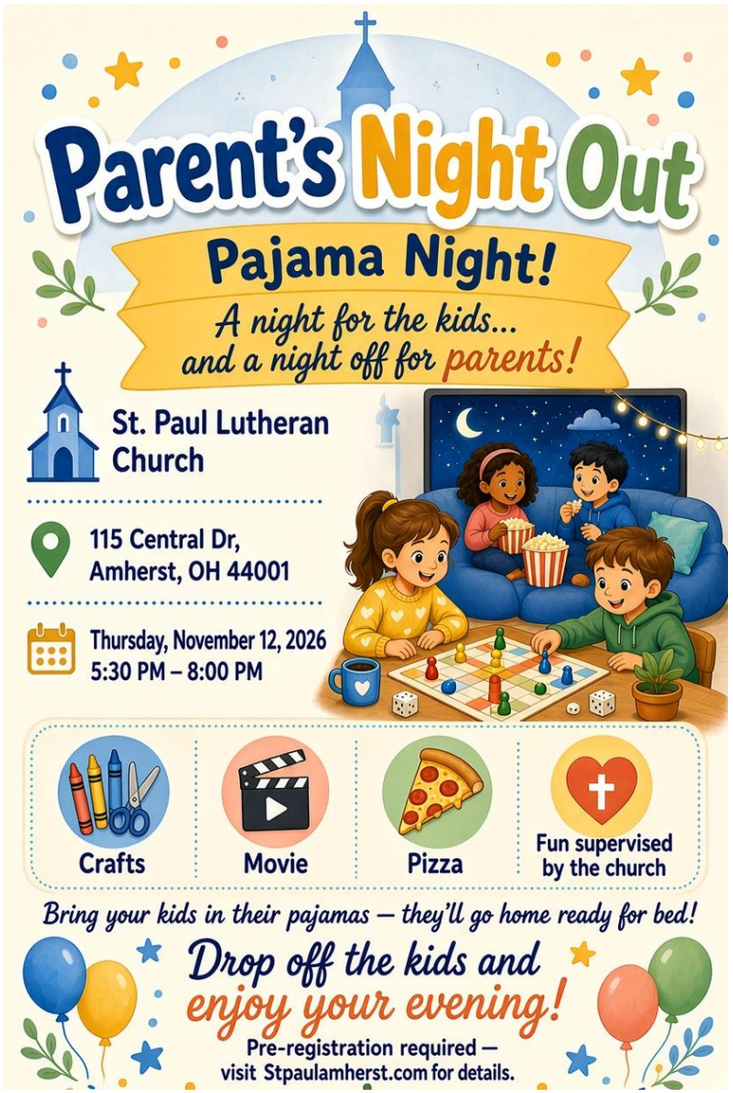
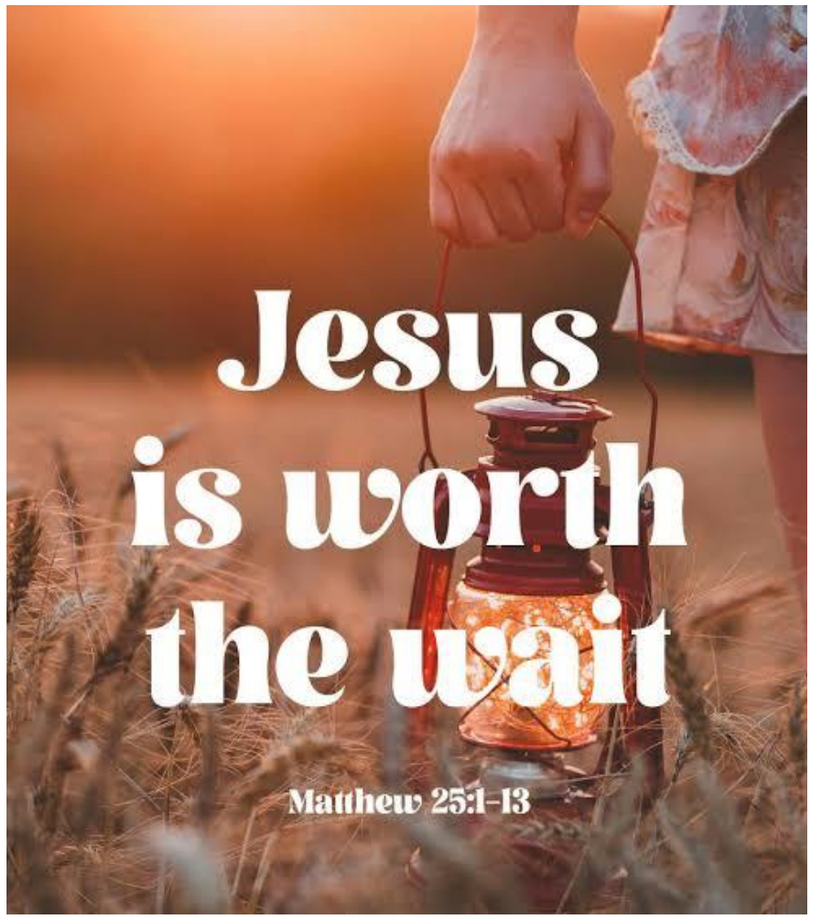


Parents, Take the evening off and enjoy some well-deserved time for yourselves while your children have a fun-filled night at St. Paul! Join us on **November 12** for a special Parents' Night Out with a cozy pajama theme. Children are invited to come dressed in their favorite pajamas and enjoy an evening packed with crafts, pizza, and a movie with friends. We'll create, eat, relax, and have plenty of fun together in a safe and welcoming environment. By the end of the evening, the kids will be ready to head home and settle right into bed. It's the perfect opportunity for parents to enjoy dinner, run errands, or simply have a quiet evening together while the kids make special memories at St. Paul. **Registration is required.** Please visit stpaulamherst.com to find the registration form and reserve your child's spot.

Volunteer Sign-up sheet & donations needed in the narthex



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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 9:30AM 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.

Worshipers 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: "Ready or Not. Here He Comes!" Life goes quickly, and soon, on a day none of us know, life on earth ends and we face God's judgement. Today's Old Testament reading tell us that The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, loves our neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with this love of God, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord, You have given us Your Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Jerome, c 342 - 420)

Do You Have a Servant's Heart? If you are ready to serve but are unsure where to begin, we would be glad to help you find a place. We are always seeking volunteers to serve as readers, greeters, ushers, or running the slides during worship. Please contact the church office to learn more.

Love to Decorate for Christmas? St. Paul has a ministry opportunity for you. A person- or persons – are needed to coordinate decorating the church building to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. If God's nudging you, let the church office know (churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com; (440)988-4157)

2027 Flower Chart is now posted in the narthex. Cost is $35 per arrangement. Please write your name, phone number, and occasion you would like listed in the bulletin. After the service an Altar Guild member will remove the flowers from the Altar and you may take them home. Note there are no flowers on the altar during lent.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
11/8 Pre Service Prayer 9:10 AM Worship / Kid's Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 10:45 AM Divorce Care 2 PM **11/10** Seasoned Saints 10 AM Altar Guild Meeting 6 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 AM **11/11** New Life With God 7 PM Bible Study 7 PM @ Parsonage **11/12** Prayer Group 1 PM Parent's Night Out 5:30 PM Men's BBB @ Ghost Tree 6:30 PM	**11/15** Pre Service Prayer 9:10 AM Holy Communion / Kid's Church 9:30 AM Annual Voter's Assembly Meeting 10:45 AM Divorce Care 2 PM **11/17** Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 AM **11/18** New Life With God 7 PM Bible Study 7 PM @ Parsonage

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Reader	Don Hammond
Greeters	Cindy Klein
Altar Guild	Lynn Jiovanazzo, Judy Starbuck
Sound	Mike Warnock, Virginia Warnock
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock, Don Wilms

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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E-Mail: churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com Church Website: stpaulamherst.com
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Don Hammond – Director of Communications
Tracie Heuring –Director of Preschool
Naomi Bernstein – Director of Music Ministries
Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

PLUG IN TO A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER – Join us Sundays to discover God's grace and power growing His young Church in the Bible Book of Acts. You'll discover how God's Holy Spirit fills you with the joy of Jesus, and through you God grows His Church as people are brought to faith through hearing the Great News of Jesus. Grab a cup of coffee and join us upstairs Sundays at 10:45 AM. All welcome! • Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – You are invited to Tuesday morning Bible study as we dive into the book of Judges. This is a powerful book filled with examples of God's deliverance through faithful followers, and the consequences of doing what is right in our own eyes. You'll meet some friends, find encouragement, and grow in faith. We meet in the upper level. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome! Join us Tuesdays at 10:00AM.

Women's Bible Study Group @ 6:30 PM in St. Paul's parsonage, next door. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman.

WANT A STRONGER FAITH through which God gives you Peace, Courage, Joy? Want a Bible study group on a day when you can make it? Want a group you and your husband/wife can attend together? Melissa and Mike Warnock invite you to a new Bible study group meeting on Wednesday nights, at 7:00pm, in St. Paul's parsonage house. Watch for more info. in coming weeks about when this group is available for you.

PRE SERVICE PRAYER Join us Sunday morning at 9:10am to gather with a few others for prayer before the worship service. We pray for God to speak with His grace into open hearts, for worshippers to grow in faith in Jesus and in living for Him, for worshippers to come to faith, and for growth in numbers of people. You don't have to pray out loud because St. Paul's prayer group takes turns leading pre-service prayer.

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BREW: The next BBB meeting will be on November 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM at The Ghost Tree Brewing Co. located at 300 Church St. in Amherst. All men interested in a lively Christian conversation are welcome. Bring a friend.

PRAYER GROUP: The Pray Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. All who are interested in praying are welcome to join us. The next prayer session will be on November 12th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room on the 2nd floor. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Warnock at 216-233-7572, or at warnock5353@gmail.com or in person. Please come join us.

Memorial Contributions - When making a memorial contribution to St. Paul, please write your name or church envelope number on the envelope, along with the name of the person being honored. This will ensure that the family is notified of your contribution and that it is accurately reflected on your year-end church giving statement.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR IN STAINED GLASS – The first window is in! It pictures Christ's birth in Bethlehem's manger. The artist is currently working on windows capturing Jesus' Baptism, His ministry, and His crucifixion. Memorial gifts are still welcome towards the creation of the windows picturing Jesus' Easter resurrection, and His Ascension to heaven. You are invited to give a lasting gift to God, beautify our worship sanctuary, and memorialize a loved one who has gone ahead to heaven. An information brochure is at the Information Counter detailing this project to replace the worn-out side windows in the sanctuary with beautiful stained glass that tells the story of our salvation. Please pick up a brochure if you haven't seen one.

Amherst Historical Society Event Looking for volunteers to man a tent and pass out information about the church and preschool at the German Christmas on December 5th 4pm – 8pm at the Amherst Historical Society. If you are able to help events please reach out to Eric or Sandy Long.

Veterans Day Event - The Elyria Senior Men's Club will host a Veterans Day event at 9:00AM in the meeting room at Abbe Road Baptist Church, 670 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Coffee and donuts will be served, followed by a presentation of commemorative "Thank You" coins to veterans. All veterans, their families, and especially veterans from our congregation are warmly invited to attend.

2027 St. Paul Wall Calendars are available for free on the information counter in the narthex.

Nine Lessons & Carols Advent Worship • Thursday, December 10th @ 7PM – This Advent service is filled with beautiful sacred Advent and Christmas music. This is a wonderful way to quiet your heart and hear the story of God's love in sending His Son, as our Savior. Oberlin Music Conservatory students will sing and play instruments. The sanctuary of St. Paul will be set in candle lighting and Christmas décor. The Nine Lessons are Scripture readings that tell the story of our God's loving plan to save us, His people. The carols and anthems, by choir, instrumentalists, and some sung by congregation, each amplify the meaning of the Scripture readings. Join us & Invite a Friend!

Thanksgiving Worship ~ **Sunday, November 22nd @ 9:30AM**



Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2026 10:45 am

Please join us after the worship service on November 15th for St. Paul's Voters' Assembly. As a family of God we will elect officers for the next 3 years, elect a 3-person audit committee, and consider the annual 2027 budget. The Voters will also act on creating a new Not-for-Profit organization for the purpose of expanding community care ministries, and the Building Remodel Committee will be bring a proposal to the Voters for addressing areas of the facility that are worn over the years, or no longer serve the congregation well due to needs changing over time. After worship service, in the worship sanctuary.

The Proposed 2027 Budget for St. Paul is available today on the information counter for those who wish to review it prior to the Voters' Assembly on Sunday Nov. 15th.

Nominations - It's that time to ask members of our church family to serve as leaders. The Board of Directors oversees the growth of the church and handles the business matters that must be dealt with. They should be faithful in attending worship services, participate in a Bible study, exhibit the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23), and their lives are godly examples. The Nominations Committee is inviting members to serve on this board. Nominees for Board of Directors are Sandy Long, and Mike Warnock. If you would like to nominate someone you think would be great in this role, please contact Pat Echko (patechko@gmail.com) or Pastor Werner (pastor@stpaulamherst.com). You may nominate yourself too.

The Voters Assembly will also elect an Audit Committee to review the financial books and report back to the Voters in February 2027. Nominees for the Audit Committee are: Kirsten Hill, Wanda Aschenbach, and Fran Draga.



A New Ministry of Care *for* 1,100 Kids
at Powers Elementary School in Amherst
Providing Needed Clothing, Hygiene, and Snacks

YOU can help. The immediate need is for small, sealed packages of **Goldfish crackers, Granola bars, Cookies** (chocolate chip, shortbread), **Raisins** boxes, **Fruit Snacks**, **Cracker & Cheese.**

Place snack donations in the barrel at the Information Counter in St. Paul's narthex.

POWER of PRAYER

"The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM." *Psalm 148:18*

Prayer Requests this Week

Pray for **Jeff Krupp's family** upon the death of his mother, Karen. Ask God to comfort them.

Pray for **Jameson Edgar**, brother of Jillian Dyke, as he serves overseas in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Geroge Washington, that God would keep him safe until he returns home to family, and that all active military serve their country honorably. Pray for **all Veterans,** as our nation observes Veterans' Day this week Wednesday, thanking God for their service and the freedom we enjoy which they fought to defend.

Pray for **Tina Muska** who has been diagnosed with cancer, that God guide the doctors to determine the best treatment for her, and that God provide the needed family finances during her illness; pray for **Ron Muska** who is recovering from shoulder surgery last week; pray for **Phyllis Nabakowski** as she fell breaking her arm while with St. Paul's group who traveled to the Ark Exhibit in Kentucky; **Therese Strader** who is now recovering at home with congestive heart failure; pray for **Barb Spieker** who is being treated for cancer; **Alex Tymes** a friend of Stephen Warnock, whose cancer has moved into a legbone and he is recovering from surgery; **Caleb**, nephew of Judy Starbuck, who has a rare form of cancer in his back; **Carl Camera**, nephew of Sally Krause, who has cancer; **Bob Morris** who has cancer and health issues; **Barb Deja** who is being treated for cancer; **Sandra Yepko**; **Donna Napolitano**, sister of Diane Lamoreaux who is recovering from heart surgery; **Jerry Camera**, a relative of Sally Krause, with bladder cancer; **Jeanne Camera**, a niece of Sally Krause, who has cancer; **Nancy Dau**, in treatment for cancer; **Cindy Saegert** who has cancer, **Zack**, a friend of Cyndi Kemery, who has cancer; **Tracy**, who has cancer and is receiving radiation; **Jim Williams** who has cancer; **Lorie**, Cyndi Kemery's cousin, who has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma; and for **Paxton** Roby with cancer.

Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or are home-bound: **Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Phyllis Darakis, John Harden, Joanie Fahrney, Emma Jenkins, Ron Klein, and John Schick.**

Pray for those celebrating birthdays: **Deby Lasko, Bill Pelger, John Cartmell, Sandy Long, Paulette Walts, Karen Anderson, Don Hammond, Emma Jenkins, Ken Vilagi**