

Hanging of the Greens

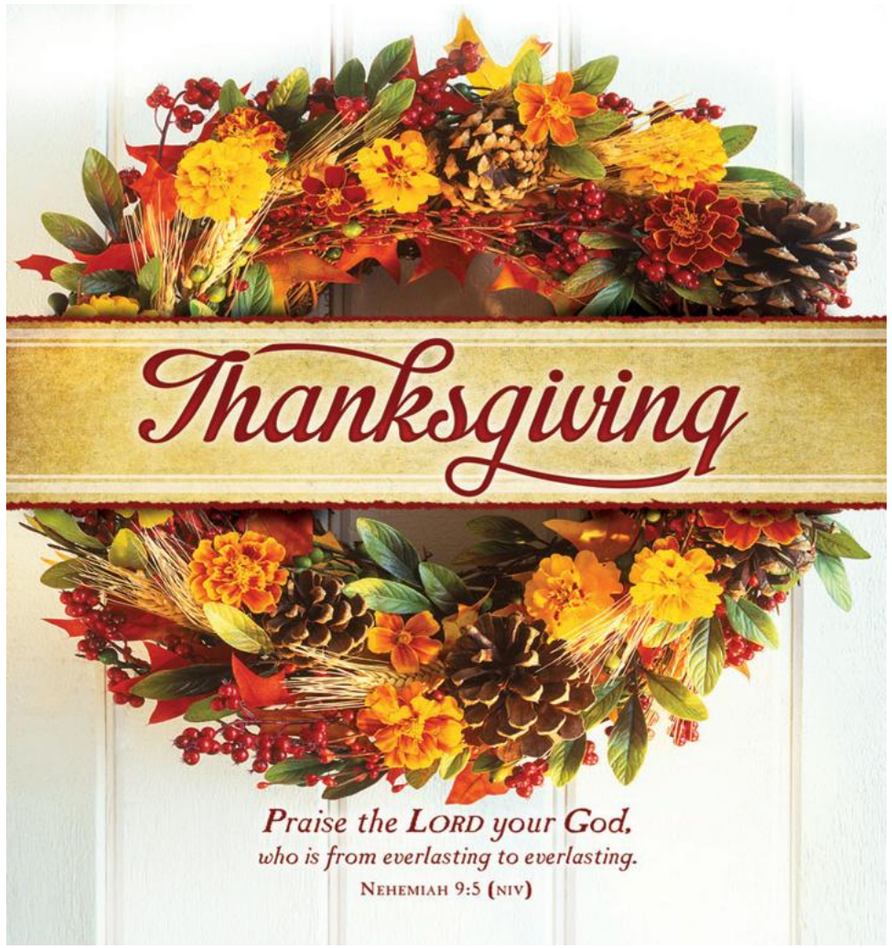
Saturday, November 28, 2026

9:00AM – 11:00AM

Christmas is such a special time of year - a time of ***celebration***, ***family***, and the ***birth of our Lord***. With this in mind, you are invited to join us as we prepare the house of our Lord to celebrate His birth. There are jobs for every skill level, so everyone can help.
Enjoy the friendship as we work together, with free Coffee & Donuts.



The holidays are difficult to get through if you've lost someone close.
This special service is a time to remember those we miss, and find strength and healing in God's love.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIPERS: During this season of bounty and great joy we are happy that you joined us to say *"thank you"* to God. May His rich blessings be yours in full measure.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly father, your goodness has opened your hands to supply me with the needs of this day, and your love has protected me from harm, danger, and injury. But you have done more. You have opened your heart and drawn me closer to you with your forgiving mercy. As I worship today make me appreciative of your many blessings. Amen.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

This Sunday Jackie Carrero, Angela Szunyogh, and Eric Szunyogh become members of St. Paul in today's worship service. Welcome! Please take a few minutes after the service to meet them personally.

Atlar flowers given to the glory of God by Jack & Joyce Trottier celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

St. Paul's CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 26th in honor of Thanksgiving Day.

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

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
11/22 Pre Service Prayer 9:10 AM Thanksgiving Worship / Kid's Church 9:30 AM **11/24** Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM **11/26 Church Office Closed** **11/28** Hanging of the Greens 9 AM- 11 AM Decorating the church for Christmas	**11/29** Pre Service Prayer 9:10 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 9:30 AM **12/1** Seasoned Saints 10 AM Seasoned Saints Lunch Gathering 11:30 AM @ Ghost Tree Brewery Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM **12/2** Bible Study 7 PM @ parsonage

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Naomi Bernstein
Reader	Sue Werner
Greeters	Eric & Sany Long
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Sound	Mike Warnock, David Staylon
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Kirschner, John Cartmell, Danny Kemery

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com
E-Mail: churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com Church Website: stpaulamherst.com
Rev. Paul G. Werner, Pastor - Office: (440)988-4157 Cell: (586)201-3302
Judy Bloom – Church Office Administrator
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.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY AND SPRITITUAL GROWTH

WIDE ANGLE Your worldview is the beliefs you build your life on about God, yourself, other people, live and death, good and evil, pain and suffering, the past and present and future. This small group discussion will help you explore worldviews as they relate to the most important questions of our day: truth, tolerance, terrorism, reconciliation, and the purpose of life. **Wednesday nights, 7PM, St. Paul Parsonage house. Starts Wed. Dec. 2 & 9, then resumes in January. All men & women, singles & couples welcome!**

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.

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.

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.

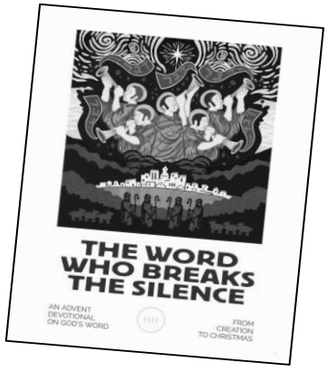


St. Paul's Giving Tree is in the church narthex, filled with gift tags, each with the name of a child in need of given us from the Salvation Army. If you choose a name sign your name on the line next to the child's number. Please wrap your gifts and attach the child's name to the gift. Bring the gifts back to the church by **Sunday, December 6th.**

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!



Prepare Your HEART this Advent.

Devotions for Everyday, Nov. 29 – Christmas Day

With Family or Privately

Pick Up Your Free Copy Today in Narthex.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR IN STAINED GLASS – The second window, picturing Jesus' Baptism, is in the process of being installed. Memorial gifts are still welcome towards the creation of the windows picturing Jesus' 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.

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.

CHURCH BUILDINGS AND FACILITY UPDATE - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sunday voters' meeting and approved the proposed plans for beautifying our church. These renovations and updates are intended to support the mission God has given St. Paul. By caring for and improving our facilities, we strive to create a welcoming environment where new guests, as well as our members, feel comfortable, happy to return, and encouraged to hear the Gospel, and where, by God's grace, faith in Jesus is planted and nurtured.
The committee will remain intact until the agreed-upon actions have been implemented. We appreciate everyone's support as we move forward with these improvements to our church facility and its ministry.

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

Prayer Requests this Week

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; pray for **Barb Spieker** as she has begun weekly chemotherapy treatments; **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; **Daniel Fredrick, (**Ruth Murdy's brother) who is near death, pray that God strengthen his faith in Jesus his savior and call him home to heaven peacefully. **William Huffman** father of Melissa Warnock, his heart won't stay in rhythm; **Barb Deja** who is being treated for cancer; **Sandra Yepko; Jim Urbansky**; **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 this week: **John Harden, Christa Josupeit, Michael McHugh, Pat Echko.**