



Fifth Sunday/Monday of Easter
May 18th and May 19th, 2025
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us..
...Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (leb)
	10:45 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Youth Night
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Family Ministry meeting (ueb)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women of St. Paul meeting (cr)
	11:00 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
	7:00 PM	Voters' Assembly meeting (ufh)
Thursday	8:00 AM	to Noon Office open, 12-4 Remote
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (dchr)
Friday	8:00 AM	to Noon Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	8:45 AM	Bible class (ueb)

Saturday

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above **"ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK"** calendar. Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com

Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm,
Thursday & Friday, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn remote.

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than **TUESDAY at noon** to be include in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors
should stop at The Information Center in
The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - **Nursery Care** is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windowsi ll, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

The names of our St. Paul family that are in need of prayers, are now listed on the back inside cover of the Bulletin. Please keep this handy during our Worship prayer time so these people can be lifted up in prayer in our hearts during that time. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at herrdreier@gmail.com or call the church office.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin - Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, now located on the back inside cover of the bulletin, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know of answered prayers.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED, please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGES - if you would be interested in giving Childrens' messages, please talk with Pastor Green.

THE PROPOSED 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR (July 1 to June 30) BUDGET is available on the Information Center if you would like to look at a copy before the Voters' meeting on Wednesday, May 21st.

CHURCH BULLETINS - please remember to take your bulletin home each week to read about what is going and find something which you can be involved in or to bring to a friend.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we conclude Episode 8 of Season 4 of THE CHOSEN, "Humble". There are NO classes next week (May 25 or 28). Summer Bible class begins on Wed. June 4 (no Sunday classes during the summer). More information will be in next week's bulletin.

GIFT CARDS - graduation season is here! Pick up a gift card for your favorite graduate. We have Amazon, Target, Regal Theaters and more available for immediate purchase. Contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions or to order digital gift cards.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays and Fridays, 8:00am to 12:00noon with Carolyn working noon to 4:00pm. If you need to reach Carolyn during the times she is working remotely, please leave a message on the church voicemail or send an email to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

WORSHIP ANEW is a weekly Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) worship service that is broadcast on WNYB every Sunday at 11:30am (local channel 26, Spectrum Channel 12 or DirectTV channel 377 (TCT). You can also view the worship service on their phone app or website worshipanew.org, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year: We still have spots available in both the PK-3 and PK-4 classes. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word! Application and handbook can be found on our website, stpaulnt.com. Anyone interested can also call the church office.

ST. PAUL FAMILY PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE! our annual St. Paul Family picnic will be on Sunday, July 27 beginning at 10:45am with worship and followed by lunch and fun! The shelter at West Canal Marina on Lockport Ave. has been booked!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY/MONDAY - will be June 8 and 9 at all three services. If you will be graduating from High School, College (Undergraduate or Post Graduate), or from military training this year – or recently graduated this past winter - we would like to honor you at a **special recognition service on June 8th and 9th**. So that we have all of the correct information for our bulletin insert on those days, please either fill out one of the forms on the Family Ministry table (and put into the wooden "For Office" box next to the Family Ministry table) or send your name, school you graduated from, any special honors and any future plans you have to the church e-mail address: stpaulnt@gmail.com, or call the church office. **Please have this information to the church office no later than Monday, June 2nd** . Thank you.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birthdates of our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

THE BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Thursday, June 12th, at 11:00am in the Conference Room off The Gathering Place. The June book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We meet the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy a light snack while we discuss the book. Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!

ST. PAUL WEBSITE (www.stpaulnt.com) - remember to check our website for information about Upcoming Events, Preschool, Gift cards, listen to sermons and much more. There is a link there to our Facebook page and also to the Online Church Directory (access is limited to those members who have their email listed in the directory). On the front of this bulletin is a QR code at the top left which will take you directly to our website.

ST. PAUL COUNCIL ELECTIONS are coming up on **May 21** at the **Voters' Assembly meeting**, and nominations for the following (2) council positions are being accepted by the church nominating committee: Vice President and Coordinator of Mission Outreach. Each of these positions is a 2-year commitment. If anyone would like to be considered for either of these positions, please call or text Jeff Stebbins at 716-418-2620. Any names received will be reviewed by the Church Council and called as nominees at the **Voters' Meeting on May 21 at 7:00pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.**

In addition to the Council positions, we will also be voting on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. All members 18 years of age or older are invited and encouraged to attend.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER TOUR: Jerry Waldkoetter from "Way To Go" tours is adding a third tour by popular demand to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. for the the presentation of Noah. The tour dates are November 4-5. The package will include theater tickets, motor coach transportation, overnight accommodations and some meals. For more information you can contact Jerry at 716 693-0793 or talk to Jeff Licht.

WE STILL HAVE MOTHERS' DAY GIFTS AVAILABLE: All women are invited to stop at the Family Ministry table and pick up a gift that would be enjoyed by any woman. God bless you all!

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL WLL BE MEETING this Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WOMEN OF ST. PAUL! On this date 122 years ago St. Paul Lutheran Church organized a women's group. This group is now Women of St. Paul. We have served the church in many ways and still continue to hold our monthly meetings to continue Serving the Lord With Gladness. We are also a part of Women in Mission giving money for grants at the district and national level. We thank everyone who has supported us in any way.

+ SERVING our Lord week of May 18 & 19 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:
May: Doris Peron and Darlene Felbinger

FLOWER COMMITTEE:
May: Shawndra Sterner,909-7647 and Kimberly Toye, 545-6541

WEEKLY
ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke
10:45 AM – Brian Hapemen
Monday, 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Frank Polkowski
10:45 AM – Marc Manth
Monday, 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Maryann Magil, Mary Hirner
Cindy & Dieter Zahn
10:45 AM –
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM –
10:45 AM – Luis & Desirea Mojica
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jim & Elaine Siegmann

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM –
10:45 AM – Zachary Lapp
Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 5/11/2025
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:
\$16,463.00~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 5/11/25:
8:00am – 166 10:45am – 148 Monday – 37

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!
The LCEF loan has been paid in Full! Thank you to all for your continued support and donations. Working together we accomplished this in 4.5 years!
Thank you for your support as we.....

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

ATTENTION KREW PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:
TODAY, May 18th is the last day for KREW this year. We will have a celebration and ALL kids will be singing during the 10:45 service.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR JUNE: Your help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary for services is appreciated! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

YOUTH: Marc and Storm hope to see you all at our upcoming Youth Events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two!
UPCOMING MAY DATES ARE:
TODAY, May 18, 6-8pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall
We hope to see you there!!

COUNT ME IN! survey forms have been tabulated. If you signed up to help in a specific ministry, the leader of that ministry has been given your name. If you signed up to be a greeter or help with a specific event or ministry, watch for sign ups to help. And if you signed up to be a part of a group or ministry, watch the calendar in the bulletin for meetings for that group and just show up! If you still need a copy of the survey, they are at the Information Center.

LAY READERS NEEDED for both the First and Second Readings during the Sunday church services. For more information, please contact Dennis Gurnett.

"SNUGGLED IN LOVE" SPONSORED BASKET RAFFLE AND FREE KIDS' CARNIVAL: The group "Snuggled in Love" will be hosting a basket raffle and free kids' Carnival here at St. Paul on Saturday, June 7th from 12 noon to 3:00pm. Free carnival giveaways. Bring a new toy to donate and receive a free sheet of tickets for the basket raffle. Food will be available to purchase. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for more details.

TRIP TO THE COUNTRY COTTAGE GIFT SHOP IN DARIEN CENTER, NY: The Sisters in Christ women's group is scheduling a visit to The Country Cottage gift shop, 10448 Harper Road, Darien Center NY 14040, on Friday, June 13. We will be meeting there at 11:00am with a lunch following at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Indian Falls at 1:30 pm. All women are invited to this fun event. We are limited to 20 people, so **please sign up on the kiosk in The Gathering Place no later than May 30.**

FOREST LAWN TROLLEY TOUR for June 21 is filled. If you have signed up, please put your payment into the "For office" box in The Gathering Place or turn in at the Church Office by Sunday, May 25. If you want to be put on a wait list please contact the Church Office.

SMALL PIANO - we have one small 64 key piano available for anyone who would like to have it. A photo is posted on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Dimensions are: 37" high, 41" wide and 24" deep. It is currently in the library in the basement. Please contact the church office If interested.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Items most needed are: personal care products such as shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, feminine care, deodorant, toilet paper, canned fruit, veggies, chicken, tuna, corned beef, Spam, quick meals such as Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Rice a Roni, Pasta roni, white or flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast & granola bars, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and empty deposit bottles and cans to return for cash. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY (“Ministry Meals”) to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you enjoy cooking or baking for others? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone that would be interested in making a meal or dessert for a family at St. Paul that might be experiencing a serious injury, a death, sickness, caring for a loved one in Hospice, or a recent surgery. When the office receives word of a church family who is currently experiencing one of the above and would like to receive help with meals, our coordinator will then contact one or more of you who have signed up to schedule the making and delivering of meals. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and help us serve others at St. Paul. Thank you!

USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches’ parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have “first dibs” on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.