

As This Year We Observe the 250th
Anniversary of the United States

Join Us

Thursday, May 7, 2026 • 7:00PM

Worship Service of Scripture,
Prayer, and Praise

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Amherst
Light refreshments following



This is the 75th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer across the nation. Starting with John Hancock in 1775, National days of prayer have been celebrated as a traditional part of the American experience. Our modern observances were established by law in 1952 by President Truman. In 1988 the day was modified by President Reagan to designate the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

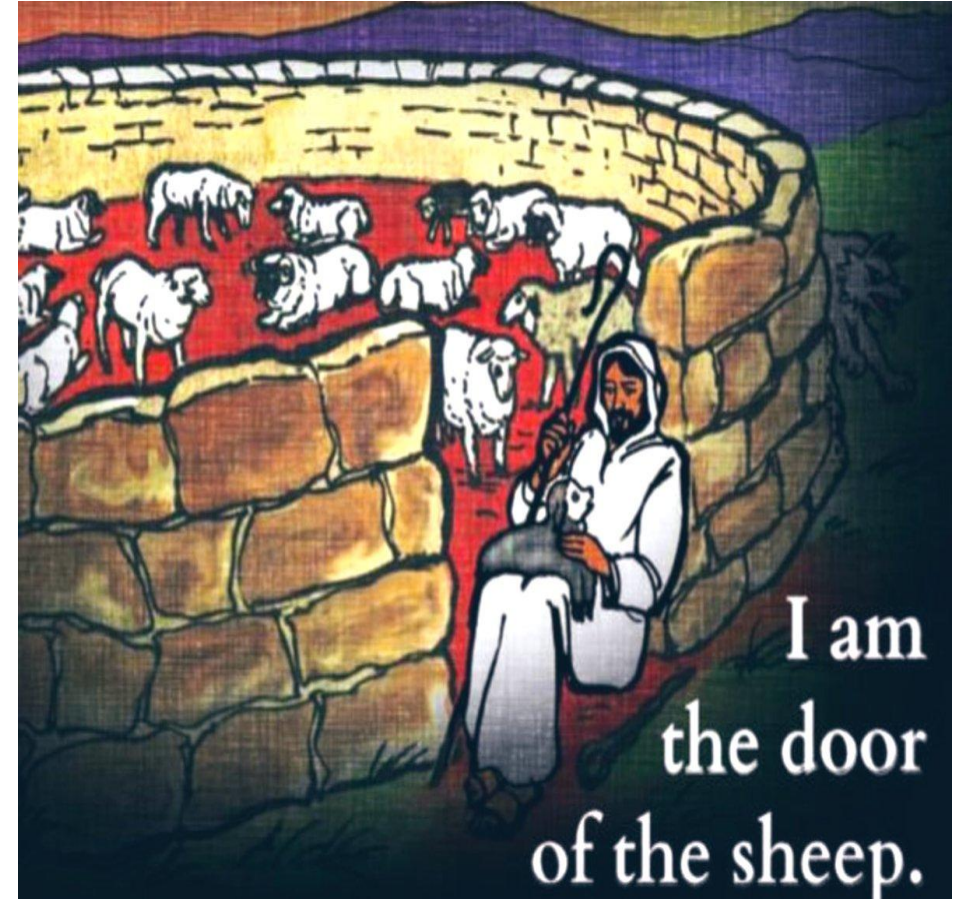
If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14



TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND
6:00 – 8:00PM
@ ST. PAUL

Pastor Paul will bless all bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, and wheeled things, praying for safety over those who ride in the summer months.

There will be bike safety instruction for all, by the Amherst Police Bicycle Squad. Gifts for riders from local businesses. Decorate your ride for summer. A Bike Parade led by Amherst Police Bicycle Officers. And build-your-own ice cream sundae to top off the night.
Free. All invited.



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 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.

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 Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we are presented with the comforting image of our risen Lord's mercy for us, His sheep. Jesus promises that He is the Door. He welcomes anyone to come in by His grace and forgiveness. As the Door, He keeps out keeps out any threats to His flock, and gives them life to the full.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Loving Shepherd, You know my name; You care for me. When I face darkness and death, walk beside me. When I hunger for your love, fill me with Your presence. When I am fearful, feed me at Your table. May I dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of my life. Amen.

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by:

- Ron & Tina Muska in memory of parents John & Ida Horvatich & Delores Diedrick
- Ed & Judy Bloom in celebration of their daughter Sarah's 25th birthday.

Food Collection Next Sunday, May 3rd. Your gifts of non-perishable food go to Second Harvest and to families in Lorain County.



Our greatest help is the Lord God Himself, who eagerly invites us to pray to Him. Today, sealed bags containing several prayer cards are in the narthex / lobby for you. Pick up a bag, take it home, and pray for each person whose name you receive daily throughout the coming month of May.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/26 Worship / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM	5/3 Food Collection Holy Communion / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM
4/28 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Board of Directors 2 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	5/5 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM
4/29 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM	5/7 National Day of Prayer 7 PM
4/30 Preschool Chapel 11:45 AM Greeting Card Making 6:30 PM	

Attendance: 4/19/26 64 **Offering:** \$1,686.00

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Reader	Don Hammond
Greeters	Judy Starbuck
Altar Guild	Wanda Aschenbach, Maryellen Bennett
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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Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 AM

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Tracie Heuring – Director of Preschool

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

Greeting Card Making! Tap into your artistic skills you didn't know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards on **Thursday, April 30th @ 6:30 pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR IN STAINED GLASS – Thanks to many generous donors St. Paul has gathered the funds for four stained glass windows! The first window, depicting Christ's birth, is being constructed by the artist studio, and The Board of Directors has moved to get contracts written and signed for three additional windows. Praise God! Only 2 windows left! If you want to participate, an information brochure is at the Information Counter detailing the plan to replace the worn out side windows in the sanctuary with beautiful stained glass that tells the story of our salvation.

Trip to the Arc Encounter & Creation Museum – We are starting to plan a trip next Fall to the Arc Exhibit and the Creation Museum, in Williamstown, Kentucky. The life-size replica of Noah's Arc is an amazing experience to tour! The 3 day trip includes bus transportation, 2 night's lodging, all meals, and tickets to the Arc and Creation Museum. Cost is \$660 per person. St Paul's Fellowship Team wants to know if enough people are interest to book the trip and set the dates. If you're interested, please sign up on the Information counter. Signing up is not a commitment, just showing interest in going.



PLUG IN TO A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER – Join us today or any Sunday, 10:45 AM to 11:45AM • Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship Join us upstairs after the worship service.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10AM. Join us this Tuesday. You'll meet some friends, find encouragement, enjoy home-baked cookies, and grow in faith. We wonder whether the people long ago will keep God central in their lives as they go through the wilderness. That's the same thing we all wonder about our lives today. We meet in the upper level. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Bible Study Group – Tuesday @ 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.

Blood Donation Help save lives—sign up today to donate blood! Every donation makes a difference for patients in need. Quick, easy, and safe—your generosity matters. Join our community of heroes and make an impact. We are currently gauging interest; once enough members sign up, we will schedule a date for the blood drive. (Invite family and friends to join you) Sign-up form is in the Narthex/Lobby

Christian Citizens pray for their government and leaders and participate in civic affairs, such as voting. Don't forget to participate in the primary election on Tuesday, May 5th.



“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.” Psalm 148:18

Prayer Requests this Week

Please pray for **Marybeth** Hixon, sister-in-law of Lynn Jiovanazzo, who will receive a kidney for transplant this week, and for her daughter kidney donor Madeline, that all goes well; **Ella** and **Butch Engle** for health issues; pray for **Brenda Hamilton** for her aneurysm surgery coming soon; pray for **Sheryl Gregg** as she goes through radiation and chemotherapy for her cancer, and she begins the transition to permanently live with her daughter in Findley, OH; pray for **Milo Hambleton**, a 4 yr. old boy with bone marrow cancer; as he goes through chemotherapy prior to marrow transplant surgery. Pray for **Edna Klenz** as she goes thru radiation therapy for a tumor; **Barb Deja** who is being treated for cancer; **Mike McHugh** as he continues a long battle with leukemia; **Brian Holmes** as his leukemia has returned; **Jeff Rahrig** who is in treatment for cancer; **Karen**, niece of Diane Lamoreaux, and **Donna Napolitano**, sister of Diane Lamoreaux who are both going through cancer treatments; **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; **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; **Paxton Roby** with cancer.

Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or are home-bound: **Janice Ingersol, Ruth Williams, Don Lamoreaux, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Phyllis Darakis, John Harden, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein.**

Pray for **the James family**, on the sudden death of Matt James, a neighbor on Central Drive.

Pray for military personnel serving their country at home and overseas. Pray for God to help them turn to Him in times of need, for honor in serving and safe homecomings.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays: **Sarah Bloom, Miko Ellis.**