

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



Blessing
of the
BICYCLES

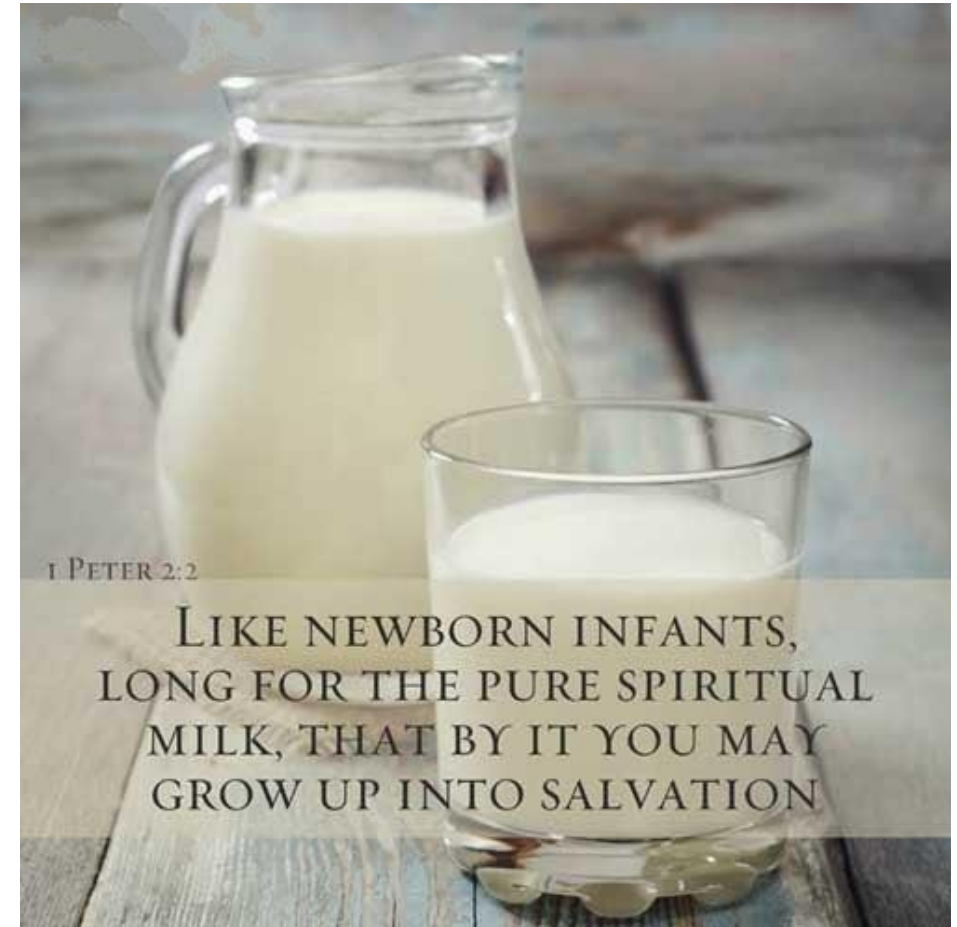
TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

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.



1 PETER 2:2

LIKE NEWBORN INFANTS,
LONG FOR THE PURE SPIRITUAL
MILK, THAT BY IT YOU MAY
GROW UP INTO SALVATION

ST. PAUL 
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 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 Christ's resurrection from the dead is the proof of forgiveness of sins. This way of Jesus the only way to God the Father. Yet to come to God the Father by Jesus is to come a way which is expansive, gracious, and costly. Following the way of Jesus may bring rejection, and suffering, even to the point of death. And the Way of Jesus gives so much hope and joy, that we develop a spiritual hunger for more of His love, His truth, His hope.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus Christ, Author of life, help me believe Peter's bold proclamation of Your resurrection, Your healing presence, and see in Your tragic suffering the joyful forgiveness of my many sins. Set my mind on heavenly things. Fill me with your joy. Amen.

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 interested 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.

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

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
5/3 Food Collection Holy Communion / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM 5/5 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Altar Guild 6 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 5/7 National Day of Prayer 7 PM 5/9 Funeral Ruthann Williams 10 AM	5/10 Worship / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM 5/12 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 5/14 Prayer Group 1 PM Men's BBB 6:30 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Elder	John Kirschner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Reader	Sue Werner
Greeters	Karen Vilagi, Judy Bloom
Altar Guild	Karla Staylon, Sue Werner
Sound	Mike Warnock, Judy Bloom
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	John Cartmell, Danny Kemery

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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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.

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BREW: The next BBB meeting will be on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM at The Ghost Tree Brewing Co. located at 300 Church St. in Amherst. Please note this is a different location than last month. All men interested in a lively Christian conversation is 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 May 14th 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.

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 **the family of Ruth Williams** as they grieve her death on Saturday April 25th, and funeral will be this week, Saturday May 9th here at St. Paul 10 AM.

Pray for **Sharon Hambly**, daughter of Ruth Williams, as Sharon is in ICU with lung, heart, and kidney illness. Ask God to grant healing, and peace to her family. Pray for **Emma Jenkins** who fell last week; **Don Wilms** as he recovers from surgery; **Brenda Hamilton** as she recovers from surgery to repair an aneurysm; **Marybeth Hixon**, sister-in-law of Lynn Jiovanazzo, as she recovers from kidney transplant surgery, and for her daughter kidney donor Madeline, that she recovers; 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 **Rita Thomas**, friend of Roger & Wanda Aschenbach, as she was readmitted to the hospital due to complications with leukemia.

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**, **Edna Klenz**, **Don Lamoreaux**, **Ruth Murdy**, **Jack & Marilyn Green**, **Phyllis Darakis**, **John Harden**, **Joanie Fahrney**, **Ron Klein**, **John Schick**.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays: **Peyton Mylechraine**, **Jan Beko-Nathan**, **Colby Trottier**, **Brian Starbuck**, **Jamie Smith**, **Melissa Warnock**.