



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.

St. Paul, Amherst Fellowship Team Invites You to Join Them



October 20 -22, 2026

The life-size replica of Noah's Arc is an amazing experience! Come along with St. Paul members, and invite your friends for this 3-day excursion. The trip includes top-quality motor coach transportation (video and restroom equipped), 2 night's lodging in a Cincinnati area hotel, breakfasts & dinners, and tickets to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, and a Riverboat cruise with dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$629 per person. Deposit of \$25. is due by Mon, June 22. Payment options will be available soon. Detailed information is available, so please **pick up a flier on this trip today on the Information Counter in the narthex.**



ST. PAUL 
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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 Fifty days after Passover (our Easter-time) came the festival of Pentecost. Jerusalem was again filled with visitors from all over the then-known world to celebrate the barley harvest. God had chosen this time centuries before, as the time He would give His Holy Spirit to begin a new harvest – a harvest of people. The Holy Spirit came on the first believers, empowering them to scatter the "seed" of the Good News that Christ paid for all sins on the cross and rose on Easter to guarantee this forgiveness, and there was a great harvest of 3,000 people who were brought to faith in Christ Jesus as Savior and they were baptized. God's age-old effort to save all people from sin and death, kicked into a new gear on Pentecost. Same mission. God's people now, however, were truly living with God and He with them. And it showed in them. The lives gave witness to the Holy Spirit living in them. Today, we are God's people. Do we show God's Holy Spirit alive within us? Will we people the people He uses to bring in the harvest of souls in our time?

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant to us today that by the same Spirit we may have a right understanding in all things and that we always rejoice in the Holy Spirit's guidance. Amen.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Danny & Cyndi Kemery celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 25th in honor of Memorial Day.

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
5/24 Pentecost Sunday Worship / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM	5/31 Holy Communion / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM
5/25 Church Office Closed-Memorial Day	6/2 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Blessing of the Bicycles 6 PM
5/26 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	
5/27 Preschool Picnic	

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Reader	Jan Beko-Nathan
Greeters	John & Brenda Cartmell
Altar Guild	Lynn Jiovanazzo
Sound	Mike Warnock, Virginia Warnock
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Bob Kemmerle

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. We will not meet on Tuesday, June 2 join us at the Blessing of the Bicycles.

Happy Times is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. *Happy Times* is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and the June-July edition is available today for free on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

My Devotions for Families with Children is a very practical, easy-to-use resources to help share faith in Christ at home. *My Devotions* is designed for families with elementary school aged children. Families simply include these resources in their daily routine, like during breakfast before school, during supper time together when distractions are turned off for a few minutes, or at bedtime. *My Devotions* are free. June thru August editions are available free on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

St. Paul's online giving platform is transitioning from Vanco, to a new and improved online giving system available through our new church website and mobile app. This change will help us streamline our systems, reduce administrative costs, and provide a smoother, more user-friendly, giving experience for everyone. Watch for a letter coming to explain this change. Thank you again for your generosity and partnership in the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church

New Online Giving Platform Coming Soon – Watch for Important Email Updates!

If you are currently giving online, please be aware that you will receive an email on Monday, May 25th, with information about switching to our new giving platform. The subject line will be "online giving - change," and rest assured, this is not a scam email. As we expand our social media presence, this update will help us streamline our systems, reduce administrative costs, and offer a smoother, more user-friendly giving experience for everyone. If you need any assistance, please contact the church office—we are happy to help.



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

Prayer Requests this Week

Praise God for **Milo Hambleton**, a 4 yr. old boy with bone marrow cancer, who had a successful marrow transplant and he is getting out of the hospital; pray for **Emma Jenkins** who is in rehab to regain strength, and praying over next steps for treatment of cancer and living arrangements; **Marylou Gramer** who is in rehab to gain strength, and her family; **Sharon Hambly** who is now in rehabilitation therapy in Vermilion; **Jack and Marilyn Green** as Jack is in rehab following a hospital stay; **Brenda Hamilton** as doctors help to adjust her heart a-fib following her surgery;; pray for **Erin Rivet and her baby**, niece of Kirsten Hill, who is assigned to bed rest for the remaining 3 months of her pregnancy; Pray for **Rita Thomas**, friend of Roger & Wanda Aschenbach, as she was readmitted to the hospital due to complications with leukemia. 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; **Barb Deja** who is being treated 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: **Lynn Jiovanazzo, Karla Staylon**



Help Us Grow Our Presence in the Community We invite you to use the **QR code below** to go directly to our **Google Reviews** page. Leaving a review—short or long—helps others learn about St. Paul Lutheran Church and strengthens our outreach to the community. Your feedback also helps us continue improving how we welcome and serve others in Christ's name.

Download the New St. Paul Lutheran Church App! Stay connected with your church family throughout the week by downloading our new church app. It's a simple way to keep everything you need in one place—worship videos, announcements, events, reminders, and opportunities to serve.

The app helps you:

- **Watch worship services** anytime, anywhere
- **Receive timely updates and reminders**
- **Sign up for events and volunteer opportunities** with one tap
- **Give securely online**
- **Stay connected** even when you're away

Scan the QR code below to download the app and make St. Paul part of your daily rhythm of faith and community.

