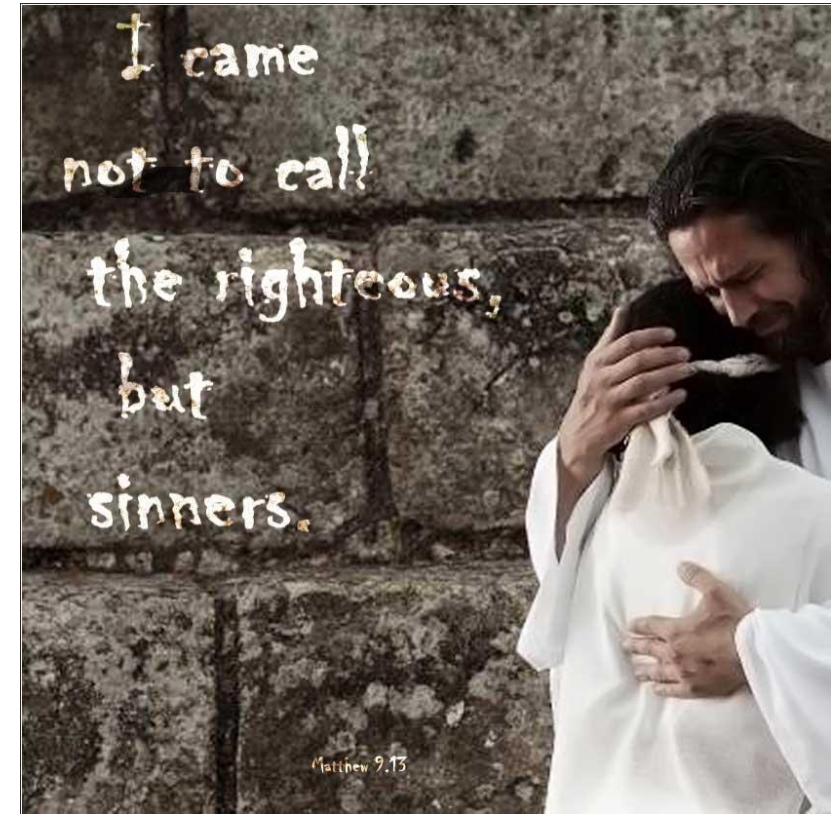


**St. Paul, Amherst Fellowship Team Invites You to Join Them**



**October 20 -22, 2026**

**The life-size replica of Noah's Ark is an *amazing experience!*** Come along with St. Paul members, and invite your friends for this 3-day excursion. The trip includes top-quality motorcoach 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 15, payable by check to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" and memo: ARK. Detailed information is available, so please **pick up a flier on this trip today on the Information Counter in the narthex.**



**Ladies, Join Us at St. Paul for this free time of friendship**

in Fellowship Hall

R.S.V.P. Today at Info. Counter

*Invite Friends*

**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 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** God is on the hunt, seeking sinners whom He confronts and calls to faith, forgiveness, and fellowship with Him. We people tend to interject our desire to control everything, even our salvation, and so we turn God's free loving invitation into a choice, a status we earn. That false idea is matched by the narrow view that moves us to step in to prevent God's exciting gracious reaching out and calling all people to follow Him, no matter how good they seem in our eyes. We are all sinners, saved only by the gracious initiative of our loving God.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Faithful God, I give thanks for Your abundant blessings. I my worship today give me sincerity to admit my sin to You, and give me Your grace, as You never give up on me, but call me Your child once again. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by** Bob & Debbie Wiersum in honor of their granddaughters Madison & Abigail.

### **Make an impact with Thrivent Choice®**

Thrivent Choice® can make a meaningful difference for organizations like ours. If you're a Thrivent client with membership, don't forget to direct 2026 Choice Dollars® by Dec. 31, 2026. We'd be honored if you chose to support our church and or preschool. Your support helps strengthen our mission and the work we do every day. Learn more or direct Choice Dollars at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>6/7 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion / Kids Church 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM	<b>6/14</b> Worship 9:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 10:45 AM
<b>6/9</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	<b>6/15</b> Ladies Tea 2 PM
<b>6/11</b> Prayer Group 1 PM Men's BBB @ Ghost Tree 6:30 PM	<b>6/16</b> Seasoned Saints 10 AM Buildings & Facilities 5 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM

### **Serving in God's House:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Paul Werner
<b>Elder</b>	John Brabander
<b>Reader</b>	Bryan Draga
<b>Greeters</b>	Cindy Klein
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wanda Aschenbach, Maryellen Bennett
<b>Sound</b>	David Staylon, Tina Muska
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Bryan Draga, Clyde Strader

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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Church/Office: 440-988-4157 Fax: 440-988-5436

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Don Hammond – Director of Communications

Tracie Heuring – Director of Preschool

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology



**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, and grow in faith. This is a great time to jump in as we start the Bible book of Joshua to learn about God-given courage and faith in our lives. 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 Thursday June 11th, at 6:30 PM at The Ghost Tree Brewing Co. located at 300 Church St. in Amherst. All men interested in a lively Christian conversation is welcome. Bring a friend.

**PRAYER GROUP:** The Pray Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please come join us.

**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.



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

### **Prayer Requests this Week**

Praise God for **Lily Krause and Kaylee Richards** who were in a very serious car accident but survived miraculously.

Pray for **Ruth Murdy** who is in the hospital after falling and breaking a hip; **Sharon Hambly** who is in the hospital due to pneumonia returned; **Marylou Gramer** who is in rehab to gain strength, and her family; **Brenda Hamilton** as doctors help to adjust her heart;

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; **Donna Napolitano**, sister of Diane Lamoreaux who is recovering from heart surgery; **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, Marlou Gramer, Emma Jenkins.**

Pray for those celebrating birthdays: **Jordan Smith, Becky Demich, Allison Vilagi, Claire Vilagi**

### **New Church Ministry Podcast — Volunteers Needed**

St. Paul is launching an exciting new ministry: a church podcast designed to share faith stories, ministry updates, interviews, teaching moments, and conversations that help us grow together as a community. We are inviting anyone interested to take part in this new effort. We're looking for volunteers to help with planning, organizing, recording, interviewing, hosting, and behind-the-scenes support. No experience is required — just a willingness to learn and be part of something new. Our goal is to release the first episode

in early fall of 2026, and we would love to have you involved from the beginning. If you're curious, creative, or simply want to help, please let us know by signing up on the volunteer list in the Narthex. Your voice and your gifts can make this ministry come alive.

### SMARTPHONE LEARNING SESSION — JUNE 28

Do you ever feel like your smartphone can do so much more than make calls, but you're not sure where to begin? Stay with us **after the Sunday worship service on June 28** for a short, friendly session to help you learn simple, everyday skills that make your phone more useful. Presented by Mike Warnock and Don Hammond, this hands-on session will cover:

- Sending texts and photos
- Searching the Web
- Using helpful apps
- Staying connected with church updates

All experience levels are welcome. Bring your phone and your questions — we're here to help you feel confident and connected.



- Visit our **new church website**
- Download the **St. Paul app**
- Access **online giving**
- Leave a **Google review** to help others find us

If you've never used a QR code before, don't worry. Just open your phone's camera, hold it over the code, and tap the link that appears. It's that simple — and we're happy to help if you'd like someone to walk you through it.

Staying connected should be easy, and we're here to make sure it is.



Web Site



APP



Google Review



On Line Giving

### Stay Connected With St. Paul — Simple Ways to Access What You Need

We know technology can feel overwhelming, but connecting with St. Paul has never been easier. The QR codes below are simply **shortcuts** — when you point your phone's camera at a code, it takes you directly to what you need without typing or searching.

You can use these codes to: