

**WONDERFULLY  
MADE**

A Jungle Adventure Celebrating God's Amazing Creation!

**Jungle Bob**  
(Junglebob.tv)

**1 Hour Live Animal Show at 2pm!**

**Games, Activities, Snacks & Prizes!**

Saturday, August 1,  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
St Paul Lutheran Church  
115 Central Dr  
Amherst, OH 44053

Everyone welcome! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon  
discovering how wonderfully God made us and His creation!

*Blessed  
is the  
nation whose  
God  
is the  
Lord.*

PSALM 33:12

**ST. PAUL**  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 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** This week our nation celebrates her 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Loyalty to our nation, and obedience to government are good and commanded by God. Yet, in God's Word Jesus calls us to follow Him first and only, even above loyalty to family. *WHY?* Because Christ has died to set us free to live as His own children in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Food Collection Next Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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 July.

## **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.

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>6/28</b> Worship / 9:30 AM Smart Phone Learning Session 10:30 AM G.I.F.T Bible Study 11:00 AM <b>6/30 No Seasoned Saints</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	<b>7/5 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 9:30 AM <b>7/9</b> Prayer Group 1 PM

**Attendance:** 6/21/26 68 **Offering:** \$1,615

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

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Werner
<b>Reader</b>	Bob Steindl
<b>Greeters</b>	Eric & Sandy Long
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karie Coffman
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kirschner, John Cartmell, Danny Kemery

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

**115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001**

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

**Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 AM**

**In-Person or Live Stream @ [www.stpaulamherst.com](http://www.stpaulamherst.com)**

E-Mail: [churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com) Church Website: [stpaulamherst.com](http://stpaulamherst.com)

Rev. Paul G. Werner, Pastor - Office: (440)988-4157 Cell: (586)201-3302

Judy Bloom – Church Office Administrator

Don Hammond – Director of Communications

Tracie Heuring – Director of Preschool

Owen Reyda – Director of Music Ministries

Mike Warnock – Director of Worship Technology

**Pastor Paul** will be away on vacation and will return to the church office on Monday July 13. In case you need a pastor immediately, Pastor Bill Mugnolo is on call during this time and can be reached at (585) 472-0266.



### **PLUG IN TO A BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

**GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER** – Join us today in the **UPPER LEVEL**, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM • Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>** @ 10AM. We will return to the **UPPER level**. Join us as we see God's mighty works in the Bible book of Joshua. Everyone is welcome!

**Women's Bible Study Group** – Will meet on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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 July 9, 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 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 July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ARK Encounter & Creation Museum trip** - St. Paul Fellowship Team Invites You to come along on a trip to the life-size replica of Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum. The trip is **October 20 -22, 2026**. The trip includes top-quality motorcoach transportation, 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 (based on double occupancy hotel room). Deposit of \$25. is due asap, 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.**

**Summer J.A.M. 2026 is coming on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>!** St. Paul's BIG summer event for kids is "**Wonderfully Made**" and includes **Jungle Bob** and his live animal show at 2pm, crafts, snacks, bounce house, games, and more! Kids need to know how special they are because they are created by God as precious in His sight and according to His plan! "***I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.***" *Psalm 139:14* See the flier invitation on the back cover of this bulletin.

**VOLUNTEER SERVANTS WANTED for Summer J.A.M. 2026.** YOU can take part in sharing God's amazing love with kids this summer. Opportunities to serve are: **Registration** (2 persons) from 12:30pm -2pm; **Crafts** (make and animal mask – 2 persons, make binoculars – 2 persons, make cross bead necklace – 2 persons) from 1-2pm & 3-4pm; **Bounce House** from 1-2pm & 3-4pm (4 persons for safety and observers); **Snacks** (Popcorn – 2 persons, Snow Cones – 2 persons, Cotton Candy – 2 persons), from 1-2pm & 3-4pm. **SIGN UP TODAY** at the Information Counter in the narthex / lobby.

**VOLUNTEER SERVANTS WANTED for Walking on Wednesdays!** Volunteers are needed to staff the St. Paul booth at Walking on Wednesdays. Help greet visitors and share St. Paul information and flyers on July 8th and August 12th. Shifts are 3:30–5:30 PM or 5:30–7:30 PM. Please sign up at the Information Counter in the narthex. Questions? See Eric or Sandy Long.

**CONNECT WITH GOD EVERYDAY!** *Hope-Full Living* daily devotion guides offer a fresh perspective from a senior Lutheran in each daily reading. **July - September issues** are **free** and available today on the Information Counter in Narthex.

**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."

**Meals on Wheels Delivery Drivers** - The Amherst Office on Aging needs drivers to deliver meals to local residents. Drivers are needed for Wednesdays, and substitutes, and only one day a week from 10:30-12. You will get as much out of it as the recipients do! Contact Carrie or Kathy at Nordson Depot for more information! 440-988-2817



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

**Prayer Requests this Week**

Pray for **Judy Starbuck** as she recovers from hip replacement surgery; Praise God for **Sandy Binggeli** who had a successful appendectomy procedure; **Ruth Murdy** as she recovers from hip surgery in rehabilitation at Mercy-Allen ; **Sharon Hambly** who returned to the hospital with respiratory problems; **Deby Lasko** who is in rehab following extensive back surgery; **Marylou Gramer** who is in rehab to gain strength; Pray for a 30-something autistic man who has testicular cancer and does not understand what he is going through.

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: **Cathi Aufdenkampe**, **Lily Krause**, **Bob Wiersum**, **Janet Eshelman**, **Diane Lamoreaux**, **Mary Lou Gramer**, **Janet Koehn**, **Beth Ann Calabrese**, **Molly McGlothlin**

**SMARTPHONE LEARNING SESSION — TODAY**

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 TODAY** 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.



**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:

- 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