

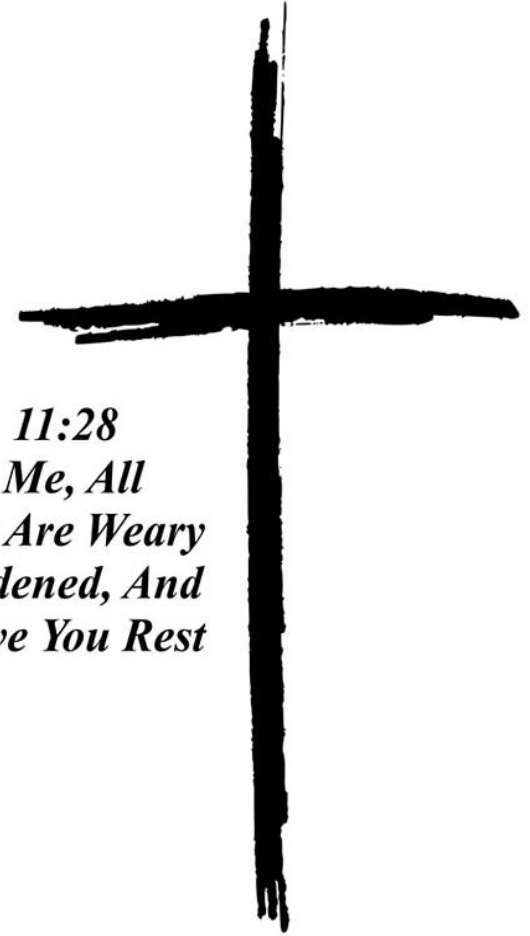
**WONDERFULLY MADE**  
A Jungle Adventure Celebrating God's Amazing Creation!

**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!



*Matthew 11:28  
Come To Me, All  
You Who Are Weary  
And Burdened, And  
I Will Give You Rest*

**ST. PAUL**   
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 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** *"When the going gets tough, the tough"* ... find rest in Jesus. After describing the price of following Him, Jesus invites us to come to Him, for His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

**WE WELCOME TO ST. PAUL** Pastor Bill Mugnolo who is our guest leading us in worship today. Pastor Mugnolo is enjoying his retirement half-time, and continues to serve as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Lorain half-time. Thank you for leading us in worship and sharing God's Word with us today, Pastor Mugnolo.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit on us through the Means of Grace, so that confessing our sins, we rely not on ourselves but on Jesus Christ alone, as we grow up in all things into maturity in faith and witness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by**

- Danny & Cyndi Kemery is celebration of their granddaughter's birthday.
- Roger & Wanda Aschenbach in celebration of their anniversary.

**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.

<b>This Week For The Lord</b>	<b>Looking Ahead One Week</b>
<b>7/5 Food Collection</b> Holy Communion 9:30 AM	<b>7/12</b> Worship 9:30 AM
<b>7/9</b> Prayer Group 1 PM Men's BBB @ Ghost Tree, Amherst 6:30 PM	<b>7/14</b> Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM <b>7/16</b> Men's Coffee Hour 9 AM @ Commando Coffee

**Attendance:** 6/28/26 49 **Offering:** \$2,794.00

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

<b>Pastor</b>	Bill Mugnolo
<b>Elder</b>	John Brabander
<b>Reader</b>	Sandy Long
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Vilagi, Judy Bloom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Jiovanazzo
<b>Sound</b>	Mike Warnock
<b>Head Usher</b>	Ron Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	Bryan Draga, Clyde Strader

## **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)**

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Judy Bloom – Church Office Administrator

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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 in the **UPPER LEVEL**, 10:45 AM to 11:45AM • Bible Study • Discussion • Fellowship Join us

in the Fellowship Hall, in the lower level after the worship service.

**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 – resumes mid-August** @ 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. 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.

**Men's Coffee Hour:** The next men's coffee hour will be on July 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM at the Commando Coffee Co. located at 254 Park Ave in downtown Amherst. Make sure to bring someone with you... a shut-in, a neighbor, a missing church member, a friend, or a relative. All are welcome.

**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.**

**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.

**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."** *Psalms 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.



**"The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM."** *Psalms 148:18*

### Prayer Requests this Week

Pray for **Sharon Hambly** who is in the hospital with respiratory problems; **Judy Starbuck, Deby Lasko, Ruth Murdy, and Marylou Gramer** as they go through rehabilitation therapy; **Jeff Rahrig** who broke a hip.

Pray for **Sheryl Gregg** as she goes through radiation and chemotherapy for her cancer; a 30-something man with severe autism who has cancer and is unable to understand what he is going through; **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: **Macie Wulfooop, Rick Buttita, Laura Kreger**

## 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 — 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.



## 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](https://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

## 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

## SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



**ISLAM • BUDDHISM • JUDAISM • HINDUISM • CATHOLICISM • NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

A Series of six Sunday Sermons this summer, Exploring other Faiths, and discovering what makes Lutheran Christianity Unique, Precious, and *Needed* in this community.

Join us at St. Paul, Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM as we seek to understand the teachings and mindset of **Islam**.