



**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!**

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ST. PAUL 
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 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 Do all religions lead to the same place but have different paths to God? The Hindu religion believes in many gods which all lead a person to eventually be absorbed into god. This summer we are taking on some of the most difficult questions we face in today's world of diverse peoples and beliefs. God's Word, the Bible, reminds us that it is very important that you know what you believe, are committed to faith in your heart, and live a life that demonstrates your faith. ***"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15***

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen.

Differences between Hinduism and Christianity is a short document available for free. They are on the table at the entrance to the worship sanctuary.

Food Collection Next Sunday, August 2nd. 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 August.

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.

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 August-September edition is available today for free on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
7/26 Worship 9:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 10:45 AM 7/27 Preschool Board 4 PM 7/28 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM 7/29 Non-Profit Meeting 6:30 PM 8/1 Summer J.A.M. 1 PM	8/2 Food Collection Holy Communion 9:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 10:45 AM 8/4 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Paul Werner
Reader	Bryan Draga
Greeters	Karen Anderson
Altar Guild	Karla Staylon, Sue Werner
Sound	Mike Warnock, Virigina Warnock
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock, Don Wilms

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 AM

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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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10AM. Join us this Tuesday. You'll meet some friends, find encouragement, and grow in faith. We meet in the upper level. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. 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.

ARK Encounter & Creation Museum trip - Yes, the trip is still "ON." You can still join the group and come along with St. Paul to see 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 at Hampton Inn, breakfasts & dinners, tickets to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, luggage handling, meal gratuities and taxes, and a Riverboat cruise with dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$629 per person (based on double occupancy hotel room; single occupancy +\$170.). 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. Balance due on September 1, 2026** For information and reservations contact Wanda Aschenbach (440/935-3863).

Summer J.A.M. 2026 is coming on Saturday, August 1st! 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 or fill out the form in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

We are looking for small prize donations for Summer J.A.M. If you would like to purchase some to donate, we will need about 50 items. Cost should be \$5 or under. Ideas: small toys, small stuffed animals, water bottle, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, stickers, coloring book, crayons.



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

Prayer Requests this Week

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 Klentz**, **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: **Laurie Beran**, **Kelly Coffman**.

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.

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 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

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DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from one of life's most difficult experiences — the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making.

Who: People experiencing divorce or separation
When: Sundays, August 16 — November 8. 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
Cost: \$20 Includes workbook. (scholarships are available)

Topics We Cover in DivorceCare

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| Week 1 – Deep Hurt | Week 8 – Financial and Legal Issues |
| Week 2 – Road to Recovery | Week 9 – Conflict |
| Week 3 – Anger | Week 10 – Forgiveness |
| Week 4 – Grief and Depression | Week 11 – Your Former Spouse |
| Week 5 – Loneliness | Week 12 – Single Living |
| Week 6 – Fears and Anxiety | Week 13 – Brighter Days |
| Week 7 – Family and Friends | |

REGISTER: www.DivorceCare.org/groups/256717
Questions: (Email) DivorceCare@stpaulamherst.com