

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



October 20 -22, 2026

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).

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 9:30 AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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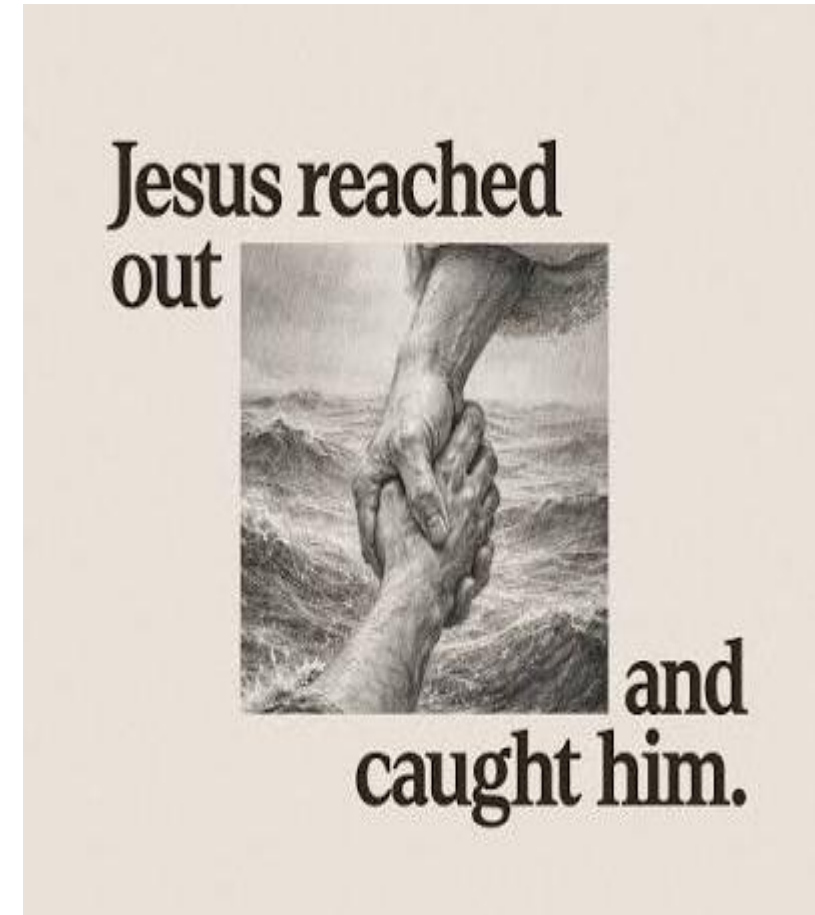
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ST. PAUL
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CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

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 The Lord God "laid the foundation of the earth." Job 38:4 His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except He has come to us in human flesh who is Christ Jesus. This God who made and knows all the mysteries of the universe draws near to us in mercy. In our sin and unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us Matthew 14:27, 31. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" Romans 10:13.

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.

WE WELCOME PASTOR LYNN PODOLL, our guest speaker. He has served several congregations as pastor for over 50 years. Pastor Podoll is retired and lives in Cleveland. Welcome back to St. Paul, Pastor Podoll!

Pastor Paul is away this morning with family but returning later today.

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.

August Newsletters are now available on the information counter in the narthex.

SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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This summer at St. Paul we're exploring other Faiths, and discovering what makes Lutheran Christianity Unique, Precious, and *Needed* in this community.

Join us for each sermon at St. Paul, Sundays @ 9:30 AM.

Sun. Aug. 16 Jehovah's Witnesses. Sun. Aug. 23 Catholicism

Sun. Aug. 30: Reformed Christian (Including Mega-Church) Sun. Sept. 6: Mormonism

Help Represent St. Paul at Amherst downtown "Walking on Wednesday" – St. Paul will be participating in Walk on Wednesday in downtown Amherst on August 12th. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 2-hour shifts from 3:30-7:30pm. The sign-up sheet is on the Guest Information counter in the narthex.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR IN STAINED GLASS – The first window is in! It pictures Christ's birth in Bethlehem's manger. The artist is currently working on windows capturing Jesus' Baptism, His ministry, and His crucifixion. Memorial gifts are still welcome towards the creation of the windows picturing Jesus' Easter resurrection, and His Ascension to heaven. You are invited to give a lasting gift to God, beautify our worship sanctuary, and memorialize a loved one who has gone ahead to heaven. An information brochure is at the Information Counter detailing this project to replace the worn-out side windows in the sanctuary with beautiful stained glass that tells the story of our salvation. Please pick up a brochure if you haven't seen one.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
8/9 Worship 9:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 10:45 AM 8/11 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM 8/13 Prayer Group 1 PM Men's BBB & Ghost Tree 6:30 PM	8/16 Holy Communion 9:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 10:45 AM Divorce Care 2 PM 8/18 Seasoned Saints Bible Study 10 AM 8/20 Men's Coffee Hour @ Commando Coffee 9 AM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Lynn Podoll
Reader	Christine Krupp
Children's Message	Sandy Long
Greeters	John & Brenda Cartmell
Altar Guild	Karie Coffman
Sound	Mike Warnock, Dave Staylon
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Bob Kemmerle



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 - Join us as we pick up in the exciting book of Joshua on Tuesday August 11 10AM. You will gain faith and courage for living as we see people long ago trust God for the impossible and discover God always works to rescue His people. 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.

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.

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BREW: The next BBB meeting will be on August 13th, 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 2nd 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 August 13th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room on the 2nd 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.



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

Prayer Requests this Week

Pray for **the Gramer family** as they grieve the loss of Marylou whose funeral will be at St. Paul Monday Aug. 10 @ 11AM; and the family of **Sharon Hambly** whose funeral will be at St. Paul Monday, Aug. 17 @ 10 AM.

Pray for **Don Lamoreaux** who is in hospice care at home, and his wife Diane and family as they visit with him in these days.

Please pray for **Sheryl Gregg** as she goes through radiation and chemotherapy for her cancer; **Emma Jenkins** who just completed a procedure for her liver cancer; **Edna Klenz** as she has stomach cancer; **Barb Deja** who is being treated for cancer; **Phil Harrington** with broken ribs and declining health; **Sandra Yepko**; **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** who has been transferred from her room of assisted living into a nursing care unit; **Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Phyllis Darakis, John Harden, Joanie Fahrney, Ron Klein, and John Schick.**

Pray for those celebrating birthdays: **Nick Street, Tim Street, Debbie Wiersum, Marilyn Green, Robert Pijor.**



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

Week 1 - *Deep Hurt*

Week 2 - *Road to Recovery*

Week 3 - *Anger*

Week 4 - *Grief and Depression*

Week 5 - *Loneliness*

Week 6 - *Fears and Anxiety*

Week 7 - *Family and Friends*

Week 8 - *Financial and Legal Issues*

Week 9 - *Conflict*

Week 10 - *Forgiveness*

Week 11 - *Your Former Spouse*

Week 12 - *Single Living*

Week 13 - *Brighter Days*

REGISTER: www.DivorceCare.org/groups/256717

Questions: (Email) DivorceCare@stpaulamherst.com