



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
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Graceful Living

Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Preschool
June 2026



Blessing of the BICYCLES

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND
6:00 – 8:00PM

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| Safety Instruction by Amherst Police Bicycle Squad | Agility Course |
| Decorate Your Bike | BIKE PARADE |
| | Gifts & Prizes |
| Invite Everyone! | |

This event is a lot of fun for kids and families, and brings our Amherst community together! Pastor Paul will bless all bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, and wheeled things, praying for safety over those who ride in the summer months. There will be bike safety instruction for all, by the Amherst Police Bicycle Squad. Gifts for riders from local businesses. Be creative as you decorate your ride for summer (décor items provided). A Bike Parade through nearby streets, led by Amherst Police Bicycle Officers. And build-your-own ice cream sundae to top off the night.

Free. All invited.

Rain date: Wednesday, June 3.

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!

**Sunday Morning
Worship
Service
9:30 AM**

**Holy Communion
1st, 3rd, & 5th
Sundays of Month**

**Kids' Church in
Worship Services
Sept-May**

**Worship
Livestream:
YouTube channel
"St Paul Amherst
Ohio"**

**Food Offering for
Second Harvest
1st Sunday of
every month**

**Church Office
Mon – Thurs
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(440) 988-4157**

**Preschool
Mon. - Fri.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Preschool Phone
(440) 988-5427**



Fathers Matter!

Dear Friends of St. Paul,

Father's Day is a little less sentimental than Mother's Day, and people seem more prone to laugh at Dad's eccentricities than praise him for his presence. In 2014, Paul Raeburn wanted to show just how vital dads are, so he published *Do Fathers Matter? What Science Is Telling Us About the Parent We've Overlooked*.

He shared that fathers have more influence on children's language development than mothers do, which leads to better performance in school. He showed that the father's genes inside a developing baby pass along crucial signals that allow a baby to raise the mother's blood pressure to get more nutrients and allow the baby to thrive. Raeburn also pointed out that when fathers are absent, daughters enter puberty up to a year earlier and are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior. Just by being present, fathers increase the odds of protecting their daughters.

As earthly fathers matter, there is a Father who matters even more. You can read about this loving father in the Bible. There you'll read about the Father who sacrificed His Son so you can be His child too. He's the One who, thanks to His great love, motivates you to live a life of kindness, compassion, integrity, and strength in serving. He's the Father who provides for you so you thrive. He's the Father who promises that you matter to Him: ***"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him."*** *Psalm 103:13*

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Paul



Sundays 9:30 AM
Holy Communion
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Kids' Church @ 9:30 AM

Worship Livestream:
YouTube channel
"St Paul Amherst Ohio"



WORSHIP WITH US @ ST. PAUL'S ON-LINE -- St. Paul's 9:30 AM worship services are live-streamed on Sunday mornings. Go to the church website (www.stpaulamherst.com) and click on the Live-Stream banner on the home page. Recordings of the worship services remain on-line after the livestream for viewing anytime.

OTHER WORSHIP OPTIONS AT HOME



This weekly broadcast over regular TV is from our own denomination, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. You'll find it now on YouTube, so you can watch and worship anytime. Just search YouTube for "Worship Anew."



TIME OF GRACE
IT ALL STARTS NOW

Time of Grace now on TBN Inspire!
Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. ET and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. ET. You can also find the program at timeofgrace.org, on demand on the Time of Grace TV program playlist on YouTube, or on the TBN+ app.



Women's Bible Study Group - Tuesday Nights @ 7 PM

Women are always invited to the women's group that meets in the church parsonage every Tuesday night. You'll make wonderful friends, grow in faith, and engage in caring lively discussion about living everyday as a Christian and woman.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10 AM

You'll meet some friends, find encouragement, enjoy home-baked cookies, and grow in faith. We're following the story of the people of Israel after leaving slavery in Egypt on their way to the Promised Land. We wonder whether they will keep God central in their lives as they go through the wilderness. That's the same thing we all wonder about our lives today. We meet in the upper level. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. Everyone is welcome!

Brotherhood, Bibles, & Brew Hey guys, the next BBB meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Ghost Tree Micro-brewery, 300 Church Street, Amherst. All men interested in a lively Christian conversation is welcome. Bring a friend.



St. Paul's Prayer 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 June 11th 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 and join us.

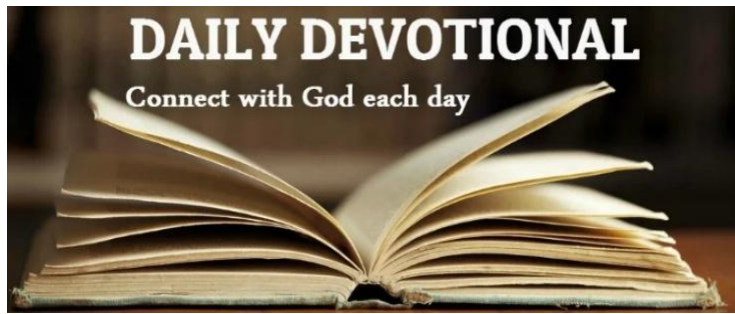


FOOD GATHERING – Sundays June 7th & July 5th.

Second Harvest Food Bank helps families all over metro-Cleveland get the nutritious food they need. You can bring non-perishable groceries the 1ST Sunday of the month. Place them in the receptacle just inside the main church doors.



Help Us Grow Our Presence in the Community We invite you to use the **QR code below** to go directly to our **Google Reviews** page. Leaving a review—short or long—helps others learn about St. Paul Lutheran Church and strengthens our outreach to the community. Your feedback also helps us continue improving how we welcome and serve others in Christ's name.



In addition to the “Hope-Full Living” free daily devotional booklets that we St. Paul offers you, there are several more options that may meet your needs better. Check these out.

1. **Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions** are emailed to you conveniently and free. This option has a button you can click to HEAR each day’s devotion – great for those with sight problems, or for listening in the car. Sign up at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions
2. **Grace Moments** daily devotions are very good, free, and emailed to your phone, tablet, or computer. Sign up at www.timeofgrace.org/moments

Greeting Card Making! Tap into your artistic skills you didn’t know you had in you. Learn to stamp, cut, and paste to make beautiful greeting cards on **Saturday, June 27th @ 1:00 pm at St. Paul.** We always make some for the shut-ins of the congregation. Please join us. We have a lot of fun! No experience necessary. Just a heart for serving.

What Is a Living Christian Faith?

Being a Christian shows in your Commitments and Action. These are the “fruits” or results in the life of a person who fully follows Jesus Christ. It takes discipline, prayer, and love for Christ to constantly through life keep growing in these habits.

In response to God’s grace to me in Jesus Christ, I commit to on-going growth in all the disciplines of the Christian faith, which include:

- ◆ **Witness** to Christ in all I say and do,
- ◆ **Worship** Christ with my life daily and with my fellow Christians weekly,
- ◆ **Connect** with others in my congregation as well as in a small group,
- ◆ **Pray** regularly for others, especially the lost, as well as for myself,
- ◆ **Study** the Bible on my own as well as with my fellow Christians,
- ◆ **Serve** God and others inside as well as outside the church, and
- ◆ **Give** a percentage of my financial resources to extend the cause of Christ, making a tenth (tithe) as my minimum goal.

St. Paul Fellowship Team Invites You to Join Them



October 20 -22, 2026

The life-size replica of Noah's Arc 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.**



Discover More with Your Smart Phone!

Join Us for a Friendly Tech Session with Mike Warnock and Don Hammond

Curious about what your smart phone can do beyond making calls? We're excited to invite you to our second tech session—a 20 to 30 minute event just for you! This follow-up meeting will take place on Sunday, June 28th, immediately after worship service. Whether you use an iPhone or Android, we'll review the key concepts and lessons from our first session and continue to explore even more ways to stay connected and simplify your life.

During our time together, we'll revisit how to use social media, download and install new apps, and sign in to use them effectively. Mike Warnock and Don Hammond will lead the session, offering step-by-step guidance as we build on what we learned before and dive deeper into new topics.

We know technology can be confusing, so please bring any questions you have—about your phone, computer, or anything else! We'll do our best to answer every question and help you feel more confident using your devices.

No previous experience is needed, and everyone is welcome. Join us for a relaxed, informative gathering, and discover how your smart phone can help you connect, learn, and enjoy more each day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Embracing Faith Together: A New Podcast Ministry

Across our church and beyond, many young people are searching for meaning, purpose, and a relationship with God. They are looking not just for a church to attend, but for a welcoming community where they can belong, ask questions, and grow in faith. Their enthusiasm reminds us that faith is alive and meant to be shared.

To help strengthen these connections, we are excited to announce a new church Podcast ministry, planned to launch in August or September. This Podcast will give members of our community the opportunity to share personal faith journeys, stories of transformation, answered prayers, and moments where God's presence has been clearly seen. Through these authentic stories, we hope to encourage listeners and reach people who may be searching for hope and encouragement.

We invite everyone in our church family to participate. Whether you are young, young-at-heart, new to faith, or have followed Christ for years, your story matters. You do not need to be a polished speaker—the Podcast is about real people sharing genuine experiences of faith. There will also be opportunities to help with planning and technical support.

In the coming weeks, sign-up sheets and information sessions will be available for anyone interested in getting involved. We believe this ministry can strengthen our church community, inspire faith, and share God's love in a fresh and accessible way.

As we prepare for this new outreach, let us pray for guidance and encouragement. Together, we can create a ministry that reflects the hope, unity, and love of Christ. If you would like to participate, please reach out—your story may be exactly what someone else needs to hear.

Welcome your new neighbor to the neighborhood. Let St. Paul help you out! You can win a beautiful Spring-themed gift basket that says "welcome to the neighborhood" and deliver it personally to your new neighbor. All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box. In May the gift basket will be given to a family from the community who attends St. Paul's Blessing of the Bikes on June 2nd. The June basket will be given to someone from the community at the Amherst Walking on Wednesday, June 10th.



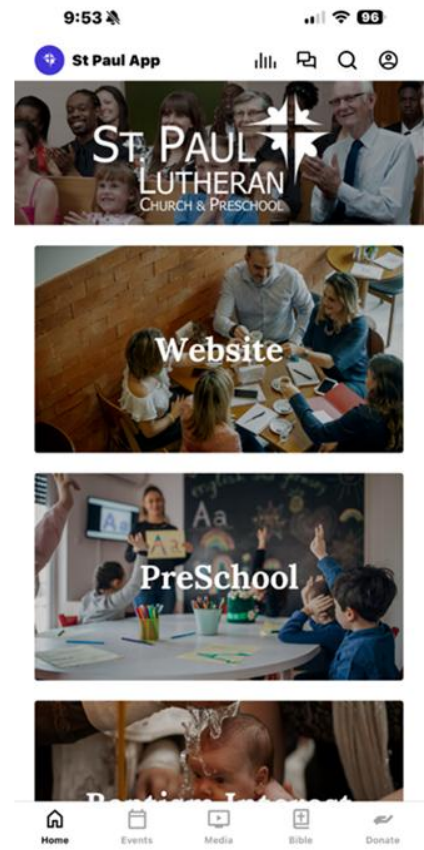
Download the New St. Paul Lutheran Church App!

Stay connected with your church family throughout the week by downloading our new church app. It's a simple way to keep everything you need in one place—worship videos, announcements, events, reminders, and opportunities to serve.

The app helps you:

- **Watch worship services** anytime, anywhere
- **Receive timely updates and reminders**
- **Sign up for events and volunteer opportunities** with one tap
- **Give securely online**
- **Stay connected** even when you're away

Scan the QR code below to download the app and make St. Paul part of your daily rhythm of faith and community.



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**Saturday, September 26, 2026 ~
3PM – 5:30PM**

Kids, Parents, Grandparents ... Everyone's invited to St. Paul's Fall Family Fest.
Petting Zoo • Pony Rides • Hay Rides • Games
• Food • **FREE!**
Noah's Ark themed
Invite your Friends!

AMAZING FACT

There are 20 quadrillion ants on the planet. That is 2.5 million ants for every person.

POTENT QUOTES

“Christ’s capacity to absorb suffering and keep loving was stronger than our capacity to inflict suffering and keep hating.” ~ John Ortberg

CLOSING PRAYER

“Remember, O Lord, those who are poor and in need, the widows, the orphans, the strangers, those in captivity and those in exile, the sick and the suffering. Remember, O Lord, those who love us and those who hate us; those who have asked us to pray for them, and those whom we have not remembered through ignorance. Remember all Your people, O Lord, and pour out Your rich mercy upon all. Amen.”

~ Liturgy of St. Basil, 329-379 A.D.

PARTING SHOT

After the church service, a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," replied the pastor, "but why?" The boy said, "Because my Dad says you're the poorest preacher we've ever had!"



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