

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026



Thank You for Joining Us!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God that you are here. We pray that you will feel the Spirit and warm welcome of this faith community.

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad to have you here. Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul Lutheran? Curious about our activities and outreach opportunities? Are you considering becoming a member? Please contact the church office at 651-439-5970, or email SPLC@stpaulcc.org, if you would like more information and to connect with people who would be happy to assist you. We'd love to get to know you better!

Altar Flowers

Today we give thanks for the abundance of beautiful flowers adorning our Altar. The flowers are given by Kevin and Georgia Urhammer in honor of Henry and Carson's baptism; by Marilyn Brower in memory of Charles Brower, Marie Pauley, and Les Krongard, and in honor of Larry Tomai; by Larry Tomai in memory of Glenyce Tomai (Harrod); and by Ginny and Dean Morrell in memory of Ruth and Roy Hjelmgren, and in honor of Edith Morrell.

Holy Baptism

By water and God's promises, Henry and Carson Urhammer will receive a new birth through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Sunday, April 12th, during worship. Bringing them to baptism are their parents, Garrett and Jenna Urhammer. We look forward to welcoming them into the body of Christ!



Next Sunday! Congregational Meeting April 19th

The Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 19th, following our 9:00 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members to this year's Synod Assembly and to adopt a Vision and Values statement that will guide our life together for the next few years and inform possible updates to our church's constitution.



Large Print Bibles

The Senior Committee has two large-print Bibles available for you to borrow. Contact Bob Michaelis at 651-278-0072.

75th Anniversary

Did you know that 2027 officially marks 75 years at our current location? We are grateful to the faithfulness and foresight of previous generations who made sure we would have a presence here on the "South Hill" of Stillwater. Many great ideas have been shared, and now is the time to get organized! There will no doubt be many individual tasks and one-time events; however, we will need a few individuals to help direct and facilitate a year's worth of events that promise to be meaningful, fun, and future-oriented!

Vision and Values Statement

Last fall, leaders of our congregation took the time for one-on-one conversations with several members and friends of the congregation in order to lay the groundwork for adopting a Vision and Values statement that will guide our life together for the next few years. Meeting in retreat with Pastor Justin Grimm in early December, and then again on their own on March 14th, the Church Council passed a motion to recommend its adoption by the whole congregation. Copies of the proposed Vision and Values statement are available in the Gathering Area. As we look forward to considering this for adoption at our upcoming congregational meeting, you are welcome to talk with any of our leaders and ministry staff.

May 55+ Worship



The May service will be on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00 AM. The menu includes Chef Luke's baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, angel food cake with strawberries, and whipped cream. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, April 26th, if you will be staying for the meal. **Remember - Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights. Please contact Bob Michaelis if you are interested in riding the bus.**

4th Friday Community Meal at SPLC!

Join us on Friday, April 24th, at 5:30 PM for the Fourth Friday Food & Friendship Community Meal! Everyone is invited to share in a delicious dinner, warm fellowship, and an evening filled with fun. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy this special night together!

Fourth Friday Meal
Come for the food, stay for the friendship.
A free community meal for all.

Friday, April 24, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
609 5th Street N, Stillwater

We gather every fourth Friday at our community locations across our community:
May 22 at Annetta's Episcopal Church
June 26 at St. Mary's Church
July 24 TBO

Synod Assembly May 15th-16th | St. Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi

Interested in learning more about the larger church and our partnership with Lutheran congregations in the Saint Paul Area? The annual Synod Assembly is a great opportunity! Our congregation is entitled to send three voting members (and additional visitors) for two days of inspiring worship, stimulating learning, and helping make decisions about governance, mission, and finances, as well as elect members of Synod Council or other committees. This year, we will also elect our next bishop! Voting members are not designated “representatives” of a congregation (like elected officials), but they are asked to take seriously the responsibility of voting with their conscience for the well-being of the synod. If you are interested in serving as a voting member or visitor, speak to Pastor Nathan or President Shelley Jokinen.

St. Paul Area Synod Bishop Candidate Forum - Sunday, April 12th

You are invited to learn more about the pre-identified candidates for bishop on Sunday, April 12th, at 2:00 PM! The Forum will be held at Roseville Lutheran Church in Roseville. Each candidate will be offered three opportunities to speak, each responding to the same set of prompts. Those in attendance will be invited to submit questions for the candidates to address during their speaking opportunities at the Synod Assembly in May. No registration is necessary; just show up! There are five pre-identified candidates: Rev. Brad Froslee, Rev. Justin Grimm, Rev. Jill Rode, Rev. Bradley Schmeling, and Rev. Patrick Shebeck. If you haven't already viewed the video messages from the pre-identified candidates for bishop, you can find them on the synod's website: spas-elca.org

37th Annual St. Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization Convention

The Keynote Speaker is Marcie Rendon. Marcie is an Ojibwe writer and educator who creates fiction, poetry, and plays inspired by her culture and community. She is the author of the book “Where They Last Saw Her” about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Come and Rejoice with our sisterhood of women, in the breaking of bread, and learning together through stories of hope.

Details

- Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- St. Mark Lutheran Church
One North Road, Circle Pines, MN
- Theme: “His Love Endures” – Psalm 136
- Registration forms and more information can be found on the Women's Unit bulletin board.
- Registration deadline is April 16th.

Patio Dreams

You may have noticed we temporarily moved two of our outdoor benches onto the new patio. We are doing this only to see what it looks



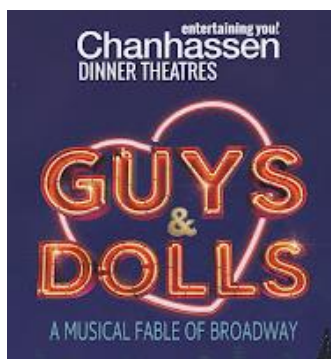
and feels like before we make any additions. We invite you to relax on these benches and dream about the patio's future uses and furnishings. How would you like to see our new patio used? What kinds of events do you imagine? We have no

permanent plans at this point, but are eager to hear from you and, in the meantime, keep this space flexible for a variety of future events.

Chanhassen Dinner Theater – Wednesday, May 13th – Guys and Dolls

From the gritty streets of New York to the colorful cafes of Havana, Guys and Dolls is a wildly entertaining musical comedy. A perfectly balanced story with dance, music, and romance.

There are 20 tickets available. Cost for members 55+ and one caregiver is \$65. The cost for members under age 55 and guests is \$130. Sign up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, May 3rd. There is also a waitlist sign-up available once the 20 tickets are spoken for. Guest names go on the waitlist.



The price includes round-trip transportation on a coach bus, lunch, and the show. The bus will pick us up in the church parking lot and will leave promptly at 9:45 AM. Please plan on arriving by 9:30 AM.

Use the provided envelopes for payment, making checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran and **note on the memo line: Chanhassen**. Turn into the church office or drop in the offering plate.



Movie Night! April 19th! 5:00 PM!

Pizza, a Movie & Popcorn at 5:00 PM on April 19th in Fellowship Hall. Our feature presentation is "The Ultimate Gift" rated PG. A deceased billionaire leaves his spoiled adult grandson a series of odd tasks to perform in order to receive "the ultimate gift," with the resentful grandson having no idea what that might be.

Mission Outreach Update

Mission Outreach will be purchasing snacks for Kids Snack Bags. The Youth Group will help assemble them, and they will be delivered for distribution to Valley Outreach. This year we decided to reduce the number of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to 150. In place of the 100 shoeboxes we are cutting, we decided to collect donations during April and May to assemble 25 Baby Care Kits and 25 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief and deliver them in June when the quilters deliver their quilts. There are no shipping costs through LWR. Personal Care Kits include: 1 lightweight bath towel, 2 or 3 bars of soap, 1 adult-size toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, and 1 pair of metal nail clippers. Baby Care Kits include: 2 receiving blankets, 4 cloth diapers, 1 jacket, 2 gowns, 2 pairs of socks, 2 T-shirts, diaper pins, and 3 bars of gentle soap. We will soon have collection boxes in the Gathering Area.

Thank You Worship Volunteers!

Our gatherings for worship are at the heart of our life together, and we are so thankful for the many hands and heartfelt care that went into this year's Holy Week and Easter worship services. This included preparing the communion elements, decorating the chancel and setting flowers the Easter garden, rehearsing and offering beautiful vocal and instrumental music, greeting others with a warm smile and ushering to communion, coming early and staying late to make sure everything was in place to welcome others, and so much more! Whether your role was highly visible or behind the scenes, we give thanks to God for all of you!

Malt Shop Melodies

Wednesday, April 29th - Lunch at 12 Noon - Show at 1:30 PM - Take a step back in time to the music of the 50's and 60's. Join us for Malt Shop



Melodies, a nostalgic event filled with toe-tapping tunes, smiles, and good company in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Senior Committee, all ages are welcome, and bring your friends! Lunch will be hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fries, chocolate malts, and root beer floats. Sign up in the Gathering Area by

Tuesday, April 21st. Cost for members age 55+ is \$5. Under age 55 and guests are \$10. Use the envelopes located by the sign-up sheets for your payment, and drop it off in the office or put it in the offering plate. You're welcome to attend just the show at no cost; we simply ask that you sign up and indicate "show only" on the sign-up sheet. It's guaranteed to be a fun afternoon!

Sunday Shine! April 19th! All About Creation!

Join us on the third Sunday in April, following worship, for a fun and welcoming intergenerational activity! This is a great opportunity for all ages to gather, connect, and enjoy time together. There will be something for everyone, and yes, treats will be provided, because fellowship is always better with snacks.



Prayer Requests

Congregants: Chuck C., Jenny B., Jennifer B., Ardyce S., Barb D., Nancy T., Dan B., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: Michael S., Mike S., Toby, Ami, Brian J., Lucas J., Joe F., Soto B., Mein B., Gavin, Kurt S., William J., Karmen P., Jerry, Dick, Mary A., Troy A., Sophia M., Marv D., The Family of family of David and Carol S., Connor D., Dan J., Mary A., Renae S., Mike S., Ann B., Katie P., Gary R., Jerry S., Sophia F., Sonja H., Kellye, Dave, Lucy, Keith, & Josh, Becky O., Mike, Jenny, Lisa, Kristen B., Mary Jo D., Rick & Jean, Patti & Family, Randy & Laura, Muggs, Carolyn, Paul, Kevin, Kara, Allison J., Evy, Dave, Georgia, Russel B., Bonnie M., Connie, Mary A., Bonnie S., Leo H., Jane S., Laura C., Lisa, Steph D., Brian D., Tyson D., Teegan D., Lexen, Danny, Harry E., Diane L., Jenny O., Lyle J., Kathy B., Vince S., Jim G., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: Janet Stuessy, Mary Richter, Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, Patty Thomsen, James Flynn, Marshall Ray Reams, Jacquilyn Pierre, Dorie Nelson, Lois Haase, Marlene Ritzer, Holly Halvorson, Mark Walker, and Sister Eileen Trinity.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
3/15/2026	Canceled	202
3/22/2026	73	171
3/29/2026	119	154
4/5/2026	178	138

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, April 12th** 9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism
11:00 AM 55+ Worship
- Monday, April 13th** 5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 14th** 10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays!
3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Committee Mtg.
5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
- Wednesday, April 15th** 10:00 AM 4th Street Repair & Refresh Mtg.
11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells
1:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – In-person
5:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – Zoom
- Thursday, April 16th** 9:00 AM Quilters
12:00 PM East Central Conference Clergy
4:30 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting
7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
- Sunday, April 19th** 9:00 AM Worship
10:00 Am Congregational Meeting
10:15 AM Sunday Shine in Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Pizza & Movie Night!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, April 12th

Ushers Tom & Carol Weber, Jennifer Braun, and Susan Markgraf
Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje
Reader Nancy Schlagel
Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel
Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Sunday, April 19th

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau, and Ethan Ekblad
Assisting Ministers Chris Shivers
Reader Riley MacDonald
Communion Set-up Jenny Brelje
Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Church Staff

Sr. Pastor	Rev. Nathan Baker-Trinity
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Director of Music	Andy Peterson
Casual Worship Leader	Karen Hillmann
Office Coordinator	Kristin Nelson
CYF & Outreach Director	Jenny Brelje
Accountant	Michael Benson
Maintenance	Jeff Thomsen
Audio-Video Engineer	Tim Schingen

2026 Church Council Officers

President	Shelley Jokinen
Vice President	Pam Seekel
Secretary	Chris Shivers

2026 Committee Chairpersons

Financial Operations	(Open Seat)
CYF	Sabrina Bell Kristie Mack
Evangelism & Membership	(Open Seat)
Fellowship	Janine Siverson
Memorial & Grants	Diane Podratz Barb LaCosse
Mission Outreach	Ann Kriesel
Property & Grounds	(Open Seat)
Seniors	Jenny Powell
Worship	Jennifer Braun

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