

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 19, 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's flowers are given in celebration of Bob and Judy Michaelis' 66th wedding anniversary on April 23rd. We give thanks for their many years of love, commitment, and shared faith, which have been a blessing to one another and to our church community. May God continue to surround them with His grace and blessings in the years ahead.

TODAY! Congregational Meeting

The Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting to be Held today, 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.



Sunday Shine! TODAY! April 19th! All About Creation!

Join us on today, after the congregation meeting in Fellowship Hall. Today is "All About Creation!" 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.



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 (along with some interesting demographic information) are available in the Gathering Area. As we look forward to considering this for adoption at our meeting today, you are welcome to talk with any of our leaders and ministry staff.

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!



Movie Night! TONIGHT! 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.

4th Friday Community Meal at SPLC!

Join us on Friday, April 24th, at 5:30 PM for the Fourth Friday Food & Friendship Community Meal! ALL ARE INVITED to come to the Fellowship Hall for a Taco Bar with all the fixings, along with Fried Ice Cream and beverages. We are planning food for 60 people. Invite a friend or a neighbor; sign up in The Gathering Space! As a congregation, we can our show our neighbors and friends how we welcome them!

Fourth Friday Meal

Join Us for a Free Community Meal
Build your perfect taco (chicken or beef)
with all the fixings, and don't forget fried
ice cream for dessert!

Friday, April 24, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
608 3rd Street N, Stillwater

Come for
the food,
stay for the
friendship

We gather every Fourth Friday at welcoming
locations across our community:
May 22 at Ascension Episcopal Church
June 26 at St. Mary's Church

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.**

Malt Shop Melodies

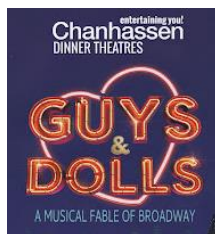
Wednesday, April 29th - Lunch at 12 Noon - Show at 1:30 PM - Take a step back in time to the music of the 50's and 60's. Join us for Malt Shop

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!

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.

Constitution Update

Once we adopt a Vision and Values Statement, the next step in our life together is to take a close look at our church's constitution and propose updates that support our vision and values. The Church Council will appoint a working group and invites any who are interested in serving to speak to Pastor Nathan or President Shelley Jokinen. The plan is to create a revised draft over the summer months and early fall, and to invite congregational feedback beginning in October. We are looking for a variety of people, including those with good attention to detail, who are knowledgeable of our history, and who care about aligning it with our vision and values.

Holy Baptism



By water and God's promises, Henry Wade and Carson John Urhammer received a new birth through the sacrament of Holy Baptism last Sunday. Bringing them to baptism were their parents, Garrett and Jenna Urhammer. It was wonderful for so many of us to welcome them into the body of Christ!

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
3/22/2026	73	171
3/29/2026	119	154
4/5/2026	178	138
4/12/2026	98	160

Upcoming Events

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!
Monday, April 20th	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, April 21st	6:30 PM Church Council
Wednesday, April 22nd	1:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – In-person 5:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – Zoom
Thursday, April 23rd	9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Senior Committee Meeting 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Friday, April 24th	5:30 PM Fourth Friday Community Meal
Sunday, April 26th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:15 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, April 19th

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

Sunday, April 26th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, Kamel Benyahia,
and Atticus Mikla
Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Reader Shelley Jokinen
Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer
Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

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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