

# Announcements

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

### April 5, 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](mailto: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!

### First Communion

Through God's great mercy and by our Lord's invitation, Olivia Ertle received her First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 7:00 PM service. We rejoice together in welcoming her to the Lord's table!

### 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.



### Holy Baptism

By water and God's promises, Henry and Carson Urhammer will receive a new birth through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:00 AM service. Bringing them to baptism are their parents, Garrett and Jenna Urhammer. We look forward to welcoming them into the body of Christ!



## **Congregational Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **75<sup>th</sup> 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 14, 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. All are welcome to attend a feedback forum with Pastor Nathan and members of the church council this Wednesday at 11:00 or 7:00 in the Lounge.

## **April 55+ Worship**



The April service will be on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM.

The menu includes: Cub Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, and dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## **Synod Assembly May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> | 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 12<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to learn more about the pre-identified candidates for bishop on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://spas-elca.org)

## **37<sup>th</sup> 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.

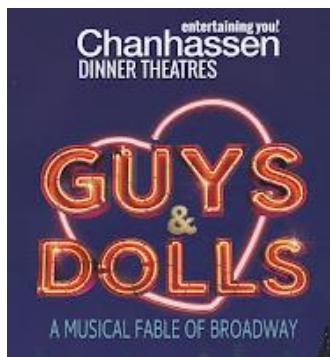
### Details

- 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Chanhassen Dinner Theater – Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

### **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:** 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:** Rachel (Weber) Collins, Sandra Nolan, 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.

## 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.



### Movie Night! April 19<sup>th</sup>! 5:00 PM!

Pizza, a Movie & Popcorn at 5:00 PM on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Community Meal at SPLC!

Join us on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### 55+ SPLC Senior Members - Foot Care In Your Home



55+ SPLC Senior Members Foot Care: A Foot Care RN will tend to your toenails or other foot-related care in the comfort and privacy of your home. You can also visit an office location in Bayport if you prefer. The cost is \$15 per appointment. Pick up an information packet in the Gathering Area or contact Jenny Powell.

## **Altar Guild: Serving Quietly Behind the Scenes**

At St. Paul Lutheran, much of what happens during worship is made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers who work faithfully behind the scenes. The Altar Guild lovingly cares for the sacred items and spaces used in worship. Their work includes preparing the altar for services, setting up communion, changing the paraments according to the church season, and ensuring that everything needed for worship is ready and in place. After the service, they also clean and properly care for the vessels, linens, and other items used during worship.

While their work often goes unseen, it plays an important role in helping create a meaningful and reverent worship experience for our congregation. If you have ever wondered how you might serve in a meaningful way at St. Paul Lutheran, the Altar Guild may be the perfect place for you. If you are interested in learning more or becoming part of the Altar Guild, please contact the church office.

## **Malt Shop Melodies**

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## **SPLC In-person & Online Attendance**

<b>Date</b>	<b>In-Person Worship</b>	<b>Online Worship</b>
<b>3/8/2026</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>3/15/2026</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>3/22/2026</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>3/29/2026</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>154</b>

## Upcoming Events

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	7:00-10:00 AM Easter Breakfast
<b>Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM Easter Worship 10:00 AM Easter Worship
<b>Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Office Is Closed Today</b> 11:00 AM Reading Club Board Meeting 1:00 PM Women's Reading Club
<b>Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 11:00 AM Vision & Values Feedback – Lounge 1:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – In-person 5:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – Zoom 7:00 PM Vision & Values Feedback – Lounge
<b>Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 PM Lenten Soup Luncheon 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Meeting 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
<b>Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism 11:00 AM 55+ Worship

## Weekly Worship Assistants

### 8:00 AM - Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Kevin Urhammer, Keith & Carol Wille,  
and Nick Braun

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald and Atticus Mikla

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Cheryl Renee & Ann Kriesel

### 10:00 AM - Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Ushers Jerry Schlagel, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia

Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Ushers Tom & Carol Weber, Jennifer Braun, and Susan Markgraf

Assisting Ministers Jenny Brelje

Reader Nancy Schlagel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

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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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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