

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 15, 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!

TODAY! Sunday Shine!

Join us after worship today for a fun and welcoming intergenerational activity! It's a great opportunity for all ages to gather, connect, and enjoy time together. There will be something for everyone—and of course, treats will be provided, because fellowship is always better with snacks.

Calling All Readers!

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, it's delightful to hear many voices proclaim the passion and resurrection stories. We would love to hear your voice! There are speaking opportunities on Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter morning. Please indicate your interest on your Welcome to Worship card. There is also a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

Holy Week Begins March 29th

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday) marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation as we follow in his footsteps. Maundy Thursday highlights the greatest commandment, to love one another through acts of service.

Good Friday proclaims the passion story from John's gospel and calls us to pray for the whole world. And, Easter Sunday celebrates Christ's passage from death to life and looks forward to Christ's coming both now and at the end of time.



Quilting Sunday, March 22nd

Since Saturday, March 21st is National Quilting Day we are celebrating our own quilters the following day. "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love." Compassionate people just like the people at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Stillwater have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world, including through Lutheran World Relief which for 77 years has distributed over 29 million quilts! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. If you would like to join the quilters at St. Paul Lutheran, they quilt every Thursday between 9am-3pm. Come whenever you can fit a Thursday into your schedule. Some of them bring their lunch and we make it a full day. Thanks so much for all your donations of material, thread, and many more things the quilters use. Hope to see you soon on a Thursday.

SPLC's Easter Brunch Meal Boxes

Previously, SPLC has participated in the FARE FOR ALL Easter Meal distribution, sponsored by the Memorials and Grants Committee.



Unfortunately, they are no longer coming to Stillwater, and we are unable to coordinate a bulk meal purchase with them. A big thank you to the Memorials and Grants Committee for continuing this tradition! To order, please call Diane Podratz at 651-439-7843.

The deadline to order is Sunday, March 22nd. Anyone is welcome to receive a box, whether it's for your own household or someone you know who could use a little extra support this season. We are asking that you limit your order to two boxes. If you have special circumstances, please speak to Diane. The meal pick up will be on Palm Sunday, March 29th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week Service Times

Passion Sunday is at 9:00 AM. Two Maundy Thursday services are at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM (both in the sanctuary). A single Good Friday service is at 7:00 PM. Two Easter Sunday services are at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. (Don't forget that Easter Breakfast begins at 7:00 AM and continues up until the 10:00 service.)

Worship on Wednesdays in Lent

Daytime Lenten services continue every Wednesday through March 22nd at 11:30 AM, followed by a noon meal (freewill donation which benefits Mission Outreach). We gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Bells Across America - Community Bell Ringing

Bells began ringing out across Minnesota on Saturday, February 7th, and now bells across the United States are invited to join in bell ringing for 10 minutes every Saturday at noon until April 4th.

Organized by the Minnesota non-profit City of Bells, church bells and other bell installations will call citizens to safety amid deep uncertainty as well as offering hope and courage for the future of our communities. Bells have historically been used to spread messages of hope to people

in times of need and distress. We are honored to include our own church bells here at St. Paul, so stop by on a Saturday to listen if you're around!



April 55+ Worship



The April service will be on Sunday, April 12th, 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 5th, 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.

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: 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: 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, Richard Markgraf, Sister Eileen Trinity, and Judy Becker.

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.

Malt Shop Melodies

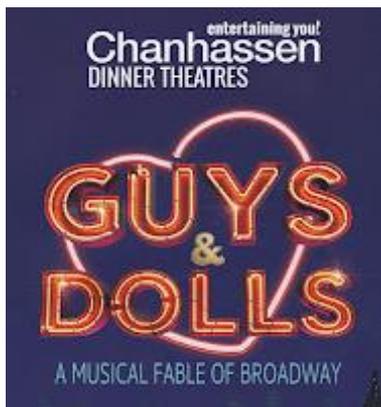
Wednesday, April 29th - Lunch at 12 Noon - Show at 1:30 PM - Take a step back in time to the music of the 50's and 60's. Join us for Malt Shop

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!

Large Print Bibles

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



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

Next Holden Evening Prayer

It's always lovely to gather, sing, pray, and rest in God's presence by candlelight for Holden Evening Prayer. We look forward to gathering again on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

EASTER BREAKFAST
 Sunday, April 5th
 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
 in Fellowship Hall

Benefitting Our Youth Service Trip to South Dakota

\$8.00-Adults (11 years+)
 \$5.00-Children (6 -10 years old)
 Free-Kids 5 & Under

Menu
 Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Orange Juice, and Coffee

ST PAUL LUTHERAN INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Easter Bunny is Coming!
 Get Ready to Hunt!
 Saturday, March 28, 2026
 at 10:00 AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WE WILL GATHER IN THE GREEN SPACE NEXT TO THE PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF 4TH AND WALNUT STREETS. IF THE WEATHER DOESN'T COOPERATE, WE'LL MEET INDOORS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL INSTEAD.

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SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
2/15/2026	71	131
2/22/2026	70	94
3/1/2026	80	134
3/8/2026		

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Lent

Wednesdays*

11:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM Soup Luncheon

*Through March 25th

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 25th

7:00 PM

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29th

9:00 AM Worship

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd

Worship at 11:30 AM

12:00 PM Soup Luncheon

Worship at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 5th

Services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Breakfast from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 15th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 17th	6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 18th	11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells 11:30 AM Lenten Worship 12:00 PM Lenten Soup Luncheon 1:00 PM Faith of Many Rooms Study-Lounge 5:00 PM Faith of Many Rooms Study-Zoom 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM CYF - Snacks, Friends, and Big Ideas
Thursday, March 19th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Friday, March 20th	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, March 22nd	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:30 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 15th

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau, and
Ethan Ekblad

Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel

Reader Jerry Schlagel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Sunday, March 22nd

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, Kamel
Benyahia, and Atticus Mikla

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Chuck Clausen

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

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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