

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 8, 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@stpaulc.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!

Sharing Peace During Cold & Flu Season

For the time being, please be respectful of each other's health by not offering handshakes during the sharing of the Peace. We encourage you instead to wave, bump elbows, use the peace sign, or bow toward each other. We encourage you also to use the hand sanitizer available in every pew.

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 gathering again on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Making More Space

With increased activity in our sanctuary over the past couple of years, many of our leaders have noticed some challenges in negotiating the open space below the chancel—particularly during funerals and weddings, special programs, and holiday worship services which often bring extra decorations. This morning you may notice more space in the area below chancel. How do you feel about this extra space? Let us know what you think! The council wishes to stress that these changes are tentative and that they welcome everyone's feedback, including how we might better utilize other spaces in the sanctuary.

Large Print Bibles

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

Immigrant Support Update from Synod

Members of our immigrant congregations in the Saint Paul Area Synod are currently being targeted in unjust ways simply because of their appearance. Our synod is committed to walking with them through this terrible time of crisis. To that end, they have established the Immigrant Support Fund, which goes directly to families connected with the synod's ethnic-specific congregations. Donations to this fund support food relief, rent assistance, and legal fees when appropriate. Use the QR code here or send a check payable to "Saint Paul Area Synod" (write "immigrant support" in the memo line) and mail to: Saint Paul Area Synod, 105 University Ave. W., St. Paul MN 55103.



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!



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!



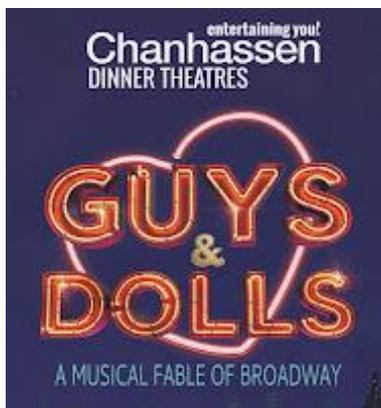
Calling All Readers!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Calling All Thrivent Members

If you're a Thrivent member, you are eligible to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant. These grants can be put toward many different kinds of church projects and fundraisers. Let us know if you're a Thrivent member and we can help you use your grant toward a church-related project. Or let us know if you have an idea of your own for a project.

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

St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition - Growing Through Loss

Beginning Thursday, March 12th, Growing through Loss is an opportunity to receive grief support and learn more about grief in a group setting, free of charge. Held each Thursday at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Afton, it includes a brief large group presentation by a grief educator, followed by smaller support group time focused on particular kinds of losses. Attend a single night or the whole series. Each session is complete in itself. Age 18+. No need to register, they have a place for you already! If a need or barrier exists that prevents you from attending their series, please reach out. Call (651) 413-6698 or email scvgriefcoalition@gmail.com.



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

The flyer features a central pink oval with text, surrounded by illustrations of a white bunny, carrots, and various flowers.



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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608 6th Street, Stillwater, MN 55082
651-438-5970 - www.stpaulic.org

The flyer has a blue background with a white banner at the top, a large white bunny head in the center, and colorful Easter eggs in the grass below. The text is in white and yellow.

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.

Prayer Requests

Congregants: 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: 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.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
2/8/2026	87	125
2/15/2026	71	131
2/22/2026	70	94
3/1/2026	80	134

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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 8th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:30 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism
Monday, March 9th	3:30 PM Zoom Executive Committee Meeting 5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 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 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM CYF - Snacks, Friends, and Big Ideas
Thursday, March 12th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Saturday, March 14th	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Special Council Meeting & Retreat
Sunday, March 15th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 8th

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

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Nancy Schlagel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Pastor Laurel

Sunday, March 15th

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

Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel

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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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