

# Announcements

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

### May 3, 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!

### **Thank You from Pastor Nathan**

"Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul Lutheran: Thank you for allowing me to attend the 150th Anniversary of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rush City last Sunday, where I served as their solo pastor from 2018 to 2024. It was very meaningful and uplifting to be with them. Please continue to hold them in prayer as they form a call committee and enter the final stages of calling a new pastor."

### **Wedding Announcement**

Jenna Cox and Emil Cienik have announced their intention to marry on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and ask for your prayers.

### **Welcome to Michael Benson, today, May 3rd!**

Our new Senior Accountant, Michael Benson, has been quietly and diligently at work for several weeks now, and we are so pleased to have him on board! Join us in welcoming Michael today at a reception following worship.

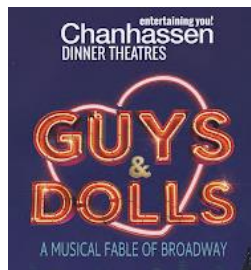
### **75th Anniversary**

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!

## **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.

### **Large Print Bibles**

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

### **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:** Brandon C., Steven W, 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:** Thomas Schwietz, Scott Anderson, 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.

## Constitution Update

Now that we have adopted 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.

## From the President of the Minneapolis SWO

I am writing to extend a special invitation to you and the women of your Synodical Women's Organization to our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Brunch on Saturday, May 9th, starting at 9:00 am at the Norway House in Minneapolis. "The Minneapolis Area Synod WELCA Board of Directors is planning a Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Brunch for women of all ages, with keynote speakers Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker. The purpose of the gathering is to celebrate our role as bold women of faith in our community and church accompanied by the phenomenal women in our lives. Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, will share devotions and Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery, Interim Executive Director of Women of the ELCA, will bring greetings from the national organization." There will be singing, prayer, sharing of wisdom, a silent auction, surprises, and celebration! To register, please go to the following link: <https://minneapoliswomenofelca.regfox.com/mother-daughter-sister-friend-banquet> - Mary Britt, Minneapolis SWO President



## Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Alice Walker in loving memory of Mark Walker, on the one-year anniversary of his passing into the Lord's care. With grateful hearts, we remember him and lift his loved ones in prayer.

## SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
4/5/2026	178	138
4/12/2026	98	160
4/19/2026	64	104
4/26/2026	54	134

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism 11:00 AM 55+ Worship in Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM Senior committee 1:00 PM Women's Reading Club 7:30 PM Worship Committee - Zoom Meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 PM Connect Center Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	1:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – In-person 5:00 PM A Faith of Many Rooms – Zoom
<b>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Meeting 6:00 PM Cox-Cienik Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
<b>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	3:00 PM Cox-Cienik Wedding
<b>Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother's Day 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM By Heart: Luther's Small Catechism

## Weekly Worship Assistants

### Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Ed Seekel, and Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Chris Shivers

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Abri Bell

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Cheryl Renne