

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 709, 740, 597, 472, 864, 710

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47, Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25, Gospel: John 10:1-10

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen and Jon Gerths in honor of their wedding anniversary on April 25.

Summer Liturgy Service — The 7:00pm Wednesday service is changing! Beginning **May 6** the service will offer communion and be known as Summer Liturgy. During the summer months there will not be a meal served. The regular Wednesday schedule picks back up after Rally Day in September. The Thursday chapel service at 9:30am will continue until May 21 and then take a break for the summer.




New Members — Please welcome the newest members of St. Paul. They joined our congregation on April 4. Please introduce yourselves and help them feel at home!

Nathan Boehnke
Caleb Burkey
Rachael Christmann
Jared, Lena and Laurene Fulscher
Keagan Gilbert
Luke Greiner
Erin Jensen
Jason Jorgensen
Caleb Kehrl
Emma Kehrl
Mark, Jessica, Aubri, and Jace Kucik
Trevor and Jess Loeschen
Lucy Mickow
Johannes and Michelle Schrader, Leola and Aurora Saxton
Jeremy, Sara and Landon Schau
Rick, Michelle, Ellie, Jackson, Owen, and Henry Tucker
Jacob, Abbey, Lillian, and Hudson Woelmer

New members, please remember to turn in your membership form to the church office. You should also have a church mailbox now. Contact Kathy Olson if you don't see one.

Homeschool Conference — The homeschool families of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle are hosting their fifth annual homeschool conference on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am – 4:15pm. The conference, *We All Believe in One True God: Cultivating Lutheran Unity*, features Rev. Jason Braaten, from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, Illinois, as the keynote speaker. There is no charge to attend this event, however they will accept donations at the conference or through their website. Lunch and snacks are provided, and limited childcare will be available. Find additional information and complete your registration on their website at holycrosscarlisle.org.



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Moms Day Out

Join us for a relaxing morning at Smokey Row Coffee. You may drop off your child(ren) beginning at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided by LWML. Then drive on over to Smokey Row for coffee, pastries, and fellowship time with other moms!

SMOKEY ROW Coffee Co.
good coffee. good people.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
9:45 AM - NOON

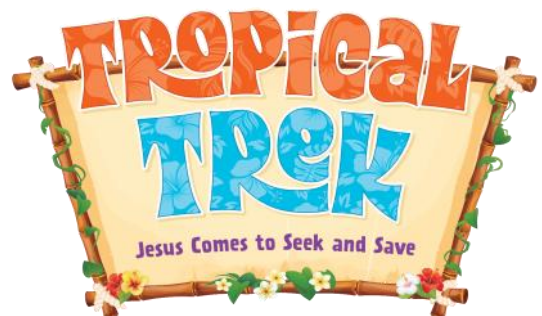
Please note the change in location!

Register for VBS — Mark your calendar now for VBS **June 7-11**. During the week kids will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life!

VBS registration is now open! Don't miss out on this Christ-centered, fun week. Scan the QR code or go to the church website and click on the 2026 VBS tab.



Volunteers needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Family Life Center.



Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am. **The last class is Sunday, April 26.**

Sunday Youth Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30am. **The last class is Sunday, April 26.**

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Newton will lead this week. They continue the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet on **Thursday, April 30** at 10:00am.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. **April 27 is their final session and then they'll take a break until September.**

Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study Thursdays at 7:00pm. They are studying *The Augsburg Confession*.



New Contact Information — Do you have a new phone number, email or address? Please update your information on the attendance card, or you can call and email the church office. Thank you!

Happening This Week at St. Paul

- Today 8:00am Worship Service
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Bible Studies
10:45am Worship Service
12-2pm Sr. Youth Sunday Funday
2:00pm Mill Pond Service
2:30pm HTC Parent/Teen Meeting
- Monday 9:00am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday 9:45am Moms Day Out
5:00pm Meal
6:00pm Midweek & Bible Study
7:00pm Service
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm End Of Year Bowling Party
- Thursday 9:30am Chapel
10:00am BASIC Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- Friday Church offices closed

April/May Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

Altar Flowers

April 26 — Karen & Jon Gerths

May 3 — Rochelle Sandvick

Elder

April 26 — Jon Jero

May 3 — Tim Krehbiel

Offering Counters

April 26 — Jennifer Dorfler, Donna Stoelk

May 3 — Tim Davies, Jon Gerths

Ushers April 26

8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Ken Kise

10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Ushers May 3

8:00am — Eddie Bell, Dan Hubbard

10:45am — Eric Bradley, Cal Uhlig

Attendance Sunday, April 19

6:30am — 158 10:45am — 120

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of
Ken and Betty McConnell

Joel Ausan, health issues

Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer

Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens

Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen

Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson

Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer

Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.

Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family

Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke

Logan Ellsworth, fractured bone in left arm

Ken Wehmas, in hospice care

Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs

Betty McConnell, radiation treatments

Brittany Fulcer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen, DCE call

Donny Houseman, mental health issues

Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother

Madonna Hauge, recovering from a fall

Maxine, Diane Halbur's sister, suffered a stroke

Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures

Jeff Loeschen, Trevor's father, recovering from
heart & vascular surgery

Ladean, Faylene Kluver's brother, cancer surgery

Chase, Kluver's grandson, hand surgery

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua
Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim
Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Denny Lensch, Terry Moehnke,
Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark
Mueller, Phil Eshelman



Christ Lutheran-St. Paul Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 1 8:00am
Woodland Hills Golf Course

Four-person best shot



Contact Greg Stokke with
questions at 515-681-3127.