



St. Paul News

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of
St. Paul Lutheran Church
is to promote the
worship of the Triune God
as revealed in Holy Scriptures,
by teaching the Gospel of
Jesus Christ and administering
the Sacraments, in order to
equip people for Christian
life and service.



"The Lord Will Provide"

"So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The Lord will provide.'"
-- Genesis 22:14

Have you ever found yourself wondering, "How is this going to work out?" Maybe it was a decision you had to make, a situation you couldn't control, or a future you couldn't yet see. You had questions—but no clear answers.

That's where Abraham was in Genesis 22. God had called him to go to a mountain he would show him. Abraham did not know all the details. He did not have the full picture. But he went, trusting the Lord.

And at just the right moment, God provided. A ram in the thicket. A sacrifice in place of Isaac. A promise kept. And Abraham gave that place a name: "The Lord will provide."

As I reflect on these past ten months of Sunday mornings together, there is much to give thanks for. We have gathered around God's Word. We have heard His promises. We have received His gifts.

And now, my role is changing. I will no longer be serving you as preacher on Sunday mornings, though I will continue to serve as visitation pastor and walk alongside your call committee as circuit visitor.

That kind of transition can raise quiet questions: What comes next? Who will the Lord send? When will that happen? And into those questions, God speaks: "The Lord will provide."

Sometimes we are tempted to measure God's faithfulness by what we can currently see. If we don't see the solution yet, we begin to wonder if it will come at all.

But Genesis 22 reminds us that God's provision is often seen most clearly in hindsight. At the moment of need—often at the last moment—the Lord provides exactly what is needed. And more than that, this story points us to something even greater.

On another hill, God provided not a ram, but His own Son. Jesus is the true provision of God—the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. At the cross, God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all. There, He secured forgiveness, life, and salvation once and for all.

If God has already provided His own Son then we can certainly trust Him with everything else. Including your congregation. Including the call process.

The same Lord who has sustained His Church for generations is still at work. He knows your needs. He hears your prayers. And in His time, He will provide a faithful shepherd for His flock. That is His promise.

In the meantime, His gifts have not stopped. His Word is still living and active. His forgiveness is still spoken. His Supper is still given. Christ is still present among you.

And I am grateful that I can continue to serve among you—in visits, in conversation, in bringing Christ's Word into the everyday places of life, and in assisting with the call process.

But above all, we give thanks that God's Spirit and His Word is still at work. The Lord continues to provide. And He is not finished.

So whatever questions lie ahead, hold onto this promise: The Lord will provide. He always has. He still does. And He always will.

In Christ,
Pastor David Tilney

If you have a pastoral care need, please do not hesitate to call me at (218) 206-5825.

Items of Interest

Special Meeting

On Sunday, May 17th directly following the worship service there will be a Special Voters' Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to call a pastor.

Time Change!!!!

Starting **June 7th** the time for Sunday's services will resume to 9:30 am and coffee time to follow the service. On that Sunday our new Vacancy Pastor Loren Kruse will be here. Pastor Kruse will have the Sunday Services and Pastor Tilney will continue with care for the ill, hospitalized, and shut-ins. You can call Pastor Tilney directly at 218-206-5825 or LuAnn at the church office.



Our congratulations to Jackson Staab! He is our high school senior graduate from our congregation. There will be a special recognition for him, at the 10 am coffee hour on May 17th. Everyone is welcomed to attend and wish him luck in his future endeavors.



May Birthdays

- May 1 Mark Reinke,
Shannon Ryer
- May 2 Sarah Guertin, Kylie Ramirez
- May 3 Norma Just
- May 4 Darlene Reinke
- May 6 Jenelle Donner,
Kathy Korthuis, Craig Timm
- May 7 Doug Schmidt Jr,
Logan Van Sickle
- May 11 Lennon Anderson
- May 12 Pastor Dennis Schultz,
David Skjette
- May 13 Merlin Buchholz, Jim Rigge
- May 14 Ashley Kirschbaum
- May 15 Lucas Canatsey
- May 18 Dorian Gatchell, Mason Hegna
- May 20 Andrew Lubrant
- May 21 Noah Christensen, Parker Hjelle,
MacKennzie Kotek
- May 22 Linda Hildahl, Lisa Ryer,
Daphne Timm
- May 23 Danica Anderson
- May 24 Clifford Anderson
- May 25 Garrett Cunningham, Kyra Kvam
- May 26 Wesley Anderson,
Andrew Beyer, Bobbi Reinke
- May 27 Sean Steffen
- May 28 Dennis Peterson
- May 29 Steve Reinke Jr, Carol Rude

Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office
if we missed yours.

Welcome New Members:

Joyce Luckow, Pete Gunlogson and LeAnn Lange.

LWML News

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the mites and the monthly "Noisy offerings." In April \$103.39 was donated. This money will go toward LWML mission projects.

On Monday, April 20th, we had our quarterly meeting. The following people volunteered to be on a committee to look into purchasing green paraments for our altar: Mary Hammer, Nancy Guertin and Kathy Enninga. We look forward to seeing the final result!

Our Summertime Pie Social will be held on Wednesday, July 15th. The committee will meet Sunday, July 12th after services to finalize the plans. This is our annual fund raiser that our congregation and others in the community look forward to each year!

The next Quarterly meeting will be Monday, July 27th but the time as not been set yet. Watch the upcoming newsletter and bulletins for the announcement.

Mary Hammer and Judy Rode plan to attend the MN North District 32nd Biennial Convention at Waite Park, MN from June 22-24. Judy is our delegate from our church. Sue plans to go just on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please contact Sue if you would like to ride along just for the one day experience. The one day fee for the convention is \$35 by May 15. If you sign up later than that, the cost goes up to \$50. Please contact LuAnn in the office for registration forms that must be mailed in with your fee. There are events planned for all 3 days of the convention. Monday begins with breakout sessions: A. LWML Today and the Vision for the Future. B. Fearfully and Wonderfully Made by Lutherans for Life. C. Expanding the Spanish Footprint. Monday evening is a worship service held at Redeemer Church in St. Cloud. Tuesday is the banner procession, Keynote Speaker, Rev. Kris Whitby as well as LWML President Eden Keefe. Throughout the day we will hear from several Mites in Action Speakers sharing the impact our mites have made on their organizations. Rev. Dr. Patrick Lovejoy will lead our Bible Study sessions. The Great River Resonance handbell choir will present entertainment in the evening. Wednesday is the Mite Walk and more Mites in Action speakers, installation of new officers and a closing worship service. A Silent Auction will also be held at the convention. Our society is thinking of items to put in a basket for people to bid on. If you have anything you'd like to donate to add to the gift basket, please let Mary Hammer or Kathy Enninga know. You will most certainly enjoy the time spent there as well as getting to know ladies from the entire MN North District!

The Altar Guild is looking for help with the months of June and August and we encourage men, women and kids who have been confirmed to volunteer. If you'd be willing to help for the month or just one weekend in the month of June or August, we'd appreciate it. A sign up sheet is out for you to sign up for the month or a weekend if you'd prefer. You can also call the church office and tell LuAnn which month or weekend you'd like to help with. If you are new to Altar Guild, we will help you out and also there is a detailed photo booklet to walk you through the steps of setting things up! If you are interested in hearing what's involved please contact Sue Erickson or Mary Hammer for more details.

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the many beautiful cards and for the generous gift certificates to Rock Dining and Padelford Riverboats. Your kindness and thoughtfulness truly mean a great deal to my family and me.

I give thanks to the Lord for you—for your encouragement, your generosity, and the time we have shared together around His Word. These gifts are a reflection of His grace at work among you.

Thank you again for your kindness. It has been a joy to serve among you. In Christ, Pastor David Tilney

I would like to thank you all for the cards, thoughts and most of all for the prayers during my back surgery and the recovery time. It has meant so much to me! Recovery has been "day by day", but I have been able to cut back a little on some of the pain medications. I pray for patience to get through and not overdo it on the days I feel good! I seem to have difficulty with that! Thanks again for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Tammy Edman

Vital Statistics

Attendance and Offering Report for April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Thur, Apr 2	45	\$465.00
Fri, Apr 3	46	\$360.00
Sun, Apr 5	101	\$3,761.00
Sun, Apr 15	54	\$3,655.00
Sun, Apr 19	57	\$940.00
Sun, Apr 26	80	\$2,775.00

(2026 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,336.00)

Financials as of 4-28-2026

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$47,742.45
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$57,819.64</u>
Difference	(\$10,077.19)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$47,906.35
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$57,819.64</u>
Difference	\$9,913.29



SAC Groups will be our greeters and ushers. If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

Group 3

Serving for May

Baker, Lisa
Cuklanz, Nancy
Duenwald, Karley
Freitag, Avis
Gabbert, Carol
Galow, DuWayne and Karen
Gunlogson, Pete
Hegna, Rolland and RaeAnn
Hildahl, Linda
Hoff, Jason and Molly
Ims, Dorothy
Iverson, Pam
Johnson, Jennifer
Just, Wes and Norma
Kelly, Mary
Kvam, Curtis
Lange, LeAnn
Luckow, Joyce
Olson, LuAnn
Peterson, LeRoy and Jan
Quintal, Teresa
Reinke, Darlene
Rigge, Anita
Rush, Barb
Schmidt, Douglas Jr. and Darla
Steffen, Boyd
Streich, Eugene
Streich, Linda
Trotter, Donnie and Jodi
Ulven, Lorna
Van Sickle, Eric and Jane
Winters, Kelly

Daily Bible Readings for May

May 1	Joshua 22	Job 31	Acts 14
May 2	Joshua 23-24	Job 32	Acts 15:1-21
May 3	Judges 1	Job 33	Acts 15:22-41
May 4	Judges 2-3	Job 34	Acts 16:1-15
May 5	Judges 4-5	Job 35	Acts 16:16-40
May 6	Judges 6	Job 36	Acts 17:1-15
May 7	Judges 7-8	Job 37	Acts 17:16-34
May 8	Judges 9	Job 38	Acts 18
May 9	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39	Acts 19:1-20
May 10	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40	Acts 19:21-41
May 11	Judges 13	Job 41	Acts 20:1-16
May 12	Judges 14-15	Job 42	Acts 20:17-38
May 13	Judges 16	Psalms 42	Acts 21:1-36
May 14	Judges 17-18	Psalms 43	Acts 21:37-22:29
May 15	Judges 19	Psalms 44	Acts 22:30-23:22
May 16	Judges 20	Psalms 45	Acts 23:23-24:9
May 17	Judges 21	Psalms 46	Acts 24:10-27
May 18	Ruth 1-2	Psalms 47	Acts 25
May 19	Ruth 3-4	Psalms 48	Acts 26:1-18
May 20	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalms 49	Acts 26:19-32
May 21	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalms 50	Acts 27:1-12
May 22	1 Samuel 3	Psalms 51	Acts 27:13-44
May 23	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalms 52	Acts 28:1-16
May 24	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalms 53	Acts 28:17-31
May 25	1 Samuel 8	Psalms 54	Romans 1:1-15
May 26	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalms 55	Romans 1:16-32
May 27	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalms 56	Romans 2:1-3:8
May 28	1 Samuel 12	Psalms 57	Romans 3:9-31
May 29	1 Samuel 13	Psalms 58	Romans 4
May 30	1 Samuel 14	Psalms 59	Romans 5
May 31	1 Samuel 15	Psalms 60	Romans 6

*Our thanks to those who
donated a plant for
our Easter garden.*



Nancy Cuklanz in memory of loved ones.

Tom and Tammy Edman in memory of loved ones.

Wes and Sue Erickson in memory of loved ones.

Pete Gunlogson and LeAnn Lange in memory of loved ones.

Mary Hammer in memory of Merle and our parents.

Rolland and RaeAnn Hegna in memory of our parents.

Ken and Carol Podratz in memory of loved ones.

Pastor and Phyllis Schultz in memory of our parents.

Kerry and Julie Steffen in memory of loved ones.

Al Timm in memory of Mavis Timm and Curt Timm.

Jim and Eileen Wegner in memory of loved ones.

MUSIC at St. Paul's

St. Paul Lutheran Church members would like to thank the Mixed Choir and Handbells for the beautiful music that they add to our services! If you would like to join either or both choirs, their Wednesday evening practices will start up again in fall.



First Row: Director and Accompanist Phyllis Schultz, Molly Hoff, Mary Hammer, Holly Cobb, Laura Beyer, Judy Rode. Second Row: Amy Redepenning, Cindy Rigge, Nancy Cuklanz, Jim Rigge, Jan Peterson.



Director Phyllis Schultz, Carley Redepenning, Mary Kelly, Nancy Cuklanz, Sue Erickson, Nicole Boelter, Carol Podratz, Holly Cobb, Laura Beyer, Carol Gabbert, Theresa Luepke.



Lutheran Women's in Missions
LWML MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT
32nd Biennial Convention June 22-24, 2026
The Park Event Center, Waite Park, MN
News Release Information

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11)

2026 North District Convention Information

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Minnesota North District will be gathering at The Park Event Center, Waite Park, MN to hold it's 32nd Biennial District Convention June 22-24, 2026. The convention theme, "*Let His Joy be Your Joy!*" is based on the Bible passage, *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.* (John 15:11).

The Convention Registration Forms may be found on the LWML Minnesota North District website, lwmlmnn.org and/or in the spring edition of the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. Hotel booking information can be found on the Hotel Lodging Sheet that is available to download from the convention page at lwmlmnn.org. Room blocks are reserved through May 21 at both hotels. A meal plan may be purchased separately if you chose to not stay at the hotel. A downloadable FAQs sheet is available if you have any convention question.

Check-in for the convention will begin at 11:00 AM, in The Park Event Center lobby. Breakout sessions will begin at 1:00 PM. Please review the agenda in your packet for further information. Opening Worship Service will be at 7:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN. Convention business includes Bible Study, Mites-in-action speakers, a Mite Walk, singing, entertainment, food and fellowship. Officer elections and adoption of a new mission goal also are important parts of the business meeting. Rev. Kris Whitby is our keynote speaker. He serves as Assistant to the the President – Mission and Ministry for the Northern Illinois District. He was a parish pastor for 24 yrs, hosted a radio talk show "Faith Talks," and has written many resources for the LWML including Mustard Seed Devotions, Prayers services and the "At Table with Jesus" Bible Study.

LWML is looking for Young Women to join the convention at Waite Park. The goal of the Young Women Committee is: to provide information and inspiration for young women in our congregations to learn more about Christ our Savior and how to share His love for us with others. The job of this committee is to educate young women about the mission of the LWML and to encourage active participation the LWML by women age 35 and older.

More information and helps are available on the district website, lwmlmnn.org, in the Spring packet and the *Minnesota Northern Light* newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you at the convention

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	4	5	6	7 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir	1 8	2 9
10 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service	11	12 6:30 pm Board of Elders mtg 7 pm Church Council mtg	13	14 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	15	16
Mother's Day		St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers		"Dinner at Your Door"		
17 10 am Graduate Recognition 11 am Worship Service 12 pm Special Voters' Mtg	18	19	20	21 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir 1:30 pm Bible Study	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23
24 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	25 	26	27	28 9 am Bldg Bridges Choir	29	30
31 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service			Elders Brian Beyer Dave Guertin Jim Rigge	Altar Guild Laura Beyer and Judy Rode		