



# *St. Paul News*

## *June 2026*

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*The Lutheran Church -  
Missouri Synod*

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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.

# **Time Change starting June 7, 2026**

**9:30 am**

**Worship Service  
with  
coffee and fellowship  
to follow**

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## 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.

## Church Council

Our June 2026 - May 2027 Council members are as follows. Thanks to Tom Edman and Chris Berends for your work when you were on the council.

### Board of Elders

Brian Beyer (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)  
Dave Guertin (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)  
Jim Rigge (2<sup>nd</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

### Board of Trustees

Kris Cobb (1<sup>st</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)  
Tyler Staab (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)  
Otto Luepke (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

**Chairman:** Merlin Buchholz

**Vice Chairman:** Brad Christensen

**Secretary:** Carol Gabbert (1<sup>st</sup> term/2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

**Treasurer:** Theresa Luepke (1<sup>st</sup> term/3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

Quarterly Voters' Assembly will meet on Sunday, June 21st at 10:30 am in the parish hall. All confirmed members 18 years of age and older are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend.

## LWML News

Thanks to all who find pocket change to contribute to the mites and the monthly "Noisy offerings." In May \$16.92 was donated. This money will go toward LWML mission projects.

Upcoming events for this summer include our annual Summertime Pie Social. It will be held on Wednesday, July 15th. Watch the bulletin for further updates. There will be sign-up sheets to help with preparing the meal, making or baking pies, setting tables, serving food and cleaning up. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We appreciate everyone's help and support! We will be having a short meeting in a Sunday school room on Sunday, July 12th to finalize the Pie Social.

The LWML Minnesota North District 32nd Biennial Convention will be held June 22-24 at The Park Event Center in Waite Park. Judy R. and Mary H. are our delegates. Sue E. and Kathy E. plan to attend on Tuesday, June 23rd. If you would like to ride along with Sue for just that day, please

## June Birthdays

June 1	Melodee Syring
June 3	Jordynn Berends, Bryce Schmidt
June 5	Matthew Johnson, Kolton Luepke, Korver Zens
June 6	Troy Myers
June 7	Mark Johnson
June 8	Blayne Schmidt
June 10	Jody Hempel, Hunter Kerkela, <b>Alfred Timm - 102</b>
June 12	Tara Staab
June 14	Brayton Hammer, Tanner Read
June 15	Nancy Cuklanz, Chad Doose
June 16	Susan Doose, LeRoy Peterson
June 17	Kristin Rosassen
June 18	Anna Larson
June 22	Tom Edman, Darla Schmidt
June 24	Jacob Galow
June 25	Tracie Read
June 26	Chance Roberts
June 27	Erin Bissett
June 29	Brenda Peterson
June 30	Logan Hoff, Adriana Thein

### Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.

contact Sue. The cost to attend for one day is \$50 plus your meals.

The LWML Retreat at Luther Island Camp is on August 7-9. The speaker is Christian Walther. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office and LuAnn can help you get registered. More information can be seen on the church bulletin board.

The Altar Guild is still looking for additional help during the summer. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Sue E. or Mary H. We will have you work alongside another member of the Altar Guild to show you what needs to be done.

**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 4

### Serving for June

Anderson, Kristen  
 Banken, Janine  
 Berends, Alan and Linda  
 Bruss, Margie  
 Canatsey, Austin  
 Donner, Jenelle  
 Ebel, Colton and Emily  
 Edman, Tom and Tammy  
 Gabbert, Don and Jeanne  
 Hildahl, Dan and Valerie  
 Holtan, Marie  
 Hoyer, Lanny  
 Jeseritz, Madison  
 Jeseritz, Tanya  
 Johnson, Mark  
 Keller, Katie  
 Kling, Verlyn and Barb  
 Kvam, Carrie  
 Kvam, Gordon  
 Kvam, LeRoy and Debra  
 Luepke, Mike and Pam  
 Meyer, Greg and Jackie  
 Meyer, Larry and Karla  
 Reese, Tom  
 Schultz, Dennis and Phyllis  
 Skjefte, Dave and Val  
 Skjefte, Mariah  
 Steffen, Kerry and Julie  
 Timm, Craig and Susan  
 Timm, Daphne  
 Timm, Lee  
 Twedt, Charles and Kari  
 Wilking, Larry  
 Yeager, Dave and Darlene

### Financials as of 5-27-2028

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$66,657.60
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$72,274.55</u>
Difference	(\$5,616.95)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$53,786.03
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$72,274.55</u>
Difference	\$18,488.52

## Daily Bible Readings for June

Jun 1	1 Samuel 16	Psalm 61	Romans 7
Jun 2	1 Samuel 17:1-54	Psalm 62	Romans 8
Jun 3	1 Samuel 17:55-18:30	Psalm 63	Romans 9:1-29
Jun 4	1 Samuel 19	Psalm 64	Romans 9:30-10:21
Jun 5	1 Samuel 20	Psalm 65	Romans 11:1-24
Jun 6	1 Samuel 21-22	Psalm 66	Romans 11:25-36
Jun 7	1 Samuel 23-24	Psalm 67	Romans 12
Jun 8	1 Samuel 25	Psalm 68	Romans 13
Jun 9	1 Samuel 26	Psalm 69	Romans 14
Jun 10	1 Samuel 27-28	Psalm 70	Romans 15:1-13
Jun 11	1 Samuel 29-31	Psalm 71	Romans 15:14-33
Jun 12	2 Samuel 1	Psalm 72	Romans 16
Jun 13	2 Samuel 2:1-3:1	Daniel 1	Mark 1:1-20
Jun 14	2 Samuel 3:2-39	Daniel 2:1-23	Mark 1:21-45
Jun 15	2 Samuel 4-5	Daniel 2:24-49	Mark 2
Jun 16	2 Samuel 6	Daniel 3	Mark 3:1-19
Jun 17	2 Samuel 7-8	Daniel 4	Mark 3:20-35
Jun 18	2 Samuel 9-10	Daniel 5	Mark 4:1-20
Jun 19	2 Samuel 11-12	Daniel 6	Mark 4:21-41
Jun 20	2 Samuel 13	Daniel 7	Mark 5:1-20
Jun 21	2 Samuel 14	Daniel 8	Mark 5:21-43
Jun 22	2 Samuel 15	Daniel 9	Mark 6:1-29
Jun 23	2 Samuel 16	Daniel 10	Mark 6:30-56
Jun 24	2 Samuel 17	Daniel 11:1-19	Mark 7:1-13
Jun 25	2 Samuel 18	Daniel 11:20-45	Mark 7:14-37
Jun 26	2 Samuel 19	Daniel 12	Mark 8:1-21
Jun 27	2 Samuel 20-21	Hosea 1:1-2:1	Mark 8:22-9:1
Jun 28	2 Samuel 22	Hosea 2:2-23	Mark 9:2-50
Jun 29	2 Samuel 23	Hosea 3	Mark 10:1-31
Jun 30	2 Samuel 24	Hosea 4:1-11	Mark 10:32-52

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance and Offering Report for May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, May 3	40	\$11,552.04
Sun, May 10	50	\$1,445.00
Sun, May 17	70	\$2,075.00
Sun, May 24	43	\$3,814.00
Sun, May 31	N/A	

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



## LWML Summertime Pie Social July 15th

More info will be in the bulletins and July newsletter.



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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voters' Meeting Minutes

### March 22, 2026

March 15, 2026, meeting was rescheduled to today because of the weather.

(Covers period from Dec 14 to present.)

Meeting called to order at 10AM by Chairman Brad Christensen

Opening prayer led by Elder Dave Guertin

Minutes from Dec meeting and Special Voters' meeting 1/4/26 were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Rigge and seconded by Tyler Staab to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Financial Report on Feb and Dec to Feb Designated Projects. A motion was made by Jim Wegner and seconded by Otto Luepke to accept the Financial Report and Designated Project reports as presented. Motion passed.

**Pastoral Report** – Information covered in Elders Report

#### **Membership Report**

Released – Eric Freitag – personal request, and

Taylor and Victoria (Guertin) Patterson to American Lutheran Church, Windom, MN (ELCA)

Confirmed March 8, 2026 – Lucas Canatsey, James Luepke, and Brielle Redepenning

Death – Larry Cuklanz died Tuesday March 10, 2026 – funeral Saturday, March 21, 2026

#### **Board of Elders**

- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services are at 5 pm.
- Discussion held regarding offering counting. More people need to be involved. Requires at least two people, with one being a council member (not treasurer).
- Pastor Tilney's vacancy pastor position ends April 26<sup>th</sup>. A list of names has been received to contact for serving as a visiting pastor or vacancy pastor

#### **Board of Trustees**

- North Door handicap entrance – circuit board burned out
- Running water in handicap bathroom
- Lights for south side crosses being worked on

#### **Special committees**

- Call committee update – meeting today to call a pastor

A motion was made by Otto Luepke and seconded by Jim Rigge to accept the committee reports as presented. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

- Brief discussion regarding potential audio/visual upgrades.

#### **New Business**

- Financial Review committee needed – Merlin Bucholz, Sue Erickson and Mary Kelly volunteered. Arrangements will be handled with Theresa Luepke and LuAnn Olson.
- Election of officers – looking for candidates for Trustees, Elders, and Vice-Chairman. Brad Christensen volunteered for Vice-Chairman. Motion made by Dave Guertin and seconded by Tyler Staab to accept the nomination of Brad as Vice-Chairman. Motion passed.
- After discussion a motion was made by Merlin Bucholz and seconded by Mary Kelly to designate and name a Sunday school room after Larry Cuklanz. Motion passed.

#### **Announcements**

- Special Voters' Meeting on Sunday March 22 following church service.
- Next Board of Elders and Council meetings are May 12th

Motion was made by Jim Wagner and seconded by Otto Luepke to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried.

Submitted: Carol Gabbert, Council Secretary

(Not approved by the Voter's but ok'd to publish by Church Council)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	3	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Time	8	9 6:30 pm Board of Elders mtg 7 pm Church Council mtg	10	11	12	13
				"Dinner at Your Door"		
14 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 am Coffee Time Father's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20
21 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Qtly Voters' Mtg	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 am Coffee Time	29	30		<u>Altar Guild</u> Open		
			<u>Elders</u> Brian Beyer Dave Guertin Jim Rigge			