

The word "JUNE" is written in large, colorful, sans-serif capital letters. The 'J' is purple with a yellow flower on top. The 'U' is orange, the 'N' is blue, and the 'E' is green.

***The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Psalm 19:1***

Memorial Day has passed, and summer is upon us. It is a time to relax, recreate, and enjoy a beautiful Minnesota summer. It is time to get outdoors and soak up some sun, whether on a lake, a golf course, or in my case, a bike trail. I want to encourage all of you to do just that. In nature, you can feel a special closeness to God. As the Psalmist says, ***“the heavens declare the glory of God.”***

At the same time, I encourage you to stay involved in worship. While the heavens declare God’s glory, they do not communicate God’s love. If you’ve encountered a severe thunderstorm, a tornado, an earthquake, or a hurricane, you know that nature can be capricious. The natural order can be beautiful, awe-inspiring, but also terrifying and fear-producing. In addition, in our modern age, as we begin to comprehend the vast complexity of the creation, we can start to feel incredibly insignificant. That is why we need to remind ourselves that the God behind creation is not just a magnificent creator, but also a personal and loving God willing to die on the cross for us. In the struggles of life, we often forget this foundational truth and need to be reminded regularly.

For this reason, we are again offering Tuesdays in the Chapel, a worship service at an alternative time, on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in Saint Paul’s Chapel. It is a half-hour service. If you miss Sunday service, show up for Tuesdays in the Chapel. It starts the first Tuesday after Memorial Day and goes through Labor Day. Hope to see you there.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong,
Pastor Carl

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Jake Marz at 7:50 pm

Members Present: Jake Marz, Kim Graff, Kelly Sargent, Angel Rummel, Andy Renner, Paul Muske, Randy Wendt, Pastor Carl Billings, Kathy Pederson, & Katie Mueller
Absent: Sarah Groebner and Anita Jensen

Opening Prayer: Pastor Carl
Consent Agenda -- M/S/P by Paul Muske and Kelly Sargent

Secretary's Report – Approved
Financial Statement – Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Building & Grounds:

*Wasp Situation – Tabled

*Sanctuary Paint/Ceiling – Sanctuary front area is painted and new bulbs replaced. Ceiling still waiting on.

*Church Mutual – Tabled no response yet.

*Trees – (2) at church – (2) at parsonage – Marz's family will take down trees as a donation to the church. M/S/P by Paul and Andy

Pastors Report:

*Tuesdays in the Chapel Budget – Approved \$1000 to advertise M/S/P Paul and Kathy

Call Committee Report:

*The Call Committee continues to meet regularly. All LCMC Pastors/Ministries nationwide have been contacted.

Had 2 interviews – not interested at this time.

German Supper: Profit as of 05/12/25 is \$5,125.34

TV in Room 101: Funding approved to purchase

NEW BUSINESS:

LCMC Gathering – Oct 5-8, 2025, find 2-4 people to attend

Riverside Days Community Worship – June 29th – Service in the park, no service at St Pauls – M/S/P Paul and Kathy

Katie Vacation Time – July 14-18 and July 31 and August 4-8 M/S/P Kim and Kelly
Gideons Donation – May 25th Will have a collection plate for Free Will Offering in the back of church

Pastors Report – Pastor gave notice of retirement set for October of 2026. Call Committee should look at attending Temple Talk this fall.

Summer Council Meetings – June, July, August council meetings will be a 7pm and pastor will attend virtually.

M/S/P

Paul and Andy

Closing Prayer: -- The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: -- 8:45 PM

Submitted by Kim Graff, Council Secretary

2025 Church Council

Jacob Marz - Chair	
Kim Graff - Secretary	Kelly Sargent - Treasure
Randy Wendt	Paul Muske
Kathy Pederson	Angel Rummel
Sarah Groebner	Andy Renner

St Paul Attendance

4/27 9am - 78

5/4 10am - 194

5/11 9am - 104

5/18 9am - 56

5/25 9am - 39

Budget Recap Year-To-Date (01/01/25 to 5/28/25)

Total Funds for Budget	\$69,131.00	Total Operating Funds	\$69,131.00
Budget	\$96,090.33	Operating Exp.	\$86,860.26
Difference	(\$26,959.33)	Difference	(\$20,729.26)

Memorials Given 4/27/2025 - 5/27/2025

In Memory:

Rose Salonek
Alvin Matzke
Pastor Maurice Hagen

Given by:

Rod & Rhonda Larson
Edna Goll
Thomas & Brenda Reiner

Designated for:

Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Thrivent Financial—As always, St. Paul Lutheran Church is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM, we ask you to consider St. Paul Lutheran as you help direct Thrivent Financials charitable funds.

We are planning another Mission Trip to **Feed My Starving Children** in Chanhassen, MN on Tuesday, July 1st. We have space for 56 participants and have invited the other Springfield Congregations to join us. We will be taking a motorcoach bus and working 2 shifts. We will leave from church at 7:00 a.m. and return approximately 4:00 p.m. We will be packing meals for children throughout the world. Lunch will be provided between the two sessions. If you would like to participate, please let Katie know or sign up in the narthex or use the QR Code.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 23, 2025.





Tuesdays in the Chapel
Worship will be each
Tuesday of the Summer
at 6:00 p.m. Holy
Communion will be on
the first and third
Tuesday.

We are now offering a new way for giving! A recent upgrade to our member database that we use, "Servant Keeper", now offers us an online giving platform that is included in the program.

The link to give to the General Fund is: giving.servantkeeper.com/StPaulLutheran

You can give a one-time donation or set up scheduled giving by using your credit/bank card or by bank transfer. These gifts will go directly into your church giving statement, saving you checks, and us time! Give it a try!

*The church office needs to have your email address on file for you to set up your giving this way. Please note that newulmtel.net or nuvera.net emails do not work for this set up. If you have any questions, please talk to Katie.



Deadlines:
Sunday Bulletin: Wednesday by 10 am.
Epistle: 20th of each month. Please call or email the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle. stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Help us keep our Church Directory up to date! We would like to get updated pictures of each member family for the directory.
 If you have a nice family photo you would like to use instead, you can email a copy to Katie at stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com at any time.

Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!
 Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold of you!
 You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie's office, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!

"St Paul's Cares" meals are in the kitchen freezer. The meals are each labeled with a post card message and prayer on the front and cooking instruction on the back of the card. The idea is that any member of St. Paul's may take a meal and deliver it to someone who could use it. Some examples would be during an illness or death, welcoming a new baby home, enduring some hardship, etc. Thanks to the use of a Thrivent Action Team card, we have been able to provide this service to our community. Please let Katie know if you have any questions.

Our worship services are live broadcast on YouTube! Just subscribe to our YouTube Channel by going to www.youtube.com and searching for St Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN, or simply scan the QR Code with your smartphone. Be sure to subscribe so you will be notified when we go live!



St. Paul's next blood drive will be Wednesday, August 27th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Go redcrossblood.org to schedule your appt.
 Lunch provided for all donors and volunteers!



I need a few volunteers to help work at the blood drive.

St. John's Circle of Care auxiliary's mission is to help enhance the lives of both the residents and staff. The auxiliary has contributed monetarily to dozens of projects and given countless hours to volunteer time in faithful fulfillment of its mission. New members are welcome, everyone (men, women and children) are invited to join to support the auxiliary. The \$5.00 membership may be left at the St. John Lutheran Home front desk, given Elsie Groebner, or brought to the church office. The dues help with special programming and enhance employee morale!

Please pray for...Russell & Sharon Rogotzke. Jerome Kettner, Doug Rositzke; all those serving in the military, at home and abroad: Jesse Kettner, Cylee Graff, Shane Clemon, Ethan Langseth, Emily Wendt, and Tabor Gluth.
 Prayer Chain –If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified.

June 2025

* Indicates Choir Singing.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	2	3 6:00 pm Tuesdays in the Chapel with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	4 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	5	6 Office Closed	7
8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	9	10 10:00 am Worship at SJLH 6:00 pm Tuesdays in the Chapel 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	11 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:00 pm Council Meeting	12	13 Office Closed 2:00 BINGO @ SJLH	14
15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast 5:30 VBS Supper 6:00-8:15 VBS	16	17 6:00 pm Tuesdays in the Chapel with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast 5:30 VBS Supper 6:00-8:15 VBS	18 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 5:30 VBS Supper 6:00-8:15 VBS	19 5:30 VBS Supper 6:00-8:15 VBS	20 Office Closed	21
22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:30 Ch. 8 Broadcast	23 Deadline to sign up for Feed My Starving Children	24 6:00 pm Tuesdays in the Chapel 7:00 pm Ch. 8 Broadcast	25 10:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	26	27 Office Closed	28
29 10:00 am Ecumenical Worship in Riverside Park	30	July 1 7:00 am-4:00 pm— Mission Trip to Feed My Starving Children. More information in Epistle.				St. Paul Lutheran Church, 303 N Cass Ave, Springfield, MN 56087 Church Telephone: 507-723-5880 www.splespringfield.org stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

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Worship Service Helpers

Date	Sound & Video	Projection	Reader	Acolyte	Usher	Organist
6/1	Groebner Boys	Groebner Boys	Paul Muske	Lily Groebner Cash Anderson	Team 4	Jeff Krueger
6/8	Trevor Krebs	Mueller Family	Daniel Kettner	Gavin Brown Wyatt Dove	Team 1	Jeff Krueger
6/15	Dove Family	Dove Family	Jordan Pidde	Jonah Pidde Reagan Plaster	Team 2	Jo Schwartz
6/22	Tim Vogel	Mueller Family	Jo Muske	Adalyn Rudolph Leo Kral	Team 3	Jo Schwartz
6/29	10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service in Riverside Park					

June Birthdays!



Usher Teams

- 1 - Don Bloemke, John Marz, Jake Marz, Paul Meidl
- 2 - Doug Gatzlaff, Dave Bittler, Peter Heitzman
- 3 - Doug Schiller, Russell Rogotzke, Mark Buerkle, Jeremy Dove
- 4 - Tim Vogel, Scott Vogel, Bill Vogel

June Altar Guild

Elsie, Sue, Jordyn

June Anniversaries!



Community Treasures in Springfield

Store Hours: Monday & Friday 1 pm - 6 pm;
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am - 3 pm;
 Saturday 10 am - 1 pm; Donations can be dropped
 off any time during business hours.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

**Join us as we pack
meals for children
in need!**

SCAN TO
SIGN UP!



VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Chanhassen, MN.

The motor coach will leave from St. Paul's church parking lot at 7 a.m. and return appx. 4 p.m. Space is limited to 56 passengers. If you would like to join us, please contact the church office at 507-723-5880 or stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com.

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands!
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG

To our recently graduated Seniors and College Students, Don't forget to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship. **Applications must be received by July 15th.** For a copy of the Eligibility Rules and Application email Katie in the office stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com or go to www.splcspringfield.org/Scholarships



We need 2 volunteers for BINGO on June 13h at 2:00 pm. Please let Katie know if you can help out!

**St. Paul Lutheran
Church, LCMC**
303 N Cass Avenue
Springfield, MN 56087

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Please Deliver Promptly
Address Service Requested

Calendar Highlights - June 2025

Tuesdays in the Chapel at 6pm

13 - BINGO @ SJLH

29 - Ecumenical Worship in Riverside

July 1-Trip to Feed My Starving Children

Phone: 507-723-5880

www.splcspringfield.org

Office Hours

Pastor Carl Billings carlbillings@me.com

Monday & Tuesday 9-11 a.m.
or by appointment

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon
stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

Fin_secretary@newulmtel.net

Housekeeping: Mary Jo Simonson

Maintenance: Al Groebner

St. Paul EPISTLE is a publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of programs and ministries of the church.

Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (September-May)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk



**Give
Today!**



Springfield Area Food Shelf hours
Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am
625 N Jackson Ave - Springfield, MN 56087
(Springfield Clinic Lower Level)
507-723-3663 (FOOD)