

SPL NEWS

MAY 3 & 4, 2025
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM

OUR MISSION

*St. Paul's Lutheran is a church where those longing for a **different** life find a **grace-filled** life in Jesus.*

This Week's Scripture:

Acts 9:1-22
Revelation 5:1-14
John 21:1-14

This Week's Worship Songs

Here For You (Sunday)
Open Up The Heavens
Breakthrough
Here Again
What He's Done

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who attended and supported the *Country Boots and Christian Roots Dinner Auction* to benefit Unity Christian School this past Friday evening. Your generous contributions of money, time, and prayer make the ministry of UCS possible.

ELC TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week, **May 5th-9th**, we recognize the teachers at the Early Learning Center - one of SPL's critical ministries. They care for our youngest children, show them the love of Jesus every day, and teach them about their Savior and a whole lot more. Keep them in your prayers and offer encouragement and support this week.

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

All members should plan to attend the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on Sunday, **May 18**, at 12:00 PM in the Dining Room. We will consider the slate for Board of Elders for 2025-2026, review Ministry Reports and the budget and receive congregational updates.

Nominees for the 2025-2026 Board of Elders are:

Chairman (1 year term) - Steve Zarndt **Chairman Elect** (1 year term) - Sean Highley

Elder at Large (*continuing 2 year term*) - Brad Swartz and Bob Watters

Elder at Large (*beginning 2 year term*) - Chris Henkel, Paul Butler, Sam Morrow

Completion of Terms: Special thanks to outgoing Elders Tom Klebe, Josh Hammer, Terry Lovekamp, and Jonathan Offermann

SAVE THE DATE

SPL's **Community Vacation Bible School** is happening **June 10-12**. We invite everyone to come enjoy this community-wide event for the whole family in Fairview Park as a participant or as a volunteer. Registration is opening soon.



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UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

May 9 - Field Day

May 15 - Last Day of school (Noon dismissal)

May 15 - 8th Grade Graduation

May 18 - HS graduation

ELC UPDATE

May 8 - PreK Graduation, 5:30 PM, St. Paul's Worship Center

COMING UP AT SPL

May 18 - Semi-Annual Voters Meeting

May 25 - Encounter Worship Sunday

May 26 - SPL Church Office & ELC Closed for Memorial Day

May 31-June 7 - Mission Trip to North Carolina

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by The Harjung Family who are thankful to God for the blessing of family.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Easter attendance in person: 418

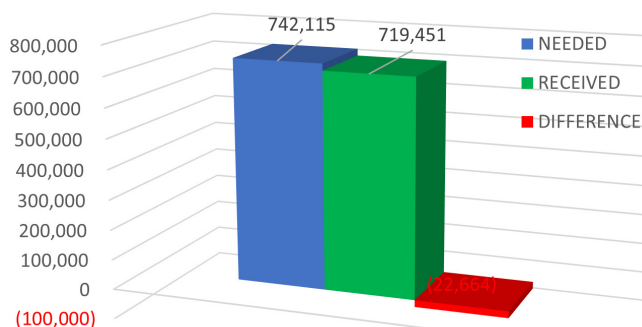
Easter attendance online: 96

Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 654

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY MARCH 2025

	4/20-4/26	APR TOTAL	2025 CALENDAR YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$174,615	\$742,115
RECEIVED	\$65,661	\$194,096	\$719,451
DIFFERENCE	\$22,007	\$19,481	(\$22,664)

General Fund Giving Through 4/26/25



OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the real presence of Jesus' Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper when offered during worship. Grape juice is located at the center of the tray for those who need it. Children who have not taken Communion Class are invited to come forward and receive a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine. (Communion class is offered to those in 6th grade or older).

If you have any questions or concerns about Communion, please talk with a Pastor after service.

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