

St. Anthony Park Lutheran

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Announcements

Adult Education Kickoff! ELCA Updated Sexuality Study

Hello, SAPLC family!

While we have exciting changes planned for overall discipleship formation this year (stay tuned!), we're starting off with two sessions on the topic of Human Sexuality.

The wider church has asked all ELCA congregations to consider a two-part study on proposed changes to our social statement on Human Sexuality. We'll do some scriptural study about the idea of 'bound conscience' (don't worry, we'll explain it later) and church unity, as well as provide background on the proposed changes.

Participants will be asked to provide online feedback to the task force after the sessions.

Please join your Co-Pastors, Daniel and Jill, as they each lead a session. The first one will be on Sunday, 9/20 at 10:50am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Daniel. The second session will be on Sunday, 9/27 at the same time, same place, led by Pastor Jill.

You can read more about the process here: <https://www.elca.org/social-teachings/2009-human-sexuality-theological-discernment-social-statements>

We hope to see you there!

Daniel and Jill

Bring a Little Blessing to Worship

Beginning in October, we'll gather and bless food-shelf donations on the first Sunday of every month. Whether you bring a single can or a full bag of groceries, your generosity helps ensure our neighbors have access to food and reminds us that God's abundance is meant to be shared. Bring what you can. Give what you have. Together, we can care for our neighbors.

Save the Date: St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Women's Retreat

February 19–21, 2027

In a troubled world, where can we find space for reflection, connection, spiritual renewal, and laughter?

Mark your calendar for a weekend of reflection, renewal, and connection for the women of SAPLC. Join us Friday evening through Sunday morning at The Village at Shores of St. Andrew, a peaceful retreat center on Lake Andrew near New London, Minnesota. The weekend will offer space for meaningful conversation and reflection, shared meals, indoor and outdoor activities, informal Sunday worship, and both guided and unstructured time for personal contemplation for women of all ages. The cost for a single occupancy room (2 nights of lodging + meals) will be \$280 total, and the cost for double occupancy will be \$240. Each room has a private bathroom and heating.

Our retreat theme will be "Spiritual Longing in a Troubled World." The weekend will be facilitated by the Rev. Mary Halvorson, retired pastor of Grace University Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, who has led women's retreats for more than 35 years. We hope you will set aside this weekend to step away from everyday demands, connect with other women in the congregation, and explore how we can nurture our spiritual lives in challenging times. Sign-up will open in September.



[Register Here](#)

Wednesday Dinners!

Come join our community for good food and fellowship. See old friends, meet new ones and celebrate the intergenerational culture at SAPLC.

Dinners are pay what you can but suggested donations are \$8 per person, \$30 for a family and \$50 pay-it-forward for families in need.

Menu:

September 23rd: Lasagna, pickled vegetables, green salad, garlic bread, panna cotta

There will be vegan and gluten free options available upon request.

For more events, check out our calendar



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