

The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul
Duluth, Minnesota

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation
Holy Eucharist
May 17, 2026
10:00 am

*After this service, please join us for a festive reception and Art Show
in the Parish Hall on the lower level. All ages welcome.*



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

I'm New

Welcome! If you would like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements.

About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate.

Restrooms

Exit at the side door at the front of the church and go down the hall. They are the first and second doors on the left side of the hallway.

What do I do?

This service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in **bold** print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in this booklet or in the blue or green hymnals in your pew.

May I have communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist.) No one is required to receive. We are serving both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

Worshiping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. There is a staffed nursery located down the hall. We also have a rocking chair in the back of church for parents with infants.

About St. Paul's

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Together we practice curiosity, awe, and community to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

The Liturgical Season

In the Episcopal Church, we follow a circular calendar with special seasons. We are currently in the season of Easter, which lasts seven Sundays or 50 days. During this season we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the appearances to his disciples, and God's power to conquer death and domination with love.

Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays

No 8 o'clock service on May 24

8:00 am

Rite I

10:00 am

Rite II

Wednesdays

weekly until Memorial Day

5:15 pm

Rite II

Stay in Touch

Find out more about St. Paul's or get connected with one of our leaders by emailing Rita in the parish office at office@stpaulsduluth.org.

Processional Hymn — *Rise, Shine, You People*

1. Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2. See, how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3. Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4. Tell how the Fath - er sent the Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 And brings us free - dom, light, and life and heal - ing. All men and
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us by death and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion a new cre - a - tion.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed by his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit:

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... (*Pause for silent prayer*) O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting .

Amen.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

One: Let God arise, and let God's ene-mies **be scattered;**
 let those who **hate God flee.**

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives **it away;**
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish **at God's presence.**

All: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice **before God;**
 let them also be mer-ry **and joyful.**

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
 exalt the One who rides up-**on the heavens;**
 YAHWEH is God's **name, rejoice!**

One: Father of orphans, defend-er **of widows,**
 God in the holy **habitation!**

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners **into freedom;**
 but the rebels shall live **in dry places.**

All: O God, when you went forth be-fore **your people,**
 when you marched **through the wilderness,**

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the **God of Sinai,**
 at the presence of God, the **God of Israel.**

One: You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon **your inheritance;**
 you refreshed the land when **it was weary.**

Your people found **their home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision **for the poor.**

All: Sing to God, O kingdoms **of the earth;**
sing praises **to the Lord.**

God rides in the heavens, the **ancient heavens;**
and sends forth God's voice, a **mighty voice.**

One: Ascribe **power to God,**
whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is **in the skies.**

How wonderful is God in the **holy places!**
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people!
Blest be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #460, Stanzas 1 and 2 — *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Please stand and face the procession as it moves to the center of the church for the reading of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn #460, Stanzas 3 and 4 — *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, X Bishop of ECMN

A contemplative silence is kept after the sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. Amen.

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Announcements

As is tradition, all non-pledge gifts today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. See p. 14 for info.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:

May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you. When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:

May you love him and serve him all your days; then in heaven may you see his face.

Offertory

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

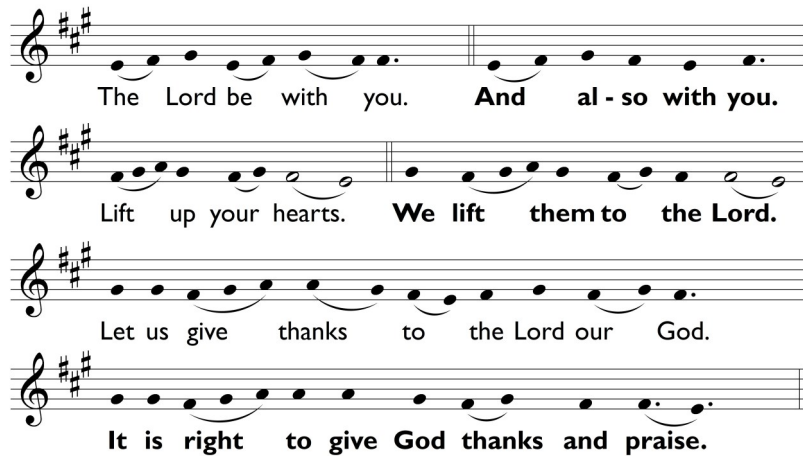
Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

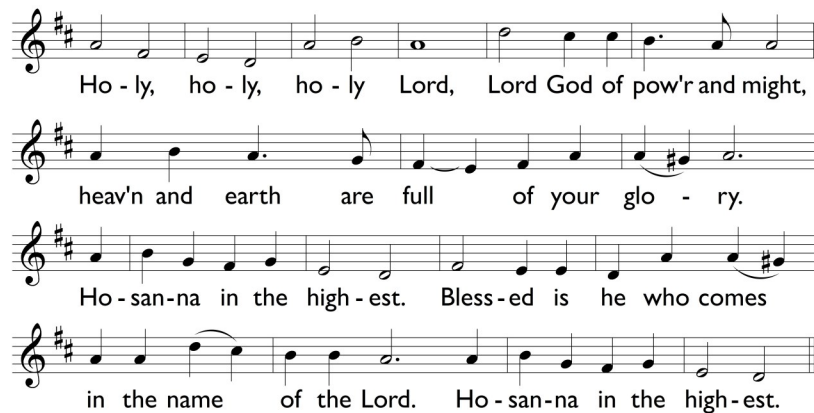
Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

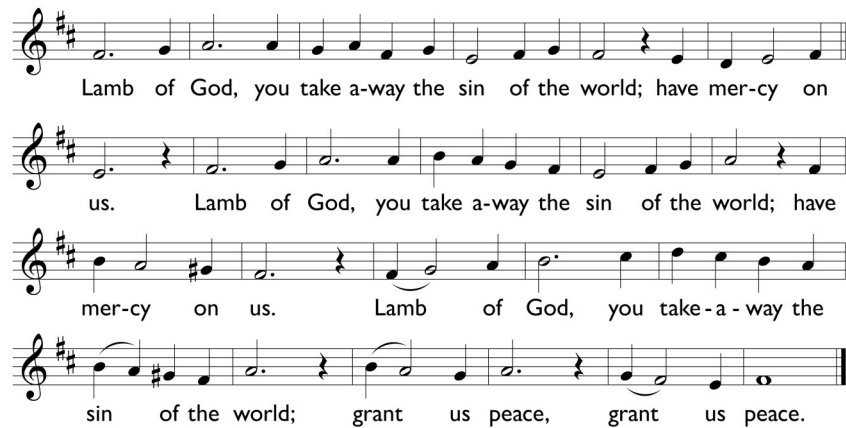


A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take-a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

*Because we believe that we gather around the Lord's table,
all are welcome and encouraged to receive communion.
Gluten-free hosts are available; please request this if needed.*

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Let us pray.

**Almighty and ever living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #397 — *Now Thank We All Our God*

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God, Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Prayers at St. Paul's

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

For the month of May, please pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary's and this chaplains, University Episcopal Community and all those who work with campus ministries.

For those who suffer and those in any trouble:

Claudia D	Tom M	Eddy M	Baby Jack & Family	Doug E
Virginia M	Ann Marie	Natalie S	Jenni & Family	Wendy R
Pat K	Charles B	Becca T	Jasmine & Family	Dan D
Callum	Bjørn G	Paul	Keith B	April C
Jon G	David B	Ann-Sofie	Kevin M	Mary J
Stuart B	Tom P	Lucy J	Sue M	Gloria B
John D	Gary B	Kirsti J	Diana H	Susan F
John B	Sally R	Anita R	John S	Lynn K
JoEllen S	Eric J	John B	Rick L	Linsey D

For those serving in the armed forces:

Lucy Fellman, Charles Lewis, Ricky Lyle and Nora Maddy

For those who are in seminary or in discernment.

And for those who are in long-term care facilities or are homebound:

Noreen Anderson, Mary Carlson, Helen Gruba, Steve Hennessy, Stan Henricksen, Maureen Matheson, Stephen & Mary Olmsted

For those who have died.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for:

Everyone involved in Faith Formation ministries at St. Paul's, including participants, volunteers, mentors, clergy and staff



Announcements

Welcome Bishop Craig W. Loya, X Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN)

St. Paul's is delighted to welcome back our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya, X Bishop of ECMN. Today's offering will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. This fund allows the Bishop to provide critical assistance to those in need around the diocese and world, and to support clergy, lay leaders, individuals preparing for ordination, and faith communities as they carry out particular ministries. The fund is also used to provide regular or occasional support for a variety of justice and relief organizations around Minnesota and beyond. Please make checks payable to "ECMN" and write "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PAUL'S ART SHOW

TODAY, Parish Hall

The Confirmation Class is hosting an art show to showcase their own projects as well as art from the congregation. Please view it at Coffee Hour today after church.



Messenger Deadline

Monday, May 18, 8:00 am

Please submit articles for the June issue of the Messenger by tomorrow morning.

Email to office@stpaulsduluth.org

St. Paul's Plant Sale

Saturday, May 23, 10 am-2 pm

The Outreach Committee will sponsor its second annual plant sale from 10 am to 2 pm. We will set up tables in front of the church along Superior Street. All funds raised will support Laundry Love. Donations of plants or money would be welcomed. Any plants not sold Saturday will be available Sunday after church.



Memorial Day Observed

Monday, May 25

Church Offices will be closed on May 25 in observance of the holiday. Also, we will have limited office coverage between May 26 to June 12 when Rita is on vacation. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays.

Messenger Mailing

Tuesday, May 26, 1:00 pm

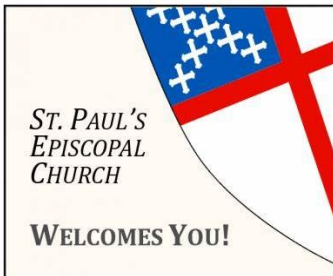
Please help fold and label the newsletter. Meet in the Parish Hall.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am

St. Paul's is delighted to honor all students who are graduating this year with a special blessing on May 31. Also, several of our high school seniors will share a message at this service. Graduates of college and all other academic programs will be listed in the bulletin and receive a blessing.

Announcements (continued)



Pray for the newly received:

Laurie Kania
Eric Jundt
Chris Meehan

Pray for the newly confirmed:

Matthew Devich
Mateo Edmunds
Maxwell Edmunds
Eliana Erspamer
Nathan French
Caitlin Gustafson
Anna Keto
Jack Shambour
and
Rachel (Rae) Finkel

***After the service, please join us for a festive reception and Art Show
in the Parish Hall on the Lower Level***

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Electronic Giving

You may donate checks or cash in the alms basins during the Offertory. If you prefer to donate to St. Paul's electronically, you may use this QR code to easily access our website donation page. **Thank you for your generosity.**



Serving Today

Presider:	The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, X Bishop of ECMN
Rector:	The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow
Deacon:	The Rev. Archdeacon Lee Grim
Vergers:	Kathleen Smith
Altar Guild:	Carrie Miller, Lynnea Hultkrantz
Lectors:	Melanie Spencer, Nancy Diener
Prayer Leader:	Annalisa H. Peterson
Music:	Chancel Choir; Mary Calantoc, cantor; Thomas Hamilton, organ
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice):	Susan Anderson, Melanie Spencer, John Pastor, Sue Sommer
Acolytes:	Jack Shambour, Sara Keto, Tanis Halverson
Liturgical Kite:	Anna Keto
Nursery Attendants:	Janice Schreck, Arna Rennan
Livestream:	Jay Austin
Ushers:	Gary Olson, Eirik Rennan, Nancy Schuldt, Paul Waite
Coffee Hosts:	Rothko Hauschildt, Janice Schreck
Lock-Up:	Bill Stapp