

**FRIDAY  
ONLY**

**Tuffy's Wiener  
Derby  
at  
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Park**

# 2026 Minnesota Oktoberfest

Friday, September 18th 5pm-10pm  
Saturday, September 19th 11am-9pm  
Delano Central Park • 650 River St N, Delano  
Presented by: St. Peter Lutheran Church - Watertown

**Admission: 21+ \$5.00  
Under 21 are free**

**SATURDAY  
ONLY**

**The first 500  
paid attendees  
receive a  
complimentary  
2026 Minnesota  
Oktoberfest Mug**

## Die Schweitzer Streicher String Duo

*Performing in the Das Edelweiß-Zelt  
Saturday 19th 11am-2pm*

Dr. **Charles Asch** is a performs classical, folk and popular music styles on cello. He attended Juilliard and University of Minnesota for his Master's and Doctorate degrees.

**Evan Shallcross** began his music training in Minneapolis, MN. He earned performance degrees from Oberlin Conservatory (BM) and the Yale School of Music (MM), He has performed and held positions with major orchestras in the United States and abroad.



## Jimi Jimi "The Polka Pirate" Performing Saturday 19th 5pm-5:30pm

has been part of the Polka dance community for many years and teaches dance at ballrooms, dance studios and festivals throughout the Twin Cities area.

He is a regular on the Polka Spotlight television program and enjoys sharing his love of dance with everyone he can.



## Keg Blessing & Tapping

Friday 18th 6-6:30pm  
Saturday 19th 7-7:30pm

**Minnesota  
Oktoberfest Market  
Saturday Only  
11am-7pm**

**FREE Kids Area  
Saturday Only  
11am-7pm**

## New - Saturday Only Das Edelweiß-Zelt

*Entertainment Tent located by  
the St. Peter's Famous  
Schnitzel Dinner Pavillion*

## The Paulaner Monk

*Phil Strege*

**Will be strolling Fest grounds  
Friday, 18th & Saturday, 19th  
Don't miss your chance to snap a pic!**



## Swiss Bliss

### Ralph & Mary Brindle

*Performing in the Das Edelweiß-Zelt  
Saturday 19th 2:12pm-2:45pm*

On a typical beautiful evening during spring, summer or fall, Swiss Bliss (Ralph and Mary Brindle) can be found playing alphorns somewhere...at home, at local parks, in the BWCA, in the mountains, even out in the snow while snowshoeing! Mary and Ralph play for outdoor weddings, Swiss Independence celebrations, and special occasions upon request. Active musicians with a variety of musical groups in the Twin Cities, Ralph and Mary began playing alphorns in 2004 and are excited to bring some alphorn serendipity wherever they are.



## The Dale Pexa Band

**Performing Friday 18th &  
Saturday 19th**

The Dale Pexa band originated in New Market Minnesota and was formed by Dale Pexa Sr. and wife Fran.

After they passed in 2015 & 2017 respectively, Dale Pexa Jr, Prior Lake MN, has kept up the family tradition of delighting listeners and dancers with traditional old tyme music with the big band sound!



**The Bavarian Boys & Fraulein  
Performing Saturday, 19th**

The Bavarian Boys, led by Chris Kalogerson, has been a part of the Minnesota ethnic music scene for several decades. The group has been entertaining audiences around the Twin Cities and the Upper Midwest, performing on polka tv shows, weddings, and at festivals. Chris started out as the leader of the house band at the Festival of Nations. The Bavarian Boys recorded their ever popular CD – 'Polka Music Plus', with over 30 songs, bringing together the combined musicianship and fun that 'Polka Time' in Minnesota is known for! The Bavarian Boys recently added 'Fraulein' to their group, who sings and plays clarinet.



**Troy Flemming**

**Performing in the Das Edelweiß-Zelt Saturday 19th 3pm-6pm**

Troy Flemming ranks high among the many talented acoustic musicians on the Twin Cities scene today. He is a master finger style guitarist, yodeler, vocalist, songwriter, jokester, and storyteller. In his family band, "The Flemming Fold", he entertained audiences across the country for 10 years in more than 1,300 concerts! Troy entertains audiences in all types of settings, 2 to 3 times a week on the radio, at festivals, nightclubs, senior communities, restaurants, corporate events, parties, theaters, weddings, church services, and more.



**Rod Cerar**

**Performing both Friday, 18th & Saturday, 19th**

Rod Cerar Orchestra has been performing throughout the US, Canada, and Europe for over 60 years. They specialize in Polkas and Waltzes but also perform music from the Big Band era, 50's & 60's, Country music, Latin, Ethnic, and Classical. The band has been nominated three times for the Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association "Band of the Year" and has won national awards from the Entertainment Operators of America five times. Over the years Rod has performed with Frank Yankovic, Myron Floren and many others. In addition, he has entertained John Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, Al Gore and Ronald Reagan to name a few.



**S. G. Edelweiß-St. Paul**

**Performing Saturday 19th**

**12:30pm-1pm and 3-3:30pm**

S. G. Edelweiß-St. Paul was founded in 1961. Our purpose is to promote, through the instruction and performance of folk dancing, the appreciation and preservation of German and Austrian heritage, with the State of Bavaria as the main emphasis. We strive to uphold the customs and cultures of the Bavarian and Tyrolean people through the dances we perform and the clothing we wear. We have performed throughout the upper Midwest at many different celebrations and also across the United States and Canada. Our group has made two trips to Germany and Austria to learn more about the traditions, customs and dances. We have also performed at festivals held in Germany as a part of the celebrations of the groups we were visiting.

We are a family oriented organization. Our group consists of dancing and social members that range in age from toddlers to grandparents, all with the goal to uphold the traditions of the German and Austrian peoples. Our Kinder Gruppe (Children's Group) is comprised of school age children, ages 5-14. They perform a variety of dances from simple figure dances to the complicated Schuhplattler. In our Erwachsene Gruppe (Adult Group), we have members who have been dancing since their childhood as well as those who are just beginning.



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