

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

July 20, 2025



Thank You for Joining Us!

Your presence at worship is important to God and to us! Whether you are a first-time visitor, frequent participant, neighbor, member, or friend, please take a moment as you prepare for worship to share some information on the "Welcome to Worship" card included with your bulletin. Place it in the offering plate at the time the offering is received.

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad to have you here. Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul Lutheran? Curious about our activities and outreach opportunities? Are you considering becoming a member? Please contact the church office at 651-439-5970, or email SPLC@stpaulllc.org, if you would like more information and to connect with people who would be happy to assist you. We'd love to get to know you better!

August 55+ Worship



The August service will be on Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 AM.

The menu will be Chicken Salad, Fruit, Croissants, and Dessert.

Please sign up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, July 27th.

Remember - Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights.

Pastoral and Hospital Calls

You are welcome to contact the church office anytime you have a pastoral need, especially for medical emergencies or at the time of death. If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please be aware that hospitals no longer contact pastors directly, so please encourage your family or loved ones to be in touch with us. The church's phone system can connect you to one of the pastors anytime.

Pastoral Emergencies

If you are in immediate need of a pastor, please feel free to call on Pastor Jonathan Zielske at (651) 247-2826 through July 20th.

Have you noticed some changes in our bulletins over the past year?

Last year, the SPLC Executive Committee asked the Worship Committee to explore phasing out the weekly bulletin as a way to save time and money. After thoughtful discussion, the Worship Committee proposed a compromise: instead of eliminating the bulletin entirely, we would reduce its size and content. Since then, several changes have been made to streamline the bulletin. While these updates have helped cut down on printing costs, they've also increased the time it takes to format and design each week's version. This project is ongoing, with continued input from our Office Coordinator, Kristin Nelson, and regular conversation at Worship Committee meetings.

If you have feedback or ideas, please share them with Worship Committee Chairperson Jennifer Braun. We're committed to honoring the Executive Committee's request while balancing the needs of our worship community.

Hear and See Pastor Nathan Live!

On July 20th, you can visit Lutheran Summer Music's Facebook page or go to the LSM Homepage and see Pastor Nathan preach and preside at the worship services. You can also view the entire LSM archive at LSM On Demand

Lutheran Night with the Twins - August 14th

Tickets are \$46 for members to age 54, and \$36 for members aged 55+. **Thank you to the Fellowship, and Senior Committees for offsetting the cost!** Your ticket gets you Club Level Seating in Legends Landing along the third base line AND all-you-can-eat ballpark fare! Please sign-up in the office, with payment, by Monday, July 28th! The cost of the bus transportation is included (pick up time TBD). The bus will return to the church after the game. Please indicate if you will be riding with us when you sign up. Hope to see you at Lutheran Night! Win Twins!



Sarah Bible Study

The June–July–August issue of Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it also contains the upcoming Bible study sessions. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session Two: "Relationships that sustain us," starting on page 24. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

Privacy Notice

You may be photographed, filmed, or recorded during worship or church events, including livestreams on stpaulc.org. These images may be used in newsletters, on our website, social media, or future promotions. If you have concerns, please contact the office before Sunday or speak with a pastor, worship leader, or usher when you arrive. A designated digital privacy area is located in front of the sound booth in the sanctuary.\

TODAY - Sunday Shine

Please join us on the third Sunday of each month after worship in Fellowship Hall. This is a fun time of fellowship and celebrating our congregation's birthdays. Coffee and Treats are Included! There will also be an intergenerational activity that's fun for all ages!

An Inspiring Operation Christmas Child Experience!

Nancy Schlagel, Adele Urhammer, and Cheryl Renne attended an OCC event at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake on Saturday, July 12th. The highlight of the event was hearing from Emmanuel, a former OCC shoebox recipient. Emmanuel shared his powerful story of receiving a shoebox that changed his life. He moved to the U.S. in 2020 to marry his fiancée, who had come ahead of him. While working as a delivery driver, he noticed the OCC emblem on a package, and that moment led him to get involved with the organization that had once blessed him. Emmanuel now lives in Colorado and works for OCC. It was truly moving to hear firsthand how a simple shoebox gift can make a lifelong impact.

Prayer Requests

Congregants: Carol S., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Lois H., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: Beth Ann, Chad B., Mike, Kit, Dana, Emilee, Flannery, Sophie, Jenny, Erica, Holly's Family, David C., Lisa, Kristen B., Mary Jo D., Cody, Rick & Jean, Patti & Family, Randy & Laura, Muggs, Carolyn, Paul, Kevin, Char G., Kara, Allison J., Evy, Dave, Georgia, Russel B., Lisa L., Bonnie M., Connie, Shannon S., Mary A., Bonnie S., Leo H., Jane S., Laura C., Lisa, Steph D., Brian D., Tyson D., Teegan D., Lexen, Danny, Harry E., Diane L., Jenny O., Lyle J, Kathy B., Vince S, Phyllis F., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Tom S., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: Holly, Mark Walker, Richard Markgraf, Sister Eileen Trinity, Judy Becker, Becky Dufresne, Jerry Sharon, Judy (Ek) Anderson, Jeremy Green, Paul Baker, Scott Coleman, Becky Moore, Jeri Revoir, and Len Schrade.

Garden Tea Fundraiser – The Connect Center

Enjoy an elegant High Tea, filled with heartfelt connections and the joy that comes from giving. Guests will enjoy a curated tea menu, a silent auction, and a heartfelt program featuring inspiring stories from clients whose lives have been transformed through TCC's support. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit programs that help our clients. Join



us for a lovely afternoon on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 1:00 PM hosted at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at theconnectcenter.org or by calling 651.231.7807. Please consider supporting our

Silent Auction - Donations of items, gift baskets, or services to feature in our silent auction are all welcome. We also have sponsorship opportunities available. Call us to find out more!

Vacation Bible School! - VBS is Hitting the Road!

Join us for Vacation Bible School from July 28th to July 31st, each



evening from 5:15 PM to 8:00 PM. We'll kick things off with dinner for the whole family.

This year's theme is "Road Trip: On the Go With God," and it's packed with faith, fun, and fantastic adventures. We've got plenty of ways for you to jump in and help! Want to help prepare or serve dinner? Love to decorate and set the scene? Feeling called to be part of the lesson time? Wherever your talents lie, there's a place for you on this journey! Email Jenny at jenny@stpaulc.org to get plugged in, we'd love to have you on our road trip!

Here is the link to sign up! www.stpaulc.org/vacation-bible-camp

Calling All Cooks & Bakers!



Get your aprons ready because the Fellowship Committee is hosting a **Bake-Off on Sunday, August 17th**, during Sunday Shine time (right after worship)! **Want to compete?** Sign up and show off your sweet (or savory) skills! **Just here to taste and judge?** Come cast your vote with your donation! All proceeds will go toward the Parking Lot Fund. And yes, there's a special prize for the baker who raises the most money, so bring your best dish and your charm! Come for the fun, stay for the treats, and help pave the way, literally!

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project

The 4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Committee continues to meet every two weeks to track progress, tackle any issues, and plan next steps.



We're thrilled to share that our temporary sign is now up! A huge thanks to Barb and Jeff for making it happen! We also received our order of blocks on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

The Buy A Block fundraiser is gaining momentum,

and we've already "sold" 17 blocks as of July 14th! In addition, we've received \$3,106 in other donations. As of May 31, 2025, the Parking Lot Fund had a balance of \$27,455.78, with approximately \$800 in expenses.



Our next fundraiser is the August 17th Bake Off, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee! Think your banana bread can beat the competition? Sign up in the Gathering Area to join the fun!

And mark your calendars for October 19th. Jenny Powell is cooking up a Waffle Bar fundraiser after worship! Waffle Bars are all the rage right now, so come hungry and ready to stack 'em high. More delicious details to come!

If you have other fundraising ideas, please reach out to any of the committee members—Jeff Thomsen, Barb Dietrich, Shelley Jokinen, Renee Swanson, Chuck Clausen, Mugs DeFore, or Pastor Nathan if you'd like to help or share ideas.

As the demolition and wall build happen, we will keep you updated as to any hidden surprises from last year's water leak that are found. Let's build something great—together. Donation envelopes are available at both Sanctuary entrances—thank you for giving!

55+ SPLC Senior Members - Foot Care In Your Home



A Foot Care RN will tend to your toenails or other foot-related care in the comfort and privacy of your home. The cost is \$15 per appointment. Pick up an information packet in the Gathering Area or contact Jenny Powell

St Paul Lutheran Church’s QR Code for Giving

QR codes are everywhere these days—and SPLC has joined the trend! You can now use our giving QR code for any type of donation.



Here’s how it works: **Scan** the QR code. **Enter** the amount you'd like to give. **Choose** from the dropdown menu to designate your gift to a specific fund.

Options include: Current Offering, Music Ministry, 4th Street Exterior Repair, Video/Audio Upgrades ...and more!

It’s quick, secure, and helps ensure your gift goes exactly where you want it to.

The Yummiest Event of the Summer!

Please mark your calendar for our refreshing and fun Annual Ice Cream Social! Plans are underway for hosting SPLC’s Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 10th, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. We hope you can attend and bring plenty of family and friends with you. Pass the word along to your neighbors. Sunshine, music, ice cream and fellowship – what could be better? See you there! We are also looking for helpers to set-up, scoop ice cream and clean up after the event. Please take a look at the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Gathering area. Donations to assist with the cost of the ice cream are also gladly accepted. This is SPLC’s thank you to our neighborhood and community, and as always your support is what makes it a big success! Thank you and contact Shelley Jokinen (651-329-2862) if you have any questions.



SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

In-Person Worship		Online Worship	
6/22/25	61	6/22/25	143
6/29/25	73	6/29/25	123
7/6/25	81	7/6/25	152
7/13/25	62	7/13/25	145

Vimeo & Facebook

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 20, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine!
Tuesday, July 22, 2025	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesday! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study 4:00 PM 4 th Street Project Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2025	12:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, July 27, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 20th

Greeters

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau,
 and Ethan Ekblad

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Nancy Schlagel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Altar Flowers

Sunday, July 27th

Greeters

Ushers Jay Swanson, Jerry Schlagel, Lynn Lomen,
 and Atticus Mikla

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Chris Shivers

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Cheryl Renne

Altar Flowers

Church Staff

Sr. Pastor	Rev. Nathan Baker-Trinity
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Director of Music	Andy Peterson
Casual Worship Leader	Karen Hillmann
Office Coordinator	Kristin Nelson
CYF & Outreach Director	Jenny Brelje
Maintenance	Jeff Thomsen
Audio-Video Engineer	Tim Schingen

2025 Church Council Officers

President	Shelley Jokinen
Secretary	Chris Shivers

2025 Committee Chairpersons

Financial Operations	(Open Seat)
CYF	Sabrina Bell
Evangelism & Membership	(Open Seat)
Fellowship	Janine Siversen
Memorial & Grants	Diane Podratz Barb LaCosse
Mission Outreach	Ann Kriesel
Property & Grounds	(Open Seat)
Seniors	Jenny Powell
Worship	Jennifer Braun

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