

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 16, 2026



Thank You for Joining Us!

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God that you are here. We pray that you will feel the Spirit and warm welcome of this faith community.

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@stpaulc.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!



Jenny Brelje Farewell

Today we say a heartfelt farewell to our dearly loved irreplaceable Jenny Brelje, SPLC's CYF and Outreach Director, as she celebrates her final Sunday with us. During worship, we will share in a Service of Farewell and Godspeed, giving thanks for Jenny's many contributions to our congregation and faith community and asking God's blessing upon her as she begins this exciting new chapter. A basket will be available in the Gathering Area for anyone who would like to leave Jenny a card, note of appreciation, or best wishes. ***Jenny, you have touched so many lives during your time at SPLC. You will be greatly missed, and we send you on your way with our gratitude, prayers, and very best wishes!***

TODAY - SPLC's Annual Ice Cream Social!



September 55+/Senior Worship Service

The September service will be on Sunday, September 6th, **after the 10:00 AM service in the sanctuary**, with brunch being served in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. The menu will include Egg Bake, Fruit, and Dessert. Sign up is required for the meal; add your name to the list located in the Gathering Area by Sunday, August 30th. **Remember Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights. Please contact Bob Michaelis if you are interested in riding the bus.**

From Mission Outreach - It's That Time of the Year Again!

We are kicking off our collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. We have listed needed items on poster board with our display. We already have a number of items filled through the generosity of members. This is Mission Outreach's largest project of the year. This year our goal is 150 shoeboxes (because we did the baby care kits and personal care kits earlier). If you don't like to shop but want to participate, cash donations are welcome and we will do the shopping. Thank you for making this project successful!

CPR/AED Refresher Class on Monday, August 17th at 5:00 PM

Join us for a free CPR/AED Refresher Class on Monday, August 17th, at 5:00 PM at SPLC. This one-hour session will be led by members of the Stillwater Fire Department.

Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Church staff, ushers, council



members, and all congregation members are encouraged to attend. The class will cover what an AED is, when it should be used, and where our church's AEDs are located. Whether you've had CPR training before or simply want to become more familiar with these lifesaving devices, this refresher is designed for everyone, regardless of experience or ability.

Usher Refresher/Training on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 PM

Our ushers play an important role in creating a warm, welcoming, and meaningful worship experience each Sunday. Whether you're a current usher or have been thinking about giving it a try, we invite you to join us for Usher Training at 6:00 PM, immediately following the CPR/AED Refresher. Pastor Nathan will be providing snacks, and the training will last about 30 minutes. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the role, ask questions, and connect with fellow ushers. We hope to see you there!

Cruise the St. Croix with Us!

Summer may be winding down and school will soon be back in session, but there's still time for one more summer adventure! Join your church family and friends for a beautiful afternoon on the St. Croix River aboard the Andiamo for a Dixieland Luncheon Buffet Cruise. The Fellowship Committee has reserved Sunday, September 20th for our group. Boarding begins at 1:00 PM at the dock. Need a ride? A bus will leave St. Paul Lutheran at 12:30 PM. **Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you need bus transportation.** Cost: Ages 55+ and caregivers: \$32.50, Adults: \$42.50, Children ages 4–12: \$30.00, and Children 3 and under: FREE! The sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area, and the deadline to register is Sunday, September 13th. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write **"Andiamo Boat Cruise"** on the memo line. A special thank-you to the Fellowship Committee and Senior Committee for their generous contributions toward the cost of this event!

Large Print Bibles

The Senior Committee has two large-print Bibles available for you to borrow. Contact Jenny Powell at 651-439-0821, or the church office.

55+ SPLC Senior Members - Foot Care In Your Home



55+ SPLC Senior Members Foot Care: A Foot Care RN will tend to your toenails or other foot-related care in the comfort and privacy of your home. You can also visit an office location in Bayport if you prefer. The cost is \$15 per appointment. Pick up an information packet in the Gathering Area or contact Jenny Powell.

Six Steps to Fight Hunger

At a recent webinar for ELCA World Hunger leaders, members of our synod heard from a hunger leader in Oshkosh, Wis., who recommended six steps to help us work together to end hunger. They make for a handy checklist. See if they are things you are doing and urge others in your congregation and community to do so, too!

1. **LEARN** – about world hunger, scripture related to hunger, and current hunger updates and statistics by reading books, magazines and online sources about hunger.
2. **SEE** – the hunger in your community, at your local food shelf and in the world. See yourself in that place of hunger.
3. **PRAY** – for people in the world who hunger, those involved in distributing food in relief efforts, generous contributions for hunger causes, and for direction for your own hunger efforts.
4. **GIVE** – to the ELCA World Hunger program, to your local food shelf, and to special efforts and projects which support ending hunger. Promote efforts like the Good Gifts projects for birthdays, Easter, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and other occasions.
5. **COLLECT** – regularly for your local food shelf, both basic food and household items and monies. Remember that collecting other items, like clothing and household goods, for local efforts free up monies for families to spend on food.
6. **WRITE** – your legislators, especially your federal representatives about specific bills and other policies which affect hunger. Don't forget that local and state actions matter, too. Personalize your requests with your own stories and know that phone calls and emails are also good tools. Do it often!

Help Fight Hunger — Your Gift Goes Twice as Far!

The Mission Outreach Committee invites you to support the ELCA World Hunger Drive. To make your generosity go even further, Mission Outreach will match congregational donations up to \$1,000! Special giving envelopes will be available in the Gathering Area. Donations will be collected through Sunday, September 27th. Together, we can double our impact and help provide hope, nourishment, and support to neighbors in need.

Requesting Financial Information

We are grateful to our Financial Assistant, Kristin Nelson and our Senior Accountant, Michael Benson for their partnership as we continue to move forward with implementing new financial procedures. Going forward, if you have questions about your individual giving statement or any contribution you've made to the church, you can contact Kristin. If you have a bill pay or check request, or need a financial report for your committee or any other financial report, contact Michael. (You can place the bill pay or check requests in Michael's box, however, please email him and let him know about the request.)

Friendly Reminder!

If you haven't already, please stop by the Gathering Area and pick up your mid-year giving statement. Statements are available for church members and friends, so please take a moment to find yours the next time you're at church. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Prayer Requests

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month, unless indicated otherwise. Please use your "Welcome to Worship" card to add or update names.

For those hospitalized or with immediate needs: The Family of Gary, Shirley, Family of Barb Dk, Family of Mark C, Family of Dale P, Family of Bailey S and Abigail.

Those receiving hospice care:

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments:

Alexander M, Randal B, Laura C, Eric, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Ron K, Angie, Dean M, Richard H, Roy K, Kathy B, Vince S, Jim G, Cathy M, Harry, Lucy, Megan, and Mike S.

Those homebound or being cared for by others: Martin W, Marilyn B, Ardyce S, Barb Dr, Nancy T, Judith K, Ann B, Mary Jo D, Orville S, Floyd N, Laurie C, Verna W, Karen L, Diane S, Judith R, Delores K, and Bonnie P.

In Loving Memory:

(names will remain for one year and will be included on All Saints Sunday)

Barb Dahlke, Mark Christensen, Dale Preston, Dollis Harris, Jacklyn Waterman, Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwietz, Janet Stuessy, Sandra Nolan, Mary Richter, Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, James Flynn, Patty Thomsen, Marshall Ray Reams, Jim Hockin, Jacquilyn Pierre, and Dorie Nelson.

4th Street Repair and Refresh Opportunity!

Feeling creative? Excited about keeping our church updated and welcoming? You are invited to join us at the next 4th Street Repair and Refresh meeting which will be held on Monday, August 17th at 10:00 AM in the Lower Conference Room. We would love to hear your ideas and dreams – whether you are able to join us for this meeting only or have an interest in working with the committee as it moves forward. Additionally, feel free to pass along any of your thoughts to a committee member and we will make sure they are represented! The committee members are Renee Swanson, Barb Dietrich, Mugs DeFore, Jeff Thomsen, Chuck Clausen, Pastor Nathan and Shelley Jokinen.



SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
7/19/2026	64	112
7/26/2026	63	138
8/2/2026	55	121
8/9/2026	48	132

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 16th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Annual Ice Cream Social!
Monday, August 17th	10:00 AM 4 th Street Repair & Refresh Meeting 10:00 AM Croixdale Worship 5:00 PM CPR/AED Refresher 6:00 PM Usher Training
Tuesday, August 18th	6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19th	10:00 AM Boutwells' Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 20th	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Sunday, August 23rd	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 16th

Ushers Libby Thibodeau, Ethan Ekblad, Dan and Kristin Nelson
Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Reader Abri Bell
Communion Set-up Pam Seekel
Communion Server Jennifer Braun
Monday Counting Team Janine Siverson and Barb LaCosse

Sunday, August 23rd

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia
Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla
Reader Chris Shivers
Communion Set-up Cheryl Renne
Communion Server Cheryl Renne
Monday Counting Team Vida MacDonald and Alice Walker

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
Accountant	Michael Benson
Maintenance	Jeff Thomsen
Audio-Video Engineer	Tim Schingen

2026 Church Council Officers

President	Shelley Jokinen
Vice President	Pam Seekel
Secretary	Chris Shivers

2026 Committee Chairpersons

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

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