

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 17, 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@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!

September 55+ Worship

The September service will be on Sunday, August 31st at 10:00 AM



upstairs in the Sanctuary. **Yes, you "heard" that right!** After worship, we will have our meal in Fellowship Hall. The menu will be an Egg bake, Salad Greens, Fruit, and Dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, August 24th if you will be staying for the meal. **Remember - limited bus service**

is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights.

TODAY – The SPLC Bake Off!

Get ready for some sweet competition! The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Bake Off today, Sunday, August 17th, during Sunday Shine time, right after worship! **We have 12 talented bakers ready to battle it out for top honors!**

Come sample the goodies and cast your vote with a donation. Every dollar goes toward the Parking Lot Fund, and yes, there's a special prize for the baker who raises the most money! So bring your sweet tooth, your spare change, and your generous spirit. Come for the fun, stay for the treats, and help us pave the way... literally!



NEXT SUNDAY - Lutheran Summer Music Re-Cap

Next week, following worship, come and hear about Pastor Nathan's month away as Chaplain to the LSM Community. This year was his fifth year serving at the nation's premier faith-based music camp for high school students. Pastor Nathan is so grateful for this opportunity and SPLC's support. ***There will be a door prize!***

Thank You, SPLC Members! - Week of Wonder Day Camp

W.O.W. (Week of Wonder) brought together Stillwater-area churches for a week of fun, learning, and connection from August 11th to 15th. We are so grateful to our SPLC members for welcoming and hosting us this past Monday! You made the day truly wonderful!

Shoebox Shortage - We Need Your Help!

Operation Christmas Child just informed us that they're receiving only about half the number of shoeboxes they've seen in previous years. Our goal is to fill 259 shoeboxes and we need your help to get there. We're specifically looking for regular-sized shoebox donations so we can continue packing and sharing joy with children around the world.



If shopping isn't your thing, no worries!
You can still make a big impact by

giving a cash donation to help cover shipping costs.

Together, we can help bridge the gap and make sure every child knows they are loved. Thank you for being part of this incredible mission!

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 a 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.

Evening Grief Support Group

Beginning in September, Pastor Nathan would like to offer an evening grief support group. Please use your Welcome to Worship card to indicate your interest and the times that work for you. Any change or loss in life can cause grief, and grief is complex and deeply personal. There is no "right" way to grieve. This group is for anyone to "come as you are" to receive hope in the midst of grief.

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

Harvest & Holly Market – Coming Soon!



Get into the spirit of the season at St. Paul Lutheran Church's Harvest & Holly Market! This festive event will feature beautiful handmade quilts, unique seasonal crafts, delicious baked goods, and a variety of thoughtful gift items perfect for holiday giving. Join us on Saturday, November 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for a warm and welcoming day of shopping, fellowship, and fun. We hope to see you there! **Questions or Want to Volunteer?** Please contact Kristin!

Annual SPLC River Cruise!

The Fellowship Committee would like you to Save The Date for a Sunday afternoon, luncheon river cruise on Sunday, September 28th at 1:30 PM. Watch for more detailed information and the sign up sheets in mid-August. Mark it on your calendar and hope to see you there for a great fellowship afternoon!



Prayer Requests

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

Family and Friends: Sonja H., Kellye, Dave, Lucy, Keith, & Josh, Becky O., Mike, Kit, Dana, Emilee, Flannery, Sophie, Jenny, Erica B., 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., 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., Kathy B., Lyle J., Vince S., Phyllis F., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Tom S., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

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

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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.

Rally Day Picnic – September 7th

Mark your calendars and plan to join us after worship on Sunday, September 7th, for our Rally Day Picnic! This special gathering is the perfect way to kick off the fall season, reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate all that's ahead for our church family.

We'll be serving up hot dogs, burgers, fresh off the grill, along with lemonade and water. All we ask is that you bring a favorite dish to share, whether it's a crisp salad, a hearty side, or a sweet dessert. Together, we'll create a table overflowing with delicious food and warm fellowship.



Please join us as we look forward to a new season of worship, service, and community. Come hungry, come joyful, and come ready to start this next chapter together. We can't wait to see you there!

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

The Wall is Now Complete! The next step will be for the committee to decide on plans for the patio area. We are deeply grateful to our members for their ongoing generosity in supporting this project. We'll know more about any surprises once the cement is removed, but since the wall demolition revealed none, we're staying positive that the patio work will go just as smoothly.

How can you help?

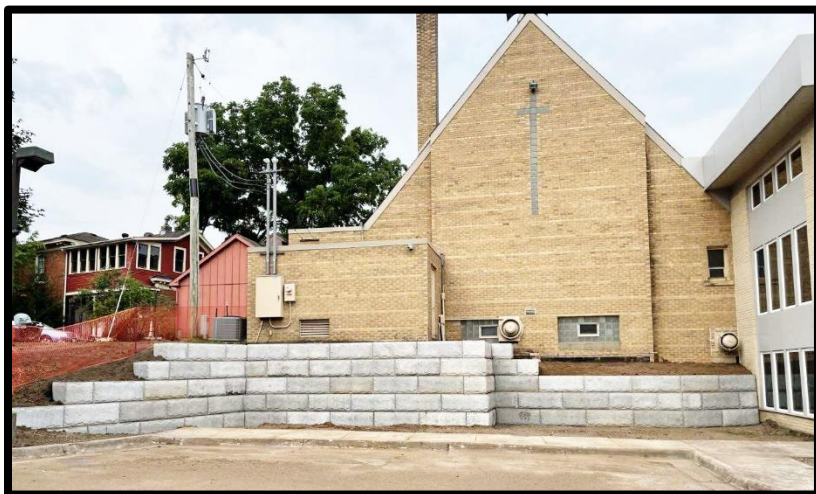
Be part of our fundraisers coming up:

- Today - August 17th's Bake Off – Come and vote/donate for your winning entry.
- October 19th Waffle Bar following worship
- September 30th & October 28th, eat your dinner at Culver's between 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, and tell your family & friends about it.
- Fill the Wheelbarrow with your change/bills through Labor Day.
- "Buy a Block" for the wall at \$133 each.
- Regular 4th Street Exterior Repair & Refresh Project Envelopes
- Craft/Bake Sale on Saturday, November 22nd; call Kristin Nelson or Barb Dietrich for details.

Again, we are so grateful for our members and their generosity in continuing to help with the fundraisers through giving.

Committee Members: Jeff Thomsen, Barb Dietrich, Shelley Jokinen, Renee Swanson, Chuck Clausen, Pastor Nathan, and Marguerite DeFore.

Feel free to reach out to any of them regarding this project!



Nashville Youth Mission Trip Recap – Sunday, September 7th!



Come hear all about the incredible experiences from our youth who traveled to Nashville for this summer’s mission trip! On Sunday, September 7th, following worship, our team will share stories, reflections, and a few surprises from their week of service and connection. Participants include Johnny Isaacson, Kamel Benyahia, Hannah Bell, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, Katie Peterson, Henry Lundquist, Zac Thompson, Jenny Brelje, Julian Galvin, and Elijah Mack. Don’t miss this chance to celebrate their journey and the impact they made together!

Waffle Bar – Save The Date!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19th, and join us for a mouthwatering Waffle Bar! Come enjoy a delicious spread while supporting the 4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project. You won’t want to miss this tasty event for a great cause!



SPIC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
7/20/2025	56	180
7/27/2025	68	154
8/3/2025	86	139
8/10/2025	54	151

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 17, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine & Bake-Off!
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	4:00 PM 4 th Street Project Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells 12:00 PM Staff Meeting September Newsletter Deadline!
Thursday, August 21, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, August 24, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time! 10:30 Adult Forum on LSM

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 17th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Riley MacDonald

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Jennifer Braun

Altar Flowers

Sunday, August 24^h

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Mugs DeFore

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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