

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 2, 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@stpaulcl.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!

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!

2026 Annual SPLC St. Croix Cruise! Save the Date!

The Fellowship Committee is excited to invite you to an afternoon of great food, beautiful scenery, and enjoyable company on Sunday, September 20th at 1:30 PM for our annual St. Croix cruise! This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together in fellowship while taking in the beauty of the river. More information, including pricing, cruise details, and sign-up sheets, will be available in mid-August. Be sure to watch for those announcements so you can reserve your spot!

55+/Senior Worship Services Update

The 55+/Senior Worship Services and Lunches are being paused for July and August. We will see you on 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 be in the August Messenger and bulletins with sign-up in the Gathering Area. Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you in September! - The Senior Committee.

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!

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.)

Celebrating 75 Years – Opening of the Cornerstone!

The cornerstone has been removed! Thanks to the knowledge, expertise, and patience (not to mention muscles!) of Jeff Thomsen, the cornerstone and time capsule were recently opened. Tim was there to record the entire process, and he will be putting together an edited video for all to see. Please stop by the Lounge this morning after worship to take a look at all the interesting contents of the time capsule. So much history to take in! We believe the cornerstone was last opened in 1977, so it has been quite a while since anyone has seen the documents. Our church has such a rich legacy of faith and love!

Ernst Education Grant Applications are Due!

The Ernst Education Grant applications were mailed approximately two weeks ago. If you, or a family member, will be attending an accredited post-high school college or vocational school, you may qualify to receive the Ernst Education Grant through St. Paul Lutheran. Applications, **both new and renewals**, will be reviewed by the Memorial and Grants committee with consideration of the requirements listed on the back of the application each year. The congregation, also, has some expectations from the students receiving these grants. Those expectations are also listed on the back of the application form. If you change schools, suspend your studies, or have completed your course of study during the school year, please let us know. ***Please include a copy of one, or more, official proof of acceptance documents from the school, no later than Friday, August 7th.*** Qualifying proof of acceptance can be an official letter of acceptance, a class schedule, a current tuition statement, or some other official document on the school's stationery to show you will be attending classes in 2026-2027.

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

Those with other ongoing needs: 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)

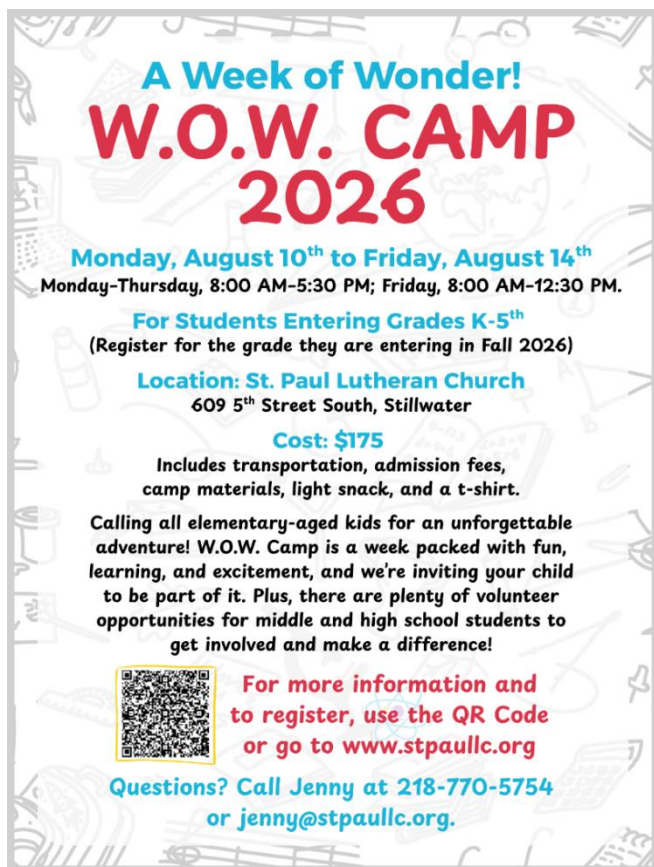
Barb Dahlke, Mark Christensen, Dale Preston, Dollis Harris, Jacklyn Waterman, Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwietz, Janet Stuessy, Sandra Nolan, Mary Richter, Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, James Flynn, Patty Thomsen,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

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.

W.O.W. Camp 2026!

Calling all elementary-aged kids for an unforgettable adventure! W.O.W. Camp is a week packed with fun, learning, and excitement, and we're inviting your child to be part of it. Plus, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students to get involved and make a difference!



A Week of Wonder!
W.O.W. CAMP
2026

Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-5:30 PM; Friday, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM.

For Students Entering Grades K-5th
(Register for the grade they are entering in Fall 2026)

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church
609 5th Street South, Stillwater

Cost: \$175
Includes transportation, admission fees, camp materials, light snack, and a t-shirt.

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For more information and to register, use the QR Code or go to www.stpaulc.org

Questions? Call Jenny at 218-770-5754 or jenny@stpaulc.org.

SPLC's Annual Ice Cream Social is Around the Corner!

The sweetest and most refreshing event of the year is fast approaching! St. Paul Lutheran's Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 16th, from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Free ice cream from Nelson's (15 flavors!) will be generously scooped for all who attend. We hope you can attend and bring plenty of family and friends with you. Pass the word along to your neighbors, too! Sunshine, music, ice cream, and fellowship – what could be better?. Music will be provided by The Cruisers, playing rock 'n roll favorites from the '50s and '60s.



**St. Paul Lutheran's Annual
Ice Cream Social**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
2:30 PM TO 4:30 PM
15 FLAVORS FROM NELSON'S!
FREE!
BALLOON TWISTING! LIVE MAGIC!
BOUNCY HOUSE!
GAMES FOR THE KIDS!
THE CRUISERS WILL BE PLAYING ROCK 'N ROLL
FROM THE '50S AND '60S TOO!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
IN OUR GREENSPACE OFF OF 4TH STREET
BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
609 5TH STREET SOUTH
STILLWATER, MN 55082
651-439-5970

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
7/5/2026	52	111
7/12/2026	71	146
7/19/2026	64	112
7/26/2026	63	138

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 2nd	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, August 3rd	10:00 AM Senior Committee Meeting 3:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 4th	6:00 PM Frosted Glass Theater in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 5th	4:30 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 6th	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Friday, August 7th	6:00 PM Frosted Glass Theater in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 9th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 2nd

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Keith Wille, Carol Wille, and Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis

Sunday, August 9th

Ushers Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Shelley Jokinen

Communion Set-up Mugs DeFore

Communion Server Mugs DeFore

Monday Counting Team Diane Podratz and Ann Lemon

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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