

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 24, 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 - Lutheran Summer Music Re-Cap

Today, 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!**

Altar Flowers

Today, the Altar is graced with beautiful flowers, given by Edie Friedrich in loving remembrance of her 64th wedding anniversary with Mel. We give thanks for their love and the lasting example of faith and devotion they shared.



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!

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, September 7th

Kick off the new school year with prayer and encouragement. During worship on Sunday, September 7th, we'll offer a Blessing of the Backpacks for students of all ages, teachers, school staff, and anyone beginning a new season of learning. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or tote to be blessed. We'll pray for safety, curiosity, kindness, and courage in the year ahead, and invite the whole congregation to join in supporting our learners and educators. Invite friends and neighbors, this is a great Sunday to bring someone along!

Questions? Contact the church office. Let's start the year grounded in grace and ready to learn!

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., 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.



The SPLC Bake Off!

Our "Top Chefs" have been crowned: 3rd place went to Adele Urhammer with her delicious Caramel Squares, 2nd place was awarded to Edie Friedrich for her Raspberry Bars, and taking top honors was Abby Johnson



with her show-stopping Apple Crumble Pie! The Fellowship Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this Bake-Off such a sweet success. From our talented bakers to all of you who "voted" with your generous donations, your participation made for a truly

joyful Sunday Shine morning together. Thanks to your dedication, determination, and generosity, we raised **\$562.01** (updated number!) toward the 4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project! **Stay tuned for the next tasty round, as clearly, we've got the recipe for fun!**

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.

Annual SPLC River Cruise!

As summer winds down and school gets back in full swing, let's gather for a special church outing on the beautiful St. Croix River! Join us on Sunday, September 28th for an afternoon of fellowship and fun, complete with a Dixieland luncheon buffet. We will load at 1:00 at the dock; and if you need a ride from the church, a bus will leave at 12:30 for the dock. The prices are as follows: SPLC members 55 + \$30.84; Adults \$40.84; 4-12 years \$28.83; and children 0-3 years are free. The signup sheet is in the gathering area and indicate if you would like a ride to the boat dock. The deadline to signup is Thursday, September 18th. Please make your check payable to St. Paul Lutheran with Andiamo Boat Cruise on the memo line. Thanks to the Fellowship and Senior's committees for their contributions towards this event. Invite your friends and let's enjoy the St. Croix River cruise get together. See you there!!



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!

Waffle Bar – Sunday, October 19th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19th, and join us for a mouthwatering Waffle Bar after worship! A freewill offering will be collected to support the 4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project.

Volunteer Opportunities - Sign-up sheets will be available at the end of September. Ways to help include:

- Lending a waffle maker
- Helping make waffles
- Assisting in the kitchen on the day of the event
- Set-up and cleanup support

Questions? Contact Jenny Powell, our event leader.



4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

Excitement continues for our 4th Street Repair & Refresh project! The new block wall is complete and fully paid for, and work on the cement patio is scheduled to begin in September (after the 7th). We are thankful that the funds are already in place to cover this next portion of the project.

The final step will be repaving the asphalt parking lot. Jeff is working with John Miller to update last year's estimate of about \$44,000. At this time, we don't yet have the funds for this phase.

We are truly grateful for the strong support already shown by our congregation and look forward to reaching this final goal together.

Upcoming Fundraisers

- October 19th Waffle Bar following worship.
- September 30th & October 28th eat your dinner at Culver's between 5:00 PM to 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 or to volunteer.
- New fundraiser will be with our local Candyland Store. Look for more information to come.

Again, we want to recognize John Raleigh and Jeff Thomsen for their donation of time and talent to this project. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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!



Mulch and grass seed were laid down this week. Thank you Barb and Jeff!



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!

4th Friday Community Meal at SPLC!

Join us on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM for the Fourth Friday Food & Friendship Community Meal! Everyone is invited to share in a delicious dinner, warm fellowship, and an evening filled with fun. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy this special night together!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
7/27/2025	68	154
8/3/2025	86	139
8/10/2025	54	151
8/17/2025	73	123

Join us for Worship at 10:00 AM on Sundays, August 31st and September 7th!

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 24, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time! 10:30 Adult Forum on LSM
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays!
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 4:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, August 31, 2025	10:00 AM Worship For Everyone 11:00 AM 55+ Luncheon

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 24th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Shelley Jokinen

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Altar Flowers Edythe Friedrich

Sunday, August 31st

Greeters

Ushers Dan Nelson, Kristin Nelson, and Ed Seekel

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

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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