

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 30, 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@stpaulcc.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!

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.

4th Street Repair and Refresh

The next 4th Street committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 28th at 10:00 AM in the Lower Conference Room. All are invited to join us at this meeting or any future meeting!

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!



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!

Welcoming Vicar Allison

The days are getting closer to when we welcome our seminary intern, Allison Klein. As a pastor-in-training, "Vicar" will be her official title (see the upcoming newsletter for more background). Although her focus will be on learning and reflecting, she will be a regular member of the pastoral staff and, over time, will take on certain tasks to enrich our ministry. We look forward to welcoming Vicar Allison on September 8th!

Welcome Gifts For Our New Vicar

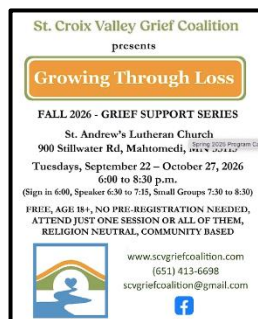
As our church takes on the privilege and responsibility of forming a future pastor, it's no secret that being a full-time seminary intern is a financial sacrifice. The church office is now collecting welcome gifts for Vicar Allison. If you desire, consider donating things such as a gas or grocery card, or a gift certificate to a local coffee shop or restaurant. We will be collecting these items through September 6th.

Installation for Bishop Justin A. Grimm

Sunday, September 13th will be a milestone and festive day for the congregations of the Saint Paul Area Synod. ALL ARE INVITED to attend Bishop Grimm's installation at 3:30 at Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley. The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Yehiel Curry, will preside and preach. A reception will follow. Let us know if you're interested, and we can arrange for carpooling if needed.

Growing Through Loss

The St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition invites you to Growing Through Loss, a free grief support series offering comfort, connection, and encouragement to adults experiencing loss. The Fall 2026 series will be held on Tuesdays, September 22nd through October 27th, from 6:00–8:30 PM at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road in Mahtomedi. Each evening begins with sign-in at 6:00 PM, followed by a speaker from 6:30–7:15 PM and small-group support from 7:30–8:30 PM. Participants may attend one session or as many as they wish, and no pre-registration is required. The program is free, open to adults 18 and older, religion-neutral, and community-based. For more information, visit scvgriefcoalition.com, call (651) 413-6698, or email scvgriefcoalition@gmail.com.



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, and Shirley.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: Tony, Alexander M, Joe B, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Sam, Chris, 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)

Faye Rothrum, Gary Allen, Barb Dahlke, Mark Christensen, Dale Preston, Bailey Severson, 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, and Jacquilyn Pierre.

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.

Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 8 a.m.-noon | Augustana, West. St. Paul Join us in celebrating our Tanzanian companionship, Bega Kwa Bega! This year's Fall Festival will feature Bishop Blastone Gavile and General Secretary Shadrack Nyaulingo from Tanzania, along with our own synod bishop, the Rev. Justin Grimm. The morning includes updates from BKB affiliate organizations as well as workshops on building opportunities for all through education, building companion relationships, preparing to build intercultural experiences, and best practices for sharing God's gifts through mutual projects. The morning concludes with Festival Worship. Registration is now open at spas-elca.org

2026 Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale!



Everyone had such a wonderful time at last year's Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale that we're bringing it back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for another festive day filled with handmade treasures, seasonal crafts, beautiful quilts, delicious baked goods, and unique gifts perfect for holiday giving. Want to help make the magic happen? ***We're putting together a Harvest & Holly Market working group and will hold our first meeting on Tuesday, September 1st, at 9:00 AM in the Lower Conference Room.***

Come join the fun! We'd love to have you! Can't join the working group but would like to volunteer on the day of the event? Contact Kristin to get involved. Come shop, visit, and enjoy a joyful day of fellowship, fun, and a little holiday cheer!

Rally Day Picnic – Sunday, September 13th!

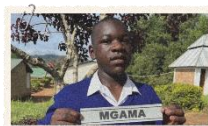
Mark your calendars and plan to join us after 10:00 AM worship on Sunday, September 13th, for our Rally Day Picnic! This special gathering is the perfect way to kick off the fall season, reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate all that's ahead for our church family. We'll be serving 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!



Supporting Students Through Education

Meet some of the thirteen students who have benefited from St. Paul Lutheran's contributions to the Scholarship Fund! These students attend several different secondary schools, which is why you may see them pictured in different groups. In Tanzania, government-supported education ends after what is comparable to our sixth grade. For students who wish to continue their education, financial assistance can make all the difference. Through your prayers and financial support, these young people are given the opportunity to continue their schooling and, ultimately, pursue training for specific

careers and a brighter future. Applications for the 2027 school year are now being accepted by the joint scholarship committee of the St. Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese. Following student interviews, the amount of assistance the committee can provide will depend upon the funds available. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Scholarship Fund for students from our companion parishes of Mgama and Ibumila. Commitments are requested by October 24, 2026, with donations received by November 2, 2026. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, with "Scholarship Fund" noted on the memo line. Your gift is more than financial assistance—it is an investment in a student's education, opportunities, and future.



SPLC Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila

Count on me/us to support the Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila. Please make your commitment by October 24, 2026, with your donation given by Nov 2, 2026.

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____ Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write "Scholarship Funds" in the memo line. Meeting this deadline is important to ensure the funds are available for distribution to students in January 2027.

Thank you for your generous support from the students whose lives are being touched by your gifts and from the Mission Outreach Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Say Cheese! It's Time for a New Church Directory!

It's been a while since our last church directory—and we have some new faces, along with a few familiar faces that may have changed a bit since their last photo! The Fellowship Committee is excited to get things rolling this fall, with our very own Stephanie Schingen behind the camera! We want to include as many members and families as possible, so we'll do our best to offer flexible photo times. Photo sessions are



planned for: Sunday, October 11th, Wednesday afternoon, October 14th, and Sunday, October 18th. Appointments will be scheduled in 10-minute time slots. If you'd like additional time for more photos, we'll be happy to make arrangements. Everyone photographed will receive digital access to their photos, allowing you to order or print copies wherever you choose. Stephanie will also be available to provide prints and other photo services at her regular fee. This directory will be created completely "in house," which means we'll need a few helping hands along the way! We'll be looking for volunteers to help make phone calls and schedule appointments. Once all those wonderful smiles have been captured, Kristin will work her magic putting the directory together, and creative ideas and input are always welcome! October will be here before we know it, so watch for more information about scheduling your photo session. If you'd like to help with this project, please contact the church office or Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008. Get those smiles ready—we can't wait to see everyone in our new church directory!



HELP NEEDED - Backup Funeral Lunch Coordinator

We are looking for volunteers to serve as backup coordinators for funeral lunches when our regular coordinator is on vacation or unavailable. Ideally, there would be 2. Having two people in this role will help ensure that someone is always available when needed. The backup coordinators would work with the family to discuss lunch arrangements and help organize volunteers to assist in the kitchen. You would not necessarily need to work in the kitchen on the day of the lunch—your primary role would be helping coordinate the details and making sure everything is covered. If you would be willing to help with this important ministry or would like more information, please contact Jenny Powell.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/2/2026	55	121
8/9/2026	48	132
8/16/2026	70	143
8/23/2026	61	120

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 30th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, August 31st	5:00 PM Champion Force Athletics 5:15 PM CYF Committee
Tuesday, September 1st	9:00 AM Harvest & Holly Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Thursday, September 3rd	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Committee 4:30 PM Fellowship Committee 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Sunday, September 6th	10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Brunch in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 30th

Ushers Ed Seekel, Dan and Kristin Nelson

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Pam Seekel

Communion Set-up Janine Siverson

Communion Server Adele Urhammer

Monday Counting Team Mugs DeFore and Karen Celski

Sunday, September 6th

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

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Atticus Mikla

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis