

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 31, 2025



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!

Worship for Everyone!

A reminder that worship this Sunday and next (September 7) is for **EVERYONE at 10:00 AM**. This Sunday, we welcome all those who ordinarily attend our senior service—what a great opportunity to be together in the sanctuary! As usual, the senior meal follows worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, our worship will be more festive than usual and follows with a Rally Day Picnic for everyone!

Forward in Faith

Recent years have brought new and welcome changes to our church: calling a new senior pastor, investing in a new youth and outreach director, hosting new community events, and re-engaging our neighborhood with one of most successful ice cream socials in recent years. All the while we have maintained and improved our building, including more

visible signage and enhancing our main entrance on 4th Street with the parking lot project (with a new patio soon!). Most importantly, we have continued to care for one another and welcomed new members to our life together. So what's next? Stay tuned in the coming weeks as the church council begins sharing about a congregation-wide initiative for this fall that help map our future together.

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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., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: Sophia F., 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, 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., Lyle J, Vince S, Phyllis F., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: Dorie Nelson, Lois Haase, 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.

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!!



Usher Update – 9:00 AM Training Meeting Next Sunday, September 7th

There will be a meeting of all current ushers and new prospective ushers at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 7th, in the Sanctuary. **Worship will begin at 10:00 AM that morning.** Please attend to



review the usher procedures and provide your comments, as well as any ideas for improvement. Our welcoming presence helps provide a setting for a good spiritual experience for our members and visitors. Pastor Nathan has assured me that

there will be donuts and coffee. Please let me know if you can come. Thank you for your dedication to this important ministry. Jerry Schlager, Lead Usher 612-308-0210.

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!

What do you love about St. Paul Lutheran?

As the seasons change and Rally Day approaches, look for Outreach Director Jenny Brelje! This Sunday and next, as she invites you to share what you love about our congregation using our church's video camera, she looks forward to hearing your response! And remember to smile!

Rally Day Picnic – Next Sunday, September 7th!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us after worship next 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.



Financial Update on the 4th Street Repair & Refresh Project

Balance in Parking Lot Improvement Fund* \$25,957.95

2025 Income

Member Giving \$3,432.50

Member "Buy a Block" 31 Blocks \$4,207.00

Fundraising

SPLC Clothing Sale \$108.00

Bake-Off Event \$562.01

November Craft Sale Booth Rental \$75.00

Total Income To Date \$34,342.46

2025 Expenses

4th Street SPLC Temporary Sign** \$554.79

Block for Wall \$11,435.00

Brick & Batten Exterior Design \$746.25

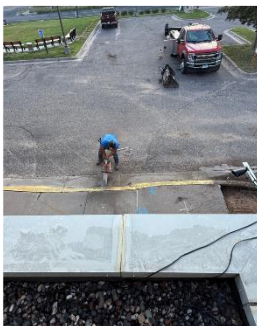
Trailer Rental for an additional block \$96.00

Total Expenses To Date \$12,832.04

Remaining Balance To Date \$21,510.42

*As of 12/31/2024

**Council Approved





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!

Join us for Worship at 10:00 AM next Sunday, September 7th!

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00 AM Worship For Everyone

11:00 AM 55+ Luncheon

Monday, September 1, 2025

The Office is Closed Today

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

10:00 AM Senior Committee

12:00 PM Connect Center Meeting

4:00 PM 4th Street Project Meeting

6:30 PM Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 AM Quilters

7:00 PM AA Group

Saturday, September 6, 2025

10:00 AM Yarnsters!

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00 AM Worship For Everyone

11:00 AM Rally Day Picnic!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/3/2025	86	139
8/10/2025	54	151
8/17/2025	73	123
8/24/2025	68	166

Weekly Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, September 7th

Greeters

Ushers Ed Seekel, Keith Wille, Carol Wille, and
Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Cheryl Renne

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 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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