

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

August 9, 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!

W.O.W. Camp is This Week!

The excitement is here! W.O.W. Camp is happening this coming week! Please keep the campers, staff, and volunteers in your prayers as they spend the week learning, growing, laughing, and sharing God's love together. We pray for a week filled with new friendships, joyful memories, safe adventures, and plenty of opportunities for faith to grow. May God bless everyone who helps make this special week possible!

September 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.**

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.)

55+ SPLC Senior Members - Foot Care In Your Home



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.

Large Print Bibles

The Senior Committee has two large-print Bibles available for you to borrow. Contact Jenny Powell at 651-439-0821, or the church office.

2026 Twins' Lutheran Night!

Game day is almost here! If you're joining us for Lutheran Night at the Twins game on Tuesday, August 11th, here are the important details you'll need to know: Our bus is scheduled to leave church promptly at 4:45 PM. We ask that everyone arrive at church by 4:15 PM so we have plenty of time to get everyone checked in, and settled on the bus.

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, Shirley, 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:

Alexander M, 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.

Limited Free Tickets to The Little Mermaid Broadway on the St. Croix Fun Opportunity for All Ages!



holding rehearsals at SPLC the last couple of weeks, and they have generously gifted us 24 FREE reserved seating tickets! The show times are Friday, August 14th at 7:00 PM, Saturday, August 15th at either 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM, and Sunday, August 16th at either 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM. The rain makeup performance if needed is Monday the 17th at 7:00 PM. Contact Jenny Powell to reserve your tickets and for further instructions. You can call Jenny P. at 651-439-0821, or email her at jenny51@centurylink.net, or text her at 651-592-8855.

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!

Friendly Reminder!

If you haven't already, please stop by the Gathering Area and pick up your mid-year giving statement. Statements are available for church members and friends, so please take a moment to find yours the next time you're at church. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Join Us Next Sunday as We Wish Jenny Brelje Farewell

As we sadly learned last Sunday, our dearly loved and irreplaceable Jenny Brelje, SPLC's CYF and Outreach Director, will be leaving us soon. Her last Sunday with us will be next week on Sunday, August 16th. We hope you will join us in worship as we have a service of Farewell and Godspeed to thank her for her many contributions to our faith community and ask God to bless her in her new position. A basket will be available in the Gathering Area if you would like to give her a card of appreciation and best wishes. She will be missed!

SPLC's Annual Ice Cream Social is Next Sunday!

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.



Rally Day Picnic – Sunday, September 13th!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us after 10:00 AM worship 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!



SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
7/12/2026	71	146
7/19/2026	64	112
7/26/2026	63	138
8/2/2026	55	121

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 9th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, August 10th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM W.O.W. Camp 5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 11th	All Day Primary Voting at SPLC 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM W.O.W. Camp 3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting 4:15 PM Lutheran Night w/the Twins!
Wednesday, August 12th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM W.O.W. Camp 10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 13th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM W.O.W. Camp 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Friday, August 14th	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM W.O.W. Camp
Sunday, August 16th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Annual Ice Cream Social!

Weekly Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, August 16th

Ushers Libby Thibodeau, Ethan Ekblad, Dan and Kristin Nelson
Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Reader Abri Bell
Communion Set-up Pam Seekel
Communion Server Jennifer Braun
Monday Counting Team Janine Siverson and Barb LaCosse

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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