

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

December 14, 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@stpaulllc.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!

TODAY! Singing Our Faith: The 12 Days Of Christmas



Rainbow Families

Once again, we will support families from the Rainbow Child Daycare Center, and this year, we are sponsoring four families. The display is now up in the Gathering Area, and we kindly ask that all gifts be returned to the church by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17th. ***SPLC families who may need assistance this holiday season are encouraged to reach out to Kristin in the church office.***

Christmas Crafts and Fun!

Please join us on Sunday, December 21st from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for Christmas Crafts and Fun! **All Ages Are Welcome!** We will have an afternoon of snacks, Christmas crafts, and festive fun! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a joyful time of fellowship together! Come relax, get creative, and celebrate the season with friends, family, and a warm holiday spirit.



Stillwater Winter Parking Rules

From November 1st, through April 1st, all vehicles parked on City streets must be parked on the side of the street that bears addresses that are odd and/or even according to the day. On odd-numbered days, vehicles must be parked on the odd side of the street. On even-numbered days, vehicles must be parked on the even side of the street. When parking on the street, please park accordingly.



Giving Envelopes



Please pick-up your giving envelopes in the Gathering Area. You will find them on the table across from the Sanctuary entrance in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Electronic Giving

Did you know you can also sign up for regular online giving? And that you can still keep your giving number and continue to use your envelopes for other giving opportunities? Simply scan the QR code in your bulletin or go to our website and click on the "Giving" button at the top of our home page. You can use either a credit/debit card or your bank account information. Our electronic giving is easy, secure and administered by Vanco, a reputable partner in empowering churches, schools, and community organizations by securely simplifying their giving, payment and financial management.

St. Paul Lutheran Church's QR Code for Giving



QR codes are everywhere these days, and SPLC has one too! Our giving QR code makes it simple to support any ministry or project. Once you scan it, just follow these quick steps: Choose your gift amount. Use the dropdown menu to select where you'd like your offering to go. Current Offering, Music Ministry, 4th

Street Exterior Repair, and many more funds are available. It's a quick and easy way to give with purpose!

TODAY! Sunday Shine

Join us on the 2nd Sunday in December after the Jazz Service and Christmas program, for Birthday Cake for Jesus and other refreshments. There will also be an intergenerational activity that's fun for all ages.



Patty Thomsen

With trust in the resurrection and God's eternal care, we share the passing of Patty Thomsen on Saturday, December 6th. Patty's celebration of life will be on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. A light lunch will be served following the service in Fellowship Hall.

SPLC's Christmas Meal Boxes

Previously, SPLC has participated in the FARE FOR ALL Christmas Meal distribution, sponsored by the Memorials and Grants Committee. Unfortunately, they are no longer coming to Stillwater, and we are unable to coordinate a bulk meal purchase with them. A big thank you to the Memorials and Grants Committee for continuing this tradition! To



order, please call Diane Podratz at 651-439-7843. The deadline to order is Wednesday, December 17th. Anyone is welcome to receive a box, whether it's for your own household or someone you know who could use a little extra support this season. We are asking that you limit your order to two boxes. If you have special circumstances, please speak to

Diane. The meal pick up will be on Sunday, December 21st, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

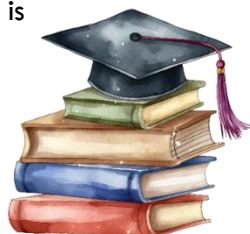
Advent Bonfire!

Wednesday, December 17th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **All ages are welcome!** We'll gather to share stories and enjoy s'mores around the fire (and yes—if it's too cold, we're smart enough to move inside!).



Scholarship Sunday

Join us for Scholarship Sunday at St. Paul Lutheran Church on December 28th or January 4th during the 9:00 AM service. This is a special opportunity for our scholarship recipients to share their thanks with the congregation for the support, encouragement, and scholarship they've received. We would love to see you in person, but if either date doesn't work for you, you're welcome to send a video instead. Please send your video to jenny@stpaulc.org or 218-770-5754.



Altar Flowers

Throughout the Advent season, the large poinsettia planter is given in honor of Ed and Pam Seekel's children and in loving memory of their departed loved ones. This beautiful display serves as a reminder of the joy family brings and the lasting impact of those who have gone before us.



Large Print Bibles

The Senior Committee has two large-print Bibles available for you to borrow. Contact Bob Michaelis at 651-278-0072.

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

Prayer Requests

Congregants: Ardyce S., Jim S., Jenny B., Barb D., Nancy T., Dan B., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: Mary A., Troy A., Sophia M., Marv D., The Family of family of David and Carol S., Connor D., John O., Dan J., Mary A., Renae S., Mike S., Ann B., Katie P., Gary R., Jerry S., Sophia F., Sonja H., Kellye, Dave, Lucy, Keith, & Josh, Becky O., Mike, 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, Kathy B., Vince S, Jim G., Margie M., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: James Flynn, Patty Thomsen, Marshall Ray Reams, Jacquilyn Pierre, 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, and Scott Coleman., Jeremy Green, Paul Baker, and Scott Coleman.

St. Paul Lutheran
CHRISTMAS EVE
Worship
3:00 PM & 5:00 PM



A child is born
FOR A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US, A SON
GIVEN TO US; AUTHORITY RESTS UPON HIS
SHOULDERS, AND HE IS NAMED WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING
FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

Isaiah 9:6

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
11/16/2025	77	137
11/23/2025	69	148
11/30/2025	47	94
12/7/2025	83	81

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 14th	9:00 AM Worship – All Church Christmas Program! 10:00 AM Sunday Shine in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 16th	6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 17th	10:00 AM Worship at Boutwells 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Advent Bonfire – All Ages Welcome! 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 18th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Saturday, December 20th	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, December 21st	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Christmas Meal Box Distribution 2:00 PM Christmas Crafts in Fellowship Hall!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 14th

Ushers Tom & Carol Weber, Jennifer Braun, and
 Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

Altar Flowers Ed & Pam Seekel

Sunday, December 21st

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau,
 and Ethan Ekblad

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Altar Flowers Ed & Pam Seekel

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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Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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LUMINARIES FOR 2025

IN HONOR OF

- Grandchildren Ava, Grace and Gabe from Grandma and Grandpa Clausen
- Grandchildren Aurora and Noah from Grandma and Grandpa Clausen
- Christopher from Mom and Dad
- Brianna DeFore, daughter, and Brian and Stephanie DeFore, son and daughter-in-law Love, Mom
- Tyson and Teegen DeFore Love, Grandma
- Granddaughters Abigail and Kenadee Johnson and granddaughter Olivia Ertle from Nana Char and Papa Mark
- Melinda and Ryan Johnson and Josh Ertle from Mom and Mark
- Our Parish Members of Mgama and Ibumila in Tanzania from Jan and Al Stevens
- Children, Grandchildren, and new Great Grandchildren from Jan and Al Stevens
- Abby and Libby Thibodeau from Kathy and Dennis Thibodeau
- Our pets Lucy and MeoMeo from Jennifer and Nick Braun
- Our parents Evy and Dave Pixley from Jennifer and Nick Braun
- Karen Hillmann, Andy and Kim, and SPLC Staff from Jennifer and Nick Braun
- Marilyn Anderson, Joanne Fischer, Dietrich Children and Fischer Children from Barb Dietrich
- Birth of August Balfanz from Great Grandma Millie and Great Grandpa Jerry Balfanz
- Astrup Families from Karen Celski
- Paul Jokien, Claire Jokinen, Beth, Ben, Noah and Augie Butler, Kristen Swanson, Jay and Renee Swanson, Grandma Swanson and David and Anna Prusak from Shelley and Martin Jokinen
- Family from Ann Lemon
- Ryan McDermott, Kyle McDermott, Steve and Carol Morris, Tim and Beth McDermott and Jana Michaelis from Bob and Judy Michaeli
- Michelle Grisle and Roger Grisle from Missy and Dave Keifer
- Grandkids from Gpa and Gma Kriesel
- Loved Ones from Bob and Judy Michaelis

- Noah and Augie Butler from Mimi and Pa
- Beth, Ben, and Kristen from Mom and Dad

IN MEMORY OF

- Adelaide Balfanz from Great Grandma Millie and Great Grandpa Jerry Balfanz
- Cheryl Thueson, Martin Drusch, Margaret Drusch and Marvin Radke from Audrey Radke
- George Musser and family from SPLC members (George was the young man who became disoriented after leaving Brian's in downtown Stillwater and later froze to death)
- Paul and Marcella Michaelis and Chuck and Grace Thompson from Bob and Judy Michaelis
- Harold and Vivi Dornfeld from Judy and Chuck Clausen
- Lowell and Rigmor Clausen from Judy and Chuck Clausen
- Sharon and Dennis Nelson and Brianna Jo from Judy Clausen
- Al and Ruby DeFore, John DeFore, Grandma Bleech, Margaret Webster, Ted Webster and Harvey Webster from Marguerite DeFore
- Dolores Johnson, Wayne Anderson, Grandma and Grandpa Fischer, Grandma and Grandpa Wendland, and Randy Fischer from Barb and Marvin Dietrich
- Janet and Ronald Halberg from Char Ertle and Mark Christensen and Family
- Wayne Christensen, Tim Christensen and Becky Moore from Mark Christensen, Char Ertle, Josh and Olivia Ertle and Melinda, Ryan, Kenadee and Abbigail Johnson
- Arnold Christensen, Marcella Christensen, Norman Halberg and Bev Halberg from Mark Christensen and Char Ertle
- Melvin Friedrich, Sandy Ness, and Jackson Pahr from Edythe Friedrich
- Grandpa and Grandma Halberg and Grandpa and Grandma Christensen from Josh and Olivia Ertle and Ryan, Melinda, Abbigail and Kenadee Johnson
- Ken Johnson from Ryan and Melinda Johnson
- Auntie Deannie, Papa John Ertle, Grandma Barb Ertle and Aunt Becky from Josh Ertle and Melinda Johnson
- Papa Ken Johnson from Abbigail and Kenadee Johnson
- Boone from your loving Johnson Family

- Dennis L. Breu, LaVaun Breu, Joseph Prusak, Esko Jokinen, Marion Jokinen, Alvin Lewis, Jr., Mitch Olson, Lottie Warner, Joyce Warner, Lowell Warner, Herbert Warner, John Breu and Florence Breu from the Jokinens
- Gus MacDonald, Vicki Wilson, Earl and Minnette Heaney, Roderick and Aline MacDonald and Baby and Joseph MacDonald from Vida MacDonald
- Cheryl Peterson from Eddie Peterson
- Alice and Steve Powell and Dorie Nelson from Jenny Powell
- Don and Harriet Martin, Eleanore and Ron Schlagel, Jim Schafer and Pat Martineau, Jackie Gary and Nadine Rohe from Jerry and Nancy Schlagel
- May Schrade, William Schrade, Carole Schrade, Harold Meissner, Otto Bieging, Elsie Bieging and Len Schrade from Lorna Schrade
- Dick and Dorothy Overstrud, Bob and Bobbie Schuster, Bill and Betty Anderson, and Bill and Adele Anderson from Jim and Carol Schuster
- Walter and Velda Schwantz, Knute and Sharon Lewis, Lester and Alice Stevens, brothers-in-law Herb Rupprecht and Hiram Pettey from Jan and Al Stevens
- Emil and Dorothy Vollmer, Eric Vollmer and Duane and Annette Anderson from Kathy and Dennis Thibodeau
- Leroy Urhammer, Jeffery Urhammer, Gordon Bonsness, Alvina Bonsness, Ed Urhammer, Lucille Urhammer, Sharon Urhammer, Wayne Hall, Ervin Jeska, Dolores Jeska and Robert Rothrum from Adele Urhammer
- Elizabeth and Roland Podratz and Ilo and Wilmer Riebe from Jim and Diane Podratz
- Fran Celski, Ron Astrup and Cory Astrup from Karen Celski
- Charles and Roberta Ebert, Forrest and Gretchen Meister and George and Edna Ebert from Vickie Ciernia, Brooke Ames and Joette, Wendy and Robert Ebert
- Catherine Shepard and Inez and Nick Santo from Brooke and Rob Ames
- Mark Walker from Family
- Family from Ann Lemon
- Marshall Ray Reams and Paul Edward Baker from Baker-Trinity Family
- Fred Peterson from Bonnie Peterson
- Nadine Rohe from Dave and Missy Keifer

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- Loved Ones from Bob & Judy Michaelis
- Julie and Robin Haberman from Marilyn Brower
- Charles Brower from Marilyn Brower
- Les Krongard from Marilyn Brower

Remembering Members Who Went to Their Heavenly Home in 2025

Mark Walker, Marlene Ritzer, Jerry Sharon, Scott Coleman, Lois Hasse, Dorie Nelson, Patricia Thomsen and Judy Becker, wife of Pastor Mark Becker