

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

December 21, 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@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!

TODAY! Christmas Crafts and Fun!

Please join us this afternoon 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!



Offering Counter Training

Financial Operations requests that all counters attend a meeting on either Thursday, January 8th at 1:00 PM or Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 PM. This training session will discuss procedures, forms used, and policy. Updated procedure packets will also be given out. ***This is for all weekly, subs, and holiday counters.*** If you cannot attend, please let the office know, and arrangements will be made. We will meet in the lounge. Thank you for stepping up and for your willingness to take on this important task!

TODAY! St. Paul Lutheran – Christmas Meal Boxes

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

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, 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.

WELCA Triennial Gathering



The WELCA Triennial Gathering will be July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Website for more information and to register is: welcatg.org.

A few things to know and consider:

- If you are a first-time attendee, there are scholarships available to pay the convention registration fee. Contact Becky Maier: jbmaier@hotmail.com
- Early registration fee by January 5th is \$475. After that date, the cost is \$525.
- Included in the registration fee is a Friday morning breakfast for first-time attendees.
- Lunch each day is also included.
- Evening meal is on your own.
- The leaders of our Cluster usually plan things out a bit, and the group hangs together when out and about, if you want.

Cluster will be arranging carpooling for those who wish to carpool, and will also help with hotel reservations if you have questions and want a roommate to help with the cost. Hotel reservations and costs are your responsibility. If you have further questions, contact Judy Clausen or Jenny Powell.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
11/23/2025	69	148
11/30/2025	47	94
12/7/2025	83	81
12/14/2025	94	170

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

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 21st	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Christmas Meal Box Distribution 2:00 PM Christmas Crafts in Fellowship Hall!
Tuesday, December 23rd	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays!
Wednesday, December 24th	12:00 PM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 25th	Christmas Day – The Office is Closed Today 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Friday, December 26th	The Office is Closed Today
Sunday, December 28th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 21st

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Altar Flowers Ed & Pam Seekel

Sunday, December 28th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Jerry Schlagel, Ashton Bell,
 Sabrina Bell, Kamel Benyahia, and Atticus
 Mikla

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Abby Johnson

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

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

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