

# Announcements

## St. Paul Lutheran Church December 24, 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@stpaullc.org](mailto:SPLC@stpaullc.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!

### Stillwater Winter Parking Rules

From November 1<sup>st</sup>, through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!

### Thank You

Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran family and friends, for surrounding Patty and me with prayers, love, and unwavering support over the past five years. Through every challenge and every moment of uncertainty, you lifted us up, encouraged us, and reminded us that we were never alone. Your compassion and care, especially now following Patty's funeral has meant more to me than words can express. In those moments of grief and remembrance, I have felt carried by your kindness. I am deeply grateful to be part of such a loving and faithful community. The Thomsen Family: Jeff, Kristy, and Adam.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM or Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Scholarship Sunday**

Join us for Scholarship Sunday at St. Paul Lutheran Church on December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 4<sup>th</sup> 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@stpaullc.org](mailto:jenny@stpaullc.org) or 218-770-5754.



## **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

## **New and Updated Prayer List**

Beginning early next year, we will be re-working our prayer list to better reflect immediate concerns while continuing to pray for as many people as possible. Please take moment and take a look at our current prayer list and note any names on your Welcome to Worship card that could be removed or that you wish to keep on the list. We will do our best to keep as many names as possible, however, if a name is inadvertently taken off please let us know. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Is God Calling You?**

The Nominating Committee met on Monday, December 22nd to begin discussing the open positions that will be available at our upcoming Annual Meeting on February 1, 2026. Beginning in 2026 and through 2027, SPLC has the excitement of marking 75 years at our current location of 4th & Walnut. This will be an exciting time for the Church Council and Committee Chairs and members to be a part of this new project and what God has planned for us. What can you do? Perhaps have an interest in leading from our values and vision? Or maybe you have ideas about taking care of our building and grounds, or events for children, youth and their families? Pray about where you might want to serve. Let someone on the Nominating Committee hear your interests or answer any questions. You might also receive a phone call asking about where your time and talents might lie regarding Church Council, Church Chairs, or Committee Members. Nominating Committee members are Kevin Urhammer, Nancy Peltier, and Marguerite DeFore. Pastor Nathan, and President Shelley Jokinen are also working with and alongside this committee to offer their guidance and help.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

The 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.



## January 55+ Worship

The January service will be on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. **The Senior Committee decided the meals will be \$5.00 in 2026.**



The menu will be Chef Luke's Old Fashioned Hamburger-Macaroni Hotdish, Jello Salad, Rolls, and Bread Pudding for Dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, if you will be staying for the meal. **Remember - Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights. Please contact Bob Michaelis if you are interested in riding the bus.**

## 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.



## Prayer Requests

**Congregants:** Ardyce S., 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:** William J., Karmen P., Darrel H., Jerry, Dick, 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:** Patty Thomsen, James Flynn, 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, and Paul Baker.



## SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
11/30/2025	47	94
12/7/2025	83	81
12/14/2025	94	170
12/21/2025	79	134

## Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Day – The Office is Closed Today 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
<b>Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	The Office is Closed Today
<b>Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time
<b>Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
<b>Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	New Year's Day – The Office is Closed Today 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Worship

## Weekly Worship Assistants

### **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Reader Abby Johnson

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Altar Flowers Ed & Pam Seekel

### **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Mugs DeFore

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

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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## **Office Hours**

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