

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

December 7, 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@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!

TODAY - WAPO Dinner Theater Bus Information

We are going to the WAPO Christmas Dinner Theater today! The time to board the bus is 2:30 PM sharp at SPLC.

Annual Luminary Display

In preparation for this year's Christmas Season luminary display in the Gathering Area, the Mission Outreach Committee will begin taking participation orders after worship on November 30th. There is no cost to take part, and all free-will donations will go to support a local nonprofit. When placing your order, please review last year's list to see if you need to update any names or add new luminary bags. ***All requests must be submitted on an order form.*** Orders may be placed in the church office during the week and will be accepted through December 10th.



Advent Devotional

Back by popular demand, you are welcome to pick up an updated Advent devotional written by member Sue Anderson and edited with extra content by Pastor Laurel. It includes hymn texts, beautiful artwork, and questions to ponder by yourself or with others. The devotionals are on a table outside the front sanctuary entrance.



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.***

Next Sunday - Singing Our Faith

Please join us next Sunday, December 14th, at our 9:00 AM worship service for "Singing Our Faith: The 12 Days of Christmas." Check out the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area! ***Your voice and enthusiasm will make this joyful service even more fun!*** Singing Skills not required!



Sunday, December 14th
at our 9:00 AM Worship

Prayer Requests

Congregants: Patty T., 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: 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 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!

Fresh Communion Bread (and it's Gluten Free!)

Last Sunday, we served a simple, fresh, gluten-free loaf of bread for communion. So far, we've received positive feedback about this bread, including that we could all enjoy a single loaf of bread together without any dietary concerns. Please use your "Count Me In" form and let us know how you feel about last week's gluten-free bread. Want to taste a bit? We'll have some sitting out after worship this week for you to try.



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.

Large Print Bibles

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

Advent Bonfires!

Wednesdays, December 10th and 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!).



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.

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.



Harvest & Holly Market Update

The Harvest & Holly Market brought in over \$2,900, and we couldn't be more thrilled! The entire day ran beautifully from start to finish. Our vendors were delighted with their sales, and shoppers showed up in wonderful numbers and filled Fellowship Hall with cheer, conversation, and the joyful hum of holiday spirit.



A huge thank-you to Santa Clausen, who spent the entire day visiting with families, posing for photos, and spreading Christmas magic to kids and the young-at-heart. Pastor Nathan also deserves a special shout-out for expertly running the popcorn machine, as he made it look far easier than it is! The

Bake Sale was absolutely spectacular. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, or purchased treats! Your generosity and creativity made the table irresistible and helped boost our total even further. What a joyful, successful day! Thank you all for making it happen!

Sunday Shine – Next Sunday!

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.



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.

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
11/9/2025	77	177
11/16/2025	77	137
11/23/2025	69	148
11/30/2025	47	94

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 7th	9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Worship
Monday, December 8th	5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Financial Operations Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 9th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 3:00 PM Memorials and Grants Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Wednesday, December 10th	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Zoom Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 11th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Saturday, December 13th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Council Mission/Vision/Values
Sunday, December 14th	9:00 AM Worship – All Church Christmas Program! 10:00 AM Sunday Shine in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 7th

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

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Atticus Mikla

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Cheryl Renne

Altar Flowers Ed & Pam Seekel

Sunday, December 14th

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

Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel

Reader

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

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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