

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church February 1, 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@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!

Sharing Peace During Cold & Flu Season

For the time being, please be respectful of each other's health by not offering handshakes during the sharing of the Peace. We encourage you instead to wave, bump elbows, use the peace sign, or bow toward each other. We encourage you also to use the hand sanitizer available in every pew.

Forward in Faith Estimate of Giving

As we enter budget planning season, we are thankful to you for letting us know your plan for giving to the church in the coming year. Many of you have returned your cards already- thank you! A reminder that we'd appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
10:00 AM | AFTER WORSHIP

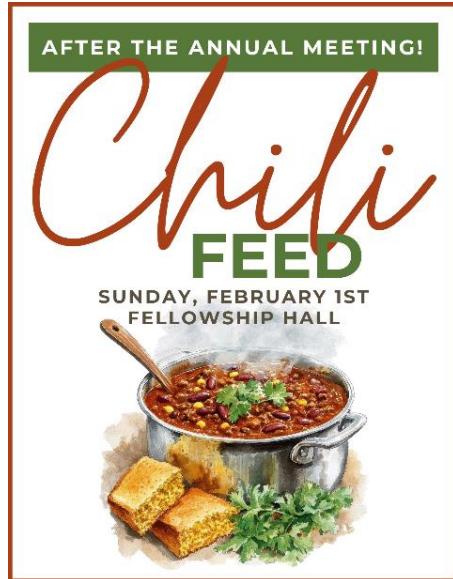


TODAY! SPLC's Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting is an opportunity to celebrate all we've accomplished in the past year and look forward to what is to come. We will receive reports from staff and ministry groups, elect officers and members to the congregation council and various committees, and approve our spending plan for 2026. This meeting is in-person in the sanctuary at 10:00 (immediately following worship).

TODAY! Chili Feed!

After the Annual Meeting today, head downstairs to Fellowship Hall and don't dash, grab a bowl! You're invited to our Chili Feed, where the chili is warm, the bread is tasty, and the fellowship is even warmer. This is the perfect chance to relax after the meeting, share a meal, and enjoy good conversation and lots of laughter with your church family. Come hungry, and plan to stick around for food, fun, and time together. It's comfort food with a side of fun!



Hymn Festival – Today, February 1st at 4:00 PM

Acclaimed organist David Cherwien and Deacon Jennifer Baker-Trinity will present "Forever Dwelling: A Festival of Hymns" on Sunday, February 1st at 4:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville. The Resurrection Choir and Instrumentalists will assist, but this is a singing event for all! A reception follows for everyone. The church is located at 3115 Victoria Street North, Roseville.

You're Invited to a Magic Show at St. Paul Lutheran!



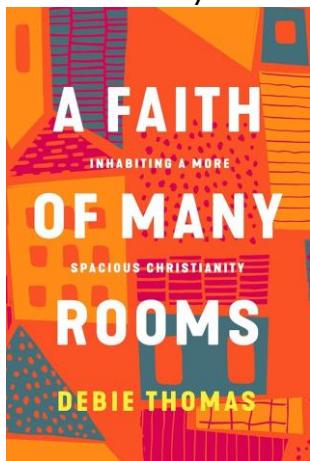
Get ready for a morning filled with laughter, amazement, and moments that will make you say, "Wait... how did that happen?!" Join us on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran for an exciting Magic Show that promises fun, surprises, and plenty of smiles. This interactive performance is designed for all ages, making it the perfect event for children, parents, grandparents, and anyone who still believes a little magic makes life more fun. Expect jaw-dropping tricks, lots of audience participation, and giggles echoing through the room. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come enjoy a magical morning together. Whether you're five or ninety-five, there's something delightful waiting for everyone!

New Adult Forum!

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism Begins March 8th. Luther had a way with words and an eye toward instruction as he wrote the Small Catechism. Many of us had to learn (and memorize!) some of his sayings, but do we actually remember what they mean? Beginning on Sunday, March 8, all are welcome to join Pastor Nathan in the Lounge at 10:30 AM as we learn and talk about Luther's powerful, succinct sayings that are the foundation of our Lutheran faith. This time together is for both long-time members and those newly exploring membership. A richly illustrated book is included! We will meet for three Sundays in March, two in April and two in May. Let us know by February 15th if you'd like to participate. (You can use your Welcome to Worship card or contact the church office directly.)

New Zoom Book Discussion

A Faith of Many Rooms Book Discussion begins March 4th - Many have



left the Christian faith because it feels too small, too confining. But what if the faith we inhabit is roomier than we thought? How might we grow in our own faith while also feeling better about encouraging others who desire a roomier faith? Join Pastor Nathan by Zoom on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM by Zoom beginning March 4th as we discuss the book, "A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity" by Debbie Thomas. A sought-after speaker on Scripture and faith, Thomas' recent book has gotten a lot of attention from a wide variety of Christians. Please indicate your interest on your Welcome to Worship card, or

contact the church office or Pastor Nathan directly. You can purchase the hard-cover book through the church for \$25 or order on your own from many book retailers. Space is limited; please sign-up by February 15th.

Presiding Bishop Statement

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has issued a statement on the recent federal immigration enforcement activity. Statements by the Presiding Bishop are not personal statements but reflect centuries of Lutheran social teachings. Paper copies of Bishop Curry's statement, along with the church's official social teachings, are available on the information table in the gathering area.

February 55+ Worship

The February service will be on Sunday, February 8th at 11:00 AM; this is the Second Sunday due to the Annual Meeting on the first Sunday. The menu will be Pork Roast, Green Beans, Rice Pilaf, and Dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, February 1st, 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.

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

Youth Group!

Youth Group meets on Wednesday, February 18th, from 7:45 PM (or right after service) to 8:30 PM in the Youth Room for students in grades 7th to 12th. Join us after Ash Wednesday worship to hang out, connect, and experience a labyrinth meditation—a meaningful, hands-on way to reflect and pray together.

Snacks. Friends. Big ideas!

All 7th to 12th graders are invited to Wednesday nights during Lent from 7:30 PM to 8:15 PM as we explore The Work of Imagination—faith, creativity, and what God might be calling us to see differently. The dates are February 25th, March 4th (Jenny's Birthday), 11th, 25th, and April 1st.

Baked Potato Bar with all the Toppings!

Join us for a spud-tacular Potato Bar before our Ash Wednesday service! Come anytime between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM on February 18th to enjoy a build-your-own potato dinner (free will offering). While you're here, take time to visit our prayer stations and prepare your heart for worship before the service begins. All are welcome!

In Loving Memory

With resurrection hope, we announce the death of Steven Lee Michaelis, former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Steven died in Arizona on January 19. We hold in prayer his wife, Claudia. A funeral service will be held at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Stillwater on Monday, February 2 at 11:00 AM. May God grant Steven and all the saints eternal rest.

SAVE THE DATE - Malt Shop Melodies! - Wednesday, April 29th

Take a step back in time and get ready for a sweet time of music and memories! Join us for Malt Shop Melodies, a nostalgic event filled with toe-tapping tunes, smiles, and good company on Wednesday, April 29th in Fellowship Hall. Additional Details Forthcoming - Be sure to watch the bulletins and newsletters beginning at the end of February for more event information. This special event is proudly sponsored by the Senior Committee. Mark your calendars now, it's going to be a real treat!

Membership: Different Journeys, One Faith

We all have different journeys when it comes to our relationship and participation in a community of faith. But as Paul says in Ephesians, the Holy Spirit calls us to the hope of "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" through which we seek to deepen our love for God, one another, and the world. Are you seeking baptism for the first time? Or are you looking to affirm your baptism through a process of study, prayer and conversation? Or are you already baptized and familiar with church life but want to make more connections through conversation with others? These are all different paths toward becoming a member of St. Paul's. Want to learn more? Join Pastor Nathan on Sunday, February 22nd at 10:30 in the Lounge to explore ways you can become a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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: Mary R., Soto B., Mein B., Gavin, Kurt S., Amy, William J., Karmen P., 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., Rick & Jean, Patti & Family, Randy & Laura, Muggs, Carolyn, Paul, Kevin, Kara, Allison J., Evy, Dave, Georgia, Russel B., Bonnie M., Connie, 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., Jim G., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, 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, Jerry Sharon, and Jeremy Green.

Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC!

Join us on Wednesday, February 11th, at 1:00 PM for a free movie, sponsored by the Senior Committee. Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend and enjoy the show! We will be showing

“The Trip to Bountiful”, starring: Cicely Tyson, Blair Underwood and Keke Palmer. Set in post WWII, Carrie, unable to drive begs her son to take her to visit her childhood home in Bountiful, Texas. When he refuses, Carrie makes an escape to the bus station, where she meets Thelma, a young woman with whom she shares her secrets and memories. As always, there will be popcorn and snacks!



Yarnsters!



The next Yarnsters meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th, at 10:00 AM in the downstairs conference room. If you like to play with yarn or would like to learn how to knit or crochet, please come join us!

2025 End-of-Year Giving Statements

The 2025 end-of-year giving statements are available in the Gathering Area today. Please feel free to pick yours up before/after worship. If you're unable to do so, your statement will be mailed to you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support! **Please note: If you find that your giving statement needs to be revised, Kristin will be happy to assist you when she returns on the 9th. Please send her an email requesting that she contact you, and she will follow up as soon as she is back. Her email address is: splc@stpaulc.org.**

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
1/4/2026	99	147
1/11/2026	68	236
1/18/2026	57	222
1/25/2026	63	210

This Week's Events

Sunday, February 1st	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Annual Meeting 11:00 AM (+ or -) Chili Feed in Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 2nd	1:00 PM Women's Reading Club
Wednesday, February 4th	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, February 5th	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
Saturday, February 7th	10:00 AM Yarnsters in the Conference Room
Sunday, February 8th	9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Worship

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, February 1st

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

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Riley MacDonald

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

Altar Flowers

Sunday, February 8th

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Chris Shivers

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Altar Flowers

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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