

# **Announcements**

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

### **February 8, 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@stpaulcc.org](mailto: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!

### **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.

### **Accountant Update**

The Personnel and Financial Operations Committee are pleased to announce that we have extended an offer to a new staff Accountant! This individual will provide important oversight to tasks already being performed and bring more organization to our financial accounting and reporting. Once the formal hiring process is complete, we look forward to introducing this person to you! In the meantime, please extend thanks to many who have taken on greater responsibilities during the past year since Ed's retirement. This includes Kristin Nelson, Financial Clerk, and those who have assisted with the Financial Operations Committee (Shelley Jokinen, Kevin Urhammer, Mugs DeFore, Renee Swanson, Ed Seekel, and Pastor Nathan).

### **Immigrant Support Update from Synod**

Members of our immigrant congregations in the Saint Paul Area Synod are currently being targeted in unjust ways simply because of their appearance. Our synod is committed to walking with them through this terrible time of crisis. To that end, they have established the Immigrant Support Fund, which goes directly to families connected with

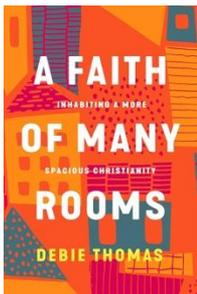
the synod's ethnic-specific congregations. Donations to this fund support food relief, rent assistance, and legal fees when appropriate. Use the QR code here or send a check payable to "Saint Paul Area Synod" (write "immigrant support" in the memo line) and mail to: Saint Paul Area Synod, 105 University Ave. W., St. Paul MN 55103.



### **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 4<sup>th</sup> - 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 4<sup>th</sup> as we discuss the book, "A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity" by Debie 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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!

## March 55+ Worship



The March service will be on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM. The menu includes: Mandy's Chicken and Dumplings and dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</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.**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45 PM (or right after service) to 8:30 PM in the Youth Room for students in grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> (Jenny's Birthday), 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC!

Join us on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## 2025 End-of-Year Giving Statements

The 2025 end-of-year giving statements were mailed out this past week for anyone who didn't pick theirs up last Sunday. **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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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: [spkc@stpaulc.org](mailto:spkc@stpaulc.org).**

## **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:** Joe F., 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., 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.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 in the Lounge to explore ways you can become a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## **SAVE THE DATE - Malt Shop Melodies! - Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## The Ultimate 50s & 60s Music Experience



Sing along to songs like  
*Blue Suede Shoes*  
*Peppermint Twist*  
*Where the Boys Are*  
*Lipstick on Your Collar*  
*Jailhouse Rock*

Malt Shop Melodies is an exciting show filled with fantastic music, dancing, skits and audience participation.

EST. 2017



Tap your foot & twist your way down memory lane!

Info

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### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM 55+ Worship

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Senior Committee Meeting  
5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays!  
3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting  
5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship  
12:00 PM Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM Free Movie in Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Quilters  
4:30 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Sunday Shine!

## Weekly Worship Assistants

### Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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	

### Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Ushers	Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau, and Ethan Ekblad
Assisting Minister	Riley MacDonald
Reader	Chuck Clausen
Communion Set-up	Nancy Schlagel
Communion Server	Adele Urhammer
Altar Flowers	

## **Church Staff**

Senior 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
Accountant	<i>Announcing Soon!</i>

## **2026 Church Council Officers**

President	Shelley Jokinen
Vice President	Pam Seekel
Secretary	Chris Shivers

## **2026 Committee Chairpersons**

Financial Operations	<i>open</i>
Children, Youth, and Family	Sabrina Bell
Evangelism & Membership	<i>open</i>
Fellowship	Janine Siverson
Memorial & Grants	Diane Podratz Barb LaCosse
Mission Outreach	Ann Kriesel
Property & Grounds	<i>open</i>
Seniors	Jenny Powell
Worship	Jennifer Braun

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### **Office Hours**

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