

# **Announcements**

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

### **January 25, 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@stpaulcl.org](mailto: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!

### **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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**ST. PAUL  
LUTHERAN**  
OF STILLWATER, MN  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
10:00 AM | AFTER WORSHIP



### **Annual Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>**

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).

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## New Event! Chili Feed!

After the Annual Meeting on February 1st, 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. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area if you're willing to help by bringing a crockpot of chili or a loaf of sourdough or French bread. Come hungry, and plan to stick around for food, fun, and time together. It's comfort food with a side of fun!



## Hymn Festival - February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM

Acclaimed organist David Cherwien and Deacon Jennifer Baker-Trinity will present "Forever Dwelling: A Festival of Hymns" on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

## 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.

The following positions need to be filled for our upcoming Annual Meeting on February 1, 2026:

- President (1-year term will be appointed by Church Council)
- Vice President/President Elect (2-year term)
- Treasurer/Financial Operations Chair (2-year term)
- Property & Grounds Chair (1-year term will be appointed by Church Council)
- Mission Outreach (2-year term)
- Fellowship (2-year term)
- Evangelism & Membership Chair (2-year term)
- Children, Youth & Family (1-year term will be appointed by Church Council)
- Audit Committee (The Constitution states this committee is made up of 3 people: each serving a different term; terms are 1, 2, or a 3-year term.)
- Nominating Committee: Up to 5 members serving up to a 2-year term.

## **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!



## **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 this Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 in the Lounge to explore ways you can become a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</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.**

## Sarah Bible Study

The Winter Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it contains December, January, and February's studies. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session One - Praying with our bodies: "Now Let Us Pray", starting on page 26. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

## 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., 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:** 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:** Darrel H., 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, Judy (Ek) Anderson, Jeremy Green, and Paul Baker.

**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!



**SPLC In-person & Online Attendance**

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
12/24/2025-3 PM	181	254
12/24/2025-5 PM	44	172
12/28/2025	60	159
1/4/2026	99	147
1/11/2026	68	236
1/18/2026	57	222

## **Upcoming Events**

<b>Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:30 AM Membership Info Meeting in the Lounge
<b>Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 PM Worship Committee Zoom Meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
<b>Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Fourth Dimension Meeting
<b>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Annual Meeting 11:00 AM (+ or -) Chili Feed in Fellowship Hall

## **Weekly Worship Assistants**

### **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

Assisting Minister     Atticus Mikla

Reader     Jerry and Nancy Schlagel

Communion Set-up     Adele Urhammer

Communion Server     Nancy Schlagel

Altar Flowers

### **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

## **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**

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

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