

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

July 19, 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, 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!

Welcome Pastor Marla Amborn!

We are happy to welcome back Pastor Marla Amborn to St. Paul Lutheran Church today to preach and lead worship. Her ministry journey includes a foundational year as an intern right here at St. Paul Lutheran from 2010 to 2011 alongside Pastor Mark Becker. Following her ordination in 2013, Pastor Marla served at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Almelund, Minnesota, and later as interim pastor at Abiding Savior in Mounds View. Currently, she is supporting Hilldale Lutheran Church in Thunder Bay, Canada, through a pastoral transition by preaching and leading worship and Bible studies bi-weekly. Marla and her husband, Randy, reside in White Bear Lake and are active members of St. Stephen Lutheran Church. They enjoy spending time each week caring for their two young grandsons. The St. Paul Lutheran community can look forward to hearing Randy's band, The Cruisers, play lively 50s and 60s music at our upcoming ice cream social this August—a tradition that began during Marla's internship years ago.

From Mission Outreach - It's That Time of the Year Again!

We are kicking off our collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. We have listed needed items on poster board with our display. We already have a number of items filled through the generosity of members. This is Mission Outreach's largest project of the year. This year our goal is 150 shoeboxes (because we did the baby care kits and personal care kits earlier). If you don't like to shop but want to participate, cash donations are welcome and we will do the shopping. Thank you for making this project successful!

Introducing Vicar Allison!

As shared last week, the Warburg Seminary faculty and the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council have affirmed Allison Klein to be a full-time pastoral intern who will serve here beginning the second week of September. Taking the title of "Vicar" (the formal title for a pastor-in-training), Vicar Allison will take on many pastoral roles with Pastor Nathan as her supervisor.

A Note From Vicar Allison

I grew up in Cedar Rapids, IA, studied Elementary Education at the University of Iowa, and spent many summers at Camp EWALU in Strawberry Point, IA. The past four years I've worked full-time at Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, WI as the Director of Teen & Young Adult Ministry. I've spent the past two years enrolled in courses at Wartburg Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity and have loved every minute of it. When I'm not working or in school, you can find me drinking iced coffee, jamming to Taylor Swift, or finding deals at local thrift stores. My spouse, Eric, and I live in New Richmond, WI, and are self-proclaimed "church nerds." We are eager to meet the St. Paul's community and grateful for this opportunity!



Thank You from Pastor Nathan

I am so touched that so many of you boarded a bus this past Monday to attend LSM's Hymn Festival at St. Olaf College. It was a rich evening, and seeing your faces in the crowd meant a lot to me. Thank you for supporting this great ministry to young musicians who love the church!

Today is Sunday Shine!

Join us on the third Sunday in July, following worship, for a fun and welcoming intergenerational activity! This is a great opportunity for all ages to gather, connect, and enjoy time together. There will be something for everyone, and yes, treats will be provided because fellowship is always better with snacks. **This summer, we will hold Sunday Shine out on the Patio (if the weather is nice)!**



Pastoral Care

While Pastor Nathan and Pastor Laurel are away, during the week of July 12th to 19th, if there are pastoral care needs, Pastor Marla is here to help. You can reach her on her cell phone at 651-315-3354 or by email at MarlaAmborn@gmail.com.

Sarah Bible Study

The summer Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it contains June, July, and August's studies. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, July 28th, at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Summer 2026: "I am worthy," by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith - Session 2, "I am more than one thing," starting on page 40. If you need a copy, there are some available in the office.

July - September Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home Available!



If you haven't already, be sure to grab a copy of the July - September Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home. You can find them in the Gathering area and by the doors of our 4th Street entrance. These daily devotionals are courtesy of the Senior Committee, and all are welcome to pick up a copy of one or both.

Upcoming forum: Christians Against Christian Nationalism

The Peace with Justice Team of Christ Lutheran Church in Marine on St. Croix extends an invitation for all to attend an informational



presentation on Tuesday, July 28th, at 6:30 PM, featuring Jerry Gale from Christians Against Christian Nationalism. Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities in ways that damage both the Christian faith and our democracy. Christian nationalism implies that to be a "good American" one must be a

Christian. This workshop provides information about Christian nationalism and suggests ways to respond to its claims and aims. This talk is located at Christ Lutheran Church 150 5th Street, Marine on St. Croix, MN

CPR/AED Refresher Class on Monday, August 17th

Join us for a free CPR/AED Refresher Class on Monday, August 17th, at 5:00 PM at SPLC. This one-hour session will be led by members of the Stillwater Fire Department. Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Church staff, ushers, council members, and all congregation members are encouraged to attend. The class will cover what an AED is, when it should be used, and where our church's AEDs are located. Whether you've had CPR training before or simply want to become more familiar with these lifesaving devices, this refresher is designed for everyone, regardless of experience or ability.

Lutheran Night with the Twins – August 11th!

Tickets are \$47 for friends and members to age 54, and \$37 for members aged 55+. Thank you to the Fellowship, and Senior Committees for offsetting the cost! Your ticket gets you Club Level Seating in Legends Landing along the third base line AND all-you-can-eat ballpark fare! Please sign-up in the office, with payment, by Monday, July 27th! The cost of the bus transportation is included (pick up time TBD). The bus will return to the church after the game. Please indicate if you will be riding with us when you sign up. Hope to see you at Lutheran Night! Win Twins



Prayer Requests

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month, unless indicated otherwise. Please use your "Welcome to Worship" card to add or update names.

For those hospitalized or with immediate needs: Family of Bailey S, Abigail, David C, and Mark C.

Those receiving hospice care: Barb Dk.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: Eric, Laura C, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Angie, Joe F, Becky G, Dean M, Richard H, Roy K, Kathy B, Vince S, Jim G, Cathy M, Harry, Lucy, Megan, and Mike S.

Those homebound or being cared for by others: Marilyn B, Ardyce S, Barb D, Nancy T, Judith K, Ann B, Mary Jo D, Orville S, Floyd N, Laurie C, Verna W, Karen L, Diane S, Judith R, Delores K, and Bonnie P.

In Loving Memory:

(names will remain for one year and will be included on All Saints Sunday)

Dollis Harris, Jacklyn Waterman, Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwiets, Janet Stuessy, Sandra Nolan, Mary Richter, Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, James Flynn, Patty Thomsen, Marshall Ray Reams, Jim Hockin, Jacquilyn Pierre, Dorie Nelson, Lois Haase, and Marlene Ritzer.

55+/Senior Worship Services Update

The 55+/Senior Worship Services and Lunches are being paused for July and August. We will see you on September 6th after the 10:00 AM service in the sanctuary, with brunch being served in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. The menu will be in the August Messenger and bulletins with sign-up in the Gathering Area. Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you in September! - The Senior Committee.

SPLC's Annual Ice Cream Social is Around the Corner!

The sweetest and most refreshing event of the year is fast approaching! St. Paul Lutheran's Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 16th, from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Free ice cream from Nelson's (15 flavors!) will be generously scooped for all who attend. We hope you can attend and bring plenty of family and friends with you. Pass the word along to your neighbors, too! Sunshine, music, ice cream, and fellowship – what could be better?. Music will be provided by The Cruisers, playing rock 'n roll favorites from the '50s and '60s.

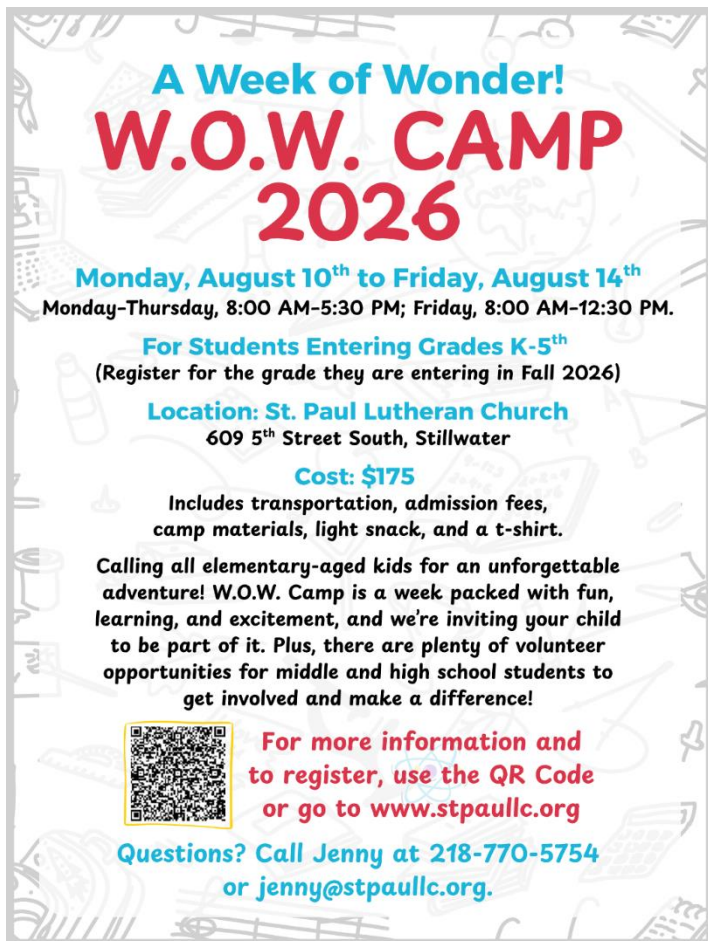


Celebrating 75 Years – Opening the Cornerstone!

The scheduled day to open the cornerstone is Monday, July 20th. Jeff will begin the process early that morning, taking his time to carefully remove the cornerstone and preserve its contents. Tim will be recording the entire process from the very beginning. If you would like to witness this special moment, please plan to arrive at the church around 9:30 AM. Tim has also invited representatives from the Historical Society, the Mayor's office, and local media to join us as we celebrate this exciting milestone in St. Paul Lutheran Church's 75th Anniversary.

W.O.W. Camp 2026!

Calling all elementary-aged kids for an unforgettable adventure! W.O.W. Camp is a week packed with fun, learning, and excitement, and we're inviting your child to be part of it. Plus, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students to get involved and make a difference!



A Week of Wonder!
W.O.W. CAMP
2026

Monday, August 10th to Friday, August 14th
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-5:30 PM; Friday, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM.

For Students Entering Grades K-5th
(Register for the grade they are entering in Fall 2026)

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church
609 5th Street South, Stillwater

Cost: \$175
Includes transportation, admission fees,
camp materials, light snack, and a t-shirt.

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**For more information and
to register, use the QR Code
or go to www.stpaulc.org**

**Questions? Call Jenny at 218-770-5754
or jenny@stpaulc.org.**

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
6/21/2026	59	128
6/28/2026	60	124
7/5/2026	52	111
7/12/2026	71	146

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 19th	Welcome, Pastor Marla! 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Sunday Shine (Outside weather allowing)
Monday, July 20th	Welcome Back, Pastor Nathan! Newsletter Deadline!
Tuesday, July 21st	6:30 PM Church Council
Wednesday, July 22nd	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 23rd	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Sunday, July 26th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 19th

Ushers Libby Thibodeau, Ethan Ekblad, Dan and Kristin Nelson

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Adele Urhammer

Monday Counting Team Janine Siverson and Barb LaCosse

Sunday, July 26th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Julian Galvin

Communion Set-up Janine Siverson

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

Monday Counting Team Vida MacDonald and Alice Walker

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
Accountant	Michael Benson
Maintenance	Jeff Thomsen
Audio-Video Engineer	Tim Schingen

2026 Church Council Officers

President	Shelley Jokinen
Vice President	Pam Seekel
Secretary	Chris Shivers

2026 Committee Chairpersons

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Financial Operations	(Open Seat)
CYF	Sabrina Bell
	Kristie Mack
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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