

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

July 26, 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!

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 two weeks ago, 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.

2026 Annual SPLC St. Croix Cruise! Save the Date!

The Fellowship Committee is excited to invite you to an afternoon of great food, beautiful scenery, and enjoyable company on Sunday, September 20th at 1:30 PM for our annual St. Croix cruise! This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together in fellowship while taking in the beauty of the river. More information, including pricing, cruise details, and sign-up sheets, will be available in mid-August. Be sure to watch for those announcements so you can reserve your spot!

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.

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.

Welcome Home 2026 Youth Mission Service Trip Team Members!

More photos to come in the August 2026 Newsletter!



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

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 and Abigail.

Those receiving hospice care: Mark C and 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, 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)

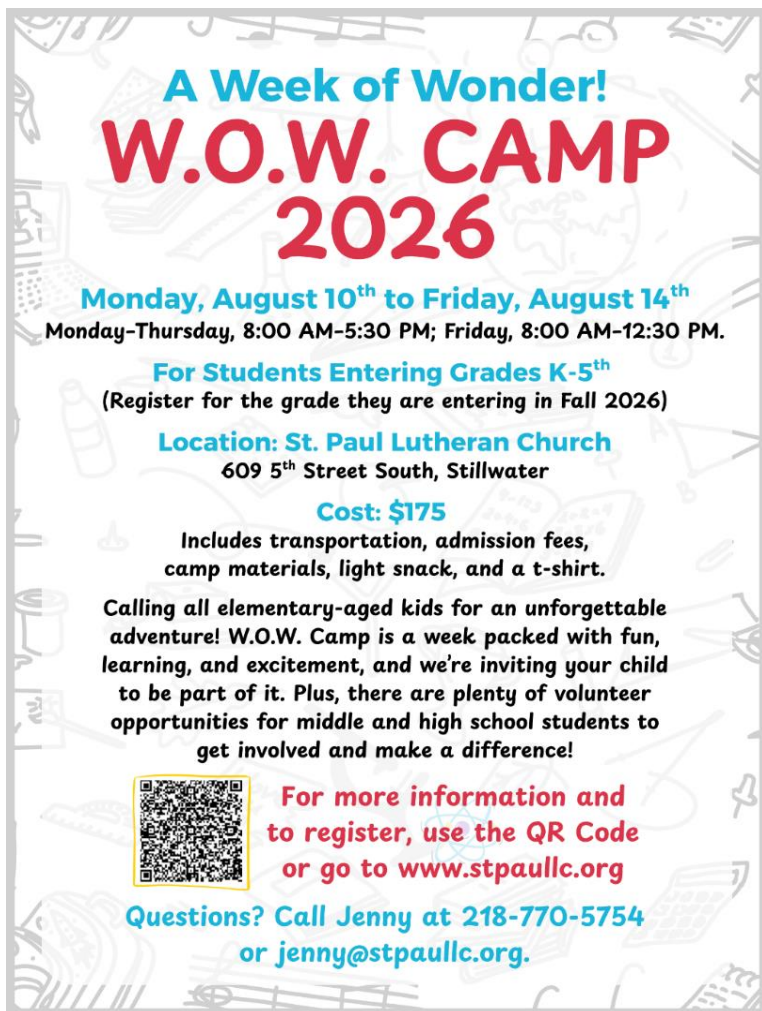
Dollis Harris, Jacklyn Waterman, Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwiets, Janet Stuessy, Sandra Nolan, Mary Richter, Steven Michaelis, Darrel Henton, James Flynn, Patty Thomsen, Marshall Ray Reams, Jim Hockin, Jacquilyn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

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.**

Celebrating 75 Years – Opening of the Cornerstone!

The cornerstone has been removed! Thanks to the knowledge, expertise, and patience (not to mention muscles!) of Jeff Thomsen, the cornerstone and time capsule were opened up this past Monday, almost exactly 75 years from the date it was placed during the construction of the sanctuary. Tim was there to record the entire process, and he will be putting together an edited video for all to see. Please stop by the Lounge this morning after worship to take a look at all the interesting contents of the time capsule. So much history to take in! We believe the cornerstone was last opened in 1977, so it has been quite a while since anyone has seen the documents. Our church has such a rich legacy of faith and love. Refreshments will be served, and we hope to see you there!

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.



SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
6/28/2026	60	124
7/5/2026	52	111
7/12/2026	71	146
7/19/2026	64	112

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 26th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time
Tuesday, July 28th	1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study 6:00 PM Frosted Glass Theater in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Thursday, July 30th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Friday, July 31st	6:00 PM Frosted Glass Theater in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 2nd	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, August 2nd

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Keith Wille, Carol Wille, and Judy Clausen
Assisting Minister Chris Shivers
Reader Janine Siverson
Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer
Communion Server Shelley Jokinen
Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis

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

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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