

# Announcements

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

### June 22, 2025



### Thank You for Joining Us!

Your presence at worship is important to God and to us! Whether you are a first-time visitor, frequent participant, neighbor, member, or friend, please take a moment as you prepare for worship to share some information on the "Welcome to Worship" card included with your bulletin. Place it in the offering plate at the time the offering is received.

### 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!

### July 55+ Worship



The July service will be on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Please note that there is a change in the menu that was printed in the "Messenger" newsletter. The menu is now Italian Pasta, Salad, Roll, and Spumoni Ice Cream for dessert. Please sign up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> or Contact Judy Michaelis at (651) 351-2075. **Remember - Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights.**

### Sarah Bible Study

The June–July–August issue of Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it also contains the upcoming two Bible study sessions. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session One: "Relationships that Form Us," found on page 12. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

### Pastoral and Hospital Calls

You are welcome to contact the church office anytime you have a pastoral need, especially for medical emergencies or at the time of death. If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please be aware that hospitals no longer contact pastors directly, so please encourage your family or loved ones to be in touch with us. The church's phone system can connect you to one of the pastors anytime.

## **Privacy Notice**

You may be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded by St. Paul Lutheran Church, including the livestream on our website (stpaulc.org). Your likeness may be used in educational, informational, and promotional purposes such as event coverage in the church's newsletter, on the website, in social media, and/or future event promotions. If you have concerns, let us know in the office before Sunday, or speak to one of the pastors or worship leaders (including ushers) when you arrive and seat yourself in the designated digital privacy area directly in front of the sound booth in the sanctuary.

## **Pastor Nathan at LSM June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Nathan has made it to Valparaiso University for a fifth summer as LSM Chaplain! Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. This unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians who credit LSM as a foundation for their life-long commitment to the church. This opportunity is both an enrichment for Pastor Nathan's call as a rostered leader to the whole church, as well as a mission of the congregation.

During Pastor Nathan's absence in July, Pastor Laurel will be your primary pastoral contact during the day, however, two other neighboring pastors will be available for pastoral emergencies, including after office hours and overnight. Pastors on call during this time include Marla Amborn (June 19<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>) and Jonathan Zielske (July 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>). We also look forward to welcoming both of them to lead worship and preach on selected Sundays during July.

Pastor Nathan looks forward to being in touch while away at LSM, so be sure to check the church's weekly e-mail blast and Facebook posts. Many LSM events are livestreamed, including the final two Sunday worship services on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Nathan and LSM Executive Director, Tom Bandar, are very grateful to you, the people of St. Paul's. .

## **Lutheran Night with the Twins - August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets are \$46 for members to age 54, and \$36 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 28<sup>th</sup>! 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!

## Vacation Bible School - We Need Your Help!

Love to decorate and get crafty? We need you! Join us for a planning meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM as we brainstorm fun and festive ways to bring our VBS decorations to life! The more, the merrier, because many hands make light work (and even better decorations!).



## FREE Senior 55+ Event!

**Please Join Us on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM** Join us for lunch and a tour at the Washington County Heritage Center on Greeley Street. The Center is now featuring a fascinating new interactive exhibit, SUDS on the St. Croix, which highlights the rich history of brewing in the St. Croix Valley. You'll



also enjoy access to several other engaging exhibits during your visit. The event takes place on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. A box lunch will be provided with your choice of turkey and cheddar or ham and Swiss, along with fresh fruit, chips, and a chocolate brownie. Please

sign up by Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Gathering Area or by contacting Jenny Powell at 651-592-8855 (calls or texts welcome). Don't forget to include your lunch selection when you sign up!

## Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again! Operation Christmas Child preparations are underway! We're busy sewing pillowcase dresses and shorts, and we want to give a huge shoutout to our amazing quilters for once again donating all the fabric. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to those who have generously given their time and talents to sew. A quick update: Due to new customs regulations in some of the countries we serve, bar soap can no longer be included in the shoeboxes. Our display will be going up in mid-July, and we'll have a poster board with a list of the items we're currently collecting. Thanks to early donations, several items have already been checked off the list—what a great start! Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support. We are truly blessed to be part of such a generous and caring congregation!



## Pastoral Emergencies

If you are in immediate need of a pastor, please feel free to call on Pastor Marla Amborn at 651-315-3354 through July 6. Pastor Laurel may also have some limited availability during the daytime.

## **Garden Tea Fundraiser**

It's back! After five years, The Connect Center is excited to bring back the much-loved Garden Tea on Saturday, August 2, 2025, and it's going to be a beautiful end of summer fundraiser! While tickets will be available soon, there's a special way you can get involved now: we're setting each table with beautiful china, and we'd love to borrow yours! Your cherished pieces will be handled with the utmost care and appreciation. If you'd like to be part of this charming event, please contact Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008 or [janinesiverson@gmail.com](mailto:janinesiverson@gmail.com).



## **Summer Hours for 4<sup>th</sup> Street Main Entrance**

With summer approaching and generally less day-to-day activity, more volunteers and staff will find themselves alone in the church building during office hours. As such, during the summer beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the internal 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance will be more regularly locked, including during office hours. Simply push the appropriate button next to the door to be let in at any time, including during non-office hours. Or, if you are a regular volunteer, please contact the office, and they can set you up with a key FOB. The doors will still be unlocked for regular events (Quilters, Senior Movie, Sarah Bible Study, Toddler Tuesdays, etc.) This practice comes at the recommendation of the Stillwater Police Department.



## **Savannah Mack – Class of 2025!**

Savannah is headed to the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities this fall to study Molecular and Cellular Biology on the Pre-Med track! Help us celebrate her amazing achievement at an open house on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 11626 Otchipwe Ave. N., Stillwater. We'd love to see you there!



## **Two New Babies!**

With joyful hearts, we congratulate the proud new parents! Brandon and Katelyn U. welcomed their sweet daughter, Savannah Quinn, on June 12, 2025, at 11:00 PM. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 19.5 inches long. Just one day later, Tim and Stephanie S. celebrated the arrival of their son, James Jacob, born on June 13, 2025, at 11:09 PM. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Blessings to both families on these precious new beginnings!



## **Summer Edition – Toddler Tuesdays!**

Join us for Toddler Tuesdays on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM! We are planning to play outside, but if the weather is uncooperative, we will play inside. It's a fun-filled morning designed just for toddlers, featuring engaging activities, interactive play, and opportunities for little ones to explore and socialize.

## **Welcome New Members!**

As Christ welcomes all of us, so we delight to welcome three new members this Sunday. Dan Bakke is a retired elementary principal and Minnesota National Guard Veteran. He and his wife, Barb, just celebrated their 53rd anniversary! They are both originally from Minnesota but had moved in recent years to Montana. They recently moved back and relocated to Stillwater to be near one of their sons and his family. Dan's sponsor is Ron Kuehn. Susan Markgraf-Janoski grew up in our congregation and has recently re-connected following the death of her mother, Jeri Revoir. Susan works for the Animal Science Department at the University of Minnesota. One of her delights is reading to her grandkids from the Spark Story Bible. Susan's sponsor is Renee Swanson. Larry Tomai grew up on the east side of St. Paul and lived for many years in Grant township with his wife, Glenn, where they raised their three children. Since then, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren (with two more on the way!) have grown his family. Larry recently moved to Croixdale and started attending St. Paul at the invitation of his neighbor, Marilyn Brower, who is his sponsor.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Congregants:** Mugs D., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Lois H., Mark C., and Abri B.

**Family and Friends:** Erica, Holly & Family, David C., Allie S., Lisa, Kristen B., Mary Jo D., Cody, Rick & Jean, Patti & Family, Randy & Laura, Shere W., Josh, Muggs, Carolyn, Kaley, Hannah, Ayden, Steve, Mary, Paul, Kevin, Char G., Kara, Allison J., Evy, Dave, Georgia, Russel B., Jada, Lisa L., Bonnie M., Connie, Shannon S., Mary A., Bonnie S., Leo H., Jane S., Laura C., Lisa, Steph D., Brian D., Tyson D., Teegan D., Lexen, Danny, Harry E., Nadine, Diane L., Jenny O., Lyle J, Kathy B., Vince S, Phyllis F., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Tom S., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

**In Loving Memory:** Mark Walker, Richard Markgraf, Sister Eileen Trinity, Judy Becker, Becky Dufresne, Jerry Sharon, Judy (Ek) Anderson, Jeremy Green, Paul Baker, Scott Coleman, Becky Moore, Jeri Revoir, and Len Schrader.

4<sup>th</sup> Street Refresh Project



A huge thank you to everyone who attended the May 18<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting! We're grateful for your approval to move forward with demolishing the East Wall and addressing any water damage surprises. The committee now has the green light to contract demolition and repairs, with a \$100,000 budget cap.

We're hopeful the budget might also cover parking lot improvements, but we'll know more once the wall comes down. Jeff is working with Miller Excavating to finalize the contract and will keep everyone updated.

**Have Fundraising Ideas? We need your creative help!** A few ideas on the table: a matching donation challenge and a Waffle Bar fundraiser (yes, please!). Got more? Let us know!

Reach out to any of the committee members—Jeff Thomsen, Barb Dietrich, Shelley Jokinen, Renee Swanson, Chuck Clausen, Mugs DeFore, or Pastor Nathan if you'd like to help or share ideas.

Let's build something great—together. Want to support the 4th Street Exterior Repair & Refresh Project? ***Donation envelopes are available at both Sanctuary entrances—thank you for giving!***

Calling All Cooks & Bakers!

Get your aprons ready because the Fellowship Committee is hosting a ***Bake-Off on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>***, during Sunday Shine time (right after worship)! ***Want to compete?*** Sign up and show off your sweet (or savory) skills! ***Just here to taste and judge?*** Come cast your vote with your donation! All proceeds will go toward the Parking Lot Fund. And yes, there's a special prize for the baker who raises the most money, so bring your best dish and your charm! Come for the fun, stay for the treats, and help pave the way, literally!



SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

In-Person Worship		Online Worship	
5/25/25	68	5/25/25	134
6/1/25	89	6/1/25	110
6/8/25	74	6/8/25	155
6/15/25	58	6/15/25	137
		Vimeo & Facebook	

### **This Week's Events**

<b>Sunday, June 22, 2025</b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time
<b>Monday, June 23, 2025</b>	5:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Tuesday, June 24, 2025</b>	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study 4:30 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Project Meeting
<b>Wednesday, June 25, 2025</b>	11:00 AM 55+ Outing to Suds 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group
<b>Thursday, June 26, 2025</b>	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
<b>Sunday, June 29, 2025</b>	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time

### **Weekly Worship Assistants**

#### **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Greeters

Ushers      Jay Swanson, Jerry Schlagel, Lynn Lomen,  
                         and Atticus Mikla

Assisting Minister      Chris Shivers

Reader      Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up      Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server      Janine Siverson

Altar Flowers

#### **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters

Ushers      Dan & Kristin Nelson, and Ed Seekel

Assisting Minister      Jenny Brelje

Reader      Shelley Jokinen

Communion Set-up      Adele Urhammer

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 Siversen
Memorial & Grants	Diane Podratz Barb LaCosse
Mission Outreach	Ann Kriesel
Property & Grounds	(Open Seat)
Seniors	Jenny Powell
Worship	Jennifer Braun

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