

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

May 17, 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, 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!

TODAY! Sunday Shine! May 17th! Surprise Topic this Month!

Join us on the third Sunday in May, 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)! Join us on June 21st and July 19th.**

Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Patty Thomsen, whose heavenly 71st birthday will be celebrated on Monday, May 18th. Patty is deeply loved and dearly missed by her family.

Synod Assembly May 15-16 | St. Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi

This past weekend, our congregation sent three voting members and an additional visitor to this year's assembly: Pam Seekel, Jenny Brelje, Mugs DeFore, and Pastor Laurel. This year's assembly's theme was "God's Steadfast Love" and encompassed two days of inspiring worship, stimulated learning, and facilitated decisions about governance, mission, and finances, as well as electing members of the Synod Council or other committees. Most exciting, however, is that (as of this writing) they will have elected a new bishop! Voting members are not designated "representatives" of a congregation (like elected officials), but they are asked to take seriously the responsibility of voting with their conscience for the well-being of the synod. Thank you for your prayers for Pam, Mugs, Jenny, and Pastor Laurel.

High School Graduation Quilts!

The quilters will be displaying their handmade quilts along the banisters near the office from Sunday, May 17th, through June 11th. These beautiful quilts have been lovingly created for our high school graduates. If you have a 2026 high school graduate, you are invited to select a quilt in their honor. A sign-up sheet will be available.



Please include the graduate's name, school, and graduation date so we can keep track of each quilt. Quilts may be picked up at any time during this display period. As you browse, you might even spot fabrics you once donated, now transformed into

something truly special. Take a moment to enjoy the creativity and care stitched into each one. As the saying goes, many hands make light work! The quilters gather every Thursday at

9:00 AM and always welcome extra help. If you're interested in joining this meaningful ministry, they would love to have you!

Constitution Update

Now that we have adopted a Vision and Values Statement, the next step in our life together is to take a close look at our church's constitution and propose updates that support our vision and values. The Church Council will appoint a working group and invites any who are interested in serving to speak to Pastor Nathan or President Shelley Jokinen. The plan is to create a revised draft over the summer months and early fall, and to invite congregational feedback beginning in October. We are looking for a variety of people, including those with good attention to detail, who are knowledgeable of our history, and who care about aligning it with our vision and values.

75th Anniversary

Did you know that 2027 officially marks 75 years at our current location? We are grateful to the faithfulness and foresight of previous generations who made sure we would have a presence here on the "South Hill" of Stillwater. Many great ideas have been shared, and now is the time to get organized! There will no doubt be many individual tasks and one-time events; however, we will need a few individuals to help direct and facilitate a year's worth of events that promise to be meaningful, fun, and future-oriented!

June 55+ Worship

The June service will be on Sunday, June 7th, at 11:00 AM. The menu includes: Chef Luke's Barbecue Meatballs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and Rhubarb dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, May 31st, 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 Spring Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it contains March, April, and May's studies. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, May 26th, at 1:30 PM. We will be studying God's name, God's promise - Session 3, "God who leads us: Resurrection and life" starting on page 37. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

Prayer Requests

Prayer List 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: Ila, Dollis H

Those receiving hospice care: Jeffrey T, Toby

Those undergoing long-term medical treatments: Ann Marie O, Jennifer B, Alida P, Pastor Laurel, Ami, Brian J, Lucas J, Renae S, Sonja H, Kellye, Becky O, and Bonnie M.

Those with other ongoing needs: Megan, Lucy, Chuck C, Jenny B, Dan B, Ron K, Abri B, Brandon C, Steven W, Michael S, Mike S, Joe F, Jerry, Dick, Sophia M, Mary A, Troy A, Marv D, Connor B, Dan J, Jerry S, Sophia F, Kara, Steph D, Brian D, Tyson D, Teegan D, Lexen, Danny, Harry E, Evy & Dave, Diane, Lyle J, Kathy B, Vince S, Jim G, Dean M, Cathy M, Steve P, Al M, and Mark C.

Those homebound or being cared for by others: 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, Carol S, Judith R, Delores K, Bonnie P, and Shirley N.

In Loving Memory:

(names will remain for one year and will be included on All Saints Sunday)
Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwietz, 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, Marlene Ritzer, Richard Watson, and Holly Halvorson.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
4/19/2026	64	104
4/26/2026	54	134
5/3/2026	62	148
5/10/2026	67	170

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17^h	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday Shine!
Monday, May 18th	12:30 PM 4 th Street Refresh & Repair Meeting
Tuesday, May 19th	12:00 PM Connect Center Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 20th	Newsletter Deadline is Today 11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells
Thursday, May 21st	9:00 AM Quilters 5:30 PM Sytten de Mai in Fellowship Hall 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Sunday, May 24th	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 17th

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau, and Ethan Ekblad

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Chuck Clausen

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Sunday, May 24th

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson and Ed Seekel

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen