

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

May 24, 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!

Abendmusik & Festival of Hymns

Monday, July 13, 2026, 7:00 PM, at the Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College. This outing is sponsored by the Senior Committee and open to the entire congregation. On the recommendation of Pastor Nathan, we chose this program. Abendmusik & Festival of Hymns begins with an extended musical prelude, followed by a worship service filled with hymns both familiar and lesser known, thoughtful arrangements, and reflective readings. The program runs approximately 2 hours with an intermission. We have 30 tickets reserved and will travel on a 30-passenger coach bus, leaving the church at 4:45 PM and returning at approximately 10:00 PM. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Once the 30 tickets are spoken for, please sign up on the Wait List. The cost is \$10 for everyone. Please use the envelopes next to the sign-up sheet and turn into the office. All payments will be held until the event takes place.

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

Parking Lot Update

As the spring weather is finally warming up, plans have been made to complete the parking lot portion of SPLC's 4 th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh project. Within the next few weeks, the entire parking lot will be swept, cracks in the old asphalt filled, and parking spaces will be painted and marked. We are certainly looking forward to not only finishing this project phase, but also we are excited to see how this improves the overall look of our church property. We love our neighborhood on the South Hill and want to enhance our presence as we welcome everyone in. Thank you all for your support for this project. You made it all possible! - The 4 th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Committee



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!

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.

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.



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.

Rev. Justin Grimm Elected Bishop of Saint Paul Area Synod

The Rev. Justin Grimm has been elected to a six-year term as bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod! He was elected on the third ballot during the 2026 Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly, held May 15th to 16th at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. Bishop-Elect Grimm, who takes office Aug. 1, will succeed the Rev. Patricia Lull, who is completing her second term as bishop. Bishop-Elect Grimm currently serves as the synod's director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for congregational vitality, a position he's held since 2015. He previously served as lead pastor at Advent Lutheran Church in Lake Ann, Mich., after first serving as the mission developer. He is a graduate of Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa) and Luther Seminary. He was ordained in 2005. Our synod is grateful for many strong and capable leaders and we thank the other candidates for bishop who came to Synod Assembly willing to serve: the Revs. Brad Froslee, Jill Rode and Patrick Shebeck. May God bless your continued ministry! **Save the Date!** Bishop-Elect Justin Grimm will be officially installed as Bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod on Sunday, September 13th, at Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley. Exact time is to be announced, but could begin anywhere from the early afternoon to early evening.



ELCA Women - 13th Triennial Gathering

If you are interested in attending the 13th Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa, you can still register no later than June 21, 2026. Information is located on the Women's Unit bulletin board or if you have any questions, contact Gabriela Contreras at 773-380-2747 or via email at Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org. The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering takes place every three years and gathers 1500-3000 women leaders, participants, and newcomers for four days of worship, inspiring speakers, workshops, service projects, and more! We invite you to join with our ministry as we seek to nourish women's faith and love and to inspire women to proclaim their identity, intent, and actions. The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I am Worthy" focusing on Psalm 139:14 "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



SPLC IS GOING TO THE BALLPARK!



LUTHERAN NIGHT!

MN TWINS VS. THE ATLANTA BRAVES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

6:40 GAME START

Tickets are \$47 for friends

and members to age 54

\$37 for members aged 55+

Win Twins!

**PRICE INCLUDES FOOD,
NON-ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, AND
THE BUS RIDE TO THE GAME**

**WE ARE ASKING FOR PAYMENT
AT THE TIME OF SIGN-UP**

SIGN-UP IN THE 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: Dollis H

Those receiving hospice care: 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: Barb D., 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)

Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, Charles Olson, Scott Anderson, Thomas Schwiertz, 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
4/26/2026	54	134
5/3/2026	62	148
5/10/2026	67	170
5/17/2026	52	150

Wonder Wednesdays!

Wonder Wednesdays is a fun and welcoming summer program hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church for children ages 3 years through 4th grade. Held on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, the program combines food, friendship, games, music, faith, and fun in a lively and faith-filled atmosphere. Families are invited to enjoy supper together before kids participate in engaging activities designed to help them laugh, learn, create, and grow in their faith.

WONDER WEDNESDAYS

Food • Friends • Games • Music • Faith • Fun!

Wednesdays This Summer
at St. Paul Lutheran Church
June 17 • June 24 • July 1 • July 8



5:45 PM – 7:30 PM

Supper Served at 5:45 PM

Program Starts at 6:15 PM

For Kids Ages 3 Years* to 4th Grade

*Adults are asked to stay
with 3 & 4 year olds.

Come laugh, play, learn, create,
and wonder together during
these exciting summer evenings!
Bring a friend and join the fun!



Questions? Call Jenny at 218-770-5754, or jenny@stpaulc.org.
www.stpaulc.org 651-439-5970

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**

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St. Paul Lutheran's Volunteer Ministry

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved at SPLC this summer? We have several volunteer opportunities available and would love to have you join us! Volunteers are needed for ushering during worship services, helping with grounds and outdoor beautification, serving with the Altar Guild, and assisting with various summer events and activities. Whether you can help regularly or just once in a while, your time and talents make a difference in the life of our church community. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the church office. ***Thank you for helping make SPLC a welcoming and vibrant place for all!***

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 24th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, May 25th	Memorial Day – The office is closed today
Tuesday, May 26th	1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study in the Lounge
Thursday, May 28th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 AM AA Fourth Dimension
Sunday, May 31st	9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time 10:30 AM Adult Forum - Pr. Nathan's LSM Chaplaincy

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 24th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia
Assisting Minister Chris Shivers
Reader Jennifer Braun
Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel
Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Sunday, May 31st

Ushers Dan & Kristin Nelson and Ed Seekel
Assisting Minister Pastor Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Reader Mugs DeFore
Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer
Communion Server Adele Urhammer