

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 2, 2025



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!

All Saints Sunday | November 2

On this day, we remember the faithful departed during worship. This includes especially members and friends of St. Paul Lutheran who have died in the past year. In addition to speaking these names, you are welcome to light a candle this Sunday in memory of a loved one.

Peace of Mind Funeral Planning Seminar

All are welcome to join Eric Ostlund from Bradshaw Funeral Home for a free advance funeral planning seminar at St. Paul Lutheran Church on November 9th following worship in the Lounge. Eric will be discussing the steps involved in getting a funeral plan in place, how that plan will affect your loved ones, and answering your questions on funeral services. Topics discussed include types of services, death away from home, planning financially, and what happens after the funeral service.

Wedding Banns

Logan Weiss and Leticia Pitondo have announced their intention to marry on November 8th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and ask for your prayers. We are privileged to welcome them here for one of the most significant moments in their lives, and we are honored to help them bring depth, meaning, and joy to this occasion.



Attention All Members!

Are you a member who likes numbers, and finds it easy to count? If so, the church is looking to add Offering Counters to our current teams! We currently have 4 teams and feel it would be best to add two more teams. This would allow for the 5th Sundays of the year (typically 4 per year) to have a counting team, and an extra team to be of help with the holiday offerings, being a substitute on a team, and special fundraising counting.

There will be training in early 2026 for all counting teams. This will ensure that all teams understand the Counting Procedure and how it all works!

The Time commitment is on a rotating basis and would require approximately 2-3 hours of your time when it is your turn to count. In having 2 extra teams, we will have more flexibility in assuring that our weekly offering is counted in a timely manner, as well as needed help when there are holidays and large special offerings or fundraising. The role of being an offering counter is an essential role that helps us accurately process the generosity of our members and friends of SPLC.

How to sign up:

If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please sign up on Welcome to Worship slip in our weekly bulletin, or contact the church office at 651.439.5970.

Any questions, please feel free to talk to any current counters, Jenny Powell, Renee Swanson, Vida MacDonald, Alice Walker, Karen Celski, Roger Harris, or Mugs DeFore.

Camp Wapo Christmas Dinner Theater – Sunday, December 7th

We're heading to the WAPO Christmas Dinner Theater on the afternoon of Sunday, December 7th! **Final pricing is still being determined**, but it will include transportation on a comfortable coach bus. We hope to have the cost finalized this week. **We have 30 tickets available - To reserve your seat, please call or talk to Kristin BY NOVEMBER 3rd.** This year, the musical is "STAR" a witty, Scripture-faithful musical that reimagines the Magi's journey with accuracy, imagination, and delightful twist.

Pastoral Care and Funeral Services at St. Paul Lutheran

As a follow-up to the seminar with Bradshaw Funeral Home, all are welcome to join Pastors Nathan and Laurel on November 23rd, following worship in the Lounge as they share about pastoral care at the time of death and options for funeral services here at the church or elsewhere.

Speak from the Heart | Sign-Up Deadline is November 9th

What brings you the most joy in your life right now? Where are you seeing God at work in these days? How has St. Paul Lutheran been a gift to you? All are welcome to share answers to these and other

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questions as we move ahead with our "Forward in Faith" initiative in October and November. We believe that God is going to speak to us through these conversations.

If you would like to participate, please indicate that on "Count Me In" (on the back of your Welcome to Worship card) by November 9 or contact Pastor Nathan, President Shelley Jokinen or the church office. Our leadership will then assign a listener to meet with you at a convenient time and place such as a coffee shop, restaurant, church, or your home.

Harvest & Holly Market

Mark your calendars for one of the most festive days of the season—the Harvest & Holly Market! This joyful holiday will be brimming with handmade treasures, one-of-a-kind gifts, and the cozy spirit of the season. Visitors can wander through booths filled with beautifully crafted quilts, seasonal décor, unique gifts, and delicious baked goods lovingly made by local artisans and talented church members. **But here's where the real magic happens**—we need **YOU** to help make it shine! From

setup, or greeting guests, to serving treats, your time and energy will help create a warm, festive atmosphere that everyone will love. **The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. With your help, we will bring this holiday event to life!** Questions? Please contact Kristin in the office. Thank you! Don't forget that our very own Santa "Clausen" will be making a special appearance! Bring the kids (or the kids-at-heart!) for festive photos, warm smiles, and a sprinkle of Christmas cheer.

Thank You, Pat Raleigh!

Financial Operations and the Offering Counting Teams would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Patricia Raleigh for her many years of faithful service as an offering counter here at SPLC. Patricia, we are deeply grateful for your dedication and commitment in helping with the church offerings each 4th Sunday of the month. Your time and care have been a true blessing!



Puzzle Room Reminder!

As the weather cools down, it's the perfect time to cozy up with a puzzle! The Puzzle Room (upper level, across from the restrooms) is stocked with plenty to take home and enjoy. You're welcome to stop in during office hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM) and work on a puzzle at one of the tables in the room. Bring a friend or two! It's a wonderful way to share conversation and laughter while working together. If you don't finish, no worries! You can leave the puzzle in progress and come back another day to pick up right where you left off. Prefer to work on puzzles at home? You're invited to take one home with you. And if you know someone who enjoys puzzles but isn't able to get out and about, please feel free to deliver one to them as a little act of kindness and connection. We're also accepting donations of gently used puzzles to keep the selection fresh and fun for everyone. This program is sponsored by the Senior Committee, but everyone is encouraged to take part! Come find your next puzzle and join in the fun!



Prayer Requests

Congregants: Melinda J., Nancy T., Dan B., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: Connor D., John O., Dan J., Mary A., Renae S., Mike S., Ann B., Katie P., Gary R., Jerry S., Sophia F., Sonja H., Kellye, Dave, Lucy, Keith, & Josh, Becky O., Mike, Jenny, Erica B., Lisa, Kristen B., Mary Jo D., Cody, Rick & Jean, Patti & Family, Randy & Laura, Muggs, Carolyn, Paul, Kevin, Kara, Allison J., Evy, Dave, Georgia, Russel B., 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., Diane L., Jenny O., Lyle J, Kathy B., Vince S, Phyllis F., Jim G., Margie M., Rick W., Karen W., Carol L., Jeff E., Mike M., and Jeffrey T.

In Loving Memory: Dorie Nelson, Lois Haase, Marlene Ritzer, Holly Halvorson, Mark Walker, Richard Markgraf, Sister Eileen Trinity, Judy Becker, Becky Dufresne, Jerry Sharon, Judy (Ek) Anderson, Jeremy Green, Paul Baker, Scott Coleman, and Becky Moore.

NEXT SUNDAY! Pizza & Movie Night!

Please join us at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 9th for pizza and a movie sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. The movie will be "Friendship's Field," rated G. Please sign up in the Gathering Area so we know how much pizza, popcorn, and soda to get. Thanks! See You There!

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update – Thank You All!

We are incredibly grateful to Jeff Thomsen and John Raleigh for their tireless energy and dedication in ensuring the completion of the patio and parking lot work—THANK YOU! There are so many others to thank for making this project possible. From the very beginning, your generosity has allowed us to complete it without incurring any debt.

Our heartfelt thanks to:

- Our Members and Friends
- SPLC Clothing Sale – Jenny B. & the CYF Committee
- Buy-a-Block – 4th St. Exterior Repair & Refresh Committee
- Bake-Off Event – Janine Siverson & the Fellowship Committee
- Fill the Wheelbarrow – 4th St. Exterior Repair & Refresh Committee
- Waffle Bar Fundraiser – Jenny Powell
- Two Culver's Tuesdays – Renee Swanson
- Harvest & Holly Market – Kristin Nelson & Barb Dietrich

As you can see, it truly takes a village—and what an amazing one we have! Because of your time, creativity, and generosity, this project will serve our church and community for many years to come.

Counters Needed for Holiday Season

As Advent and Christmas approach, our congregation typically grows in its financial generosity with additional services and significant end-of-year contributions. This means our Counting Team are busier than usual and would welcome a few extra hands in counting money. If you can help, please let us know in the church office or indicate on your "Count Me In" form on the back of your Welcome to Worship card.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Floyd J. Person, grandfather to Jennifer and Nick Braun. Born in Upsala, Minnesota, on November 1, 1925, Grandpa Floyd would have celebrated his 100th birthday this weekend. Jennifer and Nick hold him close in their hearts and miss him dearly, especially as they remember and honor his life on this special anniversary.

Lutheran Summer Music

Enrollment is now open for Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) 2026 at St. Olaf College in Northfield! LSM is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students who come together to immerse themselves in musical excellence and build a supportive and fun community. Musical experiences include large ensembles (band, choir, orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and electives like handbells, jazz, musical theatre, composition, conducting, church music, and more. Go to lsmacademy.org for more information.

Congregational Vitality Assessment Begins this Sunday

As the next phase in our Forward in Faith initiative, all are invited to participate in helping our congregation assess its vital signs and areas for growth. The assessment is taken entirely online (easiest with your computer or iPad) and includes 70 quick questions relating to 10 areas of congregational life. The assessment opens Sunday afternoon and will run for two weeks through Sunday evening, November 16.



We are pleased to offer this research-based, online congregational vitality diagnostic tool that will help us build on our strengths and focus on areas for improvement. *To take the assessment:* Pick up a copy of the website address in the church office following worship, or email the office secretary or Pastor Nathan. Don't have easy access to a computer or iPad? Let us know in the church office and we can assist you in taking the survey.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
10/5/2025	81	131
10/12/2025	62*	144
10/19/2025	71	189
10/26/2025	78	154

*Estimated Attendance

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 2nd	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, November 3rd	10:00 AM Senior Committee 1:00 PM Women's Reading Club
Tuesday, November 4th	12:00 PM Connect Center Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Wednesday, November 5th	12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Grief Support Group
Thursday, November 6th	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach 4:30 PM Fellowship Committee 7:00 PM AA Group
Friday, November 7th	6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, November 8th	4:00 PM Wedding
Sunday, November 9th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:30 AM Adult Forum: Funerals 5:00 PM Pizza & Movie Night

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 2nd

Greeters

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Keith Wille, Carol Wille,
 and Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

Altar Flowers Jennifer and Nick Braun

Sunday, November 9th

Greeters

Ushers Tom & Carol Weber, Jennifer Braun, and
 Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Jennifer Braun

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Cheryl Renne

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 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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