

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 23, 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@stpaulc.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!

Pastoral Care and Funeral Services at St. Paul Lutheran

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 this Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 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.

Sarah Bible Study

The Fall Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it contains September, October, and November's studies. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, November 25th, at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session 3, "Generosity – A wideness in God's mercy," found on page 36. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

TODAY! St. Paul Lutheran – Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

The meal pick up will be today, Sunday, November 23rd, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Advent Devotional

Back by popular demand, you are welcome to pick up an updated Advent devotional written by member Sue Anderson and edited with extra content by Pastor Laurel. It includes hymn texts, beautiful artwork, and questions to ponder by yourself or with others. The devotionals are on a table outside the front sanctuary entrance.

December 55+ Worship

The December service will be on Sunday, December 7th, at 11:00 AM.



The Senior Committee decided that this meal will be FREE! The menu will be Cub Chicken with potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, November 30th, 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.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship

Please join us this Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 PM for our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship. Following the service, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a festive pie social, complete with an abundance of delicious treats. Please bring a pie to share, and enjoy a wonderful evening of gratitude, fellowship, and sweet company! See you there!



Rainbow Families

Once again, we will support families from the Rainbow Child Daycare Center, and this year, we are sponsoring four families. The display will go up on Sunday, November 30th, and we kindly ask that all gifts be returned to the church by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17th. ***SPLC families who may need assistance this holiday season are encouraged to reach out to Kristin in the church office.***



Holden Evening Prayer

Join us by candlelight on Wednesday, December 3rd to sing together Holden Evening Prayer. Originally written during the winter of 1986 while the composer was at Holden Village in the North Cascade mountains of Washington state, this popular service is a great way to mark the beginning of Advent. And Pastor Nathan will give a homily about angels!

Thank You Members!

The Fellowship Committee extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped sign Christmas cards last Sunday! This meaningful outreach brought a little extra joy to nursing home residents and our senior members. Many hands made the work light and the fellowship wonderful!

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 23rd	9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Pastoral Care and Funeral Services 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Thanksgiving Boxes Pickup
Tuesday, November 25th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study
Wednesday, November 26th	12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30 PM Pie Fellowship
Thursday, November 27^h	Thanksgiving Day – The Office is Closed Today
Friday, November 28th	The Office is Closed Today
Sunday, November 30th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 23rd

Greeters

Ushers Jay Swanson, Jerry Schlagel, Ashton Bell,
 Sabrina Bell, Kamel Benyahia, and Atticus
 Mikla

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Nancy Schlagel

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Altar Flowers Kristin and Dan Nelson

Sunday, November 30th

Greeters

Ushers Dan and Kristin Nelson, Ed Seekel

Assisting Minister Attics Mikla

Reader Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Jennifer Braun

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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Office Hours

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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: Jenny B., Barb D., Nancy T., Dan B., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Mark C., and Abri B.


Family and Friends: Marv D., The Family of family of David and Carol S., 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: Jacquilyn Pierre, 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.

Lutheran Summer Music

Enrollment is now open for Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) 2026 at St. Olaf College in Northfield! Early discounted enrollment ends on December 1. 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.

Altar Flowers



Today’s altar flowers are given in joyful celebration of Dan Nelson’s 60th birthday. Every day, Kristin gives thanks for his life, his faith, and the many ways he blesses their family. May these flowers be a symbol of gratitude, celebration, and God’s abundant grace in this milestone year.

Lenten Devotional – An Invitation to Members & Friends

Pastor Laurel invites you to help create our 2026 Lenten Devotional. She’ll handle all editing, so no need to stress about spelling or punctuation. (As ELCA author Marty Martin famously said, “That’s what editors are for!”) If you’d like to participate, please stop by to chat with her or email her at pastorlaurel@stpaulc.org.

Violin Recital

Associate member Luke Baker-Trinity, a senior at Mounds View High School, will be giving a free violin recital on Saturday, November 29 at 4:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville (corner of County Road D and Victoria). This free recital is the culmination of several months of practice and in preparation for upcoming college auditions. Come and support Luke and enjoy about 45 minutes of beautiful music!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
10/26/2025	78	154
11/2/2025	72	165
11/9/2025	77	177
11/16/2025	77	137