

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 9, 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!

TODAY - 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.

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.

TONIGHT! Pizza & Movie Night!



Please join us at 5:00 PM tonight, Sunday, November 9th, for pizza and a movie sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. The movie will be "Friendship's Field," rated G. The movie is set on a rural farm during the Sixties, this film tells the story of Ira and Oscar, two kids who stay faithful companions despite the racism and prejudice towards Oscar on the farm. **There's still time to**

sign up in the Gathering Area! Thanks! See You AT 5:00 PM!

Wedding Banns

We rejoice in the marriage of Logan Weiss and Leticia Pitondo on Saturday, November 8th, here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and the couple is thankful 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.



St. Paul Lutheran – Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

Previously, SPLC has participated in the FARE FOR ALL Thanksgiving Meal distribution, sponsored by the Memorials and Grants Committee. Unfortunately, they are no longer coming to Stillwater, and we are unable to coordinate a bulk meal purchase with them. We are excited to share that SPLC will be hosting its own Thanksgiving Meal distribution!

A big thank you to the Memorials and Grants Committee for continuing this Thanksgiving tradition!

To order, please call Diane Podratz at 651-439-7843. The deadline to order is Wednesday, November 19th. Anyone is welcome to receive a box, whether it's for your own household or someone you know who could use a little extra support this season. We are asking that you limit your order to two boxes. **If you have special circumstances, please speak to Diane.**

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

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.



Sunday Shine Hot Cocoa Bar and Christmas Card signing

Join us after worship on November 16th for Sunday Shine in the Fellowship Hall. The Worship Committee will be launching a Cocoa Bar at this month's Sunday Shine. Want to know what a Cocoa Bar is? Come on down after worship to join in the fellowship and fun after worship. We will also be signing Christmas Cards as our intergenerational activity.



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!



Congregational Vitality Assessment Continues through November 16th

As the next phase of our Forward in Faith initiative, you are invited to help our congregation assess its vital signs and areas for growth! It includes 70 quick questions relating to 10 areas of congregational life and can be taken entirely online with either a computer or phone. 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. The assessment is now live through Sunday evening, November 16th. If you would like to participate, please send an email to the church office at SPLC@stpaulc.org or Pastor Nathan at pastornathan@stpaulc.org, and they will forward you the link. Don't have easy access to a computer or smartphone? Let us know in the church office, and we can assist you in taking the survey.



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.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the shipping costs for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and to all who helped pack them on Sunday, October 26th!



On Sunday, November 16th, we'll take a special moment during worship to bless the shoeboxes and pray for the children who will receive them. Following the blessing, the boxes will be delivered to the drop-off center later that week.

Your kindness, generosity, and willing hands make it possible to share Christ's love around the world. Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry!



Wreath/Swags Order Deadline -

The ordering deadline for the Wreath & Swags Sale Fundraiser is Wednesday, November 19th. Please have your orders to the office by that date.
Thank You!

Mission Outreach

The Mission Outreach Committee is planning several ways for our congregation to share in the spirit of giving this season. Once again, we'll be supporting families from the Rainbow Child Daycare Center, an annual tradition that has touched many hearts. ***SPLC families who may need assistance this holiday season are encouraged to reach out to Kristin in the church office.*** We'll also be continuing our beautiful luminary display, a heartfelt way to honor loved ones and remember those who have passed. The luminaries will shine throughout the Christmas season and remain on display through New Year's Day. Additional information will be in next week's bulletin.

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: 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.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
10/12/2025	62*	144
10/19/2025	71	189
10/26/2025	78	154
11/2/2025	72	165

*Estimated Attendance

This Week's Events

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
Monday, November 10th	5:15 CYF Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 11th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Wednesday, November 12th	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Zoom Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Grief Support Group 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 13th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, November 16th	9:00 AM Worship-Blessing of the Shoeboxes! 10:00 AM Sunday Shine & Christmas Cards!

Weekly Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, November 16th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Jerry Schlagel

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

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 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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