

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 11, 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@stpaul.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!

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers are given by Jenny Powell in loving memory of her mother, Alice Powell, whose 100th birthday would have been celebrated on October 6th. They are given with love and gratitude in remembrance of Alice's life and the many cherished memories that continue to live on in the hearts of her family and loved ones.

A Sweet Thank You from Abrianna!

Abrianna would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported her bake sale last week and helped raise funds for her upcoming trip to FFA Nationals. Your support was incredible as she completely sold out of everything! Since the bake sale was such a wonderful success, Abrianna will be back with more delicious treats **TODAY!** This time, she's bringing homemade pies and bars, with some pies available whole and others by the slice. Be sure to stop by, grab something sweet, and continue supporting Abrianna on her way to Nationals!

Toddler Tuesdays!

Toddler Tuesday will be held on most Tuesdays going forward. You can always check the church calendar, but sharing our Facebook post is even better, so spread the word when you see it! New this year is a concluding story-time upstairs in the family corner of the gathering area.

TODDLER TUESDAYS!

November 55+/Senior Worship Service

The November service will be on Sunday, November 8th (**the second Sunday**) at 11:00 AM. The Thanksgiving menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and pumpkin pie. The cost is \$5.00. Sign up is required for the meal; add your name to the list located in the Gathering Area by Sunday, November 1st. **Remember: Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights. Please contact Bob Michaelis if you are interested in riding the bus.**



Noisy Offering! October 18th!

The Mission Outreach Committee has received a request from our partner parish of Imbulia in Tanzania for assistance in securing land on which to build their own church. As membership in the area has grown, the Mgama parish was divided, allowing Imbulia to serve members closer to their homes. Their second priority is completing their parish office. We are currently in contact with Pastor Nyenza and other parish leaders to learn more about their plans and specific needs. In the meantime, the Mission Outreach Committee has decided to hold a Noisy Offering on Sunday, October 18th, with proceeds helping support these important projects. So start saving those coins! Let's fill the church with a joyful noise and make a sound that reaches all the way to Tanzania! Watch for more information in the coming weeks as we learn more about Imbulia's plans and how we can support our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Kitchen Repairs Are Underway!

Work has officially begun on our kitchen repairs! Jeff is busy tackling the project, which includes removing and repairing portions of the



flooring. While the work continues, the kitchen will remain closed, and there may be times when the water needs to be temporarily shut off. Things may look a little messy for a while, that just means progress is happening! We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as the repairs are completed. We don't have an exact completion date just yet, but Jeff is working hard

to get everything put back together and our kitchen up and running again as soon as possible. A big **Thank You** to Jeff for taking on this project and putting in the time and hard work to get it done!

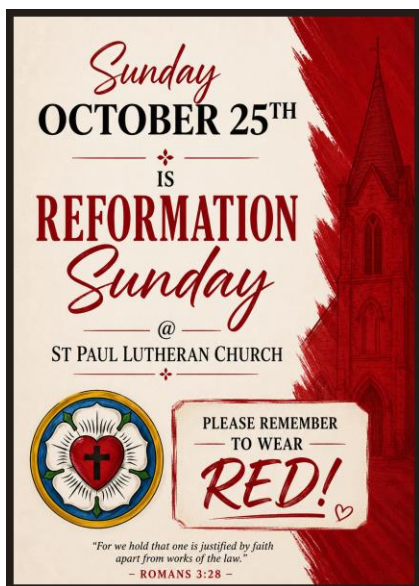
Reformation Sunday!

On Sunday, October 25th, St. Paul Lutheran Church will participate in the celebration of Reformation Day, commemorating October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther fearlessly published his Ninety-Five Theses, sending one copy to the archbishop and “nailing” another copy on a prominent church door. Regardless of how Luther's document was attached to the door, it began a reform that remains notable after over five hundred years. Please plan to attend Worship that Sunday. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience what St Paul Lutheran Church does to remember that day. Wearing red on that Sunday is customary

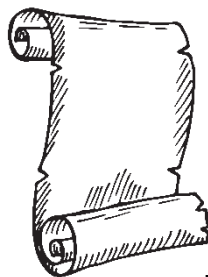
because it is a color associated with commemorating Martin Luther. See You There!

Trunk or Treat 2026! Saturday, October 24th – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Get ready for an afternoon of costumes, candy, food, and community fun at Trunk or Treat 2026! We're inviting SPLC members and friends to decorate their trunks and hand out treats to our little trick-or-treaters. We also need candy donations to help make the day extra sweet! And there's more than candy on the menu! The Senior Committee will be serving hot dogs and a beverage, and Pastor Nathan will be manning the popcorn machine, popping up plenty of fresh popcorn! Sign up to decorate a trunk or drop candy donations in the box by the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area. Questions? Contact Kristin at the church office or email splc@stpaulc.org. Help us make Trunk or Treat a fun, safe, and joy-filled event for our entire community. Costumes, candy, hot dogs, popcorn, and plenty of smiles—we hope to see you there!



Church Constitution Updates



Following work on our Vision and Values Statement in the spring, the Church Council has been busy delving into the details of our constitution in order to clarify our tasks and help us be more nimble and collaborative. Following several months of conversation at committee and council meetings, a draft of updates and changes has been prepared by our council secretary Chris Shivers. Copies of these anticipated and proposed updates are now available in the gathering area. We will share more and welcome your feedback at an adult forum next Sunday, October 18th, in the lounge at 10:30 AM.

We have a Confirmation(s)!

Two upcoming Sundays promise to be festive occasions as we mark the Confirmation of two remarkable teenagers. First, on Reformation Sunday (October 25th), junior Julian Galvin will affirm his baptism after several months of learning and conversation with Jenny Brelje, and Pastor Nathan. Then, on All Saints Sunday (November 1st), we will recognize sophomore Abbigail Johnson who is affirming her baptism the week prior at her home congregation in Mora, Minnesota. Abby was baptized here at St. Paul Lutheran and looks forward to remaining connected to the life of our congregation. Prayers for Julian and Abby!

Protecting Our Democracy: A Panel Discussion with Local Organizers Sunday, October 11th | 11 AM - 12 PM

Christians in a democracy have the right to vote and a sacred duty to protect that right for others. Hosted by our ecumenical partners at St. Croix United Church, you are welcome to gather with neighbors to hear from community organizers about how you can help protect our democracy this fall and beyond. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for this forum! The panel discussion is led by two

organizations: ISAIAH (a statewide multiracial group of faith and community organizations) and St. Croix Valley Indivisible (a local, grassroots organization that advocates for progressive and inclusive values). St. Croix Valley church is located at 309 N. 3rd St. in Bayport. Please use the south/side entrance of the building. An elevator is available through the front entrance of the church.

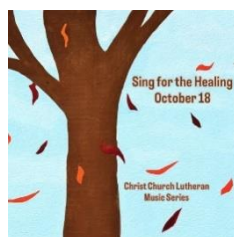




Movie Night! Sunday, November 1st
 Pizza, a Movie & Popcorn at 5:00 PM on November 1st in Fellowship Hall. Our feature presentation is "The Cure" rated PG-13. Erik, a loner, finds a friend in Dexter, an eleven-year-old boy with AIDS. They vow to find a cure for AIDS together and save Dexter's life in an eventful summer. Sign up in the Gathering Area. ***This movie was filmed in Stillwater!***

Sing for the Healing: Festival of Song in Thanksgiving for Twenty Years of Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday, October 18, 2026 – 4:00 PM at Christ Church Lutheran, Mpls.

A new year of Christ Church's music series is underway, and they are beginning with a celebration of the book that guides our worship each week. For two decades the treasures old and new in this groundbreaking worship book and its family of resources have helped thousands of Christian communities sing the church's song. Join your voices with musical leaders Jennifer Baker-Trinity, Robert Buckley Farlee, Zebulon Highben, Sally Messner, Nathan Proctor, Jonathan Rundman, Mark Sedio, David Sims, and a festival choir. A pre-concert conversation with Martin Seltz, Jennifer Baker-Trinity, and Zebulon Highben about assembling hymnals begins in the sanctuary at 3:00pm.



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.

Culver's Night Thank You!

We had a fantastic turnout and great fun last Monday (Oct. 5th) for our Fall Culver's Night! It was so fun to see everyone enjoying their meal (frozen custard too!). Thank you to everyone who participated – whether that was dining in, taking out, or driving through. Your support to our ongoing 4th Street Project is much appreciated. A special shout out to Vicar Allison who was an exceptional runner! From the 4th Street Refresh/Repair Committee

Say Cheese! Church Directory Photos Begin Today!

The smiles begin today, as we kick off photo sessions for our new SPLC Directory! Photo sessions will also be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 14th; and Sunday, October 18th, with appointments scheduled in convenient 10-minute time slots. Everyone photographed will receive digital access to their photos, and prints may also be ordered through Stephanie at her regular fee. **Haven't signed up yet? There's still time!** Questions or need help scheduling? Please contact the church office or Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008. We can't wait to see your smile!

Prayer Requests

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: Joette E, and the family of Laura C.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments:

Olivia E, John B, Tony, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Phyllis, Angie, Richard H, Kathy B, Vince S, Jim G, Cathy M, Harry, and Mike S.

Those homebound or being cared for by others: Martin W, Ardyce S, Barb Dr, Nancy T, Judith K, Ann B, Mary Jo D, Orville S, Floyd N, Laurie C, Verna W, Karen L, Diane S, Delores K, and Bonnie P.

In Loving Memory:

(names will remain for one year and will be included on All Saints Sunday)

Judy Mitchell, Judith Rutscher, Joyce Roettger, Marilyn Brower, Faye Rothrum, Gary Allen, Barb Dahlke, Mark Christensen, Dale Preston, Bailey Severson, Dollis Harris, Jacklyn Waterman, Jeffrey Thomsen, Donald Teske, Shirley Nolde, Sally Colemier, Carol Scheel, 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, and Jacquilyn Pierre.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
9/13/2026	55	117
9/20/2026	65	147
9/27/2026	47	111
10/4/2026	82	116

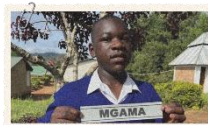
Supporting Students Through Education

Meet some of the thirteen students who have benefited from St. Paul Lutheran's contributions to the Scholarship Fund! These students attend several different secondary schools, which is why you may see them



pictured in different groups. In Tanzania, government-supported education ends after what is comparable to our sixth grade. For students who wish to continue their education, financial assistance can make all the difference. Through your prayers and financial support, these young people are given the opportunity to continue their schooling and, ultimately, pursue training for specific

careers and a brighter future. Applications for the 2027 school year are now being accepted by the joint scholarship committee of the St. Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese. Following student interviews, the amount of assistance the committee can provide will depend upon the funds available. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Scholarship Fund for students from our companion parishes of Mgama and Ibumila. Commitments are requested by October 24, 2026, with donations received by November 2, 2026. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, with "Scholarship Fund" noted on the memo line. Your gift is more than financial assistance—it is an investment in a student's education, opportunities, and future.



SPLC Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila

Count on me/us to support the Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila. Please make your commitment by October 24, 2026, with your donation given by Nov 2, 2026.

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____ Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write "Scholarship Funds" in the memo line. Meeting this deadline is important to ensure the funds are available for distribution to students in January 2027.

Thank you for your generous support from the students whose lives are being touched by your gifts and from the Mission Outreach Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 11th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:15 AM Lay Internship Committee Meeting
Monday, October 12th	5:15 CYF Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th	9:00 AM 4 th Street Repair & Refresh Meeting 10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting 4:00 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Wednesday, October 14th	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 15th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting
Sunday, October 18th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:15 AM Mgama-Tanzania Display

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 11th

Ushers Jennifer Braun, and Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up Mugs DeFore

Communion Server Adele Urhammer

Monday Counting Team Diane Podratz and Ann Lemon

Sunday, October 18th

Ushers Dan and Kristin Nelson

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Pam Seekel

Communion Set-up Cheryl Renne

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Monday Counting Team Janine Siverson and Barb LaCosse

Church Staff

Sr. Pastor	Rev. Nathan Baker-Trinity
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Laurel Halvorson Bernard
Vicar	Allison Klein
Director of Music	Andy Peterson
Casual Worship Leader	Karen Hillmann
Office Coordinator	Kristin Nelson
Accountant	Michael Benson
Maintenance	Jeff Thomsen
Audio-Video Engineer	Tim Schingen

2026 Church Council Officers

President	Shelley Jokinen
Vice President	Pam Seekel
Secretary	Chris Shivers

2026 Committee Chairpersons

Financial Operations	(Open Seat)
CYF	Sabrina Bell Kristie Mack
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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