

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 12, 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!

Evening Grief Support Continues - October 15th

A new grief support gathering began on October 8th and we welcome any additional participants to join us this Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM in the Lounge. We will meet through November 19th. No matter what stage of grief or what kind of loss you're dealing with, all are welcome to come as you are to receive the support of others. Pastor Nathan will provide some centering scripture verses, a conversation starter question, and a prayer to conclude our time together.

OCC Shoebox Size Reminder & Special Request

Operation Christmas Child has shared that they're receiving only about half the number of shoeboxes compared to past years. Our goal is to fill 259 shoeboxes, and we need your help to make that happen!



We're especially in need of standard-sized shoeboxes so we can keep packing and spreading joy to children across the globe.

Please note: shoeboxes must be no larger than 13" x 7.5" x 4.7".

Not a fan of shopping? No problem! You can still make a meaningful difference by contributing a cash donation to help cover shipping costs.

Together, we can bridge the gap and remind every child that they are seen, valued, and loved. ♥ Thank you for being part of this incredible mission!

Waffle Bar – NEXT Sunday, October 19th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19th, and join us for a mouthwatering Waffle Bar after worship! A freewill offering will be collected to support the 4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project.

Menu: A delicious breakfast spread featuring waffles with a variety of toppings, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk. And for dessert, chocolate waffles topped with ice cream and your choice of sweet toppings!



Volunteer Opportunities – The Volunteer sign-up sheet is now available in the Gathering Area:

Ways to help include:

- Lending a waffle maker
- Helping make waffles
- Assisting in the kitchen on the day of the event
- Set-up and cleanup support

Questions? Contact Jenny Powell, our event leader.

November 55+ Worship

The November service will be on Sunday, November 2nd at 11:00 AM.



The menu will be Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, and Pumpkin Pie. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, October 26th, 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.**

TODAY - Membership: Welcoming One Another

Are you curious about or interested in church membership? Have you recently joined the church but are unsure about the next steps in feeling more connected? Or are you a long-time member wondering how you can be a part of welcoming those new to our congregation? Join Pastor Nathan for a conversation about these and any other questions you have regarding church membership today, Sunday, October 12th, at 10:30 AM in the Lounge.

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.

Speak from the Heart

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) or contact Pastor Nathan or President Shelley Jokinen. 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.

All Saints Sunday – November 2, 2025

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. Do you have a name of someone who has died in the past year that you want to be included? A memorial book has been set-up near the sanctuary entrance in the gathering area.

Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC!

Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 PM for a free movie, sponsored by the Senior Committee. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy the show! We will be showing NIGHT CROSSING, a true story, starring Beau Bridges, Jane Alexander, and John Hurt. In the fall of 1979, one of history's most ingenious and courageous flights to freedom took place when the Strelzyk and Wetzel families made a death-defying flight from Communist East Germany to the West in their own handcrafted balloons. As always, there will be popcorn and snacks!



Trunk or Treat 2025!

Get ready for an afternoon of costumes, candy, and community fun! We're inviting all SPLC members and friends to join us for Trunk or Treat 2025 by decorating your trunks and handing out treats to our little trick-or-treaters. Whether you go spooky, silly, or sweet, your creativity will help make this event a memorable one for kids and families in our community.

We also need candy donations to help fill all those eager hands! If you're able to contribute, please sign up or drop your donation in the box located by the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area. Every bag of candy helps us spread more joy!

This is a wonderful way to welcome families, share laughter, and shine God's love in a fun, festive way. Questions? Contact Jenny at the church office or email her at jenny@stpaulc.org. Thank you for helping us make Trunk or Treat a safe, sweet, and joy-filled event for everyone!

Sign-Up Sheets!



Harvest & Holly Market

Mark your calendars for one of the most festive days of the season! The Harvest & Holly Market is a joyful gathering filled with handmade treasures, one-of-a-kind gifts, and the cozy spirit of the holidays. Wander through booths featuring beautifully crafted quilts, seasonal décor, unique gifts, and delicious baked goods, all lovingly created by local artisans and talented church members. Whether you're hunting for the perfect present, stocking up on holiday treats, or just soaking up the cheerful atmosphere, there's something here for everyone. Bonus Holiday Magic: We're especially excited to announce 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. Questions or want to help make the day extra special? Contact Kristin to learn about volunteer opportunities.



5th Quarter for all 6th to 12th Graders on Wednesday, October 15th from 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church. After the football game, head over to St. Paul for food, fellowship, fire, and fun! Bring your friends for an evening of laughter and connection, you won't want to miss it! Questions? Contact Jenny at jenny@stpaulcl.org or call/text 218-770-5754.



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



Prayer Requests

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

Family and Friends: 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, Becky Moore, and Len Schrade.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
9/14/2025	63	185
9/21/2025	68	115
9/28/2025	68	128
10/5/2025	81	131

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 12th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time! 10:30 AM Welcoming One Another
Monday, October 13th	5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 14th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 3:00 PM Memorials & Grants 4:00 PM 4 th Street Project Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations Meeting
Wednesday, October 15th	11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Grief Support Group 9:30 PM Youth Event - 5 th Quarter
Thursday, October 16th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, October 19th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Waffles & Sunday Shine!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 12th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Riley MacDonald

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Jennifer Braun

Altar Flowers

Sunday, October 19th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

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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