

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 18, 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@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!

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.**

Reformation Sunday!

Next 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!

TODAY - Noisy Offering!

Today, October 18th, we will collect a special Noisy Offering to support our partner parish of Imbulia in Tanzania! As their congregation continues to grow, they hope to secure land to build their own church, with a second priority of completing their parish office. The Mission Outreach Committee is working with Pastor Nyenza and parish leaders to learn more about their needs and how we can help. So bring out those coins and let's make some joyful noise! Together, we can make a difference for our Christian brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



TODAY - A Visit to Tanzania in the Gathering Area!

Today, our Tanzania travelers are bringing a little piece of Africa to the Gathering Area! Enjoy coffee and treats as you browse photo albums and explore treasures brought home from visits to our partner parishes. During worship, we will also collect a **Noisy Offering** to support the church building project in Ibumila. St. Paul Lutheran is the only U.S. congregation partnered with the parishes of Mgama and Ibumila, making our connection especially meaningful. **Don't forget our Scholarship Fund!** If you would like to support students in our Tanzanian partner parishes, please submit your pledge intention by October 24th, with contributions received by November 4th. Pledge forms are available in the Gathering Area. The Mission Outreach Committee extends heartfelt thanks for your generosity, prayers, and continued support of our Christian brothers and sisters in Tanzania!

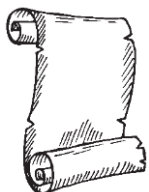
Wreath/Swags Order Deadline – Monday, October 26th!

The ordering deadline for the Wreath & Swags Sale Fundraiser is **Monday, October 26th**. Please have your orders to the office by that date. Thank You!



Church Constitution Update

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 TODAY, Sunday, October 18th, in the lounge at 10:30 AM.**



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

SPLC Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

Thanksgiving is a time for sharing blessings, and SPLC is once again offering Thanksgiving Meal Boxes to help make the holiday a little brighter! Whether you could use a little extra support yourself or know someone who would appreciate a helping hand, everyone is welcome to receive a box. **To reserve your box, please contact Diane Podratz at 651-439-7843 by Wednesday, November 18th.** We kindly ask that requests be limited to two boxes per household. If you have special circumstances, please speak with Diane. **Meal pickup will be Sunday, November 22nd, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.** A heartfelt thank you to the Memorials and Grants Committee for continuing this wonderful Thanksgiving tradition.

All Saints Sunday - November 1st

On this day we will remember the faithful departed during worship. This especially includes 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.

2026 WREATH/SWAG SALE

If you wish to purchase one of these products, **please fill out the order form below and leave it in the church office, or mail it directly to Carol Weber at 613 Willard Street W, Stillwater MN 55082, or you can place your order by phone by calling Carol at 651-439-0689** (if no answer, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and what you wish to order). **Final order deadline is Monday, October 26th.** We encourage you to share order forms with friends, neighbors, and relatives – **non-member orders are always welcome!**

In addition to the items listed below, there are other sizes of wreaths available if you would like a smaller or larger wreath – 20-inch is the smallest, and they go up in size to a 60-inch wreath. If you want to know more about the prices of these special items, please talk with Carol Weber.

The plan is for us to pick the orders up sometime during the week of November 16th- 21st, but if the weather and roads are bad, then we would have to reschedule and would let you know if that happens. If things go according to plan, your order will be available for you to pick up starting on Sunday, November 22nd. If you are not able to pick up your order that day, contact Carol at 651-439-0689 to schedule another convenient time for you to pick your order up.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and hope you enjoy these beautiful wreaths, swags, and other items again this year.



PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER INFORMATION BELOW TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CAROL WEBER BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ 24" WREATH(S) AT \$18.25 each

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ DOOR SWAG(S) AT \$13.50 each

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ 36" CEMETERY CROSS(ES) AT \$23.00 each

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ 25 FT LENGTHS OF GARLAND AT \$37.00 PER LENGTH

FULL PAYMENT OF \$ _____ IS ATTACHED--**CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**
Checks will not be cashed until pick-up

WILL PAY \$ _____ AT THE TIME OF PICK-UP

**Additional full-size copies of the order form
can be found in the Gathering Area.**

We have a Confirmation(s)!

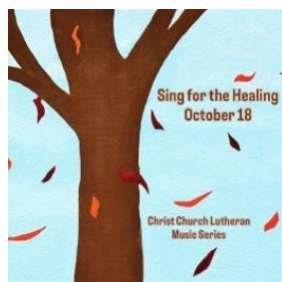
Two upcoming Sundays promise to be festive occasions as we mark the Confirmation of two remarkable teenagers. First, on Reformation Sunday (October 25th), junior Julian Galvin will affirm his baptism after several months of learning and conversation with Jenny Brelje, and Pastor Nathan. Then, on All 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!



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.

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: John S, Shirley, Joette E, and the Family of Laura C.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: Abby, Muggs, Larry F, Olivia E, John B, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Donnie H, Phyllis, 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
9/20/2026	65	147
9/27/2026	47	111
10/4/2026	82	116
10/11/2026	Not Available	164

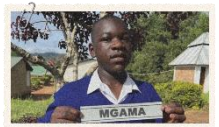
Supporting Students Through Education

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 18th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:15 AM Mgama-Tanzania Display
Monday, October 19th	10:00 AM Croixdale Worship
Tuesday, October 20th	Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 21st	11:00 AM Boutwells Worship 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22nd	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting
Saturday, October 24th	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat!
Sunday, October 25th	Reformation Sunday – Wear Red! 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 18th

Ushers Dan and Kristin Nelson

Assisting Minister

Reader Pam Seekel

Communion Set-up Janine Siverson

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Monday Counting Team Janine Siverson and Barb LaCrosse

Sunday, October 25th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia

Assisting Minister Vicar Allison and Atticus Mikla

Reader Atticus Mikla

Communion Set-up Cheryl Renne

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

Monday Counting Team Vida MacDonald and Alice Walker