

# Announcements

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

### October 19, 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](mailto: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 <sup>know</sup> you better!

### **Evening Grief Support Continues - October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

A new grief support gathering began on October 8<sup>th</sup> and we welcome any additional participants to join us this Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Lounge. We will meet through November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **TODAY! Waffle Bar!**

Join us for a mouthwatering Waffle Bar after worship today! A freewill offering will be collected to support the 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Operation Christmas Child - Update

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed toward the shipping costs for the OCC shoeboxes! Because of your kindness, we've already collected \$551.75 to help send these gifts around the world.



***Today, we will be passing the shoeboxes immediately following the regular offering to collect donations that will help cover shipping costs.***

Every contribution, no matter the size, plays an important role in ensuring these boxes reach children around the world, bringing not only gifts but also hope and love.

Our final Sunday for collecting cash donations will be next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we'll gather after worship to pack the shoeboxes together as a congregation. This is always a meaningful and joy-filled time as we imagine the smiles on the faces of the children who will receive them.

Then, on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll share a special moment during worship to bless the shoeboxes and pray over their journey. Following the blessing, the boxes will be delivered to the drop-off center later that week.

Thank you for your generosity and helping hands as we work together to spread kindness and Christ's love around the world. Thank you again for your generosity!

## Holy Baptism for Baby Schingen!

Next Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of James Jacob Schingen, son of members Tim and Stephanie Schingen. As they prepare, we thank the God of tenderness and source of all goodness, whose Son took children up in his arms and blessed them. And we pray that God will hold James in strong and everlasting arms, and look with kindness upon Tim and Stephanie as they prepare for his baptism.

## November 55+ Worship

The November service will be on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## **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 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.

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## **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.

## **Wear Red Next Sunday!**

Over the centuries, Lutherans have kept a special day to thank God for the freedom that the word of God grants to believers and to pray that with the help of God's Spirit, the church will be continually reformed and renewed. As a sign of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to wear red on this Reformation Sunday, in praise and prayer to God for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the church.

## **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, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session Two: "Stewardship: How do we tend our treasure?", starting on page 24. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

## **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



## Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC!

Join us on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!



## Next Saturday is 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. (Editor's Note: Kristin and Dan N. are boldly declaring that their Trunk or Treat display will be the best of all time! Are they right? Prove them wrong! Let's see what you can come up with!)

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!

## Sign-Up Sheets!

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**Trunk or Treat!**  
Saturday, October 25th  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
On The Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Streets  
609 5th Street South, Stillwater, MN 55082  
651-439-5970  
[www.stpaulc.org](http://www.stpaulc.org)

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](mailto:jenny@stpaulc.org). Thank you for helping us make Trunk or Treat a safe, sweet, and joy-filled event for everyone!

## 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.

## UPDATE! Mgama Scholarship Fund

We have a new deadline of October 26<sup>th</sup> to indicate your support, with the funds being due in the office by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

## Prayer Requests

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

**Family and Friends:** 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:** 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! 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](http://lsmacademy.org) for more information.

**4<sup>th</sup> Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update**



The deteriorated curb sections have been replaced, marking another important step forward in the project. Before the asphalt work can begin, temperatures need to remain above 50 degrees, so we’re hoping for a stretch of beautiful fall weather to keep things on schedule. The handicap parking spaces will be located in the three spots directly across from the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, with new signs going up to clearly mark the area. In addition, yellow tape will be placed around the patio to remind everyone that this is not a parking area for vehicles.

**SPLC In-person & Online Attendance**

| Date       | In-Person<br>Worship | Online<br>Worship |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 9/21/2025  | 68                   | 115               |
| 9/28/2025  | 68                   | 128               |
| 10/5/2025  | 81                   | 131               |
| 10/12/2025 | 62*                  | 144               |

\*Estimated Attendance

## **This Week's Events**

|                                           |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9:00 AM Worship<br>10:00 AM Waffles & Sunday Shine!                                             |
| <b>Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup></b>    | Newsletter Deadline                                                                             |
| <b>Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting                                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | 12:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Free Movie in Fellowship Hall!<br>6:00 PM Grief Support Group |
| <b>Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | 9:00 AM Quilters<br>7:00 PM AA Group                                                            |
| <b>Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | 2:00 PM Trunk or Treat!                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9:00 AM Worship<br>10:00 AM Packing of the OCC Shoeboxes                                        |

## **Weekly Worship Assistants**

### **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters

Ushers     Dan & Kristin Nelson, Libby Thibodeau,  
                 and Jennifer Braun

Assisting Minister     Riley MacDonald

Reader     Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up     Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server     Nancy Schlagel

Altar Flowers

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister     Chris Shivers

Reader     Abby Johnson

Communion Set-up     Adele Urhammer

Communion Server     Mugs DeFore

Altar Flowers     Chuck & Judy Clausen

## **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<br>Barb LaCosse |
| Mission Outreach        | Ann Kriesel                   |
| Property & Grounds      | (Open Seat)                   |
| Seniors                 | Jenny Powell                  |
| Worship                 | Jennifer Braun                |

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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