

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 25, 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@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!

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.

We have a Confirmation(s)!

The next two Sundays promise to be festive occasions as we mark the Confirmation of two remarkable teenagers. First, today on Reformation Sunday, 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 1), we will recognize sophomore Abigail Johnson who is affirming her baptism the week prior at her home congregation in Mora, Minnesota. Abby was baptized here at St. Paul and looks forward to remaining connected to the life of our congregation. Prayers for Julian and Abby!

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!



Toddler Tuesdays!

Toddler Tuesday resumes this week! We have many play, movement, and activity stations for children and their caregivers to explore together. We meet from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on most Tuesdays through December 15th. (Please Note: There is no Toddler Tuesday on November 3rd and 24th). New this year is a concluding story-time upstairs in the family corner of the gathering area!

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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.

Sarah Bible Study

The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, October 27th at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney - Session 1, "Encountering God in the wilderness," starting on page 430. If you need a copy, there are some available in the office.

It's Crunch Time! Have Your Photo Taken on November 15th!

If you haven't had your picture taken for our church directory yet, there's still time! We've added an additional photo session following worship on Sunday, November 15th. We hope to see your smiling face! **Please call Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008 to schedule your appointment now.** Thank You!.



Annual Christmas Card Signing!

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 15th, in Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas card signing! Help us spread a little Christmas cheer to Stillwater-area residents living in our local care centers. **We used most of our Christmas cards last year, so we are looking for donations!** If you have extra Christmas cards you'd like to share, please consider donating them to this wonderful outreach ministry. Cards can be dropped off in the church office as soon as possible, allowing us time to purchase additional cards if needed. Thank you for helping us brighten someone's holiday season with a little love, kindness, and Christmas cheer!



Altar Flowers

Today, our altar is beautifully adorned with vibrant blooms joyfully shared by Chuck and Judy Clausen in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Camp Wapo Christmas Dinner Theater Presents - Off-Grid Christmas

Christmas plans go delightfully off course in Off-Grid Christmas, a comedy by Andrew M. Frodahl about faith, family, and a malfunctioning holiday. Join us at Camp Wapo for a delicious four course dinner, festive music from our choir, and plenty of laughter as we celebrate the hope and joy of Christmas! **Please talk to Kristin, Janine, or Adele if you would like to go!** We are planning on going either the first or second Sunday afternoon in December. Thanks!



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!**

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.

2026 Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale!

Plan on joining us on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for our Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale! We are excited to announce that four food trucks will be here this year: Kyras's Kitchen (Sandwiches), State Fair Pronto Pups, Brick Oven Pizza Bus, and Twin Cities Tacos! **Volunteers Needed!** We will need some extra helping hands to make the day run smoothly! Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, help vendors as they arrive, and provide general assistance throughout the Market. Even an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Kristin if you would like to help!

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: Dora K, Joey, Al M, Chris C, Steve, Phil C, Abby, Muggs, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Larry F, 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.

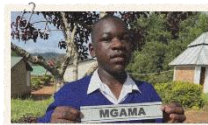
Supporting Students Through Education

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.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
9/27/2026	47	111
10/4/2026	82	116
10/11/2026	55*	164
10/18/2026	69	138

***Approximate Number**

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 25th	Reformation Sunday – Wear Red! 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time
Tuesday, October 27th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study
Thursday, October 29th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting
Saturday, October 31st	Turn Your Clocks Back Saturday Night!
Sunday, November 1st	All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 10:00 AM OCC Box Packing in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, November 1st

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Keith Wille, Carol Wille, and Judy Clausen
Assisting Minister Chris Shivers
Reader Abby Johnson and Abri Bell
Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer
Communion Server Cheryl Renne
Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis

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.**

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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