

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 26, 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@stpaulllc.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!

Holy Baptism for Baby Schingen!

This Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of James Jacob Schingen, son of members Tim and Stephanie Schingen. Today, we thank God that James and all who are washed in the waters of baptism are given new life, forgiveness, and eternal rest in God.



Peace of Mind Funeral Planning Seminar

All are welcome to join Eric Ostlund from Bradshaw Funeral Home for a free advance funeral planning seminar at St. Paul Lutheran Church on November 9th following worship in the Lounge. Eric will be discussing the steps involved in getting a funeral plan in place, how that plan will affect your loved ones, and answering your questions on funeral services. Topics discussed include types of services, death away from home, planning financially, and what happens after the funeral service.

Wedding Banns

Logan Weiss and Leticia Pitondo have announced their intention to marry on November 8th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and ask for your prayers. We are privileged to welcome them here for one of the most significant moments in their lives, and we are honored to help them bring depth, meaning, and joy to this occasion.

Pastoral Care and Funeral Services at St. Paul Lutheran

As a follow-up to the seminar with Bradshaw Funeral Home, all are welcome to join Pastors Nathan and Laurel on November 23rd, following worship in the Lounge as they share about pastoral care at the time of death and options for funeral services here at the church or elsewhere.

Operation Christmas Child - Update

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed towards the shipping costs for the OCC shoeboxes! ***Today, we will be passing the shoeboxes immediately following the regular offering to collect donations that will help cover shipping costs.*** This is our final Sunday for collecting cash donations. After worship, we'll gather to pack the shoeboxes together as a congregation in Fellowship Hall. This is always a meaningful and joy-filled time as we imagine the smiles on the faces of the children who will receive them.



On Sunday, November 16th, 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!

Waffle Bar Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the Waffle Bar Fundraiser for the 4th Street Refresh Parking Lot Project a sweet success! Sixty people enjoyed delicious food, warm fellowship, and a whole lot of fun!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$824.00. The food was provided through a Thrivent Grant, and we received so many kind compliments, plus quite a few requests to bring it back again next year. This just might become an annual tradition! With gratitude, Your Event Coordinator, Jenny Powell

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.

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.**

Culver's Fundraiser! October 28th!

Our next Culver's Fundraiser is this coming Tuesday, October 28th! This is a fantastic opportunity to serve together as families and youth, support our ministry by helping raise needed funds, and connect with the community in a fun and meaningful way. ***If you're able to help, please contact Jenny at jenny@stpaulc.org or call/text 218-770-5754.*** Let's come together, share some smiles, and make a real difference for SPLC!



Speak from the Heart | Sign-Up Deadline is November 9th

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) by November 9 or contact Pastor Nathan, President Shelley Jokinen or the church office. 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.

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 28th 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.

Harvest & Holly Market

Mark your calendars for one of the most festive days of the season—the Harvest & Holly Market! This joyful holiday will be brimming with handmade treasures, one-of-a-kind gifts, and the cozy spirit of the season. Visitors can wander through booths filled with beautifully crafted quilts, seasonal décor, unique gifts, and delicious baked goods lovingly made by local artisans and talented church members. **But here's where the real magic happens**—we need **YOU** to help make it shine! From setup, or greeting guests, to serving treats, your time and energy will help create a warm, festive atmosphere that everyone will love. **The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. With your help, we will bring this holiday event to life!** Questions? Please contact Kristin in the office. Thank you! Don't forget 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.



Pizza & Movie Night!

Please join us at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 9th for pizza and a movie sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. The movie will be "Friendship's Field," rated G. Please sign up in the Gathering Area so we know how much pizza, popcorn, and soda to get. Thanks! See You There!

Prayer Requests

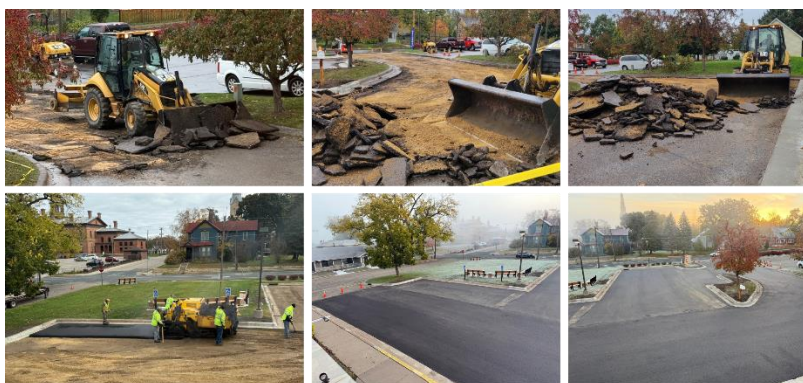
Congregants: Sabrina B., Melinda J., Nancy T., Dan B., Al M., Ron K., Judith K., Alida P., Pastor Laurel, Steve P., Mark C., and Abri B.

Family and Friends: John O., Dan J., 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.

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

This past Thursday, the blacktop was officially laid, and we couldn't be more thrilled to see this vision come to life! We're deeply grateful for the service, prayers, and gifts that made it possible. Above all, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness in providing a safe, welcoming space to share His love for generations to come. Handicap parking will be designated in the three spaces directly across from the 4th Street entrance, with new signage installed to clearly mark the area. Yellow tape will also be placed around the patio to remind everyone that it is a gathering space—not a parking area. We've already heard wonderful ideas for how this new patio can be used, and we can't wait to hear more! A working group is currently drafting guidelines and recommendations for furnishings and use, and the Council will make final decisions on the design and use next spring.



Altar Flowers



Today, our altar is beautifully adorned with vibrant blooms joyfully shared by Chuck and Judy Clausen in celebration of 45 wonderful years of marriage. Their flowers are a heartfelt expression of gratitude to God for the blessings of their life together and a joyful reminder of the love and faith that has sustained them through the years.

Camp Wapo Christmas Dinner Theater – Sunday, December 7th

We're heading to the WAPO Christmas Dinner Theater on the afternoon of Sunday, December 7th! **Final pricing is still being determined**, but it will include transportation on a comfortable coach bus. We hope to have the cost finalized this week. **We have 30 tickets available - To reserve your seat, please call or talk to Kristin BY NOVEMBER 3rd.** This year, the musical is "STAR" a witty, Scripture-faithful musical that reimagines the Magi's journey with accuracy, imagination, and delightful twist

Coming Soon! Congregational Vitality Assessment

As the next phase in our Forward in Faith initiative, all are invited to participate in helping our congregation assess its vital signs and areas for growth. The assessment is taken entirely online and includes 70 quick questions relating to 10 areas of congregational life. We are pleased to offer this research-based, online congregational vitality diagnostic tool that will help us build on our strengths and focus on areas for improvement. Don't forget also to take advantage of our "Speak From the Heart" conversations now underway.



Counters Needed for Holiday Season

As Advent and Christmas approach, our congregation typically grows in its financial generosity with additional services and significant end-of-year contributions. This means our Counting Team are busier than usual and would welcome a few extra hands in counting money. If you can help, please let us know in the church office or indicate on your "Count Me In" form on the back of your Welcome to Worship card.

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.

UPDATE! Mgama Scholarship Fund

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

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
9/28/2025	68	128
10/5/2025	81	131
10/12/2025	62*	144
10/19/2025	71	189

*Estimated Attendance

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 26th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Packing of the OCC Shoeboxes
Tuesday, October 28th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study 5:00 PM Supper at Culver's!
Wednesday, October 29th	12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Grief Support Group 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 30th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, November 2nd	9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Worship

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 26th

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

Sunday, October 26th

Greeters

Ushers Adele Urhammer, Keith Wille, Carol Wille,
 and Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Chuck Clausen

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Communion Server Ann Kriesel

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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