

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 4, 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@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!

THIS WEEK! Culver's Night Returns!

Who doesn't love a delicious burger and custard? Mark your calendars for SPLC's popular Culver's Night on Monday, October 5th, from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Stillwater location!



Enjoy dinner delivered to your table or car by a friendly SPLC face, while 10% of all sales during the event will support our 4th Street Repair & Refresh Fund. Don't forget to grab a pint or two of custard to take home! It's a great excuse to skip cooking, visit with church friends, and support an important SPLC project. We hope to see you there!

Noisy Offering! October 18th!

The Mission Outreach Committee has received a request from our partner parish of Imbulia in Tanzania for assistance in securing land on which to build their own church. As membership in the area has grown, the Mgama parish was divided, allowing Imbulia to serve members closer to their homes. Their second priority is completing their parish office. We are currently in contact with Pastor Nyenza and other parish leaders to learn more about their plans and specific needs. In the meantime, the Mission Outreach Committee has decided to hold a Noisy Offering on Sunday, October 18th, with proceeds helping support these important projects. So start saving those coins! Let's fill the church with a joyful noise and make a sound that reaches all the way to Tanzania! Watch for more information in the coming weeks as we learn more about Imbulia's plans and how we can support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

October 6th – Kitchen Repairs Begin

Beginning Tuesday, October 6th, the kitchen will be closed for necessary repairs. Jeff will be removing a portion of the flooring, and the water may need to be shut off periodically while the work is underway. Things may get a little messy for a while, so we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. We don't have an exact completion date, but know that Jeff will be working hard to get everything repaired and the kitchen back up and running as soon as possible. Thank you, Jeff, for taking on this project!

Reformation Sunday!

On 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!



Toddler Tuesdays!

Toddler Tuesday will be held on most Tuesdays going forward. You can always check the church calendar, but sharing our Facebook post is even better, so spread the word when you see it! New this year is a concluding story-time upstairs in the family corner of the gathering area.

**TODDLER
TUESDAYS!**

Stuff in the Youth Room!

We have a plethora of no longer needed items in the Youth Room.

Located on the three marked tables, you will find a variety of items free for the taking! **Everything else in the room is NOT up for grabs.** These items will be left out for one more week.

Trunk or Treat 2026! Saturday, October 24th – 2:00 PM to 4:00 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!



Say Cheese! It's Time for a New Church Directory!

It's time for a new church directory! The Fellowship Committee is



excited to get things rolling this fall, with our very own Stephanie Schingen behind the camera! Photo sessions are planned for Sunday, October 11th; Wednesday afternoon, October 14th; and Sunday, October 18th, with appointments scheduled in 10-minute time slots. Everyone photographed will receive digital access to their photos, with the option to order prints through Stephanie at her regular fee. Since our directory will be created completely “in house,” we’ll also need a

few volunteers to help with phone calls and scheduling. Once the smiles are captured, Kristin will put the directory together! Watch for scheduling information coming soon. If you’d like to help, please contact the church office or Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008.

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: Joette E, Laura C, Family of Judy Mitchell, Elise, Josh, Abby, and Shirley.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: Olivia E, John B, David, Tony, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Phyllis, Larry F, Angie, 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
9/6/2026	54	118
9/13/2026	55	117
9/20/2026	65	147
9/27/2026	47	111

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 4th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 11:00 AM 55+ Worship
Monday, October 5th	10:00 AM Senior Committee 1:00 PM Women's Reading Club
Tuesday, October 6th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Wednesday, October 7th	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 8th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting
Sunday, October 11th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 4th

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

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Chris Shivers

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Ann Kriesel

Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis

Sunday, October 11th

Ushers Jennifer Braun, and Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Mugs DeFore

Communion Set-up

Communion Server Adele Urhammer

Monday Counting Team Diane Podratz and Ann Lemon

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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