

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

October 5, 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@stpaul.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!

Evening Grief Support Begins October 8th

A new grief support gathering for anyone will meet in the Lounge on Wednesdays beginning October 8th. We will meet through November 19th. 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.

OCC Shoebox Size Reminder & Special Request

Operation Christmas Child has shared that they're receiving only about half the number of shoeboxes compared to past years. Our goal is to fill 259 shoeboxes, and we need your help to make that happen!



We're especially in need of standard-sized shoeboxes so we can keep packing and spreading joy to children across the globe.

Please note: shoeboxes must be no larger than 13" x 7.5" x 4.7".

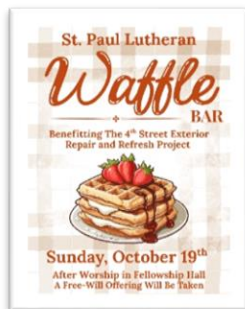
Not a fan of shopping? No problem! You can still make a meaningful difference by contributing a cash donation to help cover shipping costs.

Together, we can bridge the gap and remind every child that they are seen, valued, and loved. ❤️ Thank you for being part of this incredible mission!

Waffle Bar – Sunday, October 19th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19th, and join us for a mouthwatering Waffle Bar after worship! A freewill offering will be collected to support the 4th 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!



Volunteer Opportunities – The Volunteer sign-up sheet is now available in the Gathering Area:

Ways to help include:

- Lending a waffle maker
- Helping make waffles
- Assisting in the kitchen on the day of the event
- Set-up and cleanup support

Questions? Contact Jenny Powell, our event leader.

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.**

Membership: Welcoming One Another

Are you curious about or interested in church membership? Have you recently joined the church but are unsure about the next steps in feeling more connected? Or are you a long-time member wondering how you can be a part of welcoming those new to our congregation? Join Pastor Nathan for a conversation about these and any other questions you have regarding church membership on Sundays, October 5th and 12th, at 10:30 AM in the Lounge.

Women's Unit

Join us for an inspiring evening featuring guest speaker Kate Swenson, author of *Forever Boy: A Mother's Memoir of Autism* and *Finding Joy* and co-founder of The More Than Project, which provides free mental health counseling to caregivers in need. Kate will speak on *The Secret World of Autism*, sharing insights and encouragement from her personal journey.



- Tuesday, October 7, 2025 • 6:00 PM.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
490 Fourth Street North, Bayport, MN 55003
Please use the North Front Door
- Registration at the door: \$5.00
- We hope you can join us for connection, learning, and community. All are welcome!

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.

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

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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) 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.

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.

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!

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. Thank you for helping us make Trunk or Treat a safe, sweet, and joy-filled event for everyone!

Sign-Up Sheets!



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.



5th Quarter for all 6th to 12th Graders on Wednesday, October 15th from 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church. After the



football game, head over to St. Paul for food, fellowship, fire, and fun! Bring your friends for an evening of laughter and connection, you won't want to miss it! Questions? Contact Jenny at jenny@stpaulc.org or call/text 218-770-5754.

Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC!

Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd, 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!



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

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

Family and Friends: Renae S., Mike S., Ann B., Katie P., Gary R., Jerry S., Sophia F., Sonja H., Kellye, Dave, Lucy, Keith, & Josh, Becky O., Mike, Kit, Dana, Emilee, Flannery, Sophie, 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, Becky Moore, and Len Schrade.

St. Croix River Cruise

WOW!! What a beautiful fall day cruising up and down the St. Croix River on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, on the Avalon at the St. Croix Boat Works. We had 16 people attending. The afternoon was filled with great fellowship and lots of good food to make our day special. Everyone enjoyed the bus ride to and from the dock. Thanks to the Senior’s Committee and the Fellowship Committee for sponsoring some of our expenses. This was one of the Fellowship’s yearly events.



Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 11th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM | Roseville Lutheran - “Who has God created me to be?” This retreat will provide you with an opportunity to look deeply at who you are and how God has uniquely blessed you with certain gifts. Using spiritual gift inventories, conversation and other tools, you’ll go home with a better sense of who you are and how you might best serve your faith community and the world! Retreat leaders include Pastor Justin Grimm (Saint Paul Area Synod), Pastor Kirsten Fryer (Bethlehem in the Midway, St. Paul), Deacon Nina Joygaard (Faith, Forest Lake) and Pastor Wendy Steger (All Saints, Eagan). The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch. Go to spas-elca.org to register.

Leadership in the Valley Update

Jenny’s next Leadership in the Valley day is coming up on Thursday, October 9, 2025, and the focus will be on Agriculture & Environment!. She’s super excited for this session and can’t wait to share all that she learns with you!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
9/7/2025	78	126
9/14/2025	68	185
9/21/2025	68	115
9/28/2025	68	128

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 5, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM 55+ Worship
Monday, October 6, 2025	10:00 AM Senior Committee 1:00 PM Women's Reading Club
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	12:00 PM Connect Center Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Executive Committee 6:00 PM Grief Support Group
Thursday, October 9, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 4:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM AA Group
Sunday, October 12, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 5th

Greeters

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

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Chris Shivers

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

Altar Flowers

Sunday, October 12th

Greeters

Ushers Tom & Carol Weber, Jennifer Braun, and
 Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Riley MacDonald

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Jennifer Braun

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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