

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 14, 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, 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!

Welcome Justin Grimm!

We are so pleased to welcome The Rev. Justin Grimm from the Saint Paul Area Synod this Sunday as we launch our fall initiative, "Forward



in Faith: Mapping our Future Together." Justin joined the synod staff in 2015. Prior to this call, he served as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Lake Ann, Mich. Justin came with 10 years of experience as a mission developer in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod where he was instrumental in developing Advent Lutheran from its inception. Justin and his wife

Anna, a licensed marriage and family therapist, live in Shoreview with their daughter, Payton, and sometimes Logan (a recent graduate of Carthage College). They have three dogs, two cats and a bearded dragon. Justin is an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

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.

Usher Training

Thank you to everyone who participated in the usher training last week. We are grateful to Jerry Schlager for coordinating this. Ushers are a vital part of each Sunday's proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Meal. God bless you all!

Free Afternoon Movie at SPLC Returns!

Join us on Wednesday, September 17th, at 1:00 PM for a free movie, sponsored by the Senior Committee. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy the show! Please join us for this funny and heartwarming movie, "Yours, Mine and Ours" starring Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda. Watch as comedy and sabotage ensue when widow Helen North and widower Frank Beardsley decide to marry and become parents to a blended family of 18 children. As always, there will be popcorn and snacks!



4th Friday Community Meal at SPLC!

Join us on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM for the Fourth Friday Food & Friendship Community Meal! Everyone is invited to share in a delicious dinner, warm fellowship, and an evening filled with fun. The volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy this special night together!



Annual SPLC River Cruise!

As summer winds down and school gets back in full swing, let's gather for a special church outing on the beautiful St. Croix River! Join us on Sunday, September 28th for an afternoon of fellowship and fun, complete with a Dixieland luncheon buffet. We will load at 1:00 at the dock; and if you need a ride from the church, a bus will leave at 12:30 for the dock. The prices are as follows: SPLC members 55 + \$30.84; Adults \$40.84; 4-12 years \$28.83; and children 0-3 years are free. The signup sheet is in the gathering area and indicate if you would like a ride to the boat dock. The deadline to signup is Thursday, September 18th. Please make your check payable to St. Paul Lutheran with Andiamo Boat Cruise on the memo line. Thanks to the Fellowship and Senior's committees for their contributions towards this event. Invite your friends and let's enjoy the St. Croix River cruise get together. See you there!!



Culver's Fundraiser! September 30th

We're excited to announce a Culver's Fundraiser to support the 4th Street Project. SPLC youth and parents are invited to roll up their sleeves and join us in serving our community while raising funds for this important project. This is a fantastic opportunity to, serve together as families and youth, support our ministry by helping raise funds for the 4th Street Project, 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 maybe a few butterburgers), and make a real difference for SPLC!

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

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

Family and Friends: 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, Vince S, Phyllis F., 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.

Shoebox Shortage - We Need Your Help!

Operation Christmas Child just informed us that they're receiving only about half the number of shoeboxes they've seen in previous years. Our goal is to fill 259 shoeboxes and we need your help to get there. We're specifically looking for regular-sized shoebox donations so we can continue packing and sharing joy with children around the world.



If shopping isn't your thing, no worries! You can still make a big impact by giving a cash donation to help cover shipping costs.

Together, we can help bridge the gap and make sure every child knows they are loved. Thank you for being part of this incredible mission!

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!

October 55+ Worship

The October service will be on Sunday, October 5th at 11:00 AM. The menu will be Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and an Apple Dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, September 28th, 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.**



Rally Day Picnic - Thank You SPLC Members & Friends!

What a joyful day it was at our Rally Day Picnic last Sunday! The sun was shining, the lawn was full of laughter, and the spirit of community was alive and well. We were blessed with an incredible turnout, and it was heartwarming to see so many members and friends gather together to celebrate the start of a new season at SPLC.



A very special thank you goes to Ed Seekel, our Grill Master, for his time, energy, and skill in making sure everyone was fed and happy.

Beyond the food, the true highlight was the fellowship with friends catching up after the summer, and new connections being made across picnic tables. It was a beautiful reminder of what makes our church family so special: the willingness to come together, share, and support one another.



Thank you to everyone who attended, who brought a dish to share, and who lent a hand in setting up and cleaning up afterward. Events like this remind us that when we each give a little of ourselves, something truly wonderful happens. Here's to carrying this spirit of joy, connection, and gratitude with us into the year ahead at SPLC!

Gratefully yours, The Fellowship Committee.

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

The members and friends of St. Paul Lutheran Church have been faithfully supporting the "Buy-a-Block(s)" fundraiser as part of our 4th Street Exterior Repair & Refresh Project. Many of you have been asking how many have been sold, and we are delighted to share some very exciting news with you! As of this week, 47.5 blocks out of the 51 needed have been purchased! That's right, we are nearly finished with this phase of the project, and because of your tremendous generosity, we are able to keep this project moving forward with no debt. This is an incredible milestone worth celebrating. Your enthusiasm for this effort is proof of what can happen when a church family pulls together with a shared vision.

We recognize and give thanks for the many who have served and supported this project:

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- To our generous members and friends who stepped up to purchase blocks and make additional donations, thank you for believing in the future of SPLC and investing in our ministry.
- To Jeff Thomsen, who has faithfully overseen this project, giving countless hours of volunteer time and hard work. His dedication to managing details both big and small has been a true gift to our congregation.
- To John Raleigh, for his steady hands, knowledge, and many volunteer hours that have guided us through important parts of this process.
- To the committee members—Barb Dietrich, Shelley Jokinen, Renee Swanson, Chuck Clausen, Pastor Nathan, and Marguerite DeFore—who have brought wisdom, leadership, and dedication to ensure this project stayed on track.

Above all, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness in providing for our church family. This project is not just about bricks, mortar, and concrete; it is about creating a welcoming, safe, and beautiful space that will allow us to continue serving His Kingdom for generations to come. As we near the finish line of the “Buy-a-Block” goal, let us celebrate how far we have come and continue praying for the final steps ahead. Together, we are building more than walls, we are building a legacy of faith, fellowship, and service in Christ’s name.

This Week’s Events

Sunday, September 14, 2025	9:00 AM Worship Special Guest - Pastor Justin Grimm 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea 10:30 AM One-to-Ones Training
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	4:00 PM 4 th Street Project Meeting 5:30 PM Financial Operations
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	11:00 AM Worship at Boutwells 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Free Afternoon Movie!
Thursday, September 18, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Saturday, September 20, 2025	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, September 21, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/17/2025	73	123
8/24/2025	68	166
8/31/2025	59	Unavailable*
9/7/2025	78	126

***SPLC Livestreaming Difficulties**

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 14th

Greeters

Ushers Tom and Carol Weber

Assisting Minister Chris Shivers

Reader Abri Bell

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

Altar Flowers

Sunday, September 21st

Greeters

Ushers Dan Nelson, Kristin Nelson, Libby
Thibodeau, and Ethan Ekblad

Assisting Minister Jenny Brelje

Reader Atticus Mikla

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Adele Urhammer

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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