

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 21, 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@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!

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.

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: 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, 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.

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!

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.



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.**



4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

We are deeply grateful for all the positive feedback we've received on the reconstructed retaining wall, the new patio, and the upcoming resurfacing of the main entrance parking lot. Recently, we were blessed with several generous donations totaling over \$80,000—an incredible milestone in our fundraising journey! This will enable the parking lot to be completed, and word has it that it will happen this fall. Miller Excavating will be doing the work

At this time, we continue to accept only financial contributions for the project, including the purchase of the four remaining blocks. In the meantime, many of you have already shared wonderful ideas for how the new patio could be used, and we look forward to hearing even more in the coming months.

To help guide this process, our working group will begin developing guidelines and best practices for the patio, including recommendations for furnishings. Final decisions about its use and design will be formalized by the council next spring.

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



Sarah Bible Study

The Fall Gather Magazine has arrived. Please do not discard your copy, as it also contains September, October, and November's studies. The Sarah Bible Study will meet in the lounge on Tuesday, September 23rd at 1:30 PM. We will be studying Session One: "Money – What do we treasure?," starting on page 12. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the church office.

TODAY! Sunday Shine!

Please join us on the third Sunday of the month after worship in



Fellowship Hall. This is a fun time of fellowship and celebrating our congregation's birthdays. Coffee and Treats are Included! There will also be an intergenerational activity that's fun for all ages!

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!

Attention All High School Youth & Parents!

High School Youth & Parents Gathering on Sunday, September 28th at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We need your ideas and input as we plan for the upcoming year, and even look ahead to next summer! Come share your thoughts and help shape what's ahead for our youth ministry. Dinner's on us! Enjoy walking tacos and an ice cream treat while we talk, dream, and plan together.

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!

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!



Altar Flowers



Today, our Altar is adorned with a bouquet of radiant flowers, a living symbol of love, faith, and devotion. These blooms are shared with joy and gratitude by Jim and Carol Schuster as they celebrate 66 beautiful years of marriage. Their journey together, rooted in faith and nourished by grace, stands as a testimony to the enduring beauty of love. May these flowers remind us not only of God's blessings upon them, but also of the ways love continues to blossom and grow when it is nurtured with care.

Harvest & Holly Market

The Harvest & Holly Market is on Saturday, November 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM! Enjoy handmade quilts, seasonal crafts, baked goods, and unique gifts that are perfect for holiday giving. Come for a joyful day of shopping, fellowship, and fun! Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Kristin.

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.

Face-to-Face Conversations: Listening to Each Other

One very important aspect of our fall initiative, "Forward in Faith: Mapping our Future Together," is to spend some time listening deeply to one another. Beginning soon, any member or friend of the congregation is welcome to meet with a Forward in Faith Listener to talk about what is important to your faith through an in-person, face-to-face conversation. There isn't any catch to this conversation, other than discovering what values we hold in common as a church community. This trained listener is tasked with simply hearing about your own faith journey and what's important to you in our life together as St. Paul Lutheran. These are confidential conversations. Only general themes from them will be shared, such as "many individuals say that family is very important to them," or "some say they have a passion for helping others in our community," or "a number of adults would like to revisit what they learned in their youth during Confirmation." 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.

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/24/2025	68	166
8/31/2025	59	Unavailable*
9/7/2025	78	126
9/14/2025	68	185

***SPLC Livestreaming Difficulties**

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 21, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Shine!
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM AA Group
Friday, September 26, 2025	5:00 PM 4 th Friday Meal!
Sunday, September 28, 2025	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 1:00 PM Andiamo River Cruise

Weekly Worship Assistants

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 Jim & Carol Schuster

Sunday, September 28th

Greeters

Ushers Jay Swanson, Jerry Schlagel, Lynn Lomen,
 and Atticus Mikla

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Shelley Jokinen

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Jenny Brelje

Altar Flowers Kevin & Georgia Urhamme

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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