

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 27, 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@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!

October 55+/Senior Worship Service

The October service will be on Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 AM. The menu will include Cub Chicken, Cole Slaw, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, and Dessert. The cost is \$5.00. Sign-up is required for the meal; add your name to the list located in the Gathering Area by Sunday, September 27th. **Remember - Limited Bus service is available for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights. Please contact Bob Michaelis if you are interested in riding the bus.**

Future of CYF Adult Forum

Thank you to all who attended last week's conversation about the future of ministry with and for children, youth, and families. We had a full lounge! Lots of reflection about Jenny's work and hopeful aspirations for the future were shared. The information gathered will be considered by both the CYF Committee and the Church Council as they develop a new position. More to come soon!

Installation Vicar Allison

Last Sunday we officially installed Allison Klein as our Vicar (pastoral intern) through next September! It was meaningful and Spirit-filled moment as we gathered around her to pray for her. As a pastor-in-training, "Vicar" will be her official title (see the current newsletter for more background). Although her focus will be on learning and reflecting, she will be a regular member of the pastoral staff and, over time, will take on certain tasks to enrich our ministry. Welcome, Vicar Allison!

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.

4th Street Repair and Refresh

The 4th St. Committee continues its work to enhance and beautify the exterior of our church and parking lot along 4th St. From landscaping and outdoor spaces to other improvements that make our church property welcoming and inviting, there's plenty to dream about and plan! Our next meeting will be Monday, September 28th at 10:00 AM in the Lower Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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!

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!

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!

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.**

Help Fight Hunger — Your Gift Goes Twice as Far!

The Mission Outreach Committee invites you to support the ELCA World Hunger Drive. To make your generosity go even further, Mission Outreach will match donations up to \$1,000! Special giving envelopes are available in the Gathering Area. Donations will be collected through Sunday, September 27th. Together, we can double our impact and help provide hope, nourishment, and support to neighbors in need.

HELP NEEDED - Backup Funeral Lunch Coordinator

We are looking for volunteers to serve as backup coordinators for funeral lunches when our regular coordinator is on vacation or unavailable. Ideally, there would be 2. Having two people in this role will help ensure that someone is always available when needed. The backup coordinators would work with the family to discuss lunch arrangements and help organize volunteers to assist in the kitchen. You would not necessarily need to work in the kitchen on the day of the lunch—your primary role would be helping coordinate the details and making sure everything is covered. If you would be willing to help with this important ministry or would like more information, please contact Jenny Powell.

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.

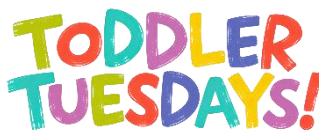
OCC Update - Thank you SPLC Members & Friends!

A huge thank to all of you who donated to Operation Christmas Child! We have already reached out to our goals on items needed! There were a number of donations the end of last year when items were on clearance - that gave us a huge head start this year. We will be filling the shoeboxes on Sunday, November 1st and have the blessing of the shoeboxes on Sunday, November 15th. St. Paul Lutheran has an awesome and giving congregation! Thank you all again for making this year another success. Thank you to the committee members. I couldn't do this without you. -Cheryl R.



Toddler Tuesdays!

We had a great first Toddler Tuesday gathering of the school year! Toddlers and their caregivers had great fun exploring many play and activity stations in the church's fellowship hall. New this year is a concluding story-time upstairs in the family corner of the gathering area. 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!



Yarnsters!



The Yarnsters will meet Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 AM in the Downstairs Conference Room. Knitters, crocheters, and yarn-lovers of all skill levels, especially beginners, are welcome. Come stitch and enjoy the fun!

NEW Coffee Bar!

SPLC Members and Friends, CYF is excited to offer a new Coffee Bar as a thank-you for your continued support and as a way to encourage hospitality, fellowship, and connection across generations!

The Coffee Bar is located in the pass-through between the upstairs Gathering Area and the back hallway and is available for you to enjoy anytime you're at church. *If*

you're bringing coffee into the sanctuary, we simply ask

that you please use a lid on your cup. Choose from a variety

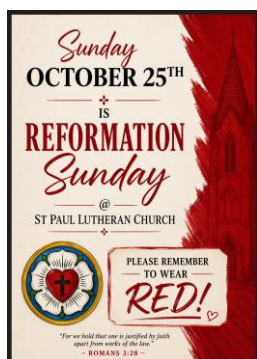
of coffees, creamers, and flavored syrups and make yourself a cup

just the way you like it! Pour a cup, stay awhile, and enjoy! If you have questions or suggestions, please visit with a member of CYF.



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!



All Creation Sings Sing-A-Long

We had a wonderful gathering this past Wednesday as we explored songs from the All Creation Sings (ACS) Hymnal Supplement. Joining us was Deacon Jennifer Baker-Trinity from Augsburg Fortress who oversaw the development of this resource. Many of you have asked how you might purchase copies for the congregation (Indeed, some of you have already made donations!). Individual books are \$15.50 each. You may also add a nameplate and given in honor or memory of someone. Please designate your gift toward "ACS hymnal." ACS includes over 200 hymns and songs, many being new since the current red ELW hymnal was released in 2006. This body of song supports the rhythms of the whole church year and gives enlarged expression to themes of healing and wholeness, creation care, justice and peace, praise and lament.

Support Abrianna on Her Way to FFA Nationals!



Exciting news! Abrianna Bell is headed to FFA Nationals next month! To help offset the costs of her trip, Abrianna will be holding a bake sale before and after worship this Sunday. Be sure to stop by her table and pick up a delicious homemade treat, or maybe a few! Every purchase will help Abrianna get one step closer to Nationals while representing her FFA chapter at this exciting event. Come hungry, grab something sweet, and help send Abrianna to FFA Nationals!

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: Laura C, Family of Judy Mitchell, Elise, Josh, Abby, Family of Marilyn Brower, Family of Joyce Roettger, Family of Judith Rutscher, and Shirley.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: 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
9/20/2026	65	147

(The complete attendance numbers will be in next week’s bulletin)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 27th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, September 28th	10:00 AM 4 th Street Repair & Refresh Mtg.
Tuesday, September 29th	10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays! 1:00 PM Judith Mitchell's Visitation 2:00 PM Judith Mitchell's Funeral
Thursday, October 1st	9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Mission Outreach Meeting 4:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting
Saturday, October 3rd	10:00 AM Yarnsters in the Conference Room 10:00 AM Marilyn Brower's Visitation 11:00 AM Marilyn Brower's Funeral
Sunday, October 4th	9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee & Tea Time 11:00 AM 55+ Worship

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 27th

Ushers Jay Swanson, Ashton Bell, Sabrina Bell, and Kamel Benyahia
Assisting Minister Vicar Allison Klein
Reader Shelley Jokinen
Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel
Communion Server Jennifer Braun
Monday Counting Team Vida MacDonald and Alice Walker

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

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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