

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 6, 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@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!

4th Street Repair and Refresh

The next 4th Street committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 28th at 10:00 AM in the Lower Conference Room. All are invited to join us at this meeting or any future meeting!

Welcoming Vicar Allison

The days are getting closer to when we welcome our seminary intern, Allison Klein. As a pastor-in-training, "Vicar" will be her official title (see the September 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. We look forward to welcoming Vicar Allison on September 8th!

Welcome Gifts For Our New Vicar

As our church takes on the privilege and responsibility of forming a future pastor, it's no secret that being a full-time seminary intern is a financial sacrifice. The church office is now collecting welcome gifts for Vicar Allison. If you desire, consider donating things such as a gas or grocery card, or a gift certificate to a local coffee shop or restaurant. We will be collecting these items through September 6th.

Installation for Bishop Justin A. Grimm

Sunday, September 13th will be a special day for the congregations of the Saint Paul Area Synod! All are invited to Bishop Grimm's installation at 3:30 PM at Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley. ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will preside and preach, with a reception to follow. Interested in attending? Let us know, and we can help arrange carpooling.

From Mission Outreach - It's That Time of the Year Again!

We are kicking off our collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. We have listed needed items on poster board with our display. We already have a number of items filled through the generosity of members. This is Mission Outreach's largest project of the year. This year our goal is 150 shoeboxes (because we did the baby care kits and personal care kits earlier). If you don't like to shop but want to participate, cash donations are welcome, and we will do the shopping. Thank you for making this project successful!



Cruise the St. Croix with Us!

Summer may be winding down, and school will soon be back in session, but there's still time for one more summer adventure! Join your church

family and friends for a beautiful afternoon on the St. Croix River aboard the Andiamo for a

Dixieland Luncheon Buffet Cruise. The

Fellowship Committee has reserved Sunday, September 20th for our group. Boarding begins at 1:00 PM at the dock. Need a ride? A bus will

leave St. Paul Lutheran at 12:30 PM. **Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you need**

bus transportation. Cost: Ages 55+ and

caregivers: \$32.50, Adults: \$42.50, Children ages

4-12: \$30.00, and Children 3 and under: FREE! The sign-up sheet is

available in the Gathering Area, and the deadline to register is

Sunday, September 13th. Please make checks payable to St. Paul

Lutheran Church and write **"Andiamo Boat Cruise" on the memo line.**

A special thank-you to the Fellowship Committee and Senior Committee for their generous contributions toward the cost of this event!

Toddler Tuesdays!

Please join us for Toddler Tuesdays, beginning September 22nd! After our kickoff gathering, we'll meet twice a

month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. It's a

fun-filled morning designed just for

toddlers, featuring engaging activities,

interactive play, and opportunities for

little ones to explore and socialize. Don't miss out on this special time

to make memories with your little ones!

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Growing Through Loss

The St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition invites you to Growing Through Loss, a free grief support series offering comfort, connection, and encouragement to adults experiencing loss. The Fall 2026 series will be held on Tuesdays, September 22nd through October 27th, from 6:00–8:30 PM at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road in Mahtomedi. Each evening begins with sign-in at 6:00 PM, followed by a speaker from 6:30–7:15 PM and small-group support from 7:30–8:30 PM. Participants may attend one session or as many as they wish, and no pre-registration is required. The program is free, open to adults 18 and older, religion-neutral, and community-based. For more information, visit scvgriefcoalition.com, call (651) 413-6698, or email scvgriefcoalition@gmail.com.

All Creation Sings Sing-A-Long!

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as we explore songs from the All Creation Sings (ACS) Hymnal Supplement. 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. Joining us will be Deacon Jennifer Baker-Trinity from Augsburg Fortress.

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.

2026 Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale!

Everyone had such a wonderful time at last year's Harvest & Holly Market and Bake Sale that we're bringing it back! Mark your



calendars for Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for another festive day filled with handmade treasures, seasonal crafts, beautiful quilts, delicious baked goods, and unique gifts perfect for holiday giving. Even better, your support will make a difference! Proceeds from this year's Market and Bake Sale will be distributed between our Baptism Hope Chests and new patio furniture for our church's outdoor gathering space. ***Want to help make the magic happen? We'd love to have you! If you're***

interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please contact Kristin to get involved. Come shop, visit, and enjoy a joyful day of fellowship, fun, and holiday cheer, all while supporting two wonderful projects at St. Paul Lutheran!

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: Preston, and Shirley.

Those beginning or undergoing long-term medical treatments: Tony, Joe B, Ann Marie O, and Jennifer B.

Those with other ongoing needs: Sam, Chris, Angie, Dean M, Richard H, Kathy B, Vince S, Jim G, Cathy M, Harry, Lucy, Megan, and Mike S.

Those homebound or being cared for by others: Martin W, Marilyn B, 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, Judith R, Delores K, and Bonnie P.

In Loving Memory:

(names will remain for one year and will be included on All Saints Sunday)

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.

Next Sunday! Rally Day Picnic – Sunday, September 13th!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us after 10:00 AM worship on Sunday, September 13th, for our Rally Day Picnic! This special gathering is the perfect way to kick off the fall season, reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and celebrate all that's ahead for our church family. We'll be serving up hot dogs, burgers, fresh off the grill, along with lemonade and water. All we ask is that you bring a favorite dish to share, whether it's a crisp salad, a hearty side, or a sweet dessert. Together, we'll create a table overflowing with delicious food and warm fellowship. Please join us as we look forward to a new season of worship, service, and community. Come hungry, come joyful, and come ready to start this next chapter together. We can't wait to see you there!



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.

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 at a location closer to their homes. In addition to purchasing land for a church, 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 18, 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.

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!

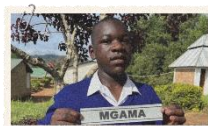
Trunk or Treat 2026! Saturday, October 24th – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Get ready for an afternoon of costumes, candy, 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! 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 community!

Supporting Students Through Education

Meet some of the thirteen students who have benefited from St. Paul Lutheran's contributions to the Scholarship Fund! These students attend several different secondary schools, which is why you may see them pictured in different groups. In Tanzania, government-supported education ends after what is comparable to our sixth grade. For students who wish to continue their education, financial assistance can make all the difference. Through your prayers and financial support, these young people are given the opportunity to continue their schooling and, ultimately, pursue training for specific

careers and a brighter future. Applications for the 2027 school year are now being accepted by the joint scholarship committee of the St. Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese. Following student interviews, the amount of assistance the committee can provide will depend upon the funds available. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Scholarship Fund for students from our companion parishes of Mgama and Ibumila. Commitments are requested by October 24, 2026, with donations received by November 2, 2026. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, with "Scholarship Fund" noted on the memo line. Your gift is more than financial assistance—it is an investment in a student's education, opportunities, and future.



SPLC Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila

Count on me/us to support the Scholarship Fund for the Parishes of Mgama & Ibumila. Please make your commitment by October 24, 2026, with your donation given by Nov 2, 2026.

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____ Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write "Scholarship Funds" in the memo line. Meeting this deadline is important to ensure the funds are available for distribution to students in January 2027.

Thank you for your generous support from the students whose lives are being touched by your gifts and from the Mission Outreach Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 8 a.m.-noon | Augustana, West. St. Paul Join us in celebrating our Tanzanian companionship, Bega Kwa Bega! This year's Fall Festival will feature Bishop Blastone Gavile and General Secretary Shadrack Nyaulingo from Tanzania, along with our own synod bishop, the Rev. Justin Grimm. The morning includes updates from BKB affiliate organizations as well as workshops on building opportunities for all through education, building companion relationships, preparing to build intercultural experiences, and best practices for sharing God's gifts through mutual projects. The morning concludes with Festival Worship. Registration is now open at spas-elca.org

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

It's been a while since our last church directory—and we have some new faces, along with a few familiar faces that may have changed a bit since their last photo! The Fellowship Committee is excited to get things rolling this fall, with our very own Stephanie Schingen behind the camera! We want to include as many members and families as possible, so we'll do our best to offer flexible photo times. Photo sessions are



planned for: Sunday, October 11th, Wednesday afternoon, October 14th, and Sunday, October 18th. Appointments will be scheduled in 10-minute time slots. If you'd like additional time for more photos, we'll be happy to make arrangements. Everyone photographed will receive digital access to their photos, allowing you to order or print copies wherever you choose. Stephanie will also be available to provide prints and other photo services at her



regular fee. This directory will be created completely “in house,” which means we'll need a few helping hands along the way! We'll be looking for volunteers to help make phone calls and schedule appointments. Once all those wonderful smiles have been captured, Kristin will work her magic putting the directory together, and creative ideas and input are always welcome! October will be here before we know it, so watch for more information about scheduling your photo session. If you'd like to help with this project, please contact the church office or Janine Siverson at 701-391-3008. Get those smiles ready—we can't wait to see everyone in our new church directory!

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/9/2026	48	132
8/16/2026	70	143
8/23/2026	61	120
8/30/2026	53	101

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 6th	10:00 AM Worship 10:15 Coffee & Tea Time
Monday, September 7th	The SPLC Office Is Closed Today
Tuesday, September 8th	3:00 PM Memorials & Grants Meeting
Wednesday, September 9th	10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Living Worship 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
Thursday, September 10th	9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Fourth Dimension AA Meeting 7:15 PM 75 th Anniversary Zoom Meeting
Sunday, September 13th	10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Rally Day Church Picnic!

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 6th

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

Assisting Minister Riley MacDonald

Reader Atticus Mikla

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Nancy Schlagel

Monday Counting Team Renee Swanson and Judy Michaelis

Sunday, September 13th

Ushers Jennifer Braun, and Susan Markgraf

Assisting Minister Atticus Mikla

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Mugs DeFore

Communion Server Jennifer Braun

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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