

Announcements

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 7, 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!

TODAY'S EVENTS!

Blessing of the Backpacks, Youth Mission Trip Recap, and Picnic!



What do you love about St. Paul Lutheran?

As the seasons change and Rally Day approaches, look for Outreach Director Jenny Brelje! this Sunday and next, as she invites you to share what you love about our congregation using our church's video camera, she looks forward to hearing your response! And remember to smile!

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!



Forward in Faith

Recent years have brought new and welcome changes to our church: calling a new senior pastor, investing in a new youth and outreach director, hosting new community events, and re-engaging our neighborhood with one of most successful ice cream socials in recent years. All the while we have maintained and improved our building, including more

visible signage and enhancing our main entrance on 4th Street with the parking lot project (with a new patio soon!). Most importantly, we have continued to care for one another and welcomed new members to our life together. So what's next? Stay tuned in the coming weeks as the church council begins sharing about a congregation-wide initiative for this fall that help map our future 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!!



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



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 - Sign-up sheets will be available at the end of September. 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.

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@stpaulclc.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!



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!

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!



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!

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Trunk or Treat!

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.



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!

Toddler Tuesdays!

Join us for Toddler Tuesdays on Tuesdays, September 9th and 23rd, 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.



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.

4th Street Exterior Repair and Refresh Project Update

The cement patio has officially been poured, and we are thrilled to see this next piece of the 4th Street Exterior Refresh & Repair project come to life! Each stage of this project is transforming not only the outside of our church building but also the way we can welcome and serve our community. The recent Wheelbarrow Fundraiser brought in \$220.74, and we are grateful for the continued generosity and support of our members. Next up: the parking lot! We'll share more details once we receive Miller Excavating's updated timeline.

A special thank-you goes to Jeff Thomsen and John Raleigh; their dedication, hard work, and generosity of spirit have made this project possible, and we celebrate them for leading by example.



This Week's Events

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Rally Day Picnic!

Monday, September 8, 2025

1:00 PM Women's Reading Club

5:15 PM CYF Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

10:00 AM Toddler Tuesdays!

3:00 PM Memorials & Grants

5:30 PM Financial Operations

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

10:00 AM Oak Park Sr. Worship

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:30 PM Zoom Executive Committee

Thursday, September 11, 2025

9:00 AM Quilters

7:00 PM AA Group

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

SPLC In-person & Online Attendance

Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship
8/10/2025	54	151
8/17/2025	73	123
8/24/2025	68	166
8/31/2025	59	Unavailable*

***SPLC Livestreaming Difficulties**

Weekly Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 7th

Greeters

Ushers Ed Seekel, Keith Wille, Carol Wille, and
 Judy Clausen

Assisting Minister Atticus Mika

Reader Janine Siverson

Communion Set-up Adele Urhammer

Communion Server Cheryl Renne

Altar Flowers

Sunday, September 14th

Greeters

Ushers Tom and Carol Weber

Assisting Minister

Reader Abri Bell

Communion Set-up Nancy Schlagel

Communion Server Shelley Jokinen

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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