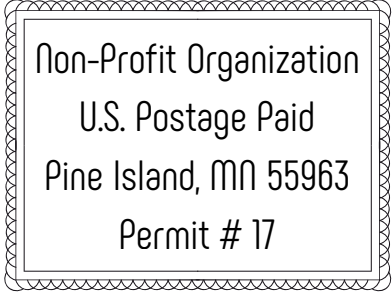


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Our Mission

*"Guided by God's love, we are called to welcome, love, and work for God's people
.....here, there, and every where."*

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Call For Transition Team Members

As our congregation enters this next chapter, we are forming a Transition Team and invite you to be part of the process. We are looking for five members of the congregation to serve in this important role. Strong listening and writing skills will be especially helpful.

Team members will help by handing out surveys to the congregation and then completing forms that will go into our church profile, which will introduce our congregation to pastors seeking a call. This will take place after worship services. To allow time for this important work, worship will be shortened for 4-5 Sundays (dates to be announced).

If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office at saintpaulpi@yahoo.com or connect with our Council President, Kirby Pace.

Your participation will play a key role in helping us listen, learn, and move forward together as a congregation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Honoring Legacies, Extending Our Reach: The Work of the Special Gifts Committee

In every church community, there are moments when generosity and remembrance come together in powerful ways. The Special Gifts Committee exists to honor those moments—ensuring that gifts given in memory or in honor of loved ones are used with care, purpose, and vision.

Our charge is simple yet profound: to steward these special gifts in ways that further the mission and reach of our church. Whether a gift is made to celebrate a life well lived, to mark a milestone, or to express gratitude, we see each one as a seed—planted with love and intended to grow.

These gifts allow us to dream beyond our regular budget. They help us support ministries that touch lives, enhance our worship experience, improve our facilities, and reach out into the community with compassion and hope. Every decision we make is guided by prayer, discernment, and a deep respect for the intent behind each gift.

If you are considering a special gift in honor or memory of someone, we invite you to reach out. We would be honored to help you find a meaningful way to celebrate their legacy while strengthening the future of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Karen Doll, President (dollbk@bevomm.net)

Beth Clingman, Secretary (Clingman.elizabeth@mayo.edu)



Important Dates

October

Three Year Old Bible Milestone.....	October 5
Starlighters Youth Night.....	October 10
Council Meeting.....	October 16
No Sunday School.....	October 19
Kindlers Youth Night.....	October 24
No Sunday School.....	October 26
Confirmation Sunday.....	October 26
Trail Of Lights Halloween Event.....	October 31

November

All Saints.....	November 2
1 st Grade Prayer Cube Milestone.....	November 9
Council Meeting.....	November 20
Thanksgiving Worship.....	November 23
Church Office Closed.....	November 26
Church Office Closed.....	November 27
No Sunday School.....	November 30

December

Advent Fest.....	December 7
Sunday School Christmas Program.....	December 14
Daylight Christmas Eve Service.....	December 18
Council Meeting.....	December 18
Cookie Walk.....	December 20
Cookie Walk.....	December 21
No Sunday School.....	December 21
Church Office Closed.....	December 24
Christmas Eve Services.....	December 24 @ 3pm, 5pm & 10pm
Church Office Closed.....	December 25
No Sunday School.....	December 28
Church Office Closed.....	December 29

Get To Know Your Fellow Members

Get to Know Members of Saint Paul Lutheran!



DOUG AND KARI STRANDELL

MEMBERS SINCE: 1983

HOMETOWNS: DOUG: APPLETON, WI
KARI: SPRING GROVE, MN

HOBBIES: DOUG - GOLFING, PICKLEBALL, GARDENING
KARI - READING, LINE DANCING, MAHJONG, PICKLEBALL, BABYSITTING GRANDCHILDREN

ABOUT US

CHILDREN:

KRISTEN KESSLAR, NATHAN STRANDELL AND LAURA LEE, SON-IN-LAW JORDAN LEE AND 6 GRANDCHILDREN

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT:

DOUG - RETIRED VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER AT PINE ISLAND SCHOOLS
KARI - RETIRED NURSE AND NURSE PRACTITIONER AT MAYO CLINIC.

PETS:

WE HAVE HAD DOGS, CATS, HORSES AND MULES. NOW WE ARE DOWN TO HOSTING OUR KIDS' PETS.

FAITH STORY

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?

THE CONNECTIONS WE MAKE WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

HOW HAVE YOU SERVED HERE AT SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN?

DOUG - MUSIC DIRECTOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CALL COMMITTEE, CHOIR
KARI - CHOIR, BELLS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, COMMUNION SETUP, COFFEE HOUR

FAVORITE VERSES:

DOUG - JOHN 3:16
KARI - PSALMS 23

A Word From Pastor Jim

- Who is SPLC?
- Why is SPLC here?
- What are the most important skills for a pastor at SPLC?

These are sample questions from the Ministry Site Profile—the forms we will fill out to describe our congregation for pastors interested in serving here. In our case, the ministry site is SPLC. SPLC like all ministry sites (aka congregations) has its own character, perspectives and priorities. Pastors seeking to move to Pine Island need to know about these things.

- So, we, as a congregation, do three things.
1. Seek God's will for the SPLC's future through prayer.
 2. Seek wisdom about the SPLC's future from as many members as possible.
 3. Commission a Transition Team to fill out the Ministry Site Profile.

If you have been around SPLC for many years you probably remember other pastor searches that did not include a Transition Team. The call committee filled out all the needed forms and then did the interviews. These days, call committees still do interviews and recommend a pastor to a congregation. However, councils ask a Transition Team to lead the process of collecting information from the congregation and filling out the Ministry Site profile.

- Councils do this for two reasons:
1. It allows more people to be involved in the process.
 2. It lessens the commitment of volunteers who serve on the call committee, which can last for several months.

Right now, we are in the process of seeking members of the Transition Team. Commonly the team is made up of five members. Writing and listening skills are helpful. The Time expectation is Mid-October through January.

Once the team is formed. They choose Five Sundays in a row (the Sundays of November?). We have a shortened worship service and then invite all those present to help the team figure out the answers to the questions on the Ministry Site Profile. They do this by asking all to stay after worship, fill out surveys and questionnaires, and discuss possibilities and concerns in small groups.

Your wisdom and faith are desperately needed in this process! Please plan now to attend worship in November and stay after to help the Transition Team do their work. There will be treats and plenty of coffee—and the Holy Spirit will be present to guide us in seeking the next pastor.

If you are interested in serving on the Transition Team please let Kirby, our congregation president know or send an email to Ashley at saintpaulpi@yahoo.com.



Youth

Starlighters (Grades 3–5) – Our next Starlighters night is coming up on Friday, October 10 from 6–9 p.m. and it’s all about pizza! Each child should bring their own crust and a favorite topping to share. Together we’ll create our pizzas, enjoy games and activities, and spend time learning and growing in faith. Don’t forget to invite a friend—it’s the perfect night for fun and fellowship! Sign up by Thursday, October 9th at 2pm!



Kindlers (Grades 6–8) – The Kindlers will gather on Friday, October 24 from 6–9 p.m. for a Walking Taco Night. Bring along your favorite bag of chips, and we’ll provide the rest of the fixings for a delicious meal together. It will be an evening full of laughter, games, and good conversation as we build friendships and strengthen our faith. Friends are always welcome to join in! Sign up by Thursday, October 23rd at 2pm!



Trail of Lights – Mark your calendars for our community-wide Trail of Lights Halloween celebration! This special evening will include hot chocolate, cider, costumes, a giving table, plenty of candy, and lots more. It’s an event for all ages, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors to walk the trail, enjoy the treats, and share in the joy of the season together.



Faith Formation

Rally Day

Thank you to all who participated, contributed to, volunteered & joined us for Rally Day! It was such an exciting day to celebrate and kick off the start of a new education year, here at Saint Paul Lutheran. We were blessed with ANOTHER beautiful day to be able to hold all of our festivities outside. Thank you to the Praise Team for singing an extra day in the month of September as well!



Sunday School at Saint Paul Lutheran

We have already finished one whole month of Sunday school! We spent the month of September focusing our lessons on everything Prayer. Our bible stories included The Lord's Prayer, A Letter from James, Daniel & the Lions and Hannah Prays for a Child. These stories truly provide to our kids the who, what, where, when, how & why of Prayer! We have so many new friends in Sunday school this year & we have really been enjoying our time getting to know each other!

Thank you all for supporting our Sunday school kid's pumpkin sales! They raised \$474.55! The kids will be using all of this money to purchase groceries for the Pine Island Food Shelf! We enjoy this "field trip" and are so excited to overload our carts!





OCTOBER

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED Oct 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
9am Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	8:30am Loose Threads Quilting 1pm Chair Volleyball	8am Mission Quilting	6:15pm Confirmation			
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Pastor Barb Streed Visiting from Syn 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice 12:30pm Girl Scouts	8:30am Loose Threads Quilting 1pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8am Mission Quilting 11am Ministerial Text Study	6:15pm Confirmation	9am Cancer Support Group	6pm Kindlers Youth Night	
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