

July 26 – August 2, 2026

Scripture - Psalm 119:129-136,

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

9:00 am Hymns – 532, 793, 770, 867

Baptism – Lee Foss

Congratulations to Lee Foss, who will be baptized at the 9:00 am worship service this Sunday. We would also like to congratulate Lee's family, sponsors, and friends on this joyous occasion.

Welcome Peder Flaten – Our New Organist!

We are excited to welcome Peder Flaten to our team. Peder will be playing at the 9:00 am service beginning Sunday, July 26. Welcome, Peder!

We are Ready to Make an Impact!

This year's Mission Trip crew is ready to travel to Omaha, NE. There they will partner with multiple service sites, such as Food Bank for the Heartland, Heart Ministry Center, Catholic Charities Outreach, Table Grace Ministries, Whispering Roots, and The Furniture Project. Watch our Facebook and Instagram page for photos. The crew asks that you please pray for them now and while they are away. They depart midway through the first service on Sunday, July 26th, and will return Friday, July 31st.

Mark Your Calendars – Join the Sanctuary Choir!

It's the start of a new church season and a great time to join the choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning on September 2, and sing most Sundays at the 9:00 am service. Come join us!

Christmas in July – Thank You!

Thank you to all who purchased items for our Christmas Shoppe. This gives us a good start in collecting items to be given to children in December. Some have asked if there will be an opportunity to purchase gifts in November, and yes, we will have the trees up and gift suggestions available after Thanksgiving.

Alexandra House Donations – Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who donated items to Alexandra House. The donations were met with a grateful heart from their staff! We will continue collecting the following: 16-20 oz. hair conditioner, paper towels, and liquid hand soap. All donations may be brought to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni [JenniA@splcmn.org].

Children, Youth & Family 2026-27 Program Registration

This fall, we invite your family to be part of Rooted—our children's and youth faith formation ministry. Registration is now open! We look forward to gathering together, building lasting friendships, growing in faith, and helping children and youth become deeply rooted in God's love. To register, check out our website, app, E-News, or contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Volunteers Needed for Children & Youth Programming!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help with our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning children and youth programming! If you have a welcoming heart and enjoy encouraging children as they grow in their faith, we'd love you to join our team. Interested in serving? Contact Connie Yerigan at [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Board of Administration Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, July 27 in the Lounge or online through Google Meet. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. If you would like to join by Google Meet, please contact Pastor Matt for the call-in number and instructions [MattF@splcmn.org] or [763-231-0557].

Save the Date - 29th Annual SPLC Garage Sale!

*Wednesday, August 12 from
5:00 - 8:00 pm (\$3/admission)
Thursday & Friday, August 13 & 14 from
9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 15 from
9:00 am - 12:00 pm – It's Everything ½ Price Day!*

Donations help make the garage sale a huge success! If you are able, we encourage you to donate items to the Garage Sale. The more donated the more we can sell – and the more we can raise! So, start sorting and saving your gently used items to donate. And tell your friends and family – we gladly accept donations from the community for the sale. We also need paper grocery bags *with handles* donated.

Donation Drop off Dates: Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 8. Hold onto your items until then, as no early donation drop-offs can be accepted.

Did You Know - Access Past Funeral Services

Did you know that recordings of many past funeral services are available on our website? We know that grief doesn't follow a timeline, and sometimes there is comfort in revisiting a service, hearing familiar words, or sharing a loved one's service with family and friends who were unable to attend.

To access funeral recordings, visit our website and click on the Life Events tab on the homepage. From the drop-down menu, select Funeral. Once on that page, scroll down to the section that says, "To view recordings of past Funeral Services, please click [HERE](#)." We hope this resource provides comfort, connection, and a way to honor cherished memories.

The August Friend

The Friend will be emailed to you by the beginning of the month. You can also find an electronic copy in our app, website, E-News, and paper copies in the office. Please let the office know if you would prefer a copy to be mailed to you.

Prayers of the People:

For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life
Kenny Howell, Marlys Krenz

For safety and guidance while serving in the military
Tyler, Rhianon, Derek, Noah, Alex, Micheal, Todd

For the family and friends of
Cori Olsrud, Steve Smuder