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Inspiring & Fun Articles
The Latest News and Events
Crossword, Word Search Puzzles, Mazes



Cover photo: Construction has begun with destruction.
Please be patient throughout 2026
as there will be more and more destruction
in the path of our building project.



The Large Catechism, The Ten Commandments

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother, (that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.)

Therefore, you should wholeheartedly rejoice and thank God that he has chosen you and made you worthy to do a work that is so precious and pleasing to him. Although it might be regarded as humble and despised, see that you esteem it as great and precious, not on account of your worthiness, but because it is comprehended and contained in a jewel and sanctuary, namely, the Word and commandment of God.

From the Word: Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it” (Luke 18:15–17 ESV).

Pulling it together: Mothers and fathers are given a great honor; let them rise to the responsibility of that honor. Let them teach their

children the commandments and the whole Word of God in such a way that those children consider his orders and promises as the finest things in life. Let them bring their children to Jesus in this way, and God will heap upon them even greater distinction; those children will regard their own parents' directives and oaths as quite similar to those of God himself.

Prayer: May your kingdom come, Lord, into the lives of the children in my life. Amen.

Large Catechism Sunday School Class

This (above) is the format that will be used by Pastor Ryman to teach the new Sunday School class in January. There will be extra material taught and provided with lots of time for questions and answers.

We will read the commandment (and eventually the article in the Creed, the petition in the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments) and what Luther taught about them. Then, we will read the Word, and finally, pull together the Catechism and the Scripture in a way that helps us live before our children today.

For now, the class will meet in the chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We may have to change locations along the way due to construction.

Please call the church office to say that you wish to be in this new class. If you have yet to call the church office, please do it today. The number is on the back of this newsletter or any bulletin.

By the way, this is an excellent way for you to get your kids in Sunday School. Drop them off at their classrooms with our excellent teachers, then head on down to the chapel where coffee will be available.

If you do not know where the chapel is located, come down the front sanctuary steps all the way into the office level and walk straight until you run into a pew.

Benefits of Attending the Class

There are two audiences for the class. **One:** those who would like a refresher course on the smaller catechism. It is understandable that one may not have learned as much as desired when being a confirmand all those years ago. Such was the case for Pastor Ryman, as he has confessed in many sermons. **Two:** parents of children in upper elementary school. Being in this Sunday School class will prepare those parents to better raise their children in the Christian faith, especially when those children have reached seventh grade and will be in Confirmation class.

Of further note on the topic: presently, our website splash screen is a link to daily devotions on *The Large Catechism*. If you would like to go back to the beginning of *The Large Catechism* on our website, here is that link: <https://stpaulslutheran.church/confessions/title/a3127>

Or, Perhaps...

Maybe you'd prefer to read the Small Catechism commentary on your own first. That may also be found on our website beginning here: <https://stpaulslutheran.church/confessions/the-small-catechism---part-1/a2735>

And Just for Fun

There is an online jigsaw for the Scripture graphic each day.



Brunswick Stew

We will be stewing Pastor Ryman's Brunswick Stew recipe on Saturday morning, January 31, 2026, at 6:00am at the picnic shelter. If construction is an issue, we will stew behind the parsonage. All proceeds go to the building project.

\$10/qt while supplies last • Drive-by pick up at shelter, 1:00 PM

Please, Please, Please

Slow down immediately upon entering the church parking lot from either direction. We have many children and elderly on foot in the same parking lot where cars routinely are traveling at a high speed. Several of our people have begun to complain about their fear of getting hit. Please, please, please, slow down before you regret it.

Bible Studies and Prayer

Tuesday Bible studies (10:00am and 6:00pm) are working through the Bible. Currently we are just starting the book Leviticus.

Each student receives a booklet of commentary by Pastor Ryman, as well as crossword and Word search puzzles that go with the readings. By the end of this Bible study, you will have a couple of notebooks filled with commentary, puzzles, and your notes.

Morning Prayer (8:30–9:00am weekdays) is a time of reading and discussing the Daily Lectionary and praying together as God leads us in the Word. The daily readings may be found on each Sunday's worship page at <https://StPaulsLutheran.Church/worship-services>

Decorations Removal

Decorations will be removed on Saturday, January 10, 2025, at 8:00am. Check your calendar for both dates and call Bonnie Hinson at 704-279-3126, or email her at lwaynehinson@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Binns-Counts Community Center

Working together, our congregation was able to supply 615 gifts to the Binns-Counts Community Center Christmas program. Thirteen church members traveled to Virginia, where the Youth and their parents sorted and organized these and other donations. There were 550 children registered to participate in the program, with more expected. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

*Congratulations to Hailey and Brandon Smith
on the birth of their son, Nolan Reid Smith.
Nolan was born on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.*

*Congratulations to Rachel and Jonathan Cannon
on the birth of their son, Jacob Michael Cannon.
Jacob was born on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.*



**Arise, shine;
for thy light is come,
And the glory of the LORD
is risen upon thee.**

Isaiah 60:1

Care Team

A meeting was recently held in regard to the future of Stephen Ministries at St. Paul's. Current Stephen Ministers were in attendance. It was decided to disband the Stephen Ministry program and transfer those involved to the newly formed "Care Team." This team will operate in connection with the church office so that the responsibility of visiting can be shared equally among more members. The previous Communion Team will merge into this group also. This group will no longer be bound by the rules and training of the Stephen Ministry Program.

Further conversation will take place about making our Care Team visits consistent with our values and goals. The Care Team will meet quarterly for fellowship and to discuss the program.

Please call the church office if you would like to be a part of the St. Paul's Care Team.

Calendar of Events for January

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday
- Vespers each Sunday evening at 6pm in the parsonage
- January 4 – Installation of new Council members, 10:30am
- January 4 – Baptism of Jacob Michael Cannon, 10:30am service
- January 4 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- January 4 – Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- January 4 – Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- January 11 – Worship and Music Committee, 3pm
- January 11 – Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- January 11 – Men's Choir rehearsal, 4pm
- January 11 – Handbell Ensemble rehearsal, 5pm
- January 18 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- January 18 – Acolyte/Crucifer training, 3pm
- *Join us for Morning Prayer in the chapel at 8:30am Monday – Friday.*

Mondays

- Home School dance class, weekly in the fellowship hall, 10am
- January 5 – Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- January 5 – Outreach Committee meeting, 6:30pm
- January 12 – Hama Lingle and Grace Ridenhour Circles, 6pm
- January 12 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- January 12 – Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- January 19 – February newsletter articles due this week
- January 26 – Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm each Tuesday
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm each Tuesday
- January 13 – Bonnie Bost, 7pm
- January 20 – Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations Home School group, 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, each week at 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, each week at 7pm

- January 7 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- January 28 – Fun Bunch Lunch, Palms, 11:30am

Thursdays

- January 1 – Happy New Year! Church office is closed.
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon, each week
- January 15 – Friendship Club, 10:30am, out to eat
- January 22 – Council meeting, 6:30pm
- January 29 – Bus Trip Preview, 5pm, Blue Bay, Statesville Blvd.

Fridays

- January 23 – Funeral for Doris Goodman Swartzenberg, 3pm

Saturdays

- January 10 – Removal of Christmas decorations, 9am
- January 31 – Drive-by Pickup Brunswick Stew, 1pm

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be going out to eat January 15, 2026.

Joshua/Museum of the Bible Trip Update

We have a list of 30 people that have signed up for this Christian Tour trip for May 6-9, 2026. If you find out you're able to go and have not signed up on the list in the Narthex, you may still make a call to get your name on the list.

Call Christian Tours at 828-465-3900. Give them the name of the trip (Joshua) and tell them it's the trip for St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 6, 2026. They will need a \$200.00 deposit mailed to Christian Tours, PO Box 890, Newton, NC, 28658. The balance will need to be paid by January 31st.

A **preview night** will be held on January 29th, at 5:00pm at Blue Bay Seafood on Statesville Blvd. You may attend this night and pay the balance. You will need to pay for your meal, but they will discount your trip another \$20.00 per person by attending this night. Other discounts include 2% off for paying in cash/check for the *deposit*, and 3% off for paying the *balance* in cash/check. The trip may be paid for with a credit card, just without discounts. If you have any questions about the trip, you may call Susan Bernhardt, 704-637-0155 or email srbernhadt@carolina.rr.com.

Missions

We are very thankful for your recent gift of \$353.49 to Naomi's Heart Mission. I can't begin to tell you how grateful we are for all your support you give to us each and every month. You continuously touch the lives of so many children and families who not only look to the mission for personal and physical needs, but also, for spiritual guidance.

May the Lord bless you all during this Christmas season as we reflect on the birth of Jesus, who without his birth and purpose for coming into this world, we would have no hope of salvation. Thank you for giving so that children on the other side of the world can receive this gift of hope. Merry Christmas!

Kristie Ward, Founder



Thank you for your gift of \$247.44 to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Christmas will be different for many Jamaicans this year after Hurricane Melissa ravaged their island, killing dozens and leveling home, churches, and hospitals. Much of the nation lost power. Within days of the storm's landfall, Samaritan's Purse airlifted emergency supplies including water filtration units, shelter material, and our emergency field hospital to provide critical care to those suffering in its wake.

Your gifts and prayers equip us to "give knowledge of salvation to his people" and "light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death" (Luke 1:77, 79). Thank you for partnering with us in this eternal work. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham, President

Thank you for standing with SON as we work to connect Spiritual Orphans with the global family of Christ. Your congregation's prayer, encouragement, and presence in this mission have helped bring hope to communities that have long felt cut off from the wider church.

We are grateful for every prayer offered and every gift shared. Together, we are carrying the light of Christ into places where it is deeply needed.

In His Service,
Pastor David Breidenbach
SON Executive Director

Thank you for the donation of \$353.49. Your donation shows that you truly care about our cause and the work we do [at the Pantry and Outreach Program at Organ Lutheran Church]. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. It has been a very busy time during the holidays. Thanks again for your support.

Linda Austin, Director
Organ Lutheran Pantry/Outreach

Merry Christmas and joy of the Lord to you! We are writing to thank you for your recent \$247.44 contribution. God bless you for standing with Focus on the Family in our work.

We are keenly aware that there are lots of folks for who this celebratory season may not be as joyous as it is supposed to be. Illness, depression, unemployment, marital problems—for all these reasons and a host of others, people are hurting and struggling this Christmas. We are working hard to make our professional counseling staff available to help an ever-growing number of callers. Please ask the Lord to strengthen our staff and give us wisdom as we seek to meet the need.

Thanks again for all you've done as partners in our outreach to families around the nation. We hope you have a glorious time celebrating the amazing grace of God this Christmas season. And a blessed and prosperous New Year to you!

Sincerely,
Jim Daly, President

January 2026—Birthdays—Anni

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Johnny Lombard **Susan Cruz	5 Harold Goodman **Alice Davis	6 Sarah Fesperman Alex Free M/M Myra Jane and Terry Eller **Jimmie and Jean Deal	7 Cyri Cottingham **Keith, Summ Lylla Deal
11 **Jan and Daniel Dolan	12 Donald Lentz **Jamie Drew and Sheridan Drew	13 Joyce Morris Ashley Young **Jenny Earnhardt	14 M/M Sophie a Brian Austin M/M Doris and Jerry Hilliard **Lisa Earnhar
18 Donald Burton **Myra Jane and Terry Eller	19 Carson Holland Don Menius **Sonya Eller	20 **Patsy Everhart	21 Cori Charles Emerson Hold **Randall and Susan Faggan
25 Karen Charles **Meghan Free, Joshua Terrell, Charlotte and Theodore Terrell	26 Kristen Johnson **Alex and Nicole Free	27 Betty Monroe Laura Wilhelm **Rob, Kristan, Ryan, and Carson Friel	28 Will Charles Wayne Cline **Katie, Dan, C Loralei Funder

Anniversaries (M/M)—Daily Prayer (**)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Caleb Cannon Talía Lord M/M Crystal and Dana Bost **Pamela Cottingham	2 **Matthew, Dani, Cyri and Ceylah Cottingham	3 Maranda Girdler Alesia Lewis **Kim and Teresa Cress
Jim	8 Marnita Parks **Tim and Karen Deal	9 **Jeff, Diana, Luke, and Rylee Deal	10 **Barbara Deese
and rdt	15 **Brian Earnhardt	16 **James and Mary Lee Earnhardt	17 Teresa Cress **Harold and Louise Eller
er t	22 **Sarah Fesperman	23 Jason Burnett **Casey, Ciji, Sutton, and Stanton Fisher	24 Shelton Harper **Tim and Patricia Free
Grace, and rburk	29 Cory Orbison M/M Jeanne and Tony Shaver **Jillian Funderburk and Reese Gunter	30 Amy Barringer Michael Beeker **John and Ruth Gagliardi	31 **Gary Gaskey

Future Glory of Israel

Find the 29 bold words from Isaiah 60:1-6 KJV.

S I S H A R I S E W L K I G I
G H S E S N E C N I X O L E H
E K E T H A A Y E E C O R T D
N N N P E O P L E K R Q R D A
T L K R B F T S I Y R A N W U
I I R G A H O N L R E A Q G G
L G A D I S G R E E I U O G H
E H D N L S H H C D M L Z R T
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T R A E H E H M N E S P C H R
A Q G Z G Q N E Q E F P D T S
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M G T S S E N T H G I R B G O
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R G A B U N D A N C E P H A H

Arise, **shine**; for thy **light** is come, And the **glory** of the LORD is **risen** upon thee. For, **behold**, the darkness shall cover the **earth**, And gross **darkness** the **people**: But the LORD shall **arise** upon thee, And his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, And **kings** to the **brightness** of thy rising. Lift up **thine** eyes round about, and see: All they **gather** themselves **together**, they come to thee: Thy **sons** shall come from far, And thy **daughters** shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, And **thine heart** shall fear, and be enlarged; Because the **abundance** of the sea shall be converted unto thee, The **forces** of the **Gentiles** shall come unto thee. The **multitude** of **camels** shall cover thee, The dromedaries of **Midian** and **Ephah**; All they from **Sheba** shall come: They shall bring **gold** and **incense**; And they shall shew forth the praises of the **LORD**.

Prayer Needs

- Michael Corley – health concerns (*Sandy Corley's son*)
- Nancy Crapster – health concerns (*friend of Sandy Corley*)
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Tiffany Holland – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow – health concerns (*Tiffany Holland's grandmother*)
- Robin McKnight – recovering from surgery
(*Julie Johnson's sister-in-law*)
- Tommy McKnight – health concerns (*Julie Johnson's brother*)
- Irene Miller – health concerns
- Susan Page – health concerns (*Susie Page's daughter-in-law*)
- Melinda Redding – recovering from surgery
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Linda Robbins – health concerns (*step-mother of Heather Canup*)
- Bobby Shelton – health concerns (*Dani Cottingham's father*)
- Hurley Stanley – health concerns (*boyfriend of Julie Johnson*)
- Johnsie Taylor – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield – health concerns (*friend of Heather Canup*)

Pray for Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Walter Smith, Shirley Hoosier

Liberty Commons: Dot Goodman

Terra Bella: Della Jenkins

Trinity Oaks: Ray Kubitz, Lottie Simpson

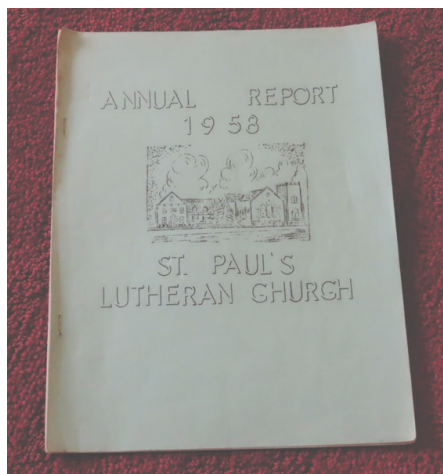
Bermuda Commons: Edna Chapman

Home: Allen Burnett, Wilbur Canup, Don and Betty Camerlin,
Barbara Deese, John Cornelison, Sandy Corley, Sonya Eller,
Harold Goodman, Ruth Julian, Betty and Ed Niedens,
Dottie Stancil, Hollis Wilhelm, Jane Wilhelm

Did You Know? History of St. Paul's, 1957–1958

The year is now 1957. The Education Building was completed and furnished at a cost of over \$100,000.00 and all paid for except \$7,100.00.

For the first time, an Annual Report of the congregation was published to provide information for members. A new section was taken into the cemetery and developed. A new fund was established known as the “Living Memorial Book and Fund,” a Loan and Gift Fund given to any man or woman entering into full time service of the church. Today, our church has a comparable fund, the “Dave and Pearl Honbarger Ministry Scholarship Fund.” Below is a list of the sons of the congregation who had become ministers up until this time (1957–1958):



Rev. J. H. Fesperman	Ordained 1865
Rev. C. L. T. Fisher	Ordained 1884
Rev. C. A. Brown	Ordained 1889
Rev. J. H. C. Fisher	Ordained 1890
Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie	Ordained 1899
Rev. Jeremiah S. M. Brown	Ordained 1899
Rev. H. S. T. Peeler	Ordained 1903
Rev. C. A. Ritchie	Ordained 1905
Rev. M. Luther Canup	Ordained 1907
Rev. George Lingle	Ordained 1939
Rev. George Frederick Scott	Ordained 1942
Rev. Herman W. Cauble	Ordained 1943
Rev. Hoke H. Ritchie	Ordained 1944
Rev. C. E. Bernhardt	Ordained 1945
Rev. J. L. Peeler	Ordained 1950
Rev. Donald Deal	In Seminary at the time

This list will be repeated in the February Epistle with names of current members who are related to these pastors. If your family is a relative, please let me (Alice Davis) know at pherford1@yahoo.com.

In 1957, a nursery was formed in Sunday School known as Cradle Roll No. 1. In the fall, the Intermediate Luther League was reorganized and a Junior League organized. At the end of the year, the church roll was revised, a new card filing system was set up, and a new church record book (Registry), which took the place of what had been used since 1931, was purchased.

In 1958, a new church hymnal was adopted—*Service Book and Hymnal*—and 250 of those hymnals were purchased. Pastor Bumgarner resigned during the year, so while the church was looking for a new pastor, much needed work was done in the parsonage. The partition between the kitchen and back porch was removed, making the porch a part of the kitchen; cabinets were built; a new refrigerator installed; the entire parsonage was painted; and new floor covering put down in the kitchen and bathroom. During 1958, a part-time secretary for the pastor, Mrs. Carl Canup (Wilbur Canup's mother) was employed.

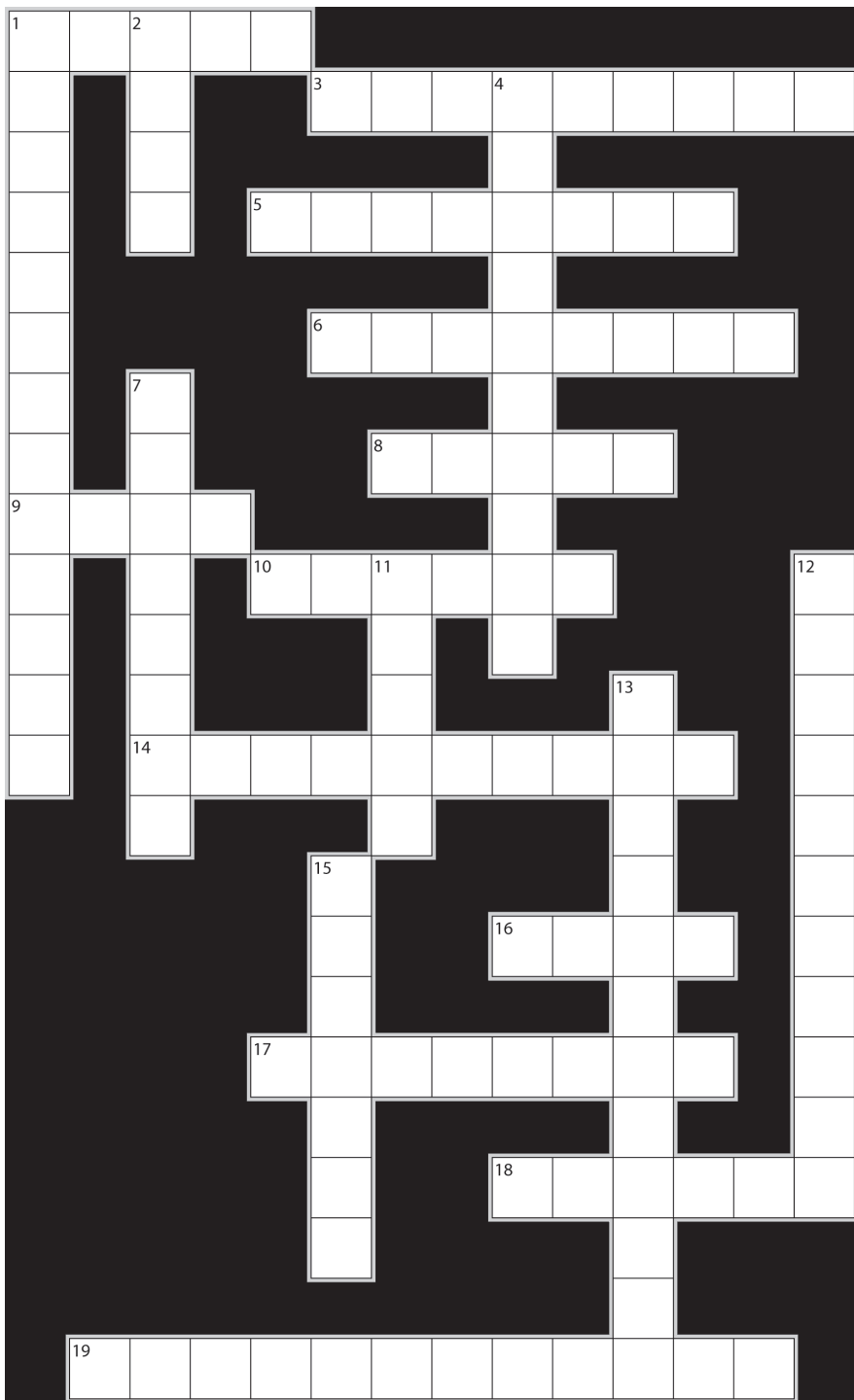
Between World War II and 1958, three expansions had been made to the cemetery. There was not enough room for each family of the congregation to have a plot assigned to them, yet there were many vacant spaces in the cemetery assigned to non-members who had been removed from the church rolls for 10–20 years. The Ground's Committee formulated a new set of cemetery rules to supersede all others, and govern the use of cemetery plots. The rules were presented to the congregation and adopted May 4, 1958.



Thank you

Our thanks to the anonymous donor of a gift to Community Care Clinic of Rowan County in our honor.

Pastors Lord and Ryman



2025

New Year's Crossword

Across

1. A great resolution is to read this in 2026.
3. 10... 9... 8...
5. Time to start the new year
6. Time to hang a new one
8. To raise a glass
9. Another popular New Year's resolution
10. People in Spain eat twelve of them.
14. A popular dish in Pennsylvania and Ohio brought by German immigrants
16. Item dropped in Times Square
17. Items that float and pop
18. What people in Denmark break
19. Some people set them off.

Down

1. Traditional southern US dish
2. Symbol for the new year
4. Loud party item
7. Popular New Year's resolution
11. A giant one is dropped at City Plaza in Raleigh on New Year's.
12. What people make in January
13. Song written by Robert Burns
15. City where a giant peach drops

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A gift was received in memory of **Doris Roof** for the Capital Building Fund from

Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

A gift was received in memory of **Robert Weed** for the Capital Building Fund from

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Gifts were received in memory of **Linda Hess** for the Capital Building Fund

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Lee & Jennifer Aldridge

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Melissa Bernhardt

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St. Paul's Lutheran Men

A gift was received in memory of **Linda Beaver** for the Capital Building Fund from

Karen and Alan Deal

To Honor

Gifts were received in honor of **Susan and Mark Ryman** for the Capital Building Fund from

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Gifts were received in honor of **Brian, Lisa, Talia, and Joshua Lord** for the Capital Building Fund from

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Nancy Powell
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A gift was received in honor of **Helen Gordon** for the Capital Building Fund from
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Melissa Bernhardt
Lori and Perry Bernhardt

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A gift was received in honor of **Brinley Bernhardt** for the Youth Fund from
Lori and Perry Bernhardt

A gift was received in honor of the **55th wedding anniversary of Johnsie and Wayne Taylor** on December 20th for the Capital Building Fund from
Kim and Randy Echerd

Gifts were received in honor of **Jimmy Earnhardt's birthday** on December 5th, for the Capital Building Fund from
Brian and Lisa Lord
Susan and Mark Ryman

A gift was received in honor of **Lee and Jennifer** for the Capital Building Fund from
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A gift was received in honor of **Melissa and Mike** for the Capital Building Fund from
Perry and Lori Bernhardt

Gifts were received in honor of **Pamela Cottingham** for the Capital Building Fund from
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Helen Gordon

A gift was received in honor of the **Property Brothers** for the Capital Building Fund from
Helen Gordon

A gift was received in honor of **Alice Davis** for the Capital Building Fund from
Helen Gordon

Offering 2025

Online Giving is accessible at StPaulsLutheran.
Church/give. Scanning this QR code will take you
directly to the giving page. There is a minimal fee
for each transaction.



General Fund Giving and Expenditure Report November, 2025

Income for November	\$41,727.41
Expenditures for November	\$42,615.90
Net Income (income minus expenses)	\$888.49
Income year to date	\$520,048.18
Expenditures year to date	\$540,813.50
Net Income YTD (Income minus expenses)	\$-20,765.32
Budgeted Income year to date	\$578,103.57
Actual Income year to date	\$520,048.18
Income less than Budgeted YTD	\$-58,055.39

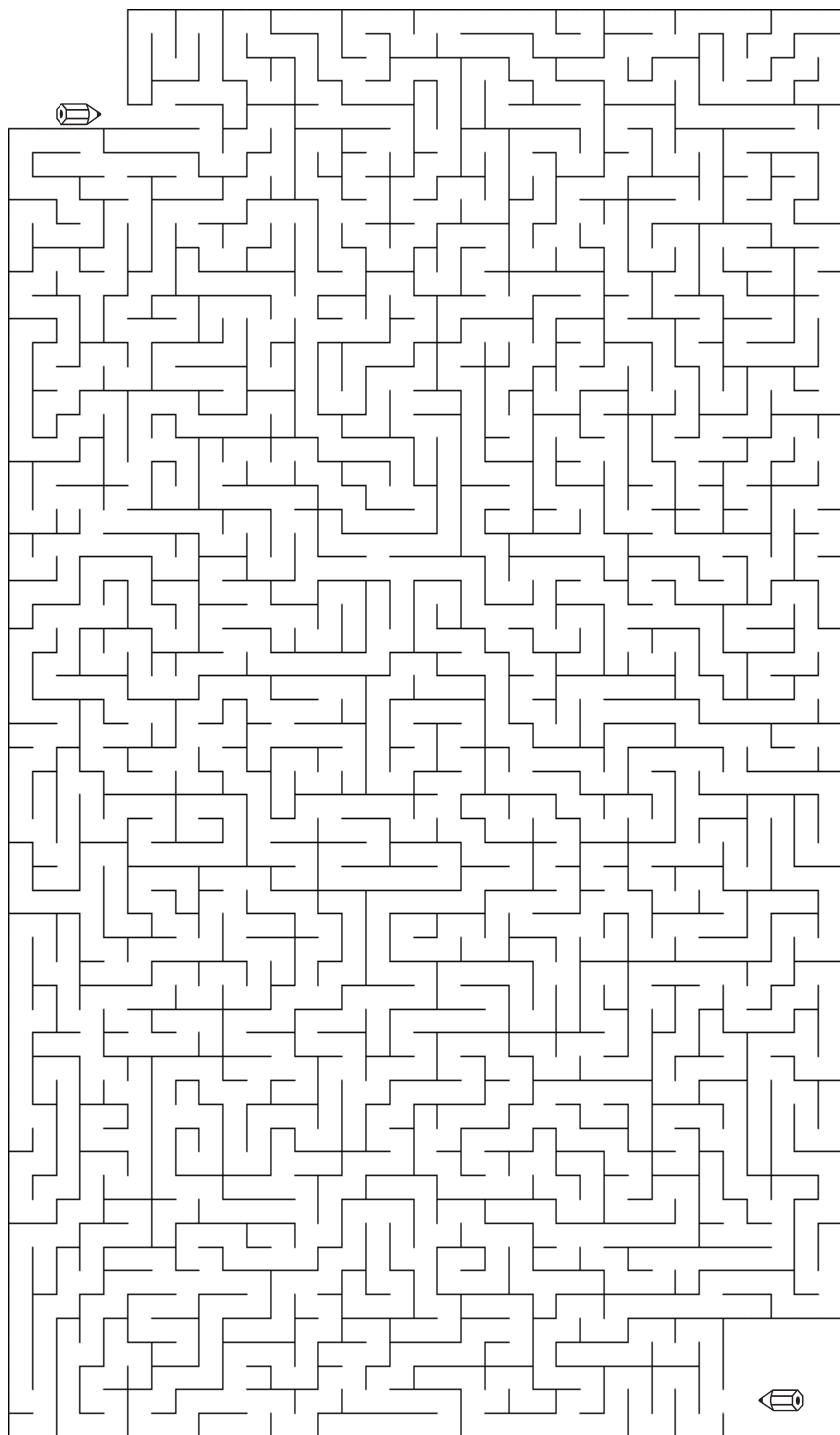
The report above is provided to you for information as you plan your giving to St. Paul's. It includes income and expenditures for the General Fund only, which is for the ongoing budgeted operations of the church. This does not include special gifts made to dedicated funds or to the Capital Building Fund.

In addition to our annual benevolences, our children collect a weekly spare-change mission offering. In the last three years, they have collected close to \$25,000.00 for missions. So, please bring your spare change to worship!

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,951
- The Table Ministry – \$2,022
- Friends of Madagascar Mission – \$2,248.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – 2,396

More about all of our missionaries may be found at:
<https://stpaulslutheran.church/missionaries>

Capital Building Fund as of December 21, 2025 **\$2,181,418**
Some fees have already been paid.





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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

St. Paul's newsletter, the "Monthly Epistle," is intended to keep everyone informed about happenings within the congregation that effect and contribute to our ministry together. In order to maximize reach and minimize cost, the preferred methods of distribution are by email, and posting on our St. Paul's website (www.StPaulsLutheran.Church). All members are encouraged to use the newsletter as a resource to help you consider how God is calling you to be involved in the life of his church. If you are unable to access the newsletter online, or would just like to have a printed copy to refer to, the most cost-effective way to receive it is to pick up a copy from the narthex or church office. We mail copies to those members whom we know don't have online access, or are shut-in. If you want to be added to our mailing or email list, please contact the church office.