



The Epistle

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Inspiring & Fun Articles
The Latest News and Events
Crossword, Word Search Puzzles, Mazes





*Arise, shine;
for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

The Twofold Effect of the Gospel

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1, RSV)

We learn from our text what the gospel is, and what is its message. It is the coming of light, the rising of divine glory. It speaks only of divine glory, divine honor and fame. It exalts only the work of God—his goodness and grace toward us. It teaches the necessity of our receiving God's work for us, his grace and goodness, even God himself, if we would secure salvation. The gospel produces in us a twofold effect. First, it rejects our natural reason, our human light. Had we within ourselves light instead of darkness, it would not be necessary for God to send the light to rise upon us. This text forcibly expels and severely condemns all natural wisdom, all human reason; these are absolute darkness, therefore it is necessary for the light to come. So we should guard against all human doctrines and the conceits of reason as darkness, rejected and condemned of God; we should awake and arise to behold this light, and follow it alone.

The gospel casts down all the glory and pride of our own works. We cannot draw comfort nor derive honor from them. If there were in us anything worthy of honor and glory, the divine honor and glory would rise in us to no purpose. Men may, it is

true, have their own nature and their self-righteousness, and from these derive temporal honor, praise and glory before their fellows as though they were no sinners. But before God they are sinful, destitute of glory and unable to boast of possessing him and his blessings.

No one can be saved unless he have within himself the glory of God and be able to comfort himself solely with God and his blessings and to glory in these. So the gospel condemns all our efforts and exalts only the goodness and the grace of God, and therefore God himself. It permits us to console ourselves only with him and to glory in no other.

Devotional Readings from Luther's Works for Every Day of the Year by From Martin Luther and John Sander (Rock Island, IL: Augustana Book Concern, 1915), pages 14–15.

More of these daily devotional readings may be found at:
<https://stpaulslutheran.church/reading-luther/summaries>

Construction Project Has Begun

We are beginning to move along with some digging, demolition, and wiring at the rear of the church. As we continue with renovation, please be patient and flexible. We will need to relocate meeting spaces at various times throughout the length of the project. But in the end, we will have a church that better fits our needs.

Our expected cost is \$2.9 million which includes a built in contingency for changes. As of December 31, 2025, we have raised 2.3 million. We have voted to borrow up to a half million dollars if needed. However, as early in the project as we are, we hope to see the remaining funds come in before any borrowing is needed. We still have some pledges to come in. There remain some of us who have yet to pledge. So, if you have not pledged or have not given, please pray about this and consider doing so now. The Lord has truly blessed us in this endeavor, and we want you to feel a part of the future at St. Paul's.

Bible Studies and Prayer

Tuesday Bible studies (10:00am and 6:00pm) are working through the Bible. 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. We are currently at the beginning of the book Leviticus.

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>

Outreach Committee News

We have 28 signed up to go on the Christian Tours trip on May 6th to the Play Joshua and Museum of the Bible.

We will be putting together 50 Kitchen Disaster Relief kits on February 21st. We could use the congregation's help with collecting cookbooks to go with the kits. We will donate any we don't use to Habitat Restore. Please put the books in the narthex on the table before February 15th.

We are looking into helping Rowan Helping Ministries with the Food for Thought program.

We discussed putting out signs around the county advertising our church. Also looking at cleaning up the sign on Faith Road at St. Paul's Church Road.

Ways you are able to help with Outreach is to join the Care Team or help at Autumn Care services on the first and third Sundays of each month. You do not need to be an Outreach Committee member to help with these groups.

For the Love of Kids and Old Folks

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.

Care Team

The Stephen Ministry program and the old Communion Team have been merged into the St. Paul's Care Team. The Care Team will operate in connection with the church office so that the responsibility of visiting can be shared equally among more members. The group will not 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.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet February 19th at 11:00am at the reopened Faith Soda Shop. Everyone is invited to join us and try out the newly opened and beautifully decorated restaurant. Hope to see you at 11:00am on the 19th. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can give the restaurant owner a head count.

Thank you,
Helen Gordon (704) 636-5002

Calendar of Events for February

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday
- Men's Choir practice each Sunday at 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice each Sunday at 5pm
- Vespers each Sunday evening at 6pm in the parsonage
- February 1 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- February 1 – Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- February 8 – Kathy Ketchie Circle meets following worship
- February 8 – Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- February 8 – Worship and Music Committee, 3pm
- February 15 – Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- February 15 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- *Join us for Morning Prayer in the chapel at 8:30am Monday – Friday.*

Mondays

- Home School dance class, weekly in the fellowship hall, 10am
- February 2 – Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- February 2 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- February 9 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- February 9 – Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- February 9 – Cruise 'n Barbecue planning, 7pm
- February 16 – March newsletter articles due this week
- February 16 – Council meeting, S. Salisbury Fire Dept., 6:30pm
- February 23 – Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm each Tuesday
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm each Tuesday
- February 3 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- February 10 – Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- February 10 – Staff meeting, 5pm
- February 10 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, 6pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations Home School group, 8:30am–3:30pm
- February 4 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am

- February 4 and 11 – Youth Confirmation Class, 7pm
- February 4 and 11 – Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- February 18 and 25 – No Youth Confirmation Class
- February 18 and 25 – Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm
- February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
- February 25 – Fun Bunch Lunch, Faith Soda Shop, 11:30am
- February 25 – Lenten Supper, 6pm
- February 25 – Lenten Service, 7pm

Thursdays

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon, each week
- February 19 – Friendship Club, Faith Soda Shop, 11am

Saturdays

- February 7 – Brunswick Stew pickup, 1pm–3pm
- February 7 – Andrew Baker's Eagle Scout ceremony, 2pm
- February 21 – Outreach Committee, kitchen kits, 10am–Noon

Andrew Baker, Eagle Scout

A ceremony for Andrew Baker to receive his Eagle Scout Award will be on Saturday, February 7th, in the fellowship hall at Union Lutheran Church at 2:00pm.

The congregation of St. Paul's is invited to celebrate this achievement with Andrew.



Honor Gift

A gift was received in honor of **Talia Lord's 13th birthday** for the Capital Building Fund from her parents, Brian and Lisa, and her brother, Joshua.

Did You Know? History of St. Paul's, 1959–1960

As promised in the January Epistle, the names of church members related to its “Timothies” (those members who became ordained pastors) through 1958 are being listed this month.

Rev. Hoke H. Ritchie: Parents—Gilbert and Ida (Brown) Ritchie; Children—Herman Ritchie, Jay Ritchie, Lottie Ritchie Simpson, Mary Ritchie Sherrill; Others—Allen & Gina Simpson Burnett and Jason & Kara Burnett family.

Rev. Charles E. Bernhardt: Parents—Leo & Maggie Bernhardt; Children—Roy Bernhardt, Howard Bernhardt, Ruth Bernhardt Miller (Karen McConnell's mother); Others—Ben & Susan Bernhardt family, Bonnie Bernhardt, Perry and Lori Bernhardt family, Raynette Bernhardt (Associate member), Barbara Deese family, Casey and Ciji Fisher family, Matt and Lauren Holland family, Brenda Julian, Stan McConnell, Chris and Becky Sebastian, Stan Sebastian (Associate member).

One of the biggest accomplishments was in 1959 when the church was free of debt for the Education Building. The building was dedicated on the 18th of January. In December 1954, the ground-breaking service for the building was held and the opening and blessing of the building was held in October, 1955. The building was erected at a cost of \$125,848.46.

In the Spring of 1959, the Morgan Group of the United Church Women gave a white stole in memory of Mrs. Leo Bernhardt who had been a group member. Mr. Leo Bernhardt, who was a talented wood craftsman, made a cabinet for the Student Loan and Gift Fund Memorial Book as a memorial for his wife. Yard lights were given by Mrs. Alta Bernhardt Nease in memory of her husband, Robert Nease.

In May 1959, **Donald Deal** graduated from Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC, and was ordained in June of that year. He is the son of C.T. “Buck” and Margie Deal, and



brother of Jimmie Deal. Other related members are Keith Deal, Coy Wilhelm, Hugh Wilhelm, Wayne Wilhelm, Charles Wilhelm, Vaughn Wilhelm, Greg Wilhelm.

For several years, the Sunday School had given toward the Bible Teacher's salary at East Rowan High School, since the position was not funded by the state.

In 1959, Council decided to have a bulletin board (marquee) erected on the lawn. The men of the church designed and erected the bulletin board in the fall of the year.

During that year, the Women of the Church placed two chancel lights in the church. One was in memory of Rev. H. P. Barringer and the other in memory of all deceased members of the Women of the Church. The Women also had carpet installed in the parsonage and made robes for the Junior Choir.



In May of 1960, **Billy Lee Vanderford** graduated from Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC, and was ordained in June of the same year. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gibbon Vanderford. No member of our church is known to be related to him.

The Boy Scout Hut, built in 1947, was badly in need of repair. The Brotherhood who sponsored the scouts helped make the needed repairs and improvements to the building.

A house on Shoaf farm was bought by the church, remodeled, a new well put down, and new pump

installed. This house was to be used by the church caretaker. During the year, many repairs and improvements and repairs were done around the church that had been neglected while the congregation was paying for the education building.

The Hama Lingle Circle replaced the candelabras on the altar table (now on the chapel altar table) and replaced them with two single candle holders. The circle had given the candelabras in memory of Mrs. Hama Lingle, the wife of a former pastor, for whom the circle was named, and the new candles holders were placed in her memory.

The Women's organization purchased new playground equipment for the park since it was used extensively during the summer months.

At the end of 1960, the council hired Mrs. Carl Ray Canup (mother of Wilbur Canup) as secretary. She was also responsible for all records and had them at her disposal for information. Mrs. W. H. Canup had been statistical secretary since the first Church Register book had been in put into use in June of 1931.



Thank You

Special thanks to Lottie Simpson and Gina and Jason Burnett for their recent donation to the History Room. Up until now, we only had a few of the very newest Church Yearbooks. With the generous gift from them, we now have almost every issue ever printed, dating all the way back to 1958! What a history treasure!

**If you continue in my word,
you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.**

John 8:32

Bread of Heaven

Find the 26 bold words from John 6:42–51 KJV.

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

And they said, Is not this **Jesus**, the son of **Joseph**, whose father and **mother** we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus **therefore answered** and said unto them, **murmur** not among yourselves. No man can come to me, **except** the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will **raise** him up at the last day. It is **written** in the **prophets**, And they shall be all **taught** of God. Every man therefore that hath **heard**, and hath **learned** of the Father, **cometh** unto me. Not that any man hath seen the **Father**, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, **verily**, I say unto you, He that **believeth** on me hath **everlasting** life. I am that **bread** of life. Your fathers did eat **manna** in the **wilderness**, and are **dead**. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the **living** bread which came down from **heaven**: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my **flesh**, which I will give for the life of the **world**.

February 2026—Birth
(M/M)—Daily

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 Kim Wilhelm	2	3	4
**Karen Girdler	**Bradley and Maranda Girdler	**Sarah Goodman	**Dot and Harold
8	9 Summer Deal	10 Stanton Fisher Vaughn Lyerly	11 Glen Amos Gina Barringer Casey Fisher Dottie Stancil
**Brian, Julie, Reese, and Reagan Goodman	**Candice Goodman, Summer and Ryleigh	**Linda Goodman	**Helen Gordon
15 Laiklyn Brown	16 Zachary Brown John Cornelison Abbye Moody M/M Elizabeth and Kolya Baker M/M Betty and Donald Camerlin	17 Jeremy Harper Jane Webb	18 Matthew Cottrell
**Jeremy and Brayden Harper	**Tony Heilig	**Windy Heilig and Katie Story	**Sarah Hicks
22 Sheridan Drew	23 Gina Burnett Betty Niedens	24 Lisa Cerda M/M Melinda and Phillip Redding	25
**Bonnie and Wayne Hinson	**Keith, Amy, and Sophie Hoffner	**Hannah Holder, Jax and Emerson	**Mary Holland

Days—Anniversaries Prayer (**)			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5 Lauren Yon	6 John Canup	7 Wilbur Canup
ld Goodman	**Michael and Myralyn Goodman	**Vance Goodman	**Tim, Bishop, and Xander Goodman
	12 Reagan Goodman	13 Spencer Newsome Mita Powlas	14 Rachel Cannon Wallace Smith M/M Jean and Jimmie Deal
n	**Carol Hall	**Evan Harkey	** Shelton and Freida Harper
gham	19 Wayne Hinson	20	21 M/M Nancy and Don Menius
	**Autumn Hill	**Jerry and Doris Hilliard	**Frank and Cindy Hinson
	26 Brady Bost	27	28 Terry Beeker Amanda Bernhardt Judy Lowman Coy Wilhelm
	**Matt, Lauren, Carson, and Sawyer Holland	**Seth, Tiffany, and Peyton Holland	**Charles, Karen, and Jason Honbarger

Pray for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care

Autumn Care: Walter Smith, Shirley Hoosier

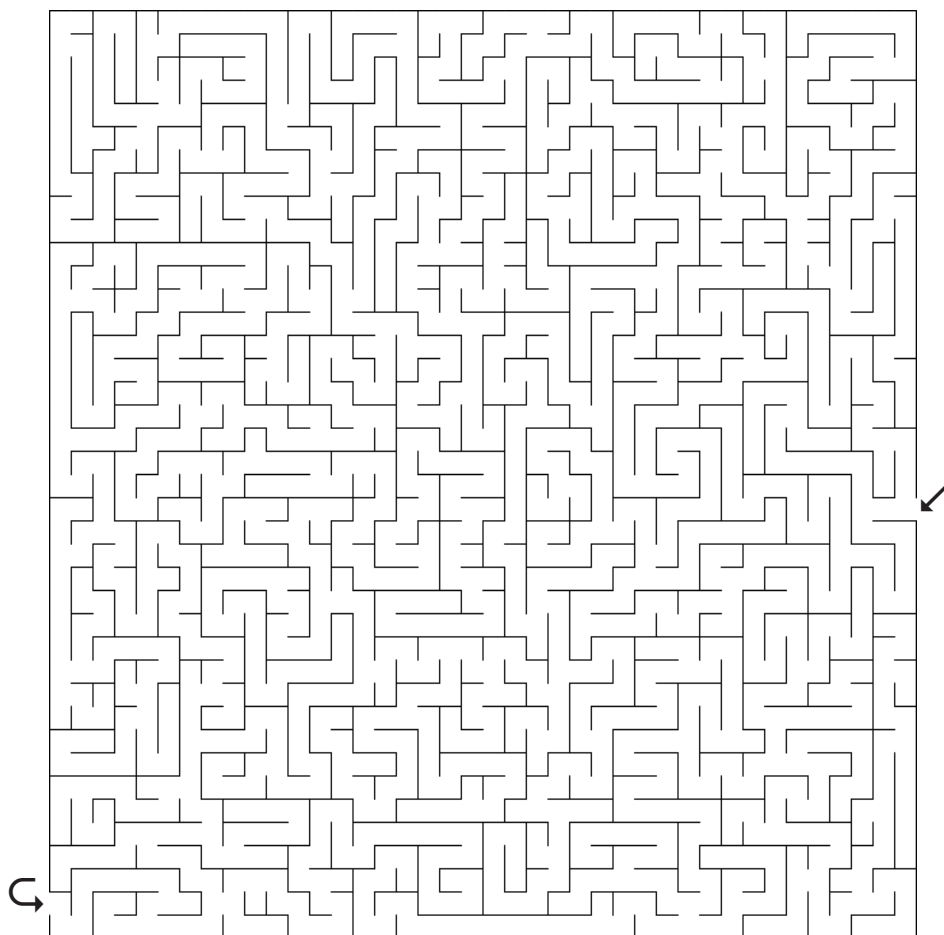
Liberty Commons: Dot Goodman

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, Jane Wilhelm



Prayer Needs

- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- Samantha Clark – health concerns (*Cottingham family friend*)
- Michael Corley – health concerns (*Sandy Corley's son*)
- Sandy Corley – Hospice care in the home
- Nancy Crapster – health concerns (*friend of Sandy Corley*)
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Gary Hinson – recovering from surgery
- Tiffany Holland – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Bill Kief – health concerns (*cousin of Carolyn Canup*)
- Sally Kruchkow – health concerns (*Tiffany Holland's grandmother*)
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Sharon McBride – recovering at home
- 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*)
- Jenny Smith – health concerns (*Bonnie Hinson's sister-in-law*)
- Hurley Stanley – health concerns (*boyfriend of Julie Johnson*)
- Johnsie Taylor – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield – health concerns (*friend of Heather Canup*)
- Ashley Powlas Young – recovering from surgery

*Sheila "Becky" Hilliard (Jerry's sister) passed away
Thursday, January 22, 2026. Her funeral service was held
Friday, January 30, at Organ Lutheran Church.
Please keep Jerry and Doris in your prayers.*

Missions

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM) would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,421 during our Annual Christmas Ornament Adoption Appeal. An ornament was chosen in your honor and placed on our tree.

Your gift in support of our work is a great blessing to us and those we serve.

CH Leslie Haines, (Maj) ret.
Executive Director



Note that LMVFM will be with us May 3rd, and likely bring their newest staff member with them. His name is Cooper, and is Wyclifs step-brother.

We want to thank you for your love to

Naomi's Heart Mission and your donation of \$469.23 for the month of December 2025. We are blessed by your generosity in supporting this ministry. Many children and families of Naomi's Heart Mission were blessed this Christmas, as well as children who are not sponsored by the mission and live downtown in the streets. They were given a healthy chicken noodle soup. It was a blessing to see the smiles on their faces as they sang songs and heard the Christmas story. Thank you again for giving and may you be blessed even more.



Kristie Ward,
Founder

Missions

Thank you for the two donations of \$469.23 and \$10. We appreciate your continued support this year. We provided over 700 boxes of food to needy families. With your help, we are making a difference in our community. Your support has kept this ministry flourishing. Thanks again, and may God continue to bless this outreach program in the new year.

Linda Austin
Organ Lutheran Church
Pantry/Outreach Program

Thank you for your continued support of Samaritan's Purse. Your gifts and prayers help make it possible for us to meet immediate needs and introduce people to the living hope of a Savior. Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham, President

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gifts of \$267.07, \$328.46, and \$247.44. You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God's Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable. We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,
Steven King, Managing Editor

Thank you for your year-end gift of \$328.46 to Spiritual Orphans Network (SON). We do not take your support for granted, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us as we participate in God's work through his Church around the world. You are part of the story God is writing through SON, and we are deeply thankful. Together we give. Together we go. Together Christ is made known.

David Breidenbach

Missions

Organ Lutheran Church Community Outreach Ministries has continually been blessed in 2025 by wonderful disciples of Christ like you, who find it in their hearts to serve those individuals in our community who are in need. We were able to serve 139 families with 652 boxes of food this year along with 146 specialty meals for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

This would not have been possible without the help of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ from Rockwell Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, Union Lutheran, Rock Grove, and Lower Stone Churches, and the Sunshine Ladies. Your generosity and caring for the less fortunate is obvious in the dedication of your continuous support throughout the year. We thank you for all that you do to keep this ministry flourishing—from the monetary gifts to the food donations that come in just when our shelves are looking bare and it is time to go shopping.

We were also able to provide over 100 coats and jackets along with toboggans, gloves, and scarves for our clients over the winter. Blankets and quilts were also a popular item this year.

The back to school event in early August allowed us to give needed school supplies to 55 children based on the child's grade level. Having the needed school supplies to start the school year can set the tone for a child's success for the rest of the year.

With God's blessing and your continued support, may this ministry continue to grow so that we can make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

Thanks again for all that you do to make our little corner of the world a better place.

Linda Austin,
Director

We are writing to thank you for your recent \$328.46 contribution. God bless you for standing with Focus on the Family in our work. Thanks for all you've done as partners in our outreach to families around the nation.

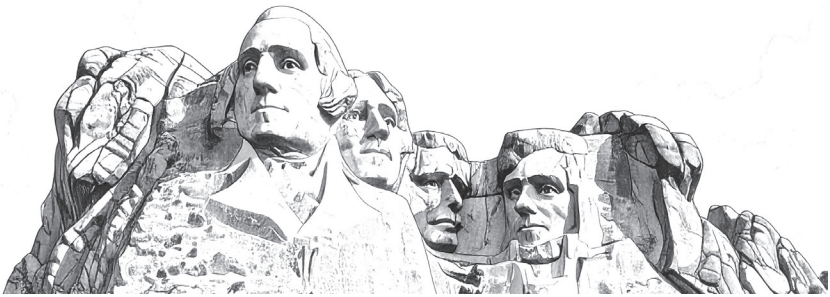
Jim Daly
President

The Temple of God

Find the 23 bold words from 1 Corinthians 3:16–23 KJV.

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

Know ye not that ye are the **temple** of God, and that the **Spirit** of God **dwelleth** in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God **destroy**; for the temple of God is **holy**, which temple ye are. Let no man **deceive** himself. If any man among you **seemeth** to be wise in this world, let him become a **fool**, that he may be wise. For the **wisdom** of this world is **foolishness** with God. For it is **written**, He taketh the **wise** in their own **craftiness**. And again, The Lord knoweth the **thoughts** of the wise, that they are **vain**. Therefore let no man **glory** in men. For all things are your's; whether Paul, or **Apollos**, or **Cephas**, or the **world**, or life, or **death**, or things **present**, or things to come; all are your's; and ye are Christ's; and **Christ** is God's.



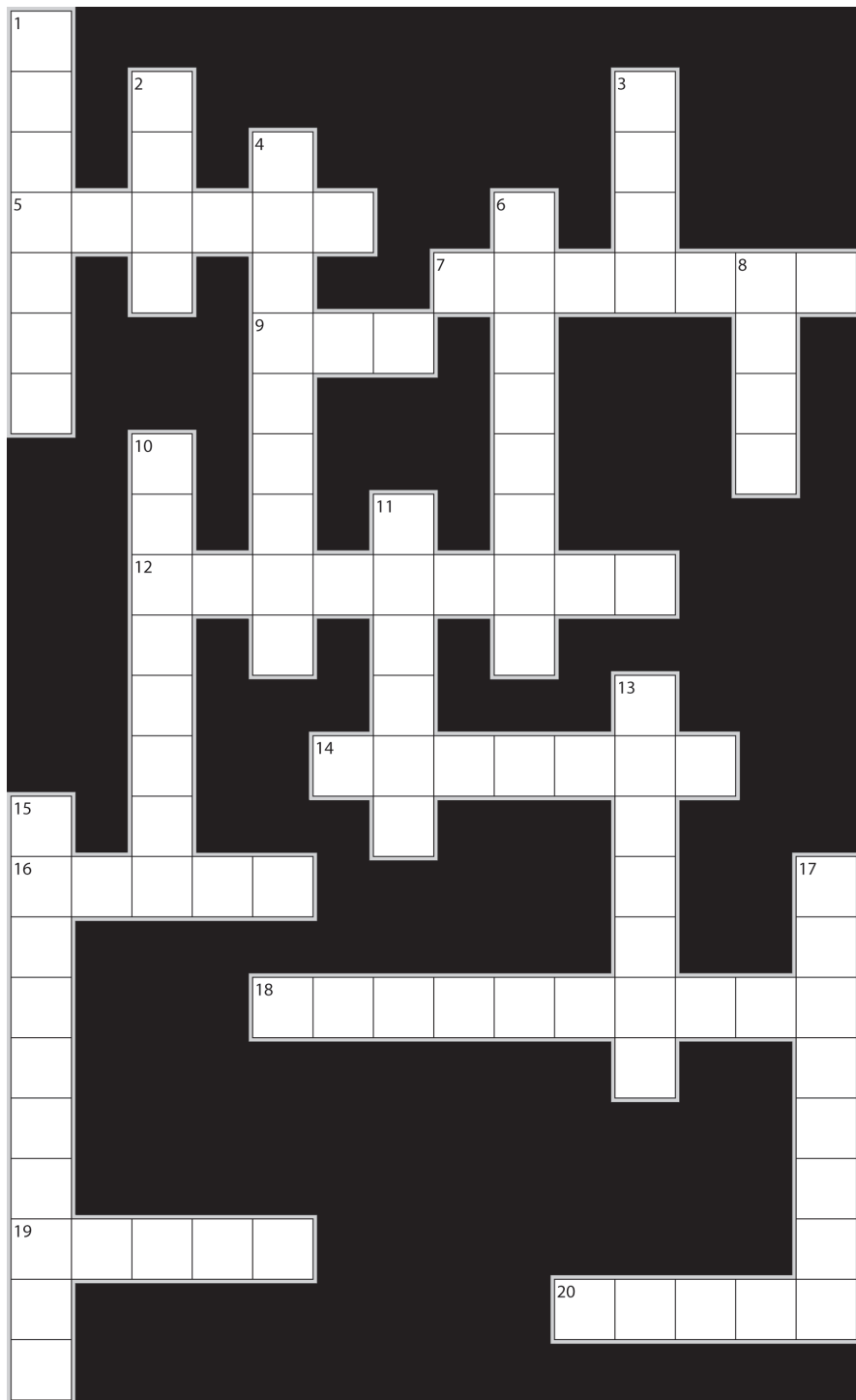
— US Presidents —

ACROSS

5. Peanut farmer from Georgia
7. Known for the “Old Hickory” nickname and the Trail of Tears
9. Only President to serve more than two terms
12. Youngest to become President (after an assassination)
14. “Father of the Constitution”
16. First President to live in the White House
18. General who led the D-Day invasion before his presidency
19. 47th President
20. Only President to resign from office

DOWN

1. The “Great Emancipator” who led during the Civil War
2. Only President to never be elected as VP or President
3. President during the majority of the Mexican-American War
4. Primary author of the Declaration of Independence
6. First President born a US citizen (not a British subject)
8. What state produced the second-most US presidents (7)?
10. What state produced the most US presidents (8)?
11. Former Hollywood actor known as “The Great Communicator”
13. Signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964
15. Often called the “Father of His Country”
17. Served the shortest term in history (only 31 days)



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 December, 2025

Income for December	\$51,496.57
Expenditures for December	\$46,863.76
Net Income (income minus expenses)	\$4,632.81
Income year to date	\$571,544.75
Expenditures year to date	\$587,677.26
Net Income YTD (Income minus expenses)	\$-16,132.51
Budgeted Income year to date	\$630,658.44
Actual Income year to date	\$571,544.75
Income less than Budgeted YTD	\$-59,113.69

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 Receipts
as of December 31, 2025 – \$2,310,087.15**



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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.