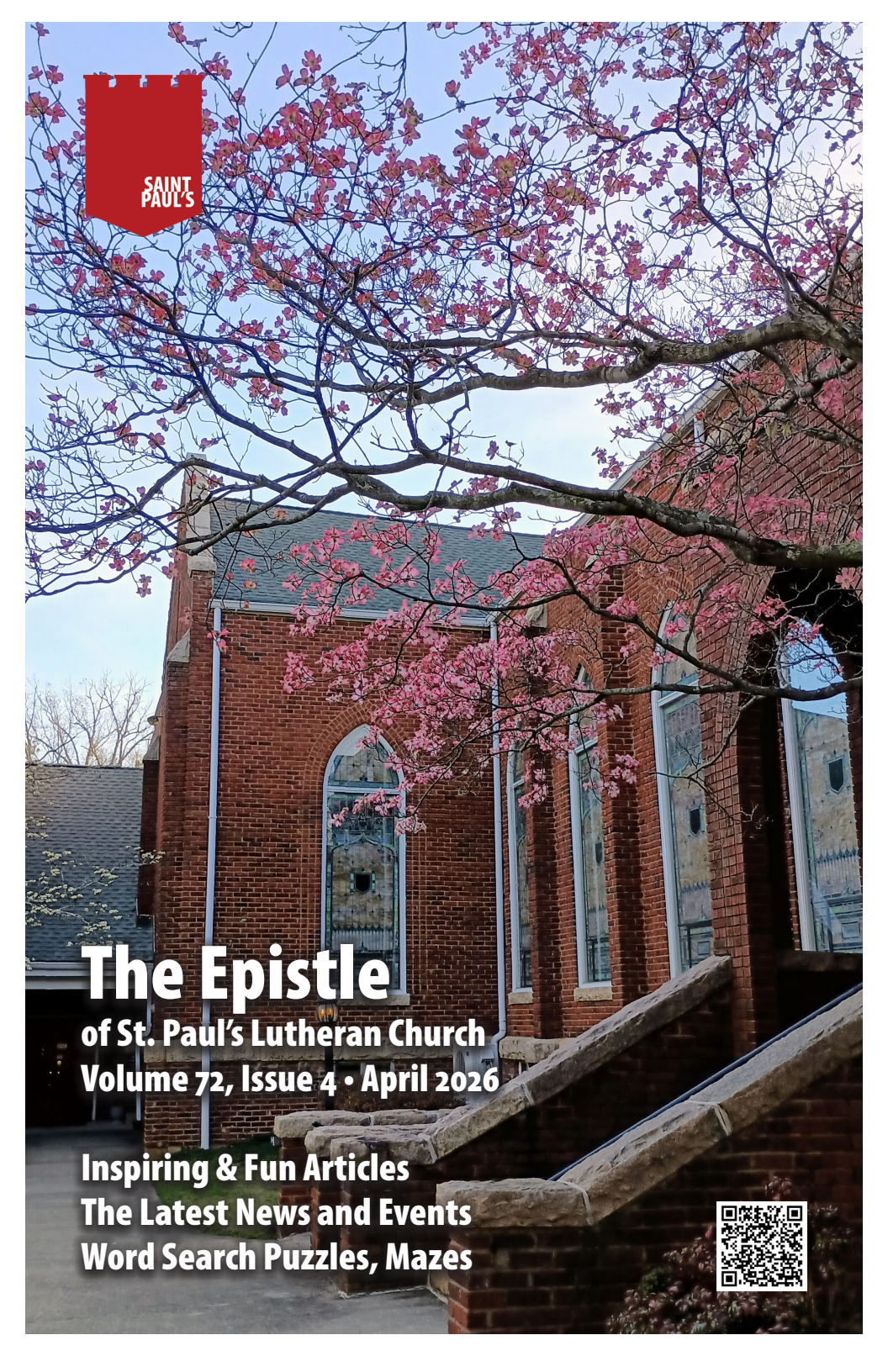




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Building Progress

We hope you are driving or walking around to the back of the church from time to time to see progress made on the building program. The elevator is rising up from the rubble. Bathrooms at the end of the offices hallway are gone or gutted, and new work there is under way. The hallway from the second floor of the Sunday School wing is framed in so that you can easily see how that hallway will meet the elevator and sanctuary.

During April, look for work on block and masonry for walls, rough-in under the slab, finishing restrooms under the sanctuary (at the end of the offices hallway), footings under the kitchen area, and ordering steel for the canopy/overhang area.

That is a lot of work in a month and should be noticeable. So, take a peak from time to time.

We are still roughly a half-million dollars away from having the project paid for by its completion. If you have not given, please consider the building accessibility project in your special gifts such as memorials and honorariums.

Of course, you do not need a special reason to give. You may simply give to the “Capital Building Fund.” Your gifts will impact generations to come. Proverbs 13:22 establishes that “a good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children.” Generosity in this generation that impacts the generations to come is a indicator of righteousness and wisdom.



Council Highlights

Council met March 16th at the South Salisbury Fire dept. Again, I would like to say that South Salisbury has been kind enough to let us use their facility for the entire year of 2026 while we are under construction. Our next meeting will be April 20th.

This month we voted on how to proceed with handling the inactive member's list. We will be contacting 32 members that have not attended, communed, and contributed for 1 year; 10 members that have not attended, communed, and contributed for 2 years; and 6 members that have not attended, communed, and contributed for 3 years. All letters are to let them know of the requirements to remain an active member. Mainly the letters are to encourage them to join us in church and let them know that they are missed. We are also removing 6 members from our church's membership at their request.

We received a pay package motion from the Finance Committee for Pastor Brian Lord as Lead Pastor and Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman as Associate Pastor. The motion was accepted with a unanimous vote for both pay package proposals. Be listening for announcements for a called congregational meeting.

Christian Education Committee met March 8 at 2pm. Plans for an Easter egg hunt were finalized for April 4th at 1pm. Wednesday Lenten service monologues are going well. VBS is also being finalized for June 26 – 28. We will be using Sola Series, "David: Hero of God". More exciting information to come soon about VBS. Next meeting is April 12th at 2pm.

Worship & Music Committee met March 8 at 3pm. We are excited to hear Johnsie is going to start trying to return as our organist, hopefully playing for us during Holy Week. In the meantime, we are still very thankful for the organists that have filled in and played for us. Hymnals for graduates were discussed; discussed organ repairs and how to help keep the organ in good playing condition during our construction. Next meeting will be April 12th at 3pm.

Property Committee: Can't say this enough so here goes—keeping the church in operating condition is an ongoing job, and

is not just a monthly chore, but a daily chore. January and February man hours = 232—checking fire extinguishers, moving the flower cooler, emptying the old conference room, heat issues, roof leaks. These are only 5 items of the 28 items that were handled, and the congregation didn't even know. Thanks to the property guys for all they do to keep us operating. Now they are planning for the Spring and Summer projects.

Outreach Committee met February 21. Fifty disaster relief kits were assembled, boxed and delivered to Statesville storage. Rowan Helping Ministries, Food For Thought program was discussed. Please look for more information in this newsletter for the Outreach committee. Discussed helping serve meals at Jeannie's kitchen. Care Teams, Autumn Care services, church signs, shut-ins were also discussed. Church signs at St. Paul's and Faith Road have been cleaned. Next meeting TBA.

Youth & Family Committee—The Ark Encounter trip went well. Easter breakfast and Youth Sunday are being planned. Please read bulletins and newsletters for all times and dates for upcoming activities. FUN, FUN! Don't miss out. All youth welcome!

Finance Committee met March 9th. As always we are looking at the money operation of the church which is also a daily chore. We missed one Sunday in February due to weather, which contributed in part to us having less income than expenses. For the month of February we exceeded expenses over income by \$8,464.37. As of February 28, we have exceeded expenses over income for the year by \$32,597.83.

Facility & Accessibility Improvement Committee (FAIC):

Happy to say construction still continues. Current work includes: Demolition of the basement bathrooms, excavation and forming for the concrete foundation of the elevator, and final power and freon lines for the sanctuary AC units. Due to the required grading of the rear driveway the sewer lines will need to be lowered. So the discussion now is to replace the existing lines because of the condition of the current lines. It's just a lot going on and moving fairly fast. We will keep you updated the best we can without getting into every little detail. Please be careful as you move inside and outside the church.

Cemetery Committee— Sadly we lost two very faithful members of our church family in February. Dot Goodman was buried in our church cemetery and Sandy Corley was buried at Rowan Memorial Park. John Canup and Lindsey Lowman are co-chairs.

Capital Building Fund— As of February 28, 2026 we have received \$2,331,111.87, which so far is \$568,888.13 short of our \$2.9 million goal. We have not had to borrow yet so keep up the good work of giving.

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 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.

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.**

Bible Studies and Prayer

Tuesday Bible studies (10:00am and 6:00pm) are working through the Bible. They are just about ready to start the book of Numbers. Each student receives a commentary written 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. Join us!

Morning Prayer (8:30–9:00am weekdays) is a time of reading and discussing the Daily Lectionary and praying through our church prayer needs and 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>

Volunteer Opportunity

The Outreach Committee is going to start helping the **Food for Thought Program** of Rowan Helping Ministries. This program packs bookbags with food for children to take home on Friday so they will have something to eat over the weekend. They pack about 900 bookbags a week and distribute to children in Salisbury-Rowan School System that have been identified as needing the food.

We are going to be starting this ministry on **Thursday, April 16th at 10:00**. This is a 1-hour commitment and we are going to be doing it once a month.

Only 10-12 people are needed to help with this project. After we pack bookbags on the 16th we will decide what Thursday works out best for the group. If you would like to volunteer you need to sign up with Rowan Helping Ministries at:

www.RowanHelpingMinistries.org . There are papers from RHM on the table in the Narthex that have the directions and a QR code to sign up. Please let Alesia Lewis or Susan Bernhardt know if you have signed up, or have trouble signing up, and we will be sure to get you counted in with RHM.

Calendar of Events for April

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday
- Men's Choir practice each Sunday at 4pm (except Easter)
- Handbell Ensemble practice each Sunday at 5pm (except Easter)
- Vespers each Sunday evening at 6pm in the parsonage
- April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service, 7am
- April 5 – Easter pancake breakfast in the shelter, 8am
- April 5 – Easter Resurrection Service, 10:30am
- April 5 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- April 5 – Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- April 12 – Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- April 12 – Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- April 12 – Worship and Music Committee, 3pm
- April 12 – Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- April 19 – 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
- April 6 – Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- April 6 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- April 13 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- April 13 – Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- April 20 – April newsletter articles due this week
- April 20 – Council meeting, S. Salisbury Fire Dept., 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm each Tuesday
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm each Tuesday
- April 7 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- April 14 – Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- April 21 – Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations Home School group, 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm each Wednesday

- April 1 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- April 1 – Betty Camerlin funeral, 10:45am, Committal Service in the Salisbury National Cemetery (VA)
- April 29 – Fun Bunch Lunch, Recipe, 11:30am

Thursdays

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon, each week
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday service, 7pm
- April 9 – Outreach Committee, 6:30pm
- April 16 – Friendship Club, meet in Lexington at 11am
- April 30 – Classical Conversations year-end ceremony, 8:30–3:00

Fridays

- April 3 – Good Friday worship service, 7pm

Saturdays

- April 4 – Youth & Family prep for Easter breakfast, 10am
- April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt for children, 1pm

Friendship Club

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet in the church Parking lot at **10:30am on April 16th** to travel to The Southern Lunch Restaurant in Lexington, N.C. The address is 26 South Railroad St. You may carpool or go on your own. **PLEASE let me know if you plan to join us. The restaurant needs to know how many so they can plan for us.** This restaurant is noted for their generous sized portions, reasonable prices and large menu. Join us on April 16th for good food and friendship. (Helen Gordon, 704-636-5002).

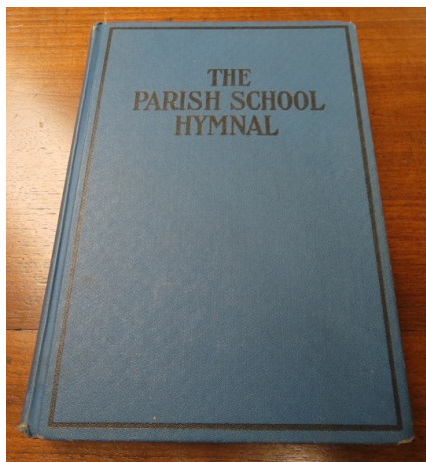
It's Raffle Time Again

So far we have about 10 baskets. We have beach themed baskets, a Cheerwine bench, gift card basket, family fun basket, gardening basket, fourth of July basket, Bob Timberlake framed print, and a Blackstone grill. If you would like to donate a basket or some items for a basket, please let Terri Powlas (powlastb@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) or Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155) know. The Cruise-In is April 25th. Baskets need to be at the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 23th. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 30 tickets for \$20.00.

Did You Know?

History of St. Paul's 1964–1966

The year started off with the Luther Leager's purchasing coat hangers for the Narthex and shades for the doors in the assembly room of the education building so that films could be shown during the day. They also gave twenty-five Parish Church School Hymnals in memory of Mr. Mack Rogers who died in an automobile accident the previous year.



Since the resignation of Rev. William Ridenhour in 1963, Pastor Earle McCombs had served as vice-pastor, and students or pastors from the seminary provided sermons on Sunday mornings. A pulpit committee selected Rev. Floyd Bost as their choice, and called a congregational meeting to vote to call Rev. Bost as our next pastor. With only three votes cast against the call, a call was extended to him. Pastor Bost and his family —wife Bonnie, children, Karen Bost (Deal), Wanda Bost (Thomas), and Dana Bost— came to St. Paul's where he began work on April 6, 1964. The Church Women held a reception for the family, and on Sunday, April 12th, Pastor Bost preached his first sermon.

While the parsonage was vacant, much work was done to upgrade the house. A carport was added to the back, the entire house painted, another bathroom and two closets added, the house was insulated, storm windows and doors installed, and all floors refinished. The Church Women had new drapes placed in several rooms and venetian blinds installed in all windows.

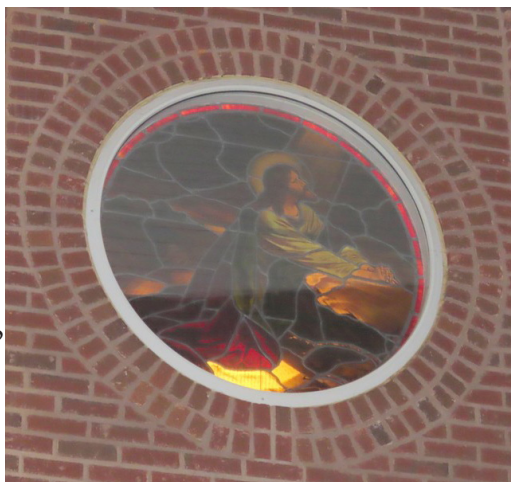
During the year, an Altar Guild was formed to work with the Pastor to be sure everything was in place for worship service. They cared for the paraments, candles, flowers, altar service book, chancel furnishings, robes, and schedules for the acolytes and crucifers—very similar to the same responsibilities of the Altar

Guild today. The main obligations that have been added at present are the responsibility of setting up for communion and scheduling communion assistants.

No information was found for the year 1965. The year was probably used to plan for the major renovations scheduled for 1966.

By 1966, St. Paul's had outgrown her facilities, so in the fall a major renovation project, at a cost of a little over \$150,000, was undertaken.

A balcony was built for a Zimmer Pipe Organ and the choir. The original choir loft on the lectern side of the sanctuary and entire nave was furnished with new pews. A freestanding altar and a cross against the wall were added, and the stained-glass window of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane was restructured to a round window and placed over the main entrance of the church. The wall altar that was removed is now in the chapel. During renovation, a much-needed ramp and front porch were added to the church. It was decided



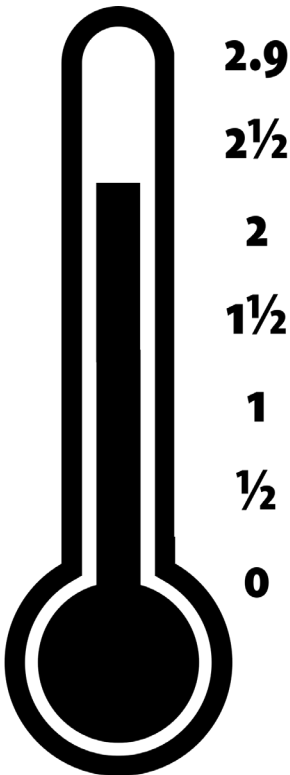
that the Building and Property Improvement Fund, which had been formed to finance the renovation project needed to be continued for other projects that may surface in the future. The only other project during the year was renovation of the parsonage kitchen and the back porch enclosed for a laundry room.

New Bible Study

A new Bible study begins in April. The study extends our through the Bible series into the book of Numbers. This is taught on Tuesdays at 10am and 6pm by Pastor Ryman.

If you have ever wanted to see how the Old Testament and the New Testament come together, this is a class you should be attending.

There is no need to have been in the Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus studies. This class will stand alone while also offering review by way of connections to things already studied.



Capital Building Fund

As a congregation, we are doing well with our commitment to fund our building project. Hopefully, we can turn “doing well” into “doing excellently.”

As of January 31 2026 we have received \$2,331,111.87 of our \$2.9 million goal.

Pray for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care

Autumn Care: Walter Smith

Terra Bella: Della Jenkins

Trinity Oaks: Ray Kubitz, Lottie Simpson

Bermuda Commons: Edna Chapman

Home: Allen Burnett, Wilbur Canup, Don Camerlin,
Barbara Deese, John Cornelison, Sonya Eller, Harold Goodman,
Shirley Hoosier, Ruth Julian, Betty and Ed Niedens, Susie Page,
Dottie Stancil, Jane Wilhelm



*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of
Rev. Craig Honbarger who died Saturday, March 14, 2026.*

Craig was the son of Judi and D. W. Honbarger.

*A service celebrating his life was held on Wednesday,
March 25, 2026 at 11:30AM in the chapel of Neal-Tarpley Parchman
Funeral Home in Clarksville, Tennessee, followed by a full
military honors burial at Middle Tennessee State
Veterans Cemetery in Nashville, TN.*

Please keep the Honbarger family in your prayers.

*We extend our love and sympathy to Audrey Huffman on the death of
her husband, Tommy Huffman. Tommy died March 14, 2026.*

*His funeral was held at Cumby Funeral Home, and his burial
was in Lebonon United Methodist Church Cemetery
in High Point, NC on March 18, 2026.*

Please keep the Huffman family in your prayers.

*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Betty Camerlin
who died monday, March 23, 2026.*

*A committal service for Betty will be held
at 10:45am, on April 1, 2026 at the National Cemetery
at the VA Medical Center in Salisbury.*

Please keep Betty's family in your prayers.

April 2026—Birthdays—Annive

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

			1 M/M Gina and George Barrin **Stan McCor
5 Elise Austin Caleb Orbison **Linda and Jeff Miller	6 Rob Friel Freida Harper Steve Horinka Brenda Lay **Betty Monroe	7 Mary Holland M/M Susan and Randall Faggart M/M Linda and Jeff Miller **Lisa and Brent Monroe	8 Judith Austin Nora Canup Wanda Kubitz Brian Potts Rachel Ziegler **Chloe Monr
12 Sawyer Holland Jax Lawson Alexandria Newsome M/M Rachel and Jonathan Cannon **Heather and Jeff Moore	13 Evan Harkey **Joyce Morris	14 Dick Smith M/M Ashley and Johnny Lombard **Gay Newsome	15 Connie Christ **Cindy and S Newsome, Ot and Alexandri
19 Courtney Brown M/M Heather and Jeff Moore **Susie Page	20 **Kim Pepper, Madeline and Samuel	21 Michael Canup M/M Myralyn and Michael Goodman **Lisa and Rex Phelps	22 Russell Bingham Tim Canup **Megan and Plummer, and
26 Sutton Fisher Brenda Julian Ann Poplin **Terri and Alan Powlas	27 M/M Nancy and Vaughn Wilhelm **Mita Powlas	28 **Natalie Powlas, Anthony Tippens, Paisley and Paxton	29 M/M Elaine and Randy Bowles **Lisa and Gail and Theodore

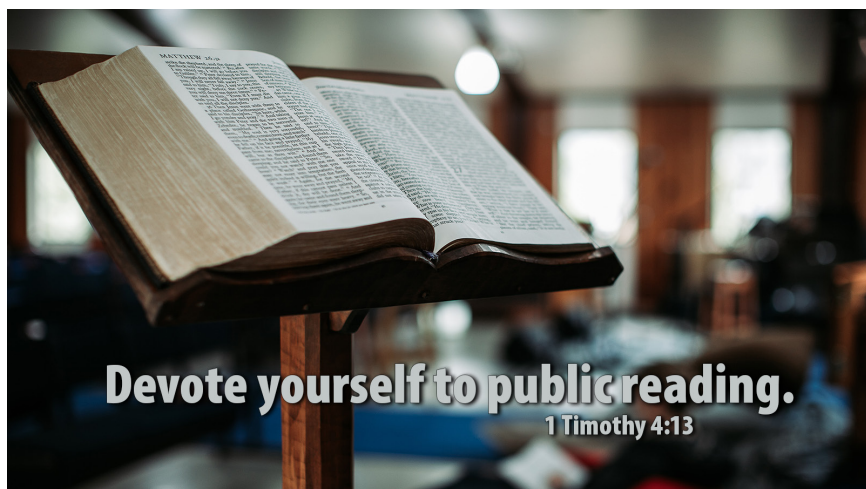
ersaries (M/M)—Daily Prayer (**)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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nnell	**Don Menius	**Darren Menius	**Mark Menius
z er oe	9	10 Julie Johnson	11 Lauren Holland
	**Kay Moody	**Heather Moody, April and Abbye	**Holly Moore
rman	16 Alan Powlas M/M Kristan and Rob Friel	17 Jerry Beaver Grace Funderburk	18 Kristan Friel
Spencer to, Oliver, a	**Betty and Ed Niedens	**Ed and Frances Orbison	**Michelle and Cory Orbison, and Caleb
am	23 M/M Alesia and Butch Lewis	24 Kris Reeder	25
Josh I Nora	**Ann Poplin	**Shirlene Potts and Brian Potts	**Nancy Powell
nd s arrett Powlas, e	30 Brent Monroe M/M Misty and Stephen Brady **Franda Raymer and Lisa Raymer		



From the Word: Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. (1 Timothy 4:13)

From the Lutheran Confessions: *The Small Catechism*, The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

What does this mean?

Answer: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

Pulling It Together: The reading of Scripture to the congregation is vital. Indeed, the use of Scripture throughout the liturgy is central to our worship. But why is this the case?

We believe what we teach in the Catechism. Evidence of our fear and love of God is seen in how we cherish his Word—not just preaching from certain verses but reading the pure Word itself—and large portions. Hearing it read ought to be a joy for believers, and reading it well, a precious privilege. Those who read aloud and those who hear the book read are truly blessed (Revelation 1:3). For in this book, the one, true God is revealed, and his

people sanctified. Therefore, we ought to read the Scriptures often, and hear it read regularly. It shows who we are—and reminds us whose we are.

Knowing who and whose we are shifts and corrects priorities and how we spend our time. So ask yourself, what do you depend upon for religious education, for correction or downright reprimand, and for training in virtue? What is it that governs your maturity in the Christian faith? Your opinions? TV shows? Newspapers? Social media? Hopefully, these are not what you depend upon.

If you want an inspired and solid upbringing in the faith, you must depend upon two things: the Word of God and the communion of saints. You cannot correct yourself to the extent necessary, nor can you alone be relied upon to discover all the Word has to offer you, let alone be accountable to yourself. You need the “mutual conversation and consolation” (Martin Luther, *The Smalcald Articles*) of those who walk with you in the path of Christ. That is where Christ is (Matthew 18:20), and where God has always dwelled (Ezekiel 37:27; 2 Corinthians 6:16), breathing out upon us grace and truth.

Prayer: Bring me to a love of your Word, Lord. Amen.

See you in church!
Pastor Ryman

...not neglecting to meet together,
as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see
the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25

Prayer Needs

- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*brother of Wayne Cline*)
- Michael Corley – health concerns (*Amy Barringer's brother*)
- Nancy Crapster – health concerns (*friend of Sandy Corley*)
- Sonya Eller – recovering at home
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Sarah Goodman – rehab at Autumn Care
- Doris Hilliard – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- 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 – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – upcoming surgery
- Dennis Martinez – health concerns
- Sharon McBride – health concerns
- Scarlett McKnight – health concerns (*Julie Johnson's cousin*)
- Tommy McKnight – health concerns (*Julie Johnson's brother*)
- Irene Miller – health concerns
- Susan Page – health concerns (*Susie Page's daughter-in-law*)
- Melinda Redding – health concerns
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Linda Robbins – health concerns (*step-mother of Heather Canup*)
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley – health concerns (*boyfriend of Julie Johnson*)
- Kelly Warfield – health concerns (*friend of Heather Canup*)
- Scott Watson – health concerns (*son of Larry and Leilani Watson*)

**Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.**

Psalm 37:7

Offering Envelopes

This is a friendly reminder to fill out all information on your offering envelopes to ensure that your contribution is properly recorded.

Make sure any designated funds are noted on the envelope with the amount and name of each fund, as well as the total given. White envelopes are credited to the church member using the number printed on the envelope.

Blue envelopes—please make sure your first and last names are on the envelope. Designated funds should be noted on the “For” line if they are for a specific fund/mission. The total amount being given should also be noted.

All funds will go to the General Fund unless otherwise noted, so be sure to list the fund on the envelope if other than general.



Missions

Thank you for your generous 176.10 gift to Focus on the Family. Thank you for coming alongside us in our work. Your partnership means the world to us. Grace, peace, and blessings to you and your entire household!

Sincerely,
Jim Daly, President

Thank you for the way your congregation continues to partner with SON through prayer, generosity, and encouragement. We are grateful to serve together as we share the Gospel and strengthen Christ's Church around the world. Thank you for your gift of \$176.10 in February.

Thank you for the part you play in this ministry and in the lives of the pastors and leaders we serve.

Pastor David Breidenbach

Missions

Danny and I would like to thank you all for the wonderful two weeks we spent being a part of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. You welcomed us with open arms and we felt so loved and encouraged being with you.

From Vespers on Sunday evenings, morning prayer everyday, Tuesday Bible studies (plus Bojangles), Lenten service, women's circle, the outing with the Friendship club for pizza, the wonderful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, and speaking in the church service on Sunday March 22—these were all times of great blessings and fellowship.

We appreciate the many gifts of support we received from St. Paul's Church, you as individuals, from the Friendship club, and the spaghetti dinner. And sponsorship of Filipino children to attend our Academy has been overwhelming.

A special thanks to Mark, Sue, Tyndall and of course, Wyclif, for opening their home to stay for the time we were there. We appreciate you all and consider it pure joy to have been with you. St. Paul's you have given so much over the years to Naomi's Heart that we would not be the mission we are today without your generosity! May God Bless St. Paul's.

Danny and Kristie Ward
Naomi's Heart Mission

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.
Luke 6:38*

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Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steven King

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were recieved in memory of **Sandy Corley** for the Capital Building Fund from

Cheryl and Vernon Bernhardt
Patsy Everhart
Donna and Alan Lyerly
Larry, Tonya, and
Jacob Saunders
Nancy and Vaughn Wilhelm

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Nicole and Glen Amos

Gifts were recieved in memory of **Sandy Corley** for the General Fund from

Jean and Jimmie Deal

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Frank and Cindy Hinson
Donna and Alan Lyerly
Kay Moody
Jeanne and Tony Shaver
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor
Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

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Nicole and Glen Amos

A gift was recieved in memory of **Dot Goodman** for the General Fund from

Gary Gaskey
Jerry and Nancy LeQuire
Judy and Lindsay Lowman
Mita Powlas
Sue Young

A gift was recieved in memory of **Dot Goodman** for the Improvement Fund from

Franda Raymer

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Irene Miller

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Susan and Mark Ryman
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

Gifts were received in memory of **Rick Walker** for St. Paul's Capital Building Fund from
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

A special gift was received in memory of **Craig Honbarger** for the Capital Building Fund from his parents, D.W. and Judi Honbarger.

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Alice Davis
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Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Helen Gordon
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Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Charles and Karen Honbarger
Donna and Alan Lysterly
Irene Miller
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Kay Moody
Nancy Powell
Susan and Mark Ryman
St. Paul's Friendship Club
Sunday School Class #6
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Kathy and Hugh Wilhelm
Sue Young

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Sue Young

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Kara and Jason Burnett
Sarah and Terry Foster
Helen Gordon
Judy and Lindsay Lowman
Larry, Melva,
and Jacob Menius
Nancy and Vaughn
Wilhelm
Rowan County Fair Assoc.

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Classic Lutheran Traditions & Habits

The “Lutheran Goodbye”: You know it takes at least 15 minutes to actually leave a room after saying goodbye.

Star Wars Reflex: When you watch Star Wars and someone says, “May the Force be with you,” you reflexively respond, “And also with you”.

Back Row Loyalty: You have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the very back of any room, even if the front pews are empty.

Hymnal Memory: You hold your hymnal open throughout the entire service but never actually look down at it because you know the liturgy by heart.

Musical Heritage: You’re convinced Bach is the greatest composer simply because he was Lutheran too.

The Lutheran Conscience

Reception Guilt: You feel guilty for not staying to help clean up after your own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Double Guilt: You actually feel guilty about not feeling guilty.

Affirmation Style: Your strongest form of affirmation for any statement is: “This is most certainly true”.



Praise Ye the Lord

Find the 26 bold words from Psalm 116:6–19 KJV.

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

The Lord **preserveth** the **simple**: I was brought low, and he helped me. **Return** unto thy **rest**, O my soul; for the Lord hath **dealt bountifully** with thee. For thou hast **delivered** my **soul** from **death**, mine eyes from **tears**, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed, therefore have I **spoken**: I was greatly **afflicted**: I said in my haste, All men are **liars**. What shall I **render** unto the Lord for all his **benefits** toward me? I will take the cup of **salvation**, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. **Precious** in the sight of the Lord is the **death** of his **saints**. O Lord, truly I am thy **servant**; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my **bonds**. I will offer to thee the **sacrifice** of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the **Lord**. I will pay my **vows** unto the Lord now in the **presence** of all his people. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O **Jerusalem**. Praise ye the Lord.

Offering

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General Fund Giving and Expenditure Report February, 2026

Income for January	\$39,486.96
Expenditures for January	\$47,951.33
Net Income (income minus expenses)	\$-8,464.37
Income year to date	\$63,094.31
Expenditures year to date	\$95,962.14
Net Income YTD (Income minus expenses)	\$-32,597.83
Budgeted Income year to date	\$107,128.62
Actual Income year to date	\$107,128.70
Income less than Budgeted YTD	\$-0.08

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 more than \$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>

By the Blood of Jesus

Find the 22 bold words from Hebrews 10:19–27 KJV.

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

Having therefore, **brethren**, **boldness** to enter into the **holiest** by the **blood** of **Jesus**, by a new and living way, which he hath **consecrated** for us, through the veil, that is to say, his **flesh**; and having an high **priest** over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full **assurance** of faith, having our **hearts** sprinkled from an evil **conscience**, and our bodies **washed** with **pure water**. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without **wavering**; (for he is **faithful** that promised;) and let us consider one another to **provoke** unto love and to good works: not **forsaking** the **assembling** of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the **knowledge** of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of **judgment** and **fiery** indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.



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