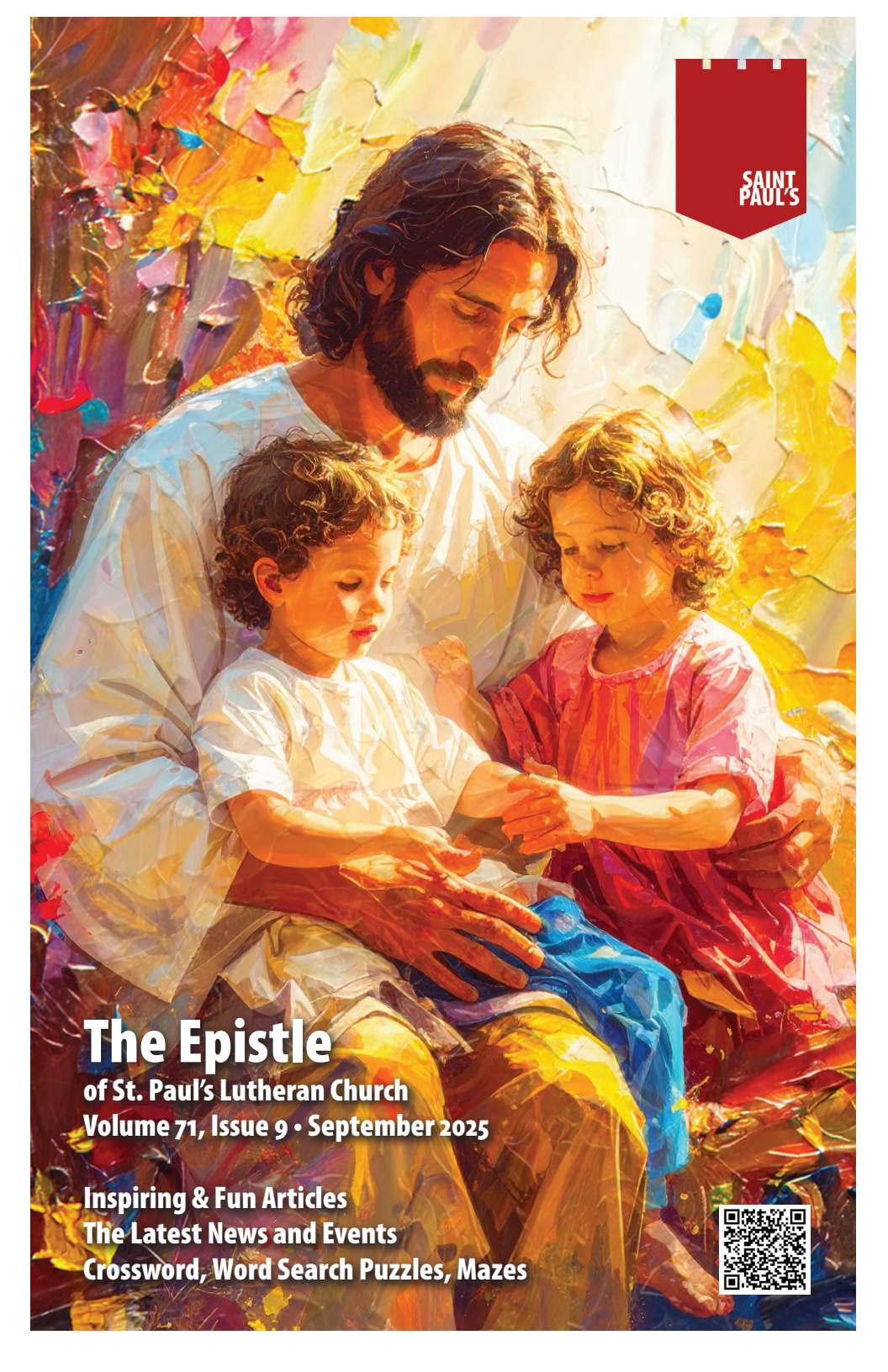




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About the Cover (and Our Bulletins)

Recently, someone expressed surprise at discovering the church office creates the art for our bulletin covers. So, here is a little background on that matter, for those who may like to know more.

Photoshop has “Actions” that take photos or graphics through a series of steps (sometimes hundreds) that turn the originals into what may seem like works of art. In reality, they are digitally transformed, using a combination of filters, brushes, and other effects.

Sometimes we begin with a photo of stained glass or a public domain image, then run it through one or several of these Photoshop actions. Other times, we use AI text-to-art programs like Adobe Firefly or Neural.Love for a starting graphic before manipulating it further in Photoshop.

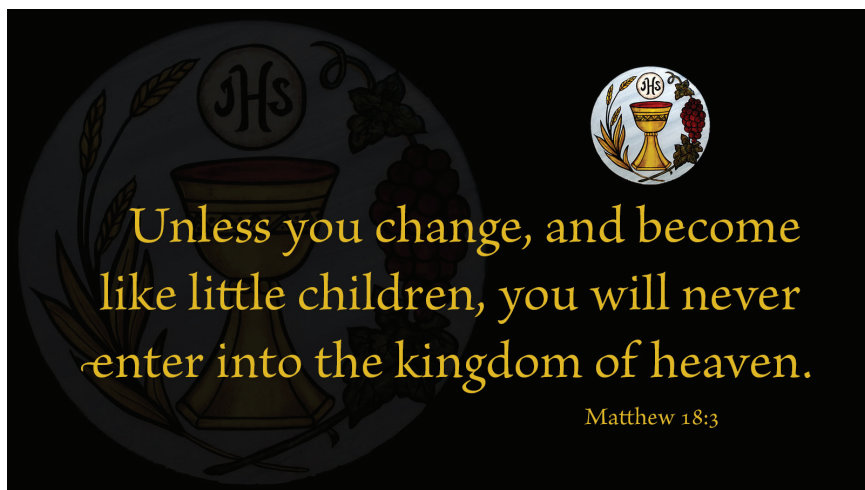
After sometimes dozens of attempts to get a satisfying image, it is opened in Photoshop where it is placed on a color background and Scripture is added.

This month’s cover art, created in Adobe Firefly and Photoshop, celebrates our being back to school in our communities and at St. Paul’s. We celebrated Rally Day August 24th, when children were graduated to new classes in Sunday School. Those who went to higher grades in our Christian Education program received age-appropriate Bibles.

Jesus will teach them in their classes and his Spirit will teach them through the Word. So, it seemed natural to make this month’s cover image of Jesus with the little children.

Jesus said, “Let the little children
come to me and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

— Matthew 19:14 —



From the Word: At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me. (Matthew 18:1–5)

From the Confessions: The Large Catechism, Preface,
“Concerning the Sacrament”

In the same night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Pulling It Together: Our grandchildren help themselves to our pantry and refrigerator. They understand that Nana and Papa do not want them to be hungry. We encourage them to take and eat. I admit to being a little nervous when one gets into a high cabinet for a favorite coffee cup. That mug is irreplaceable. Nonetheless, take and drink. Jesus would have us be just like my grandkids. Take him at his word, and do so in remembrance of him.

Prayer: Help me believe that what you promise is for me. Amen.

Calendar of Events for September

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday
- Vespers each Sunday evening at 6pm
- Monthly breakfast is discontinued until further notice
- September 7 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, ladies parlor, 11:45am
- September 7 – Contemporary Choir practice, 2pm
- September 7 – Autumn Care worship service, 2 pm
- September 7 – Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- September 7 – Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- September 14 – Homecoming Sunday
- September 14 – Covered-dish luncheon, Noon
- September 14 – Contemporary Choir practice, 2pm
- September 14 – Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- September 14 – Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- September 21 – Contemporary Choir practice, 2pm
- September 21 – Autumn Care worship service, 2 pm
- September 28 – Contemporary Choir practice, 2pm
- *Devotion & prayer time is held in the chapel Monday–Friday mornings at 8:30am, for 30–45 minutes. You are welcome to join us.*

Mondays

- September 1 – Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 1 – Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- September 8 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- September 8 – Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- September 8 – Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- September 15 – Newsletter articles due this week for October
- September 15 – Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm each Tuesday
- September 9 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- September 16 – Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations Homeschool group, 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, each week at 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, each week at 7pm
- September 3 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- September 24 – Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm

Thursdays

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon, each week
- September 18 – Friendship Club, 10:30am

Fridays

- September 12 – Youth & Family games and clean-up, 6pm

Saturdays

- September 20 – Men's Fish Fry, 6pm
- September 27 – Outreach Committee, kitchen kits, 10am

2025-26 Confirmation Classes

New classes begin Wednesday, September 10. Classes are held from 7:00 – 8:00pm. **Those in 7th grade or older are welcome. Please call the church office to register.**

St. Paul's Men's Annual Fish Fry – Saturday, September 20th

St. Paul's Men's Fish Fry will be held on Saturday evening, **September 20th, at 6:00 p.m.** Proceeds from this year's fish fry will benefit Binns–Counts Community Center.

A minimum donation of \$12 for adults and \$6 for those under 12 is requested (under 3: free). There will be no drive-thru pickup. However takeout boxes will be available.

To make sure there is more than enough for you to enjoy, only a very limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Thank you for your understanding. **Tickets will be available** on the lawn after service on **Sunday September 7th and 14th.**

We look forward to another great fish fry while showing love to Binns Counts. This is also another great opportunity for you to invite those friends and family to come and experience our St. Paul's church family!

Upcoming Events

- Fish Fry, Saturday, September 20, 6pm, shelter
- Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 11, 5–7pm, shelter
- Old Timey Stew, Saturday, November 1, 4pm, shelter

Cookbooks Needed

The Outreach Committee will be putting together **Kitchen Kits for Disaster Relief** in the month of September. We could use the congregation's help with collecting cookbooks for the kits. The cookbooks do not need to be new—gently used will do—and they do not need to be St. Paul's cookbooks. We would like them to be about 6 inches by 9 inches so they will fit in a 2-gallon bag. To make them a little more personalized, you could write a Bible message on the inside, words of encouragement, or recommend a few recipes in the book. We will be **collecting the cookbooks September 7th–21st** (bin in the Narthex marked cookbooks). We need about 50 cookbooks.

Binns-Counts Christmas Gifts

The Women of St. Paul's are collecting Christmas toys for the children who are served by the Binns-Counts Community Center in McClure, Virginia. During the month of September, **new, unwrapped gifts** (babies through teens) may be left in boxes located in the narthex and near the conference room. Cash donations will also be accepted if you don't want to shop. November 28th a group of our youth, their parents and John and Carolyn Canup will deliver, unload and sort the gifts. It is very helpful when toys are donated during September, but gifts will be accepted until November 23rd. Thank you for your support.

Binns-Counts Clothing and Household Items

In October—**gently used household items and clothing** will be collected for the Binns-Counts Community Center. This collection is separate from the toy collection, and will be taken to the center the first weekend in November to assist the people in the area. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and by the conference room.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach m, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. (Psalm 25:4-5)

Our students have begun a new year of studies, and we at St. Paul's pray that the Lord strengthen and guide them as they continue to grow and learn in their respective vocations, that



they might use their respective gifts to be of good service to their families and communities and glorify him. This year, our group will continue to meet regularly throughout the year and grow in our understanding of the Word. Our group has had full tables over the summer, even with the challenges of navigating vacation schedules in between. This upcoming year, we hope to welcome more college students to the table. If you would like to be a part of this, please feel free to approach me before or after church, or contact me by email at wingman@stpaulslutheran.church. We would love to have you as part of our Bible study and fellowship!

Kathy Ketchie Circle

The **Kathy Ketchie Circle** is inviting **new members to join us**. We are a small group of ladies that meets the second Sunday of the month at 4pm, at the church. Please consider joining our circle of friends. For more information on the group, you may contact Linda Behrendt, lindabeh1997@gmail.com.

Bible Studies and Prayer

Tuesday Bible studies (10:00am and 6:00pm) are working through the Bible. We are currently beginning Exodus. 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>

August Blood Drive Results

Thanks to all who came to donate at our last blood drive on Monday, August 18th. Twenty-nine persons registered to donate, and with only two being deferred, our church was credited with 27 units collected. Blood drives began at our church in 1994 by the Boy Scouts. With an average of 35 units collected at each of the four drives for 30 years, over 4,000 units have been collected at our church.

There were ten donors from our church at this blood drive. Nine persons with scheduled appointments did not show, but seven walk-ins helped take up the slack.

Whole blood can be given as a transfusion, but shelf life is limited to 21–35 days. Therefore, “out of date” whole blood is then separated into three units—red blood cells for low hemoglobin (can extend use another 35 days), platelets for clotting (extending use 5 more days), and plasma, for those with low blood volume, can be frozen for a year. A new procedure, cryoprecipitate, can be used for clotting factors that are filtered from plasma, factors that can also be stored up to one year. (This is your biology lesson for today!)

Thanks to all who have donated over the years. Please continue to donate by contacting OneBlood or Red Cross to give the “gift of life” to others.

Alice Davis

Did You Know? — History of St. Paul's, 1937–1942

As was stated in the last Epistle, 1937 was a banner year—the church was free of debt and dedicated to God on May 30th, 1937. Later that same year the Sunday School purchased 100 regular hymnals

for worship and 36 children's hymnals to be used in their worship services. Also, money was raised



that year to purchase a piano at a cost of \$80.00.

In 1938, Mr. H.T. Holshouser died and left half of his estate to St. Paul's Church to be used for the benefit of the congregation. Mr. Holshouser also gave \$2,000.00, which when combined with the estate, made a total of \$4,835.51, equivalent to \$105,744.71 today. In the fall of that year, the congregation purchased an additional three acres of land from Mrs. G. H. Page.

In 1939, the name of the Young Women's Missionary Society was changed to the Hama Lingle Missionary Society in memory of Mrs. G. H. L. Lingle, the pastor's wife, who had passed away in July of 1937. Mrs. Lingle was instrumental in forming this organization. Candelabras were also given to the church in her memory.

The church decided to finish the basement of the church in the summer of 1939 and make classrooms, replacing the screens and curtains formerly used.

For a long time, the church had considered becoming a self-sustaining church, with its own full-time pastor. Since 1916, St. Paul's and Bethel had shared a pastor at the request of the synod.

The synod promised to take care of Bethel if St. Paul's

followed this plan. In 1940, a full-time pastor, The Rev. H. P. Barringer, was called to fill the first full-time position. Pastor Barringer introduced the use of the pulpit robe, the Luther League presented the church a bulletin board to be placed in the vestibule, and red altar paraments and book markers were given in memory of their two deceased sons by Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Cruse. Church bulletins were printed for each Sunday the first time in 1940.

The same year, the Women's Missionary Society celebrated its fortieth anniversary (organized in 1900 by Rev. Boozer). Also, in 1940, violet altar paraments and book markers were given, a drinking fountain (now moved to the area between the back of the church and picnic shelter) placed on the church lawn, and lights for the pulpit and lectern were given as memorials.

In 1941, St. Paul's councilmen purchased

the John Shoaf farm of 35 acres for \$1,000,000. Combined with other purchases and gifts, the church now owned approximately 60 acres of land. In the fall of that year, Bibles were given to the church by the Luther League.

In 1942, white altar hangings and book markers were given by Bible Class #4, and black altar hangings and book markers were given by the Intermediate League. The church now has paraments for all seasons of the year. The same year, a private communion set was presented to the church by the young married ladies Bible Class.



September 2025—Birthdays—Anniversaries			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Crystal Bost	2 Larry Clark Jamie Drew Bethany Whisnant M/M Sandra and Jesse Watson	3 M/M Cindy and Tom
	**Rex and Lisa Phelps	**Megan, Josh, and Nora Plummer	**Ann Poplin
7 Andrew Baker Susan Ryman Lindsey Whisnant	8	9 James Lyerly Samuel Pepper	10 Brenda Leonard
**Mita Powlas	**Natalie Powlas	**Garrett, Lisa, and Theodore Powlas	**Franda and Lisa
14 John Gagliardi	15 Linda Miller	16 Jimmie Deal M/M Tiffany and Seth Holland	17 Luke Deal Jeffrey White
**Gail and George Reese	**Russ Restivo	**Trudy Rowland	**Susan and Mar
21 Kole Reeder	22 Patricia Goodman Wayne Taylor	23 Reba Saine Patsy Wiles M/M Cori Charles and Jeff White M/M Patti and Steve Horinka	24 Kolya Baker Harmoney Yon
**Stan Sebastian	**Jeanne and Tony Shaver	**Linda Shirley	**Lottie Simpson
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Anniversaries (M/M)—Daily Prayer (**)

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Travis Alligood M/M Wanda and Ray Kubitz **Shirlene Potts and Brian Potts	4 Windy Heilig M/M Wanda and Ray Kubitz **Shirlene Potts and Brian Potts	5 Brayden Harper **Nancy Powell	6 **Terri and Alan Powlas
a Raymer	11 Caroline Aldridge M/M Lisa and Brent Monroe **Denise Raywood	12 M/M Laura and Trent Wilhelm **Melinda and Phillip Redding	13 Amy Hoffner **Kris, Emily, Kole, and Sarah Reeder
k Ryman	18 Lori Bernhardt **Reba Saine	19 Jillian Funderburk **Vicki Sanders	20 Bradley Girdler M/M Amanda and Jason Bernhardt M/M Teresa and Kim Cress **Chris and Becky Sebastian
Mark Ryman	25 **Wendy and Wallace Smith	26 Perry Bernhardt **Walter Smith	27 Julie Jaramillo Christian Turner M/M Freida and Shelton Harper M/M Brenda and Jeff Leonard **Dick Smith

Memorial Gifts

A gift was received for the Capital Building Fund in memory of **Jeff Powlas' August 29th birthday** from

Mita Powlas

A gift was received in memory of **Michael Brown** for the Capital Building Fund from
Helen Gordon

Gifts were received in memory of **Helen Howe** for the Capital Building Fund from
Patsy Everhart
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

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

Travis and Cindy Alligood
Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Jean and Jimmie Deal
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Patsy Everhart
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Judi and DW Honbarger
Libby and Mark McLean
Jeanne and Tony Shaver
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor
Charles Wilhelm
Nancy and Vaughn Wilhelm

A gift was received in memory of **Linda Beaver** for the Helping Hands Fund from
Lindsay and Judy Lowman

Gifts were received in memory of **Linda Beaver** for the General Fund from
Alice Weddington
Hugh and Kathy Wilhelm

Gifts were received in memory of **Mark Lowery** for the Capital Building Fund from
Alice Davis
Karen and Tim Deal
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Judi and DW Honbarger
Susan and Mark Ryman
Patricia Sledge
Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

To Honor

A gift was received in honor of **Pastor Mark Ryman's 70th** birthday in July for the Capital Building Fund from
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

A gift was received in honor of **Dana and Crystal Bost** for the Capital Building Fund from
Susan and Mark Ryman.

A gift was received in honor of **Caroline Aldridge's 9th** birthday on September 11th for the Capital Building Fund from her parents
Lee and Jennifer Aldridge

A Time for Every Purpose

Find the 36 bold words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV.

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

To **every** thing there is a **season**, and a time to every **purpose** under the **heaven**: A **time** to be **born**, and a time to **die**; A time to **plant**, and a time to **pluck** up that which is planted; A time to **kill**, and a time to **heal**; A time to **break down**, and a time to **build** up; A time to **weep**, and a time to **laugh**; A time to **mourn**, and a time to **dance**; A time to cast **away stones**, and a time to **gather** stones **together**; A time to **embrace**, and a time to **refrain** from embracing; A time to **get**, and a time to **lose**; A time to **keep**, and a time to **cast** away; A time to **rend**, and a time to **sew**; A time to keep **silence**, and a time to **speak**; A time to **love**, and a time to **hate**; A time of **war**, and a time of **peace**.

Missions

Thank you for your gift of \$331.75 in July, and your gift of \$298.72 in August, to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Your generosity equips us for ministry, evangelism efforts, and disaster relief in 110 nations. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham, President

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$331.75 in July. 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,
Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

Thank you for the donation of \$426.74 and \$473.92. We appreciate your support of Organ Lutheran Church Pantry and Outreach Program. We are getting new families every week. Your donation shows that you truly care about our cause and the work we do.

Sincerely,
Linda Austin, Director

I am writing on behalf of the entire Focus on the Family team to thank you for your generous donation of \$331.75 to our ministry in July. God bless you for standing with us. Thanks for all you have done to help us nurture the family and encourage God's people. Grace, peace, and abundant joy to you and your entire household.

Jim Daly, President

Missions

Thank you for your recent July gifts, \$325.40, \$430.00, and \$331.75, to spiritual Orphans Network (SON). Your support continues to play a vital role in advancing our mission across post-communist nations. Your faithful giving has enabled life-changing experiences, cross-cultural relationships, and the proclamation of hope in communities still carrying the legacy of communism. Because of your gifts, spiritual orphans have been connected to the global body of Christ, experiencing love and support they so deeply need. Thank you for your compassion, partnership, and generosity. We are honored to serve alongside you in this mission.

In His Service,
Pastor David Breidenbach
Director

Thank you

Thank you so much for your generous donation! Your support means the world to us.

Faith Academy Charter School

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you for all the well wishes I have received during my recent recuperations. I have been blessed by the Friendship Club, the church office staff, the Kathy Ketchie Circle and many fellow members and friends. I have made it successfully through 3 surgeries with one more to go, as well as multiple procedures and tests. Luckily all have gone well and I feel this was due to the many prayers offered up on my behalf. Thank you again so much. I am grateful for my church and the gracious, sweet, and empathetic members we have here.

Cindy Alligood

Thank you Pastor Ryman and my church family for the prayers, cards, and support during Linda's illness and death. Thank you to Linda's immediate family for all their support as well.

Jerry Beaver

Thank you

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes and most importantly, all the prayers for me and my recovery.

...“say to God, how awesome are your deeds!” (Psalm 66:3)

Your brother in Christ,

D.W. Honbarger

Pastor Mark, praying that you are home safe from your journey, as we are, and to let you know how much we enjoyed attending St. Paul's and meeting the congregation. We were so blessed by Brian and Pamela in their kindness to print our boarding passes and to give us an abundance of word puzzles and copies of the Epistle to inspire us and entertain us on our trip home. I have shared your church love with our family and friends here and continue to pray our kids there will feel God's call to seek him through the contacts of St. Paul's. Again, many thanks for your kindness, and prayers for God to continue to bless you and your serving of him.

Blessings and Prayers,

Marilyn and Marlin

Youth Leaders from 1988—Do You Know Who They Are?



Names are on the bulletin board in the Education Wing.

Signs, Seasons, Days, and Years

Find the 28 bold words from Genesis 1:14–20 KJV.

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

And **God** said, Let there be **lights** in the firmament of the heaven to **divide** the day from the night; and let them be for **signs**, and for **seasons**, and for **days**, and **years**: And let them be for lights in the **firmament** of the heaven to give light upon the **earth**: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the **greater** light to rule the day, and the **lesser** light to **rule** the **night**: he made the **stars** also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light **upon** the earth, And to rule **over** the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the **darkness**: and God saw that it was **good**. And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **fourth** day. And God said, Let the **waters** bring **forth abundantly** the moving **creature** that hath life, and **fowl** that may fly **above** the earth in the open firmament of **heaven**.



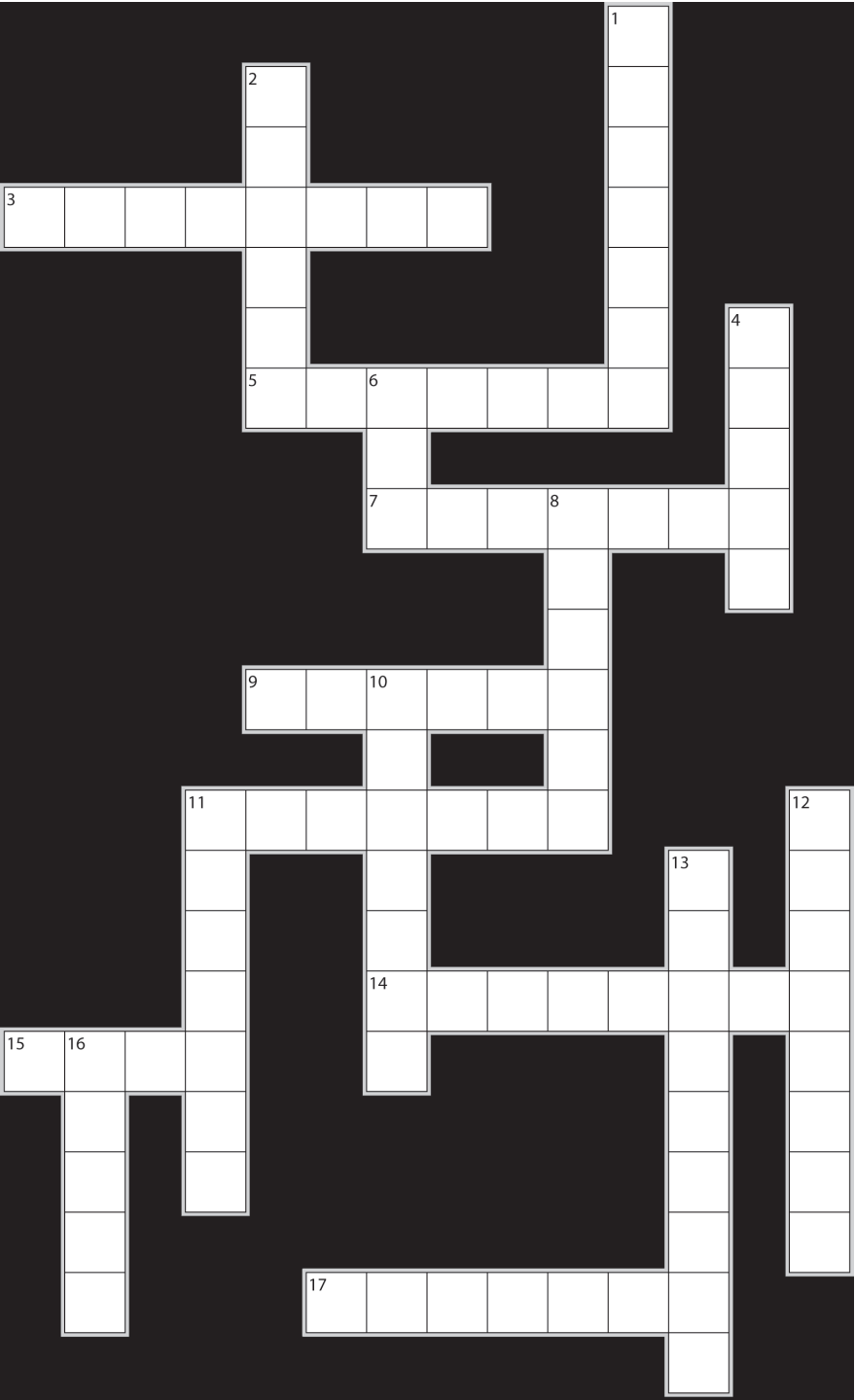
Solve the Crossword Puzzle

Across

3. A container for sandwiches and snacks
5. The area of the school where books are kept for students to borrow
7. The study of the physical world, including plants and animals
9. A break in the school day, usually with time for play
11. A class where acting and plays are studied
14. A book with blank pages used for writing or drawing
15. The class where you add, subtract, and multiply
17. The class where you write stories, essays, and poems

Down

1. The study of the past, including people, places, and events
2. The building where students go to learn.
4. This measuring tool is also used to draw straight lines.
6. A yellow vehicle that brings children to school
8. This pink item is used to remove your pencil mistakes.
10. Colorful tools used for drawing and coloring
11. The person who guides and teaches a class
12. Students carry books and supplies in this.
13. The study of the features of the Earth, like mountains and oceans
16. An edible gift for teachers



Prayer Needs

- Eric Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – health concerns
- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Michael Corley, Sandy's son – health concerns
- Nancy Crapster, friend of Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Don McKnight, Julie Johnson's father – Hospice, VA Hospital
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Barbara Miller, mother of Amy Hoffner – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – Davie Nursing and Rehab
- Lexi Norris – health concerns
- Susan Page (Susie's daughter-in-law) – health concerns
- Eddie Peeler – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Kim Wilhelm – recovering at home

Pray for Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Walter Smith • *Bermuda Commons:* Edna Chapman

Compass Healthcare: John Stutts, Jr. • *Terra Bella:* Della Jenkins

Trinity Oaks: Ray Kubitz

Home: Betty Camerlin, John Cornelison, Barbara Deese,
Sonya Eller, Linda Hess, Ruth Julian, James Lyerly, Lottie Simpson,
Dottie Stancil, Barbara Upright, Robert Weed, Jane Wilhelm

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 July, 2025

Income for June	\$38,458.75
Expenditures for June	\$49,248.91
Net Income (Income minus expenses)	\$-10,790.16
Income year to date	\$366,918.22
Expenditures year to date	\$362,679.05
Net Income YTD (Income minus expenses)	\$4,239.17
Budgeted Income year to date	\$367,884.09
Actual Income year to date	\$366,918.22
Income less than Budgeted YTD	\$965.87

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





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