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New Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class will be offered beginning January 2026. The class will be taught by Pastor Ryman and the subject matter will be Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*. The catechism will be used along with a commentary on Luther's larger catechism written by Pastor Ryman.

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. Stay tuned for where the class will meet. That will be largely dependent on building construction at that time.

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>

Oktoberfest

Bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, apple dumplings and other goodies will be served in the picnic shelter on Saturday, October 11th, from 5 to 7pm. Please indicate on the Friendship Register how many from your home will be in attendance by writing the letter O (for Oktoberfest) followed by the number in your party. For example, O3 would mean three of you will be at Oktoberfest. This will help us prepare the right quantity of food. Donations will be received and the proceeds given to the Capital Building Fund.

Reformation Sunday Red

We will be taking a congregational photo on the porch and steps following worship on Sunday, October 26th. Wear red.

Trunk or Treat 2025

The Youth and Family Committee is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on **Friday, October 31st, from 5:30–7:30**. We will have trunks, games, and a cake walk.

We would like your help supplying **baked goods** for the cake walk. We will accept all sweets: cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. You may drop your treats off anytime after 3pm on Thursday, October 30th, even if you are not attending the event.

Extra candy is also needed for the event. Candy may be placed in the box in the narthex anytime before the 30th.

Any and all **volunteers** are appreciated. Please let us know if you are available to help.

Tentative plan for the evening:

- All activities will be held outside, in front of the church.
- Different yard games will be available to play (if you have a fun one we welcome all and any). Currently, we have bag toss, corn hole, ladder golf, bottle bash, pickle ball, photo booth, and tic-tac-toe.
- Popcorn machine (we could use help manning this)
- Cake walk
- Trunks all around (some trunks will include games)
- Outreach table
- Guessing jar

We are not doing hotdogs or a hayride this year. However, we still plan to have just as much fun. We are looking forward to everyone joining us!

Please let me (Ciji Fisher, 704-202-2079) or any other committee members on Youth and Family know if you have any questions. We truly appreciate your help and support!



Only In Church...A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Let's Take a Trip!

The Outreach Committee would like to invite members of St. Paul's and their family and friends on a trip to the Amish Country, which will include seeing the play "Joshua", a visit to the Museum of the Bible and the Museum of the Army in Washington D. C.

In looking at the church schedule, the dates of Wednesday, May 6 – Saturday, May 9, 2026, look like the best time to go. If we have 30-35 people, we can customize our trip, so it might need to be changed by a day or so. By customizing the trip, someone from Christian Tours comes to the church to sign everyone up. Then, the day of the trip the bus will pick us up at the church. Can't get easier than that!

We will be sending out invitations to other Lutheran Churches in the area, but we want to be sure our church members get first choice, and no one gets left behind. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table to put your name down, and you can pick up the trip information from Christian Tours.

The cost of the trip is \$998.00 per person double occupancy, \$949.00 triple, \$925.00 quad, or \$1,209 single. Discounts of 2% per person are offered if reservations and deposit made 95 days before departure. A 5% discount per person is offered if the reservation is paid in full by cash or check 95 days before departure. Also included in the trip are 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners.

Time is of the essence to get our own bus. Please take a moment to check your calendars and commit to this great and informative trip. If we are building our own trip, Christian Tours needs time to secure tickets and lodging.

For more information call Christian Tours at 800-476-3900, or see their website (type in JOSHUA and the trip will come up). Susan Bernhardt, 704-637-0155, srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com

Saved by Grace

Find the 23 bold words from Ephesians 2:1-9 KJV.

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

And you hath he quickened, who were **dead** in **trespasses** and **sins**;
Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this **world**,
according to the prince of the **power** of the air, the **spirit** that now
worketh in the **children** of **disobedience**: Among whom also we all
had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the
desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by **nature** the children
of **wrath**, even as others. But **God**, who is rich in **mercy**, for his great
love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath
quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace** ye are saved;) And hath
raised us up together, and made us sit together in **heavenly** places in
Christ **Jesus**: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding
riches of his grace in his **kindness** toward us through **Christ Jesus**.
For by grace are ye **saved** through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: it
is the **gift** of God: Not of works, lest any man should **boast**.

Calendar of Events for October

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday
- Vespers each Sunday evening at 6pm
- Monthly breakfast is discontinued until further notice
- October 5 – Called Congregational Meeting, 10:30am
- October 5 – Lutheran Women's Sunday
- October 5 – LCMC Annual Gathering in Minnesota
- October 5 – Autumn Care worship service, 2 pm
- October 5 – Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- October 5 – Ritchie Reunion, picnic shelter, 4pm
- October 5 – Lutheran Women Executive Committee, 4pm
- October 5 – Lutheran Women quarterly meeting, 5pm
- October 12 – Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- October 12 – Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- October 19 – Autumn Care worship service, 2 pm
- October 19 – Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- October 26 – Please wear red for the Reformation Sunday photo to be taken on the front steps after worship.
- *Devotion & prayer time is held in the chapel Monday–Friday mornings at 8:30am, for 30–45 minutes. You are invited to join us.*

Monday

- Homeschool dance class, weekly in the fellowship hall, 10am
- October 6 – Facility Accessibility committee meeting, 6:30pm
- October 6 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- October 13 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- October 13 – Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- October 20 – November newsletter articles due this week
- October 20 – Council meeting, 6:30pm
- October 27 – Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm each Tuesday
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm each Tuesday
- October 7 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- October 14 – Bonnie Bost, 7pm
- October 21 – 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
- October 1 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- October 29 – Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm

Thursdays

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon, each week
- October 16 – Friendship Club, 10:30am

Fridays

- October 31 – Trunk or Treat, 5:30–7:30pm

Saturdays

- October 4, College Ministry, 5pm
- October 11 – Oktoberfest, 5pm

Upcoming Special Events

- Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 11, 5–7pm, shelter
- Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 31, 5:30pm
- Old Timey Stew, Saturday, November 1, 6pm, shelter

Friendship Club

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet three more times during the year 2025.

October 16th, 10:30am: program and place is to be determined. We will go out to eat after the program. I will need a head count.

November 16th, we will meet at 10:30am at the church. Stephanie Bias, N.C. State Health Representative (SHIPP), will present a program on changes to Medicare for the coming year. We will go out to eat after the program. I will need a head count for this one, also.

December 18th, we will meet at the church at 10:30am to carpool to the Classic Restaurant in Denton. If you plan to attend any or all of these dates, please let me know, as I will need a head count for the restaurant. Thank you. (Helen, 704–636–5002)

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.

Binns-Counts Christmas Gifts

The Women of St. Paul's are collecting Christmas toys/gifts for the children who are served by the Binns-Counts Community Center in McClure, Virginia.

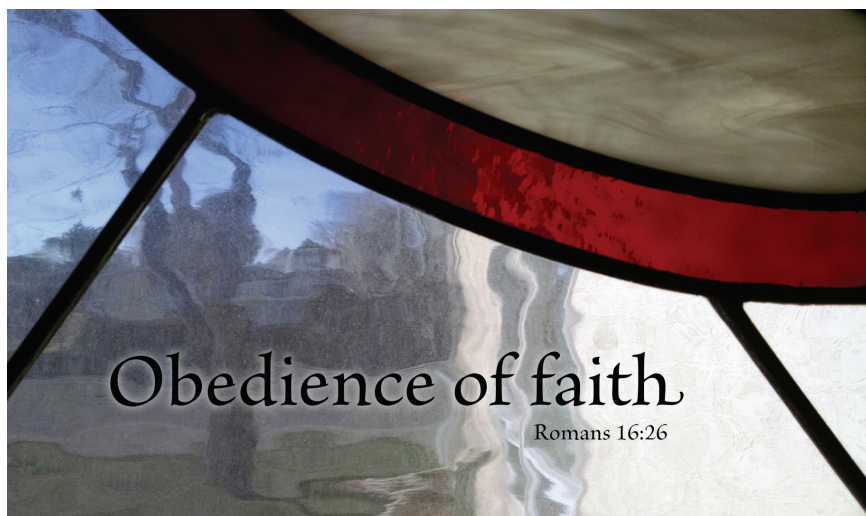
New, unwrapped gifts (for babies through teens) may be left in boxes located in the narthex and near the conference room. Cash donations will also be accepted if you don't want to shop.

On 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 earlier, but we will accept them until November 23rd. Thank you for your support.

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>



Obedience of faith

Romans 16:26

Lessons in the Lutheran Confessions

From the Word: Romans 16:25–27

From the Lutheran Confessions: *The Large Catechism*, The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods before me.

It is because of blockheads who think that God allows them to rest in security, and thus, that he is either completely ignorant or cares nothing about such matters, that he must deal a smashing blow and punish them so sternly that he does not forget his fury down to their children's children. His intention is that everyone may take note and observe that this is no joke to him. These are those whom he means when he says, "who hate Me," that is, those who persist in their defiance and pride. They will not listen no matter what is preached or said to them. When they are rebuked, in order that they are brought to their senses and might mend their ways before the punishment begins, they become so mad and foolish that they merit the wrath they get, as we notice daily with bishops and princes.

Pulling It Together: Because the Israelites lived with the evil in the land, instead of driving it out as God commanded, God

allowed to happen what would, of course, transpire. The same thing has happened in our own country: having grown complacent with evil, it eventually becomes our authority. Culture now commands us: Do this. Think that. You can't say that! Thus, we, like the Israelites at the time of the Judges, find ourselves "in sore straits" (Judges 2:15 RSV).

Will God abandon us to evil, to the outcome of own adolescent misbehavior? Surely not. He has made a covenant with his people, confirmed in the blood of Christ, who has given us his Spirit as a guarantee of his plans for us: forgiveness, resurrection, eternal life. To help us toward his ends, he has also given us the written revelation of himself, in order that we may believe, that there is created in us the "obedience of faith"—despite the times.

Prayer: Give me courageous strength, Lord, to believe in you even in times like these. Amen.

More lessons in the Lutheran Confessions may be found on our website under Resources/Devotions/Lessons in the Lutheran Confessions.



Fear not, for I am with you,
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

October 2025—Birthdays—Anniv

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			1 Trent Wilhelm
			**Delores Stanle
5 M/M Cindy and Spencer Newsome M/M Megan and Josh Plummer	6 M/M Lauren and Matt Holland	7	8
**Johnsie and Wayne Taylor	**Barbara Toye	**Barbara Upright	**Pedro Vincen
12	13 Hila Canup Graham Walker	14 Gail Reese M/M Karen and Tim Deal M/M Emily and Kris Reeder	15 Elijah Canup Michael Goodm
**Larry and Leilani Watson	**Jane Webb	**Robert Weed	**Samantha, Ju Elin Wells
19 Linda Hess Lisa Raymer Melinda Redding M/M Jan and Dan Dolan M/M Terri and Alan Powlas	20	21 Chris Sebastian	22
**Coy Wilhelm	**Greg and Gina Wilhelm	**Hollis Wilhelm	**Kathy and Hu
26 Eric Barringer Trudy Rowland Sue Young	27 Henry Barringer Betty Camerlin	28 M/M Audrey and Tommy Huffman	29 Patti Horinka
**Trent and Laura Wilhelm	**Nancy and Vaughn Wilhm	**Jane and Wayne Wilhelm	**Teresa Wood

Anniversaries (M/M)—Daily Prayer (**)

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 M/M Amy and Eric Barringer M/M Lisa and Brian Lord	3 John Stutts	4 Ed Orbison
ey	** John Stutts	**Terry and Wendy Stutts-Pittman	**Daniel Tarbox
	9 Sarah Goodman Judi Honbarger Paxton Tippens	10 Hannah Holder M/M Dorothy and Harold Goodman M/M Lisa and Garrett Powlas	11
ty	**Abby, Chad, Grace, and Graham Walker	**Sandra and Jesse Watson	**Brantly Watson
	16	17 M/M Danielle and Josh Canup	18 M/M Samantha and Justin Wells
an stin, Zoe, and	**Ken, Bethany, Lauren, and Lindsey Whisnant	**Pat Wiles	**Charles Wilhelm
	23	24 Ruth Gagliardi	25 Ashlee Bowles Lisa Earnhardt Audrey Huffman
gh Wilhelm	**Paul Wilhelm	**Kim Wilhelm	**Abby Wilhelm
	30 Myralyn Goodman	31 Travis Alligood Sandra Watson	
s	**Lauren, Melody, and Harmony Yon	**Steve Yost	

DID YOU KNOW? — HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S, 1943-1947

Well, 1943 must have been a banner year. It was the year I was born and without me, church members would not have this church history to read! And what would Pastor Ryman do without me? Enough of that. Let's get started with the real history of our church.

First, a correction from last month about the purchase price of the John Shoaf farm in 1941. The cost of the 35 acres was \$1,000, not \$1,000,000 as stated in the August Epistle article.

In that year an Honor Roll Plaque, with a picture of Christ and the National Flag in color, was given to the church, on which are the names and addresses of the members who have served in military service. This plaque can be found on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.



The Senior and Intermediate Leagues presented the church with two flags—a Christian flag and a National flag. They were given in honor of the boys who were in service at that time, and the ones waiting to be called through the Draft System, which was started in 1917 for WWI. (Since 1980,

men born in 1960 or later have had to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday). During 1943, other memorials received by the church were 35 Senior Choir robes that were used for the first time, an offering stand, and a white stole to be worn by the pastor.

In 1944, because of an epidemic of Infantile Paralysis, the Sunday Church School and church worship were interrupted. Fortunately, none of the children of St. Paul's were stricken with the disease.

In the same year The United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N.C. ordained seven men into the gospel ministry, one of which was a son of the congregation.

In 1944 and 1945, two related families (both Jenkins) sent children to the Lutheran Orphans Home in Salem VA (1888-1963), due to the loss of parents in both cases. Many today may remember Mr. Devon Jenkins who was a tireless worker for our church during the 70's and 80's.

In 1945, memorial services were held for two members of our congregation, Ralph Ritchie and Harold Ray Cruse.

Both lost their lives in WWII. Another member, Eddie Jenkins (one who was placed in the Lutheran Orphans Home) was also killed in action, but no memorial service was held until 1948.

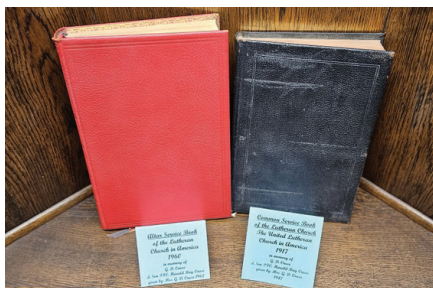
In the same year of 1945, reading stands were placed in the Ladies Bible Class, the older men and women's class, and the Ladies parlor, along with a book case for the Ladies parlor.



In 1946, blinds were placed in the windows in the Ladies parlor, and two windows outside the parlor. The Hama Lingle Circle also provided robes

for the Junior Choir that year.

A Missal Stand and Altar Book were given as a memorial in 1947, for George and Harold Cruse, a Scout Hut was constructed under the leadership of John Earnhardt and H.B. Julian, Liberty Carrillons were given by Mrs. W. A. Cline, Sr. in memory of her husband, W. A. Cline, Sr., and chairs were placed in the choir loft, which was then located in the transept (where Dana & Crystal Bost sit on the front row) by the Women's Missionary Society.





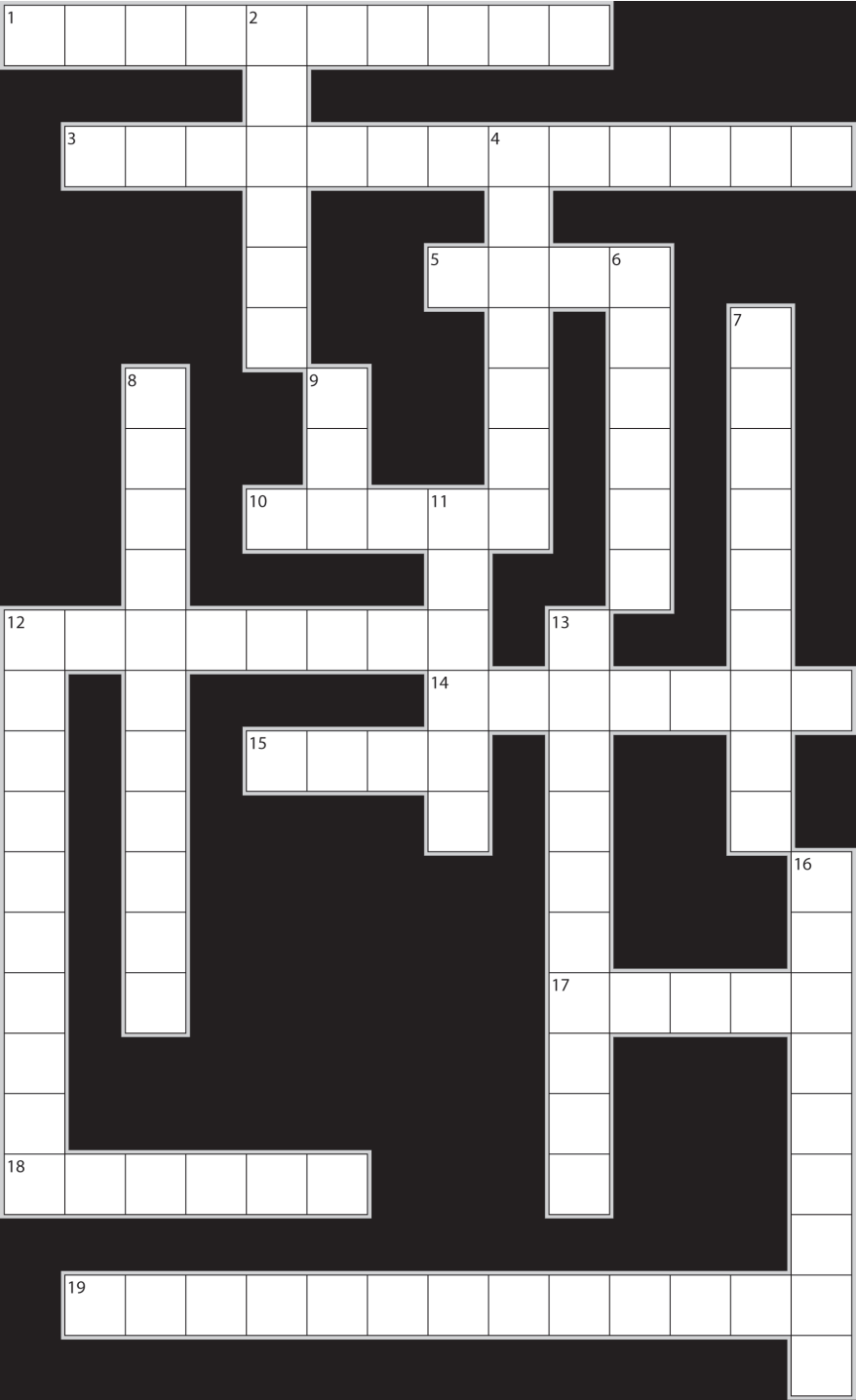
Reformation Crossword

Across

1. A release from sin punishment, which Luther opposed
3. Belief that faith alone, not deeds also, is necessary for salvation
5. The day in October that the Reformation is commemorated
10. The city where Luther was tried
12. The castle where Luther translated the New Testament
14. People who held beliefs contrary to church doctrine
15. The governing body of the Holy Roman Empire that declared Luther an outlaw
17. The council where the Roman Catholic Church reaffirmed and reformed its own beliefs
18. The language Luther translated the New Testament into
19. This invention helped rapidly spread Luther's ideas.
(two words)

Down

2. The German priest who initiated the Reformation
4. The Holy Roman Emperor (the fifth of that name) who presided over Luther's trial
6. A list of 95 statements written by Martin Luther
7. Ruler who protected Martin Luther and arranged his safe hiding in a castle
8. A religious movement aimed at reforming the Roman Church
9. The pope (the tenth by this name) who excommunicated Martin Luther in 1521
11. The description of a fortress in Luther's most famous hymn
12. German city where Luther posted his 95 Theses
13. Name for those who protested against the Roman Catholic Church
16. Arguably, Luther's most influential document



*We extend our love and sympathy to Allen, Gina, Jason
and Kara Burnett on the death of Allen's father, Marvin Burnett.
Mr. Burnett passed away Friday, September 5, 2025.
Please keep their family in your prayers.*

*We extend our love and sympathy to Amy, Keith, and Sophie Hoffner
on the death of Amy's mother, Barbara Miller.
Barbara passed away Sunday, September 7, 2025.
Please keep their family in your prayers.*

*We extend our love and sympathy to Julie Johnson
on the death of her father, Don McKnight.
Mr. McKnight died Thursday, September 11, 2025.
Please keep Julie and her family in your prayers.*

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory
of **Don McKnight** for the
Capital Building Fund from
Karen and Tim Deal
Helen Gordon
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Susan and Mark Ryman

Gifts were received in memory
of **Marvin Burnett** for the
Capital Building Fund from
Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Susan and Ben Bernhardt
Alice Davis
Karen and Tim Deal
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Helen Gordon
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson
Frank and Cindy Hinson
D.W. and Judi Honbarger
Terri and Alan Powlas
Susan and Mark Ryman

Gifts were received in memory
of **Marvin Burnett** for the
Improvement Fund from
Franda Raymer

Gifts were received in memory
of **Barbara Miller** for the
Capital Building Fund from
Lori and Perry Bernhardt
Susan and Ben Bernhardt
Alice Davis
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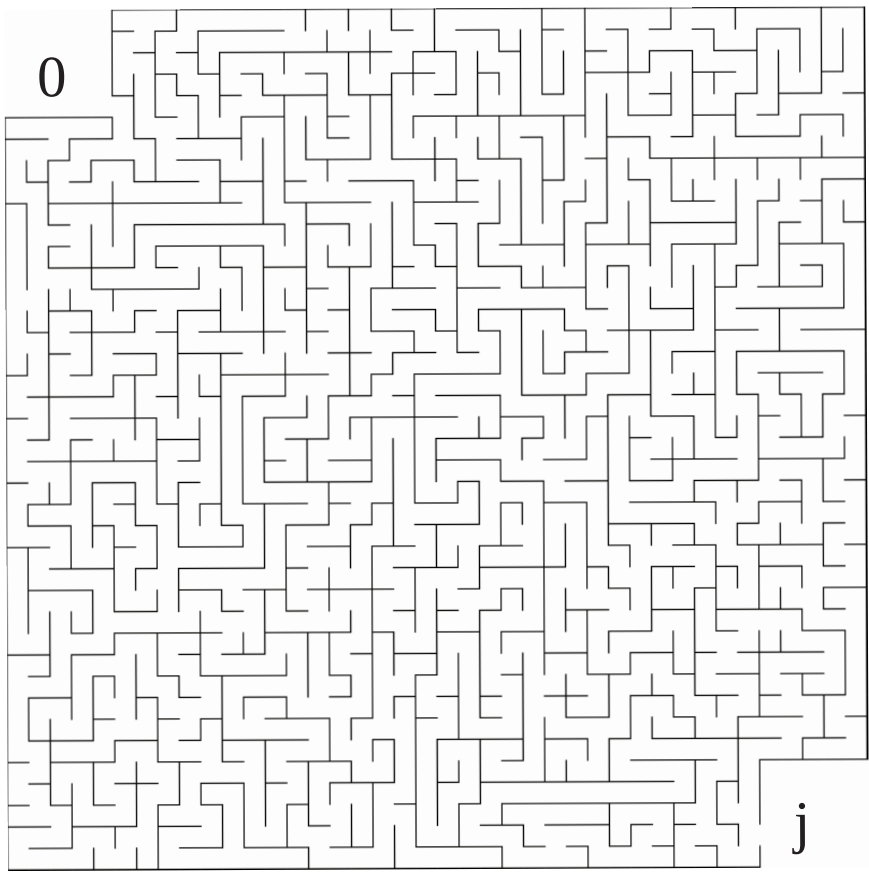
To Honor

Gifts were received in honor of
Pastor Ryman's 70th birthday
in July for Naomi's Heart
Mission from
Betty Monroe

Gifts were received in honor of
Pastor Ryman's 70th birthday
in July for the Capital Building
Fund from
Dottie Stancil

Gifts were received in honor of
Alice Davis' birthday in July
for the Capital Building Fund
from
Mita Powlas

A gift was received in honor
of the September birthdays
of **Perry and Lori Bernhardt**
and **Caroline Aldridge** for the
Capital Building Fund from
Melissa Bernhardt



Missions

Friends! Thank you so much for your generosity. All the many ways you support The Table—your gifts were used to purchase portable AC units. Our building does not have air. Our hearts are warm, but we are now cool. Thank you! We are so grateful to be lifted up by St. Paul's. Your support makes a huge difference.

Pastor Erica

Greetings from the Focus on the Family staff, and many thanks for your gracious \$298.72 contribution. God bless you for standing with us.

Sincerely,
Jim Daly, President

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$298.72. 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. We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

Thank you for your \$100 gift in August, and your continued partnership in connecting spiritual orphans to the global family of Christ. We are grateful for your support and partnership in this work. We are excited to announce that SON has expanded to Ethiopia and is working on new relationships in South America. Your ongoing partnership is what makes it possible for people around the world to find their identity as children of God.

In His Service,
Pastor David Breidenbach
SON Executive Director

Thank you for your gift of \$322.74 on September 18th, to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. In Ukraine, people who would otherwise go hungry are now harvesting potatoes and other produce because we provided them with seeds and tools. In

Gaza, we are distributing emergency food packets to give critical nourishment to women and children. In Israel, we are helping to build ambulance stations and community centers with bomb shelters. Your gifts and prayers also equip us to serve in the U. S. when disaster strikes. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham, President

Thank you

A special thank you to Pastor Mark and Susan for keeping me connected to The Church when I became so discouraged and disconnected several years ago. Little did I know then that they would eventually lead me to a whole new church family, for which I'll be forever grateful. Now, I have two pastors and their wives, and a whole family of believers that I've come to love, who lift me up in prayer, visit me in the hospital, send me cards of love and encouragement, and keep me grounded and connected. Big hugs to both of my pastors, to Alice and to Helen, and everyone who prayed for me during this last "adventure." Thank you so much!

Autumn Hill

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and visits while I was healing from foot surgery. I am thankful for you all.

Kim Wilhelm

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 and entertain us on our trip home. I have shared your church's 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.

Marlin & Marilyn Sena

Prayer Needs

- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Allen Burnett and family on the death of Allen's father, Marvin Burnett, Sr.
- 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
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Amy Hoffner and family on the death of Amy's mother, Barbara Miller
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruckow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Jan McCanless – Novant/Rowan Hospital
- Julie Johnson and family on the death of Julie's father, Don McKnight
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- 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
- Bobby Shelton, Dani Cottingham's father – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Hospice care at home
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns

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, Barbara Deese, John Cornelison, Sonya Eller, Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Ruth Julian, James Lyerly, Lottie Simpson, Dottie Stancil, 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 August, 2025

Income for August	\$42,873.79
Expenditures for August	\$41,532.89
Net Income (Income minus expenses)	\$1,340.90
Income year to date	\$409,792.01
Expenditures year to date	\$404,211.94
Net Income YTD (Income minus expenses)	\$5,580.07
Budgeted Income year to date	\$420,438.96
Actual Income year to date	\$409,792.01
Income less than Budgeted YTD	\$10,646.95

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.





St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Wi-Fi: splcguest – pass: SavedbyGrace

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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