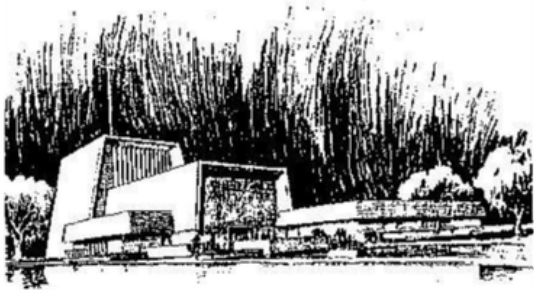


AUGUST 2026

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August

SUNDAY TEXTS

In order to help you better prepare for the reception of the Word on Sunday morning, the Sunday texts are printed for your study.

August 2, 2026

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5
Epistle: Romans 9:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2026

Psalm 18:1-16
First Lesson: Job 38:4-18
Epistle: Romans 10:5-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2026

Psalm 67:1-7
First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Epistle: Romans 11:1, 13-15, 28-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

August 23, 2026

Psalm 138:1-8
First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

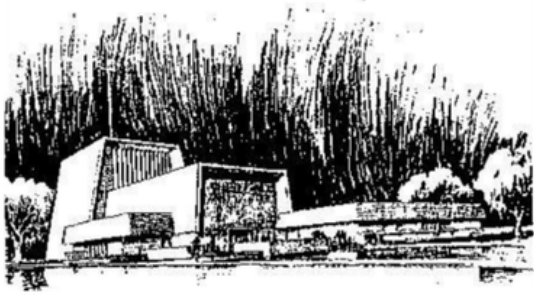
August 30, 2026

Psalm 26:1-12
First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Epistle: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Manny S.
Andrew H.
Frema B.
Ethan L.
Rob B.
Amy A.
Lupita T.
Elizabeth R.
Denise P.
Olivia L.
Heather M.
Ryan T.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

Do you ever wonder how is it possible for the Lord to work something out? Last week we had the text of the feeding of the 5000. (Mt 14:). This is the first of two events of a large crowd of people being fed. Mark 8: is the story of the feeding of the 4000. It happens in a different place with "7 loaves and a few fish". Both events are unbelievable. Both events have made people wonder how this could be? How is it possible for people to be fed like this? It is not possible as we understand things to work. Both texts point to the power of God not relying on our ability, but Jesus' power over all things! This story provides a lens for us to view the world as Christ sees it. God sees the situation and works it out his way. We can ask how, and why, and question all the details. No matter how we look or guess at the situation, in the end, God's will is done and it is amazing. *Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* This is a reminder that our prayers are requests, but God can work things out in ways we cannot begin to understand or predict.

Many blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

AUGUST WORKDAY

Thank you to everyone who attended the August Workday. We appreciate the hard work and dedication to helping our church. Hope to see you all next month!

Dale Chrisp
Properties Chairman

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are open 7am-5:45pm for ages 2-5 years old. Contact preschool@stpaulswoodland.org for more information, or check out our website stpaulswoodland.org/preschool.

LUNCH WITH MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY

After the service on Sunday, August 23rd, St. Paul's will be hosting Mercy Holistic Ministry for a lunch and outreach event. Pastor Berhanu and team will give a presentation on the mission serving the homeless in Sacramento with updates on the showers, clothes, and haircuts they have been providing reaching out in Christ's love to those in need. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch and coffee will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

8/1 - 8am Church Workday
8/9 - 11:30am Congregational Voter's Meeting
8/12 - 4pm Elder's Meeting
8/13 - 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon
8/13 - 5:45pm Back to School Night
8/18 - 6:30pm Council Meeting
8/23 - 11:30am Mercy Holistic Fellowship

2026 YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income:	\$+40,717 /JUN	\$+14,192 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$+156,200 /JUN	\$-29,335 /YTD
Preschool Income:	\$+15,665 /JUN	\$+2,079 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$+73,645 /JUN	\$-21,097 /YTD

YOUTH NEWS

6th-12th Grades:

Sacramento Lutheran Youth (SLY): Youth from LCMS congregations across Sacramento meet every THIRD Saturday of the month, Aug 15th, at Faith Lutheran Church in Fair Oaks for games, food, and Bible study.

Elementary:

Come to SPK Night! For ages 7-11, join us for an evening of snacks, games, and Bible study. SPK Night is held every Thursday from 5:30-7pm. Talk to Kristina or Adam Ramstad for more info.

Workday To Do List
Saturday, July 11, 2026

Outdoors

_____ Trim hedge in preschool yard
_____ Sweep courtyard in front of Church entry
_____ Use the Webster to clean spider webs off the exterior of the building
_____ Clean courtyard area by fellowship hall (clear spider webs, move
_____ objects away from walls and sweep, pull weeds, etc.
_____ Pick up trash in planters, parking lots and in shrubs
_____ Dust/clean benches in courtyard in front of the Church entry
_____ Pull weeds and blow/sweep parking lots
_____ Cut suckers from trees
_____ Dead head roses as needed

Indoors

_____ Cover scratches on pews
_____ Clean stained glass windows, inside and outside
_____ Clean windows in the preschool building, inside and outside

Special Project

_____ Paint brass light pole
_____ Paint curb in East parking lot - white
_____ Repair pew that is splitting
_____ Diagnose why street lights in west parking lot are still not working & fix
_____ Level cement squares in fellowship courtyard and preschool entrance
_____ Fix ceiling light fixture on west side of the sanctuary by carved door

Please come & join us in taking care of our Church home.
Many hands make the work easy.
Tasks are not listed in order of importance

(Revised 6/24/2026)

FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

As we enter the month of July, we give thanks for the many blessings God has poured into our lives. As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, we are also reminded of the greater freedom we have in Christ, who has set us free from sin and death through His saving work. In gratitude for His abundant grace, we respond with generous hearts, supporting the mission and ministry of our church. Through your faithful offerings, the Gospel continues to be proclaimed, faith is nurtured, and care is extended to those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity and for partnering in the work God has entrusted to our congregation.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

One-time and recurring donations from your credit card or bank account may now be made through our website! Just go to www.stpaulswoodland.org and click on MAKE A DONATION

If you are age 73 or older and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may choose to send some or all of it directly to the church as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift can help support the ministry of the church and may offer tax advantages. To qualify, the funds must go directly from your IRA to the church, not to you first. Individuals with inherited IRAs may also have required distributions. Consider speaking with your financial advisor or tax accountant about charitable giving options.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Women's Bible Study:

Women's Bible Study meets each week on Wednesday at 10:30am in Room 1, and is taught by Pastor Hardin. Women are welcome to join at any time!

Monday Morning "The Word Ahead":

The Word Ahead! Study the Bible with Pastor on Mondays. Look at the readings and discuss the themes, content, history, etc. of the Sunday text to come. You do not have to be a great scholar or have any background in Biblical interpretation. We will meet in Room 1 at 9:30am. Contact [Pastor Hardin](#) for details.