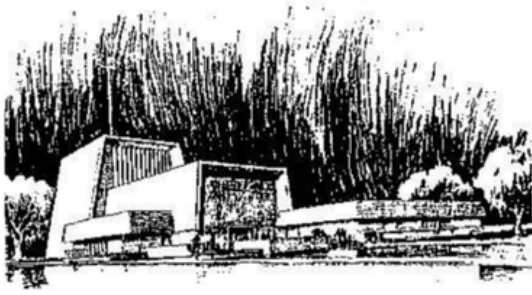


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SUNDAY TEXTS

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

July 5, 2026

Psalm 145:1-14
First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle: Romans 7:14-24
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

July 19, 2026

Psalm 119:57-64
First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8
Epistle: Romans 8:18-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 12, 2026

Psalm 65:1-13
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13
Epistle: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

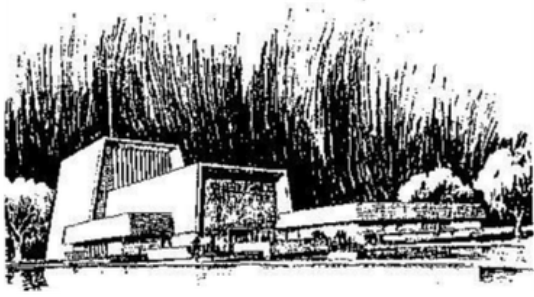
July 26, 2026

Psalm 125:1-5
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle: Romans 8:28-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jill H.
Darlene M.
Sally A.
Ian B.
Christopher M.
Alex L.
Wendy T.
Matthias H.
Hazel P.
Evelyn D.
Gabrielle H.
Wyatt M.
Glen N.
Nyah T.
Elbethel K.
Finley F.
Joshua P.
Hannah M.
Donna T.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

Last month we welcomed 8 new members into our congregation following an 11 week class and five adult baptisms. This is exciting for our congregation. Church attendance is up and it is summertime. Oh the many blessings the Lord has showered down on us! I took a continuing education class in May from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne IN as part of their distance education Program. The class was ***Welcoming the Unchurched***. Part of the class was a focus on understanding the people who walk through the doors of church. Greeters and ushers will be facing people who have most likely experienced something traumatic or are thinking through serious weighty issues. Our class came up with 18 different reasons why someone would come to a church for the first time. I am not going to write about those reasons or attempt to teach you how to respond to each situation. What I want to focus on is: "Why are you here?" We come to church to: 1. Be blessed by God, 2. Rejoice in/with the family of God, and 3. To welcome new people! These three things cover most of what we do and why we do it! The Great commission of Matthew 28 *Go and make disciples* and Mt 6:33 *Seek first the kingdom of God...* are a huge part of what we do as a Christian community. I want to encourage you to pray for those we have not reached yet and how you might be part of that. Also, I want you to pray/consider how you see yourself as part of the body of believers at St. Pauls. Despite what the news and internet says, people want what you are so blessed with every day! They want the hope and joy of salvation and to know the gracious savior Jesus Christ who gives good gifts to those who ask!

Many blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

JULY WORKDAY

Come and join us July 11th from 8am – 12pm for the monthly Church workday. We have projects for everyone and we supply the tools and donuts. Come and join the fun!

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.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

There will be a mandatory VBS meeting for all middle school, high school, and adult guides after church on Sunday, July 5. Registration and snack volunteers do not need to be there.

REGISTER NOW FOR, RAINFOREST FALLS VBS, JULY 13-17

VBS starts July 13th-17th, 9am-noon! Join us as we step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Register at stpaulswoodland.org/vbs for grades K-6th.

We need adult, high school and middle school volunteers! If you are interested in helping, talk to Jill Hardin or email jill@stpaulswoodland.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

7/5	- VBS Volunteer Meeting
7/6	- 11a-3p Day at Stinson Beach
7/8	- 4p Elder's Meeting
7/11	- 8a-12p Church Workday
7/13 -7/17	- 9a-12p VBS
7/21	- 6:30p Council Meeting

2026 YEAR TO DATE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income	\$+22,148 /FEB28	\$+44,135 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-3,585 /FEB28	\$-20,963 /YTD

YOUTH NEWS

6th-12th Grades:

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

SLY Summer Events for the Whole Family:

Monday, July 6, Day at Stinson Beach, 11am-3pm.
Talk to Pastor or Jill Hardin for more info.

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!

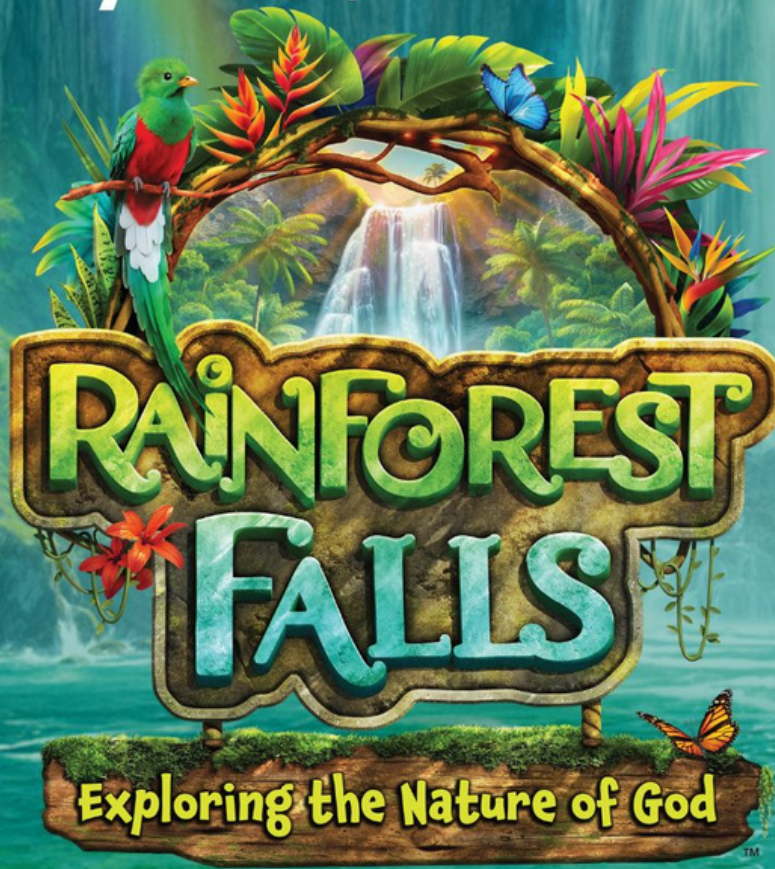
Monday Morning "The Word Ahead":

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.

ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

VBS 2026

July 13-17, 9am-noon



Games!

Snacks!



Science Fun!

Crafts!

Ages: Kids Entering K-6th Grade

Registration Fee: \$20

REGISTER AT STPAULSWOODLAND.ORG/VBS