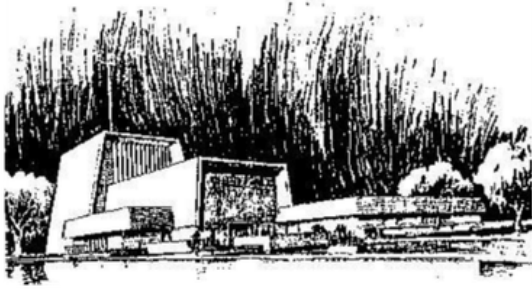


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SUNDAY TEXTS

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

May 3, 2026

Psalm 146:1-10
First Lesson: Acts 6:1-9
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14

May 17, 2026

Psalm 68:1-10
First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-11

May 31, 2026

Psalm 8:1-9
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2; 3
Epistle: Acts 2:14, 22-36
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

May 10, 2026

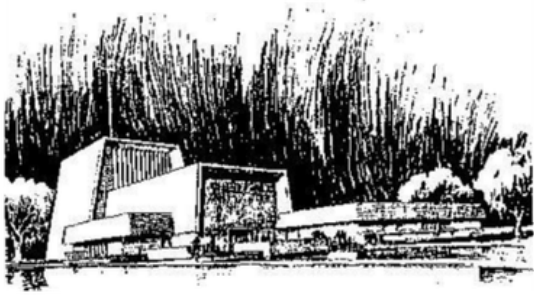
Psalm 66:8-20
First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel: John 14:15-21

May 24, 2026

Psalm 25:1-15
First Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30
Epistle: Acts 2:1-21
Gospel: John 7:37-39

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Pastor B.
Elroe K.
Tammy B.
Roberta D.
Shelby P.
Russell P.
Adriana H.
Lloyd C.
Carol M.
Isaiah B.
Bennie S.
Robert P.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St. Paul's,

The Easter season has many high points! The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Day of Pentecost. The Season ends with Trinity Sunday on May 31 and the Great Commissioning in Matthew 28. The season of Lent was repentant, and the season of Easter is a victorious celebration that Christ won on our behalf! Now I can say with confidence Christ is the King of our hearts. Now what do we do with that day to day? It changes everything! We are not stuck in sin, we are free indeed. Last week I found this verse: Psalm 34:9+10. "Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing." ESV.

Yes there are other versions that say, "lack nothing" but I really like ESV- "Have no lack!" We can and should trust the Lord for all things. A few years ago, a song came out, "Soak Up the Sun" by Sheryl Crow. One of the lines in the song goes like this: "It's not getting what you want, it's wanting what you got." I think of that line now and then. Many influences in our lives tell us to want, gather, and show others that we have more. Wanting what we have been given, and trusting the Lord with all things is a blessing to appreciate and leaves us with *no lack*.

Seeing life as a precious gift from the Lord is a spiritual discipline rooted in scripture and a blessing of peace God teaches us.

Many blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

MAY WORKDAY

Saturday, May 2nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, is the next church workday. We have projects for those who wish to work outside as well as projects for those who wish to work on the inside of the church. We have all the tools you need on site. We just need you. Donuts will be provided as well as good friends to work with. See you on Saturday, May 2nd.

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. **You may qualify for free preschool!** Talk to Jill Hardin or email.

SAVE THE DATE, 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. Registration is open 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

May

5/02 - 9a-1p Church Workday

5/10 - Confirmation Day

5/29 - 6:30p Preschool Graduation

2026 YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - COLOSSIANS

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15am starting May 3rd as we study the book of Colossians, led by Pastor and Jill Hardin. We will explore how the message of Christ speaks directly to the questions and pressures Christians face today. Just as believers in the ancient city of Colossae struggled with competing ideas about truth, identity, and purpose, we too live in a world full of voices telling us what to believe and who we should be. In this study, we will learn the powerful truth that the same God who created the universe revealed Himself among us and reclaimed us as His own through His Son, Jesus.

CALENDAR REQUEST

Planning an event at St. Paul's? Need an announcement in the bulletin? We now have a Calendar Request Form and Marketing Request Form to make communication with the office staff easier! Visit our Calendar Page at stpaulswoodland.org/calendar-events, and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the forms.

FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

As we enter the month of May, we continue to rejoice in the hope of the resurrection and the new life we have in Christ. Every blessing we receive comes from God's gracious hand, and our giving is one way we respond in gratitude for His abundant gifts. Through your faithful offerings, the ministries of our church continue to share the Gospel, nurture faith, and minister to those in need in our congregation and community. Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting the mission God has entrusted to our church.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

6th-12th Grades:

Sacramento Lutheran Youth (SLY): Youth from LCMS congregations across Sacramento meet every THIRD Saturday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church in Fair Oaks for games, food, and Bible study. Next one is May 16th.

SLY Summer Events for the Whole Family:

Saturday, June 20, Family Picnic and Water Day here at St. Paul's Woodland, 12-3pm.

Monday, July 6, Day at Stinson Beach, 11am-3pm.

Talk to Pastor or Jill Hardin for more info.

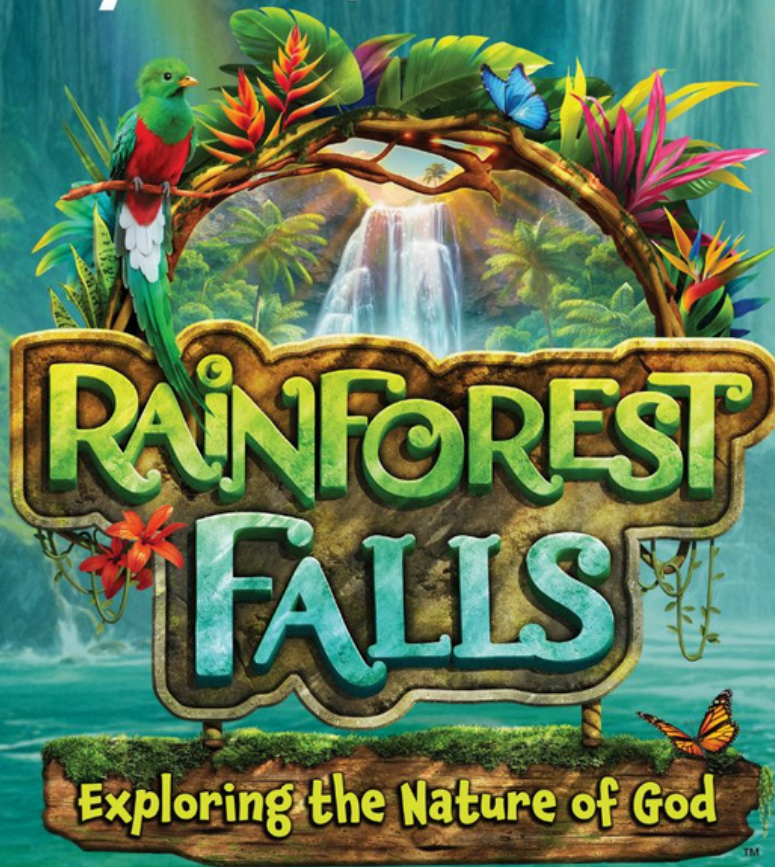
Elementary:

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.

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