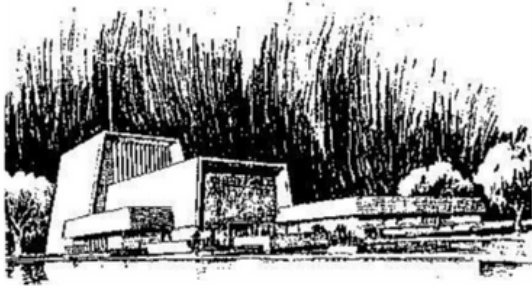


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9a-1p Workday
2 9:15a Adult Bible Class 10:30a Worship Service	3	4	5 10a WBC 2p Elder's Meet	6 5:30p Confirmation	7	8
9 10:30a Worship Service	10	11 Preschool Closed	12 10a WBC 5:30p SPK	13 12:30p Ladies Luncheon 5:30p Confirmation	14	15
16 10:30a Worship Service	17 2:30p Board of Ed Meeting	18	19 10a WBC 5:30p SPK 7p Council Meeting	20 5:30p Confirmation	21	22
23 10:30a Worship Service	24	25	26 10a WBC Min Day Close 12p No SPK	27 Thanksgiving Closed	28 Closed	29
30 10:30a Worship Service	1	2	3	4	5	6



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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.

November 2, 2025

Psalm 130:1-8
First Lesson: Isaiah 10:1-18
Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

November 16, 2025

Psalm 98:1-9
First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6
Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 5-36

November 30, 2025

Psalm 122:1-
First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5
Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11;
24:36-44

November 9, 2025

Psalm 148:1-14
First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15
Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8,
13-17
Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:27-40

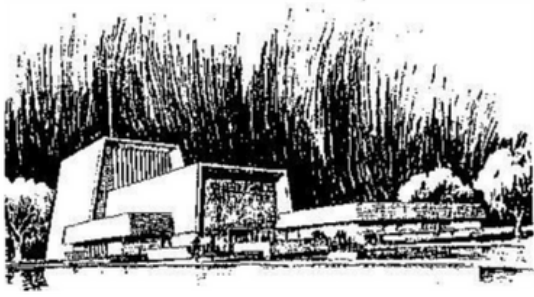
November 23, 2025

Psalm 46:1-11
First Lesson: Malachi 3:13-18
Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20
Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:27-43



November BIRTHDAYS

Theophilus Hall
Janie Kolb
Ruth Collignon
Vicki Hines
Dale Crisp
Curtis Marzolf
Pastor Hank Scherer
Michael Tempel
Stephen Hanson
John Madsen
Karen Hanson
Pastor David Hardin
Goldie Ramsey
Bob Duncan



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

I get great joy out of simple quotes. A little thought to chew on. I write them on post-its. I add them to my journal. I have several in my garage taped to the wall or on a tool box. Sometimes it is scripture or a quotable quote. Some of those quotes are from Luther. Luther's writings often have a drastic contrast to the way we commonly think of things.

When we approach God, we can only hold up empty hands. -ML

I did nothing, the Word did everything. - ML

God doesn't love us because of our worth, we are of worth because God loves us. -ML

The most damnable and pernicious heresy that has ever plagued the mind of man was the idea that somehow, he could make himself good enough to deserve to live with an all-holy God. -ML

Luther makes me reflect on the Grace and Mercy of God. Life is not an act of trying to look holy. It is Christ Jesus making sinful people righteous with God because of God's great love for the people he made. My act of worship and praise is surrendering to his way, his will, and the undeserved love he gives. 1 John 1:3a puts it like this: *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

That is what we are! Amen

Many Blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

NOVEMBER WORKDAY

Saturday, 11/1/2025

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Urgent Notice: We need more people to come and help eat the donuts on Saturday. See you there.

A special thank you to Pastor Hardin and Adam Ramstad for braving new heights and replacing light bulbs in the Church ceiling. Also, thank you to Benny Simpson for cutting the grass out front and in the field.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool enrollment is open for fall! 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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Come join us for Advent Cocoa and Cookies at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 3rd and 17th! We begin with a HYMN SING where you pick the Christmas/Advent song you want to sing. This year our Advent follows Visiting Change looks at the various places where God arrives and brings change and transformation.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

11/01 - 9a-1p Workday
11/05 - 2p Elder's Meeting
11/13 - 12:30p Ladies Luncheon
11/17 - 2:30p Board of Ed Meeting
11/19 - 7p Council Meeting
12/03 - 6:30p Advent Service, Cocoa & Cookies
12/07 - Congregational Voter's Meeting
12/10 - 7p Madrigals Singers Performance
12/12 - 6:30p Preschool Christmas Program
12/17 - 6:30p Advent Service, Cocoa & Cookies
12/24 - Christmas Eve Service

2025 YEAR TO DATE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income	\$+10,744 /SEP31	\$+158,831/YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-7,473/SEP31	\$- 86,790/YTD

PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - OCT 15, 2025

Parish Education and Preschool Report: The Playground Grant project is complete. Enrollment 9 Full-time, 4 Part-time. Confirmation: 5 students. Jill has stepped down as Admin of Preschool while Pastor David Hardin has been asked by Council to take over the admin duties.

Properties Report, Dale Crisp: Now is the season for tree trimming and bats eviction. Paint quote of \$10k pending. Due to the new fencing, the sprinkler lines need to be fixed, plus many valves leaking. Sprinklers can be turned off during the rainy season. Courtyard sidewalk seams need to be filled/leveled. 7 bulbs are out in church. Discussed the garden plot maintenance with volunteers.

Elder's Report, Andrew Hall: Advent scheduled. Search continues for vacant Elder's slots. Regarding 2026 proposed budget, a 2.5% COLA was recommended by the District for 2026.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation classes start, many newcomers, baptisms, new members class.

Congregation Voter's Meeting, Doug Van Camp: Proposed the agenda for the next Congregation Voter's Meeting. The Elder's are considering a 2.5% COLA as recommended by the District for 2026.

AN UPDATE FROM MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY

Mercy Holistic Ministry – November 2025 Update: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of Mercy Holistic Ministry, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the congregation of Paul Lutheran Church for your faithful partnership, generous financial contributions, and in-kind donations. Your prayers, encouragement, and tangible support strengthen our mission to serve people experiencing homelessness across the greater Sacramento area.

Upcoming Ministry Events –Saturday, November 1 – LINC UP Community Event Our Mercy Holistic Ministry team will participate in the LINC UP event hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (166 W. Harder Rd., Hayward). This half-day gathering brings together congregations and ministries from across Northern California to share mission stories, strengthen partnerships, and inspire local outreach.

Weekly Ministry Outreach – Five Sacramento Locations Throughout November, our mobile ministry teams will continue serving at five weekly locations across Sacramento, providing showers, haircuts, hygiene kits, clothing, and prayer for our homeless neighbors. We thank God for the volunteers and donors who make this consistent outreach possible.

Friday, November 8 – Community Haircut Outreach We've been invited by a local Sacramento veterinary nonprofit organization to provide free haircuts for participants and volunteers at their one-day service event. Our faithful barber, Shaun Stockers, will be representing Mercy Holistic Ministry and sharing Christ's love through his gifts and joyful service.

Sunday, November 16 – I have been invited to preach at First Lutheran Church in Placerville, where our team will also display our mobile shower trailer and lead a Bible study following the worship service. Please keep this special day in your prayers as we share testimonies, Scripture, and the vision of holistic ministry with this congregation.

Prayer Request Please pray for: Continued strength and protection for our volunteers and outreach teams. • God's blessing upon each community we serve in Sacramento and beyond. • Fruitful partnerships with churches, nonprofits, and local agencies. Thank you again, Paul Lutheran Church family, for being part of this mission of mercy. Together, we are transforming lives—one shower, one haircut, and one prayer at a time.

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Berhanu Didanu
Executive Director,
Mercy Holistic Ministry