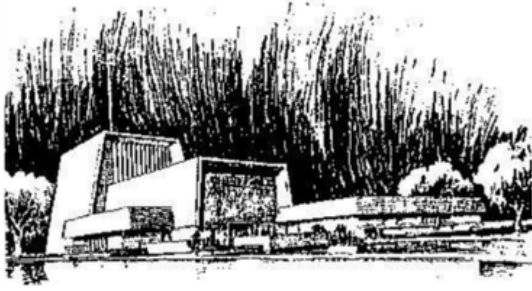


SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 WBC 10:30a Elder's Meeting 4p	3 SPK 5:30p	4	5
6 9:15a Bible Study Service 10:30a	7 NO Word Ahead Preschool Closed	8 Book Club 6:30p Council Meeting 6:40p	9 WBC 10:30a	10 Ladies Luncheon 12:30p SPK 5:30p	11	12 Workday 8a-12p
13 Service 10:30a 11:30am Congr. Voter's Meet	14 Word Ahead 9:30a	15	16 WBC 10:30a	17 SPK 5:30p	18	19 SLY 4p -6p
20 Service 10:30a 11:30a-2p Picnic Potluck	21 Word Ahead 9:30a	22	23 WBC 10:30a	24 SPK 5:30p	25	26
27 Service 10:30a	28 Word Ahead 9:30a	29	30 WBC 10:30a			



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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.

September 6, 2026

Psalm 32:1-7

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

September 13, 2026

Psalm 103:1-12

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 20, 2026

Psalm 27:1-9

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2026

Psalm 25:1-10

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emily H.

Sara O.

Elizabeth E.

Linda B.

Nicole H.

Kelly M.

Barbara C.

Darrel F.

Ed P.

Kristina R.

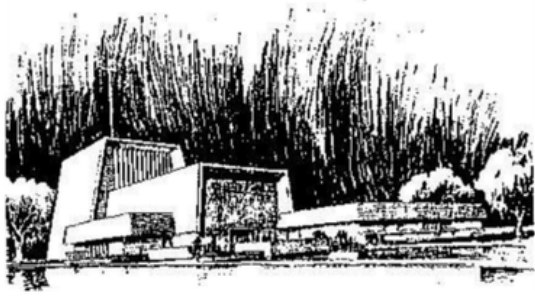
Bonnie D.

Cullin C.

Janene S.

Adam R.

Dick C.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

I pray the Lord blesses you with the peace that can only be found in Christ Jesus! I pray and bring this up because I have heard how difficult it can be to find peace from time to time. Peace and comfort from the Lord is treated like it is a commodity I have to go shop for or seek and find and it is my act of will that brings peace. If you think through some scripture there are many verses that talk about how God longs to bless his children (Lk 11:13). One of the Devil's great joys is to convince you that God does not hear, see, or understand. Maybe the struggle is not getting God to hear, but resting in the truth of scripture. God already has things in his control. God clearly already loves and cares for you. Scripture tells us: *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*, (Eph 3:20). Perhaps it is not the pursuit of God but resting in the Truth that he already loves you and has all things in his hands even if we cannot see or understand how a situation could possibly work out.

Many blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

SEPTEMBER WORKDAY

The September workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th, 8am to 12pm This is the second Saturday as the first Saturday is Labor Day Weekend. The projects that need attention are repairing the sprinkler system and sweeping/blowing leaves in the West parking lot as well as any weeding we have time for. Let Dale know if there is a special project you would like to work on during workday or any other day. Everyone is invited and the tools are supplied by the Church.

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.

FUNDRAISER FOR MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY

Save the Date: The 5th annual Mercy Holistic Ministry dinner and auction event will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Town & Country Lutheran Church, 4049 Marconi Avenue. Help this ministry celebrate five years of partnership and God's blessings with our partner in mission Mercy Holistic Ministry, which serves our unhoused neighbors with hygiene, haircuts and more, providing dignity and the love of Christ. Tickets are \$50. Table sponsorships are available. Ticket information will be available soon. Pastor David Hardin from St. Paul's Woodland will again be the Auctioneer for this event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

9/02 - 4pm Elder's Meeting
9/08 - 6:30pm Council Meeting
9/09 - 6pm St. Paul's Bowling Night
9/10 - 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon
9/12 - 8am Church Workday
9/13 - 11:30am Congregational Voter's Meet
9/20 - 11:30am-2pm Picnic Potluck

2026 YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income:	\$+20,547 /JUL	\$+239,576 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-9,349 /JUL	\$-57,984 /YTD
Preschool Income:	\$+6,328 /JUL	\$+79,973 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-14,941 /JUL	\$-36,038 /YTD

PICNIC POTLUCK

St. Paul's church is throwing our annual picnic on September 20th. The festivities will start right after church service in the Fellowship Hall / West lot. There will be lots of fun activities for the family. Side dishes, salads, drinks, and desserts are needed! Plates, bowls, cups, and cutlery will be provided, as well as the main meat dishes.

YOUTH NEWS

6th-12th Grades:

Sacramento Lutheran Youth (SLY): Youth from LCMS congregations across Sacramento meet every THIRD Saturday of the month, Sep 19th, 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.

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.

GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

Each month at the beginning of council meeting, after we open in prayer we will go through chapters of: "Church Essentials" Chapter #1 by Karl Vaters. I would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join council as we read through some of the opportunities and unique situations that we encounter being a church of our size. Many books are written to large churches and situations that do not describe St Pauls. Vater's book takes an honest and hopeful look at the Ministry we have right here at St Paul's. Copies of the book are available in the back or are available to buy on Amazon. Our first chapter will be discussed at our council meeting on September 8th at 6:30pm.

MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church Family,

On behalf of Mercy Holistic Ministry and our staff, I want to thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support. Every Sunday, you pray for us and encourage us. You have also supported the ministry financially and donated many brand-new towels, underwear, socks, and other needed items. I am very grateful that St. Paul's Lutheran Church is my local church and ministry partner. Your love and support help us continue serving our homeless neighbors with dignity and compassion.

Recently, Mercy Holistic Ministry began serving at a new location at the gated homeless community near 12th and C Streets in Sacramento every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We currently need the following brand-new items:

- Underwear
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Body wash
- Bath towels
- Regular towels.

Please remember that we are only accepting brand-new items. We are not accepting used items at this time.

You Are Invited

Daniel and his social worker from Joshua's House will be our honored guests at Mercy Holistic Ministry's fifth anniversary celebration.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time: 4:30pm to 8pm

Location: 4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821

Please join us as we celebrate five years of God's faithfulness and the impact Mercy Holistic Ministry is making in our community.

With gratitude,

Rev. Berhanu Didanu

Founder and Executive Director

Mercy Holistic Ministry