

◆ Pastor Stephen Zeller.....

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### 65 Years of Sharing Gifts

Wow, what a celebration!!

We gathered as a congregation on Sunday, April 26, to give thanks for Lois Viebrock. December 28, 2025, was her final Sunday to play the organ in worship. This is after 65 years of playing and offering her gifts of music to our church and world. Did you hear that... 65 YEARS!!

How do you even begin to say THANK YOU for such a gift and offering of her talents? So, on April 26, we brought family and friends and the church together to tell stories, share a meal, give gifts, and celebrate all that Lois has given to St. Paul's. A small token for decades of gifts she has given to our church.

It was a wonderful turnout that morning, so a huge thank you to all who were able to attend this celebration. I also know there were lots of people who were simply unable to be there at that time. I would encourage you to share a note of thanks with Lois and tell her how her ministry has impacted the ministry here for you.

God calls each one of us in so many different ways. Each one of us has gifts to offer this church and our world. It might be a lifetime of service in one particular way, or it may be a short-term role or task. No matter what it is please know that it does not go unnoticed and we are grateful for the gifts that each person offers towards God's kingdom.

Once again, Lois... thank you for all you have offered to us here at St. Paul's. Enjoy your retirement!

~Pastor Stephen



A  
Message  
from the  
Pastor


# IN THE CHURCH

## SATURDAY CASUAL SERVICE

Saturday worship begins at **5:30pm** in the Chapel. There will be no service on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Welcome!




## "ONE STICH AT A TIME"

 The Sewing Group will meet every **Monday** at **9:00 am**. All are welcome to join!

## COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet on **May 13** at **6:00 pm** in the Meeting Room. 

## SUNBEAM


 The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **May 27** at **3:00pm**.

## ESTHER CIRCLE


The Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **May 18th** at Rhonda Schlesselman's Home at **7:00 p.m.**



## HEALTH CARE

The Benton County Health Department will be here every **Thursday** from **8:00am** until **10:00am** to assist you with your health care needs. 

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

 The Worship and Music Committee will meet on **May 13 @ 3:30 pm** in the Meeting Room.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's time to update the Church directory! If any of your information has changed over the past year, please contact the church office. Thank you so much! 

**EVERY SHEEP COUNTS!**  
*IS YOUR INFO UP TO DATE?*

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, **May 24**, two of our youth will Affirm their Baptism in worship as part of the Confirmation Service. Those youth are: Logan Jackson and Jace Tinney. Please join us for worship that day as we surround them on their important milestone.





## IN THE CHURCH

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year, but our Sunday School classes will soon be taking a break for summer. The Confirmation class and Sunday School classes for children will conclude on Sunday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Sunday School class for adults will conclude on Sunday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. We want to thank all of our teachers for their leadership again this year, and everyone who participated throughout the year. We'll be back in the fall!

### GRADUATES

We have lots of children, youth, and young adults who are transitioning between different stages of life and different levels of schooling this year! We wish them all blessings for their journeys. Some of those (those who let us know) include:

Lydia Rodewald and Reid Carver - preschool

Sam Cash - University of Notre Dame

Camille Schear - Missouri State University

Camryn Schear - University of Missouri Law School

We will honor and celebrate our high school graduates in worship on Sunday, **May 3**, with a blessing a special gift from our sewing group.


### WORLD HUNGER FISH FRY

Our annual World Hunger Fish Fry will be held on Sunday, **May 31**. Serving will be from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As always, the menu will include fried fish, roasted turkey, green beans, potato salad, drinks, and homemade desserts. If you are able to provide filets of crappie for the event, please let Krista Poe or Angela Alcorn know. We will also need volunteers to provide homemade desserts, potato salad, or to work in the kitchen. Sign up sheets will be available soon at church, including on the Offering Cards in worship. All the proceeds from the free-will offering will be used to support World Hunger ministries and programs. Please help us spread the word!



# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

## thrivent®

**Congratulations!:** In 2025, St Paul Lutheran Church received \$1975 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 

**Good news ahead:** We're excited to share that enhancements to the Thrivent Choice program are coming soon — including broader member eligibility, full-year flexibility, and a new year-end expiration date. Stay tuned — more details will be shared in the months ahead. We're grateful to partner with you through Thrivent Choice and look forward to supporting your continued impact.

For information on Choice Dollars visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](https://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice".

If you are a Thrivent member and haven't yet used one or either of your Action Grants for this year, please let us know and we can put them to use! Contact Pastor Stephen if you have an Action Grant available. Thanks!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Cole Camp Food Pantry is in need of 2-3 volunteers who would be able to fill in when regular volunteers cannot be there. The Pantry is open Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, Thursdays from 3pm-5pm, and Saturdays from 10am-12noon. Volunteers must be 18+ years old, out of high school, and not a client of the Food Pantry. If you have questions or interest, please contact Sheila Sabala, Food Pantry Manager, at (816) 559-1111. Thank you!





## BIBLE CAMP

**Mid-MO Bible Camp** will take place **June 12-16** at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. This is for youth who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration information will be shared closer to the summer. Adult volunteers are always needed, whether for specific tasks or a few hours or a few days: kitchen help, swimming supervision (especially trained life guards), final-day cleanup, providing cookies & snacks, etc.

Summer  
CAMP

**Camp Tomah Shinga** is our Lutheran camp here in mid-Missouri. Located in Junction City, Kansas, this camp has served the Central States Synod for more than a half century. Less than a four hour drive away, this camp offers many opportunities throughout the summer for youth campers of all ages. Check out what they have to offer at <https://camptomahshinga.com>.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for Vacation Bible School! Youth from Pre-K (potty-trained, please!) through 6th grade are invited to a fun week of VBS for the theme of "Magnified" where we will explore God's awesome creation to discover just how big and powerful God really is! We'll gather each evening from 6:00-8:30 pm here at St. Paul's for fun activities, games, crafts, snacks, stories, songs, and more! Mark your calendars!



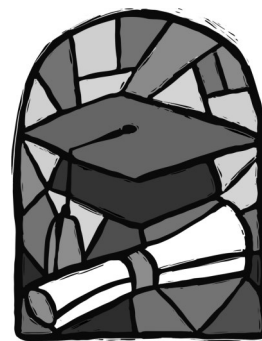
## COMING EVENTS

### DISCERNMENT EVENT

Have you ever felt a nudge to explore ways that God might be calling you to serve the church? Maybe through lay ministry, ordained ministry, or anywhere in between. Do you know someone who has gifts to serve the church whom you could encourage? Pastor Chad Langdon, Bishop's Associate with the Central States Synod, will be hosting a casual Discernment Event at different locations throughout Missouri and Kansas. Our local event will be from **7:00 pm on Friday, June 19, through 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 20**, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 442 W US Hwy 54, in Camdenton. There is no cost, breakfast and lunch on Saturday are provided, and a hotel room can be provided if needed. You can register online at [www.css-elca.org/discernment](http://www.css-elca.org/discernment) by June 14. Other dates and locations are available if you cannot make that weekend. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Link or talk to Pastor Stephen with any questions.

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Cole Camp R-1 Senior Class of 2026 will host their Baccalaureate Service in the high school gym on Wednesday, **May 6**, following the Senior Awards Ceremony (around 7:45 pm.) The public is invited and welcome to attend!



**Baccalaureate**  
SERVICE





# THANK YOU!

## Thank You !

Thanks to all who remembered me recently with your many acts of kindness. For the phone calls, texts, cards, food and prayers - all were deeply appreciated. A special Thank You to Pastor Stephen for his visits, calls and prayers.

Ellen Harms





# DETAILED TREASURER'S REPORT

## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

	Actual Thru March 31	Annual Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget	Target %
					Note A
ELCA	1,185.00	7,400.00	-6,215.00	16.01%	
World Hunger	-	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%	
Hope 5 One	300.00	2,500.00	-2,200.00	12.0%	
Little Blessings	-	2,500.00			
CC Food Pantry Donations	656.46	1,500.00	-843.54	43.76%	
Seniors of North Benton County	-	-	-	0.0%	
Other	-	-	-	0.0%	
<b>Total Benevolence Receipts</b>	<b>2,141.46</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>-13,758.54</b>	<b>13.47%</b>	
<b>Offering</b>					
HP Offering	56,557.27	234,843.00	-178,285.73	24.08%	25%
Building Fund 5%	2,976.72	12,360.00	-9,383.28	24.08%	25%
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>59,533.99</b>	<b>247,203.00</b>	<b>-187,669.01</b>	<b>24.08%</b>	
Building Use	1,150.00	2,750.00	-1,600.00	41.82%	
Gifts & Bequests	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.0%	
Fair Stand, net		5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%	
Float		800.00	-800.00	0.0%	
Interest	1,799.16	0.00	1,799.16	100.0%	
Miscellaneous	258.00	0.00	258.00	100.0%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,882.61</b>	<b>271,653.00</b>	<b>-201,770.39</b>	<b>25.73%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>51,116.68</b>	<b>271,653.00</b>	<b>-220,536.32</b>	<b>18.82%</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,765.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,765.93</b>		

## Cash and Investment Balance - March 31, 2026

	Home Purpose Note B	Building	Memorial Note C	Crisis	Little Blessings Note D	Seminary
Cash and Investment Balances	90,909.55	66,001.03	20,184.62	3,574.04	79,602.92	8,888.22

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## TREASURER, CONTINUED

**Note A:** As of March 31, 2026, 25% of the year has elapsed. Offerings as a percent of budget are 24.08% which indicates we are only about \$2,200 short of budgeted amounts. This is due to several large one-time offerings received during the first quarter.

**Note B:** Includes \$2,468.96 of Communities of Calling Funds.

**Note C:** Includes restricted amounts of \$15,000 for Little

**Note D:** Includes \$76,834.89 in grant funds.

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◆ Send a note.....

# NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Kris Barnes  
(friend of Julie Cronin)

Gene Beckman

Jon Beckman

Deanna Browning

Joe Campbell

Scott Cash

Cliff Eckhoff

Joseph Fuelling  
(nephew of Paul Fuelling)

Junior Garr

Jerome Goosen

Adam Gumbel  
(son of Jim & Kim Gumbel)

Karen Haase  
(sister-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Larry Haase  
(brother-in-law of Gene Beckman)

Ellen Harms

Kathy Harms

Ken Holland

Heidi Hopp  
(grandmother of Nicole Rice)

Gordon Ives

Greg Ives

Norene Ives

Joyce Jones  
(sister of Connie Gerken)

Jim Kammeyer

Hazel Karstons

Fred John Kreisel & Family  
(cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel)

Marvin Logan  
(brother of Gale Logan)

Kyle Luetjen

David Mobely  
(brother-in-law of Randy Healan)

Dennis & Claudia Moellman

Jackie Ross  
(sister of Randy Healan)

Kylie Simon

Kevin Tatum

Nathan Vanderlinden

Judie VonHolten

Mike Wingerter  
(brother of Susan Goosen)

***\*Nursing Home\****

Vern Dean Bohling (*Anew #4*)

Shirley Cash (*Anew #18*)

Larry & Judy Schlesselman (*Anew #19*)

Eugene Beckman (*GSCC #309*)

Arlene Schlesselman (*GSCC #213*)

Florence VonHolten (*GSCC#207*)

Earl Bauer (*Windsor Nursing Home #47*)





# MILITARY

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Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton

(son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and  
grandson of Judie VonHolten)

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(grandson of Connie Gerken)

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◆ A Time To Celebrate.....

# SPECIAL OCCASIONS



05/01 Auric Brockfeld  
 05/02 Kathy Harms  
 05/03 Travis Rodewald  
 05/03 Rhett Strathman  
 05/04 Greg Anderson  
 05/04 Luke Goosen  
 05/04 Ralph Rehmer  
 05/06 Michael Brockfeld  
 05/08 Brittany Mullins  
 05/09 Mona Ipsen  
 05/09 Cody Mullins  
 05/10 Korbett Dieckman  
 05/10 Kolby Kyle  
 05/10 Krista Poe  
 05/12 Steve Oelrichs  
 05/12 Kylie Prince  
 05/14 Mae Strathman  
 05/17 Cora Oelrichs  
 05/19 Jason Nash  
 05/20 Ben Goosen  
 05/20 Katy Schlesselman  
 05/20 Leighton Tinney  
 05/21 Reid Carver  
 05/21 Jill Logan  
 05/21 Taylor Sullivan  
 05/22 Kay Jobe  
 05/22 Lane Smith  
 05/23 Ryker Crawford  
 05/23 Dale Oelrichs  
 05/23 Jace Tinney  
 05/24 Debra Anderson  
 05/29 Bradyn Rehmer  
 05/29 Alexis Smith  
 05/31 Kathy Oelrichs

05/01 Linda Wagner  
 05/03 Rhonda Schlesselman  
 05/04 Cody Mullins  
 05/04 Larry Schlesselman  
 05/04 Jack Strathman  
 05/05 Matthew Eckhoff  
 05/06 Korbin Gates  
 05/07 Clayton Schlesselman  
 05/07 Brayden Schlesselman  
 05/07 Jennifer Yeager  
 05/09 Olivia Heimsoth  
 05/12 Ashley Hiatt  
 05/13 Jordan Kyle  
 05/14 Hannah Harms  
 05/14 Tyler Marquess  
 05/16 Francis Rehmer  
 05/16 Sandy Schlesselman  
 05/18 Joann Kreisel  
 05/18 Mason Smith  
 05/19 Fred Goosen  
 05/20 Preston Carver  
 05/21 Cooper Rice  
 05/22 Paula Kappleman  
 05/26 Matthew VonHolten  
 05/27 Ida Oelrichs  
 05/28 Auric Brockfeld  
 05/28 Parker Fowler  
 05/28 Matt Hiatt  
 05/28 Kyle Luetjen  
 05/28 Brendan Rusk  
 05/29 Avery Burns  
 05/29 Ami Schlesselman  
 05/30 Mona Ipsen  
 05/30 Tammy Johnson  
 05/31 Travis Rodewald





## SPECIAL OCCASIONS



- 05/03 Kelly & Angela Viebrock (18)
- 05/07 Jerome & Susan Goosen (43)
- 05/07 Bill & Wanda Viebrock (49)
- 05/08 Dan & Julie Cronin (45)
- 05/09 Quentin & Amanda Gates (28)
- 05/17 Kipton & Victoria Belcher (12)
- 05/18 Bob & Colleen Baker (35)
- 05/18 Roy & Linda Wagner (52)
- 05/19 Justin & Lindsey Tinney (19)
- 05/22 Dean & Lynn Schear (33)
- 05/23 Jacob & Alyssa Fowler (6)
- 05/23 Bryan & Cindy Schlesselman (40)
- 05/25 Mitchell & Kelli Crawford (13)
- 05/25 Kyle & Katie Oelrichs (8)
- 05/26 Allen & Christina Oelrichs (14)
- 05/28 Kenneth & Judy Rehmer (49)
- 05/29 Ron & Krista Poe (27)

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

- Jake Jackson,** ..... *President*
- Justin Tinney,** ..... *Vice-President /Evangelism*
- Erin Oelrichs,** ..... *Treasurer/Stewardship*
- Susan Goosen,** ..... *Secretary*
- Melinda Strathman,** ..... *Worship & Music*
- Lynn Schear,** ..... *Parish Education*
- Roy Wagner,** ..... *Property*
- Greg Bredehoeft,** ..... *Property*
- Kelly Viebrock,** ..... *Property*
- Stephen Zeller,** ..... *Pastor*



◆ Susan Goosen, Church Council Secretary

# COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Council Meeting  
Wednesday March 11, 2026

The Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met on Wednesday March 11, 2026. Those present were Chairman Jake Jackson, Pastor Stephen Zeller, Justin Tinney, Lynn Schear, Erin Oelrichs, Greg Bredehoeft, Kelly Viebrock, Roy Wagner and Susan Goosen.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jake Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:52.

**Devotions:** Pastor Stephen led the group in prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Justin and seconded by Lynn. Motion passed, minutes filed.

**Financial Report:** Norma Schlesselman gave the financial report. A motion to approve the report was made by Justin and

seconded by Erin.

**Pastor's report:**

Upcoming events:

Guest form Camp Tomah Shinga: March 22

Family Swim Party: March 22

Holy Week: March 29-April 5

Church Skating Party: April 19

Lois Viebrock Retirement Celebration: April 26

Vacation dates:

April 6-12 (Rev. Kristen Koch, DEM, presides on April 12)

Baptism: On Sunday, Feb 22 Pastor presided over the baptism of Cade Jackson, son of Josh and Katie Jackson.

Transfer: Teresa Viebrock has requested to move her membership to Zion Lutheran in Lincoln.

Constitution and Bylaws: The Synod Council will review our constitution and bylaws at their next meeting, March 13-14.

Souper Bowl: Thanks for another incredible effort in this year's Souper Bowl collection. We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1,961 items. The real winner is the Cole Camp Food Pantry.

Worship Attendance (in person):

Feb. 14: 16	Feb 15: 107
Feb 21: xx	Feb 22: 162
	(Jackson Baptism)
Feb 28: 16	Mar 1: 100
Mar 7: 17	Mar 8: 127



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# COUNCIL CONTINUED

**Committee Reports:**

**Congregational Ministry and Evangelism:** No report at this time.

**Worship:** The organ needs repairs costing \$5000. A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly to go ahead with the repairs. Motion passed. Worship committee can now move forward with the repairs.

**Budget/Stewardship:** No report.

**Parish Education:** VBS is set for July 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>; decorating committee will work 7/16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Egg stuffing for Easter will be on March 25th at 5:00.

**Property:**

Siding/addition on storage building will need a variance before we can move forward. Roy will meet with the city worker and get this going.

Elevette: We have had more members interested in contributing pledges to help cover the cost of the construction of moving the wall and purchase of the new unit. The Property Committee hopes to start soon on this project.

Propane: This project is close

to being done. The committee is almost ready to paint the tanks. A propane smell was noticed by several people, Pastor called HVAC and they were able to deal with the problem.

Sign West of town: Sign is now back up. Council is looking into replacing the sign and will contact Lane Johnson to get some information.

Windows in Fellowship hall: We would like to be able to block the sun when needed. Tinting sheets and blinds were discussed.

Roy replaced light switch in the bathroom in the Daycare.

Kelly has the new water fountain installed in the Fellowship hall.

Cachero Roofing has been here to look at what they need to repair with the roof before we can move ahead with the plaster repair on the Pulpit side wall.

Banner at the pool: A motion was made to renew at \$85 by Lynn, seconded by Justin. Motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Justin and seconded by Roy to adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Goosen  
Church Council Secretary



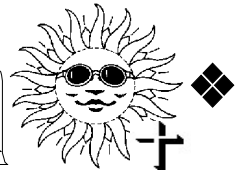
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# St. Paul's Sunbeam

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"BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S  
GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE."

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion at the Altar

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Ascension of our Lord  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Day of Pentecost  
Confirmation Sunday  
Holy Communion by Stations

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

The Holy Trinity  
Holy Communion by Stations

Come! Worship at St. Paul's

Every Saturday Evening  
5:30 P.M. - Casual Worship

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Every Sunday Morning  
10:00 A.M. - Worship

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