



Narrative Budget 2026 - Telling Our Sacred Story

This narrative budget that tells the continuing story of St. Paul and how we invest our resources of time, talent, treasure, and terrain to worship God and share in God's mission to the world.

This narrative budget tells you not where our money goes, but **what our money does**.



Our Heart

- Our people and the gifts they bring
- A strong level of devotion to the parish by the parishioners
- A love for our rich musical program
- A dedicated front door/street ministry

Our values

- Tradition. We are steeped in it, but we are not mired in it.
- Hospitality and the importance of connection, with one another and with our surrounding community.
- Relationships, community, warmth, and respect for all.
- Having fun together.
- Being curious, open-minded, and continually educating ourselves about who we are and why we do what we do.
- Being disciples and witnesses to the gospel and being visible and accessible.

2026 Projected Income - \$300,440

2026 Expenses - \$392,390

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Sources of treasure (income)

We rely primarily on donations from our parish family. This is supplemented by fundraising and by outside groups who use our space and rent our parking lot.

Total anticipated income – 2026

Donations – 67%

Investments – 8%

Fees and rentals – 18%

Fundraising – 7%

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11, 12)

Where does our treasure go?

Staff – 15%

Worship/Pastoral Care - 37%

Building – 24%

Diocese – 14%

Utilities – 9%

Fellowship - 1%

The three goals of our parish ministry plan

- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Education

Collaboration and community

We collaborate with those both inside and outside our congregation in many ways, by donating money and hands on service.

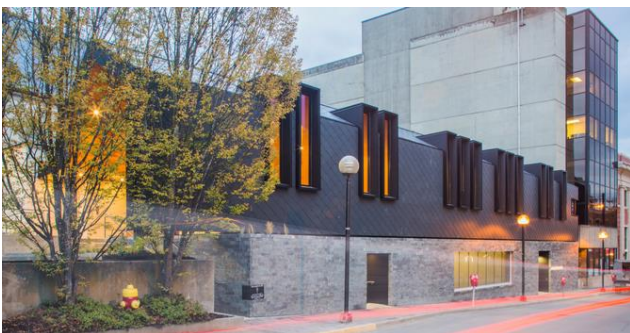
Front Door Ministry – As a downtown church, St. Paul’s has been involved in a front door ministry for over 20 years. This ministry distributes \$20 food gift cards from Thrifty Foods, the Superette Grocery and Country Grocer twice a month to 40 folks who are members of the working poor, unemployed or living on the street. This ministry also distributes bus passes which help people get to medical appointments. This ministry is funded by donations from the parish and from the till tape program at Country Grocer. **In 2025 members of the parish donated over \$11,000 to this ministry.**

Sunday Lunch – In January 2025 we started a 3 month pilot project offering a free lunch to members of the community after our 10:30 am Sunday service. It’s been a great success and has been going strong for over a year. Parishioners and members of the community enjoy a time of fellowship over a home-cooked meal. Friendships are made and community is strengthened. **In 2025 members of the parish donated over \$10,000 to this ministry.**

Alongside Hope – Alongside Hope is an arm of the Anglican Church of Canada that partners with local organizations that carry out the life-giving work that improves food security, champions gender rights, provides training on conversation agriculture and creates income opportunities. **In 2025 members of the parish donated almost \$4,000 to Alongside Hope.**

Loaves and Fishes Food Bank – Did you know that Loaves and Fishes started in the basement of St. Paul’s? Currently over 15,000 people in more than 40 communities, including 15 Indigenous communities, across Vancouver Island benefit from the food Loaves & Fishes provides, free of charge. **In 2025 members of the parish donated \$3,500 to Loaves and Fishes.**

Nanaimo Foodshare increases food security by empowering our community with better access, resources, skills, and knowledge. Foodshare rents our facility for a number of training and employment programs for youth, seniors and those with differing abilities. We have partnered with them since 2023.





Education

Education comes in many forms: sermons, Bible studies, book studies, Advent and Lenten Studies, training for roles in the church, and guidance from our Rector who equips us for the Lord's work. Some of educational opportunities are in the evening on Zoom so those who are working can attend, some are in person, and some are recommendations that we can do on our own and sometimes as a group. Our stewardship team offers semi-regular "Lunch and Learn" session on timely topics.



Worship – the core of our being



We gather together as a whole church in prayer and thanksgivings for Holy Communion, Contemplative Prayer and Holy Eucharist. In the summer of 2025 we began a new service called “Threshold”, held on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm.

We gather together on Zoom each weekday morning for Morning Prayer. .Worship is also an opportunity for members of the wider community and the whole church to gather together. Members of the community join us for services including the blessing of the Animals, All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Fellowship – part of our DNA

Fellowship is the ministry that reaches out to individuals in the parish and beyond our doors. Because volunteers provide fellowship, it accounts for a small amount of our annual dollar investment in ministries but means countless volunteer and clergy hours.

This investment of time provides for things like:

- Greeters ministry, support, and training
- Fellowship hour after the 8 am and 10:30 am Sunday Services
- Free community Sunday lunch
- Women’s Group, Old Crocks, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Pastoral Care, stewardship team
- Parish events including Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, book and rummage sales, Christmas Marketplace, fashion shows and teas.
- Everyone Eat Together (EAT) free Monday lunches by Nanaimo Food Share
- Maintaining our gardens and grounds as an oasis in downtown Nanaimo



A Year in the Life of St Paul Anglican Church (2025)

- Communion services in the church - 145
- Communion services in long term care and retirement residences - 27
- Communion brought to individual parishioners in their home - 14
- Monday lunches served by Nanaimo Foodshare - 40
- Choir rehearsals - 75
- Average attendance at 8 am Sunday service – 13
- Average attendance at 10:30 am Sunday service - 64
- People joined our St. Paul family - 19
- Attendance at the Women's group spring tea and fashion show - 100
- Attendance at the Christmas Marketplace Christmas Tea - 92
- Average number of guests at our weekly Sunday lunch – 29
- Average number of parishioners at our weekly Sunday lunch – 24
- Number of meals served at our weekly Sunday lunch – 2,915