ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Pastor Jason's Annual Report 2026

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." — 1 Thessalonians 1:2–3

As we embrace the fall season, we are reminded to give thanks to God for all that we have been given. At my family's Thanksgiving meal, we gather in a circle and are invited to briefly share what we are thankful for. I say *briefly* because there are 46 of us if everyone can attend. Also, as I've shared before, no one with Northridge blood will use five words when they can use 50 instead. Truly, it is a wonderful time to remember the many things for which we give thanks.

As I approach the conclusion of my first year serving as your pastor, I want you all to know that I give thanks for you. It has been a wonderful year of ministry together: praising God and loving our neighbors. Your generosity, patience, and encouragement as I have gotten my footing are greatly appreciated. I am thankful for the opportunities to worship with you, visit with you, learn about the ministries of St. Paul's, and begin to discern together where God is leading us.

Some of you may remember that I mentioned I was intentionally avoiding making changes until after my first year was up. The passage of time has caused anxiety for some and hope for others about what those changes might be. I have no big agenda of what will be changed, and we will live into the future together. My hope has been to spend this first year listening, learning, and getting to know the people and ministries that make St. Paul's the congregation it is today. As we look toward the future, I want us to build upon the many gifts God has already given us while remaining open to the new things God may be calling us to do.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the generous gift of one million dollars to establish the Timothy Fund. This extraordinary gift provides an opportunity to invest in the future of ministry at St. Paul's. The call committee has been formed to seek the new rostered minister who will focus on Christian education and youth and family ministry. I look forward to welcoming this new colleague to our ministry staff and working together to strengthen the ways we nurture faith among our children, youth, families, and adults. This position is not about placing the responsibility for these ministries on one person, but about helping the congregation discover, equip, and support the many people who are called to share their gifts in this important work.

As I reflect on this first year, I am grateful for all that we have experienced together and hopeful about what lies ahead. The following report offers a glimpse of our shared ministry, the people we have

served, the worship we have celebrated, and the work we have begun. There is much for which to give thanks, and there is still much to discover as we continue to listen for God's call.

Thank you for welcoming me into the life of St. Paul's and for the many ways you share your faith, time, and talents. I look forward to what we will continue to accomplish together, trusting that God will guide us as we proclaim Christ, nurture faith, serve our neighbors, and make God's love known across generations and throughout our community.

- Worship has remained at the heart of our life together. Since beginning my ministry at St. Paul's, we have celebrated almost an entire church year. We enjoyed a wonderful Advent season and Christmas Eve service, meaningful Lenten gatherings, and a joyful Easter celebration. Wednesday devotions continued to be well attended. During Lent, these gatherings transitioned into midday Lenten services, which were particularly well received. Saturday evening worship also continued, providing another opportunity for members to gather. We offered an online snow-day service during the winter as well. During the summer, members shared their musical gifts, children were invited to begin leading the Prayer of the Day, and the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus joined us for worship. These opportunities remind us that worship is a shared expression of the gifts God has given our congregation.

- Pastoral care has been an important part of my ministry at St. Paul's. I have visited members in hospitals, nursing homes, private homes, and hospice settings, as well as meeting with members in my office and offering private communion. I have also officiated at funerals and accompanied families through times of grief. I am grateful for the opportunities to get to know members more personally through these visits and conversations.

- Pastor Dan Yeiser joined the ministry staff in June as visitation pastor. He has provided pastoral care, emergency coverage, and conducted funerals.

- We celebrated a baptism and welcomed new members into the congregation, and additional conversations about membership have continued. I look forward to helping more people discover a home in our congregation.

- Strengthening Christian education and supporting children, youth, and families have been important priorities. I have visited our confirmation, faith formation, and Daily Discipleship classes.

- I served as a chaplain at Camp Nawakwa and helped lead games during Vacation Bible School over the summer. I look forward to continuing to support opportunities for children and young people to grow in faith and community, particularly as we prepare to welcome a new colleague to this ministry.
- The Mutual Ministry Committee has begun meeting and is working to strengthen the ministry at St. Paul's.
- I have enjoyed working with our committees. I am grateful for the many people who share their time and talents to keep the congregation's ministries running smoothly. Their acts of service make a real difference in the life of St. Paul's.
- Beyond St. Paul's, I have participated in the life of the wider church. I attended the monthly Hanover Conference meetings, the installation of the Rev. Martha Boyer at St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church, and the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in June. I was elected Secretary of the Hanover Conference at its spring assembly and was installed at Synod Assembly. I also regularly participate in the Synod's Deans' and Secretaries' Meeting and our Synod's Reference and Counsel meetings.

As I reflect on this first year at St. Paul's, I am thankful for the welcome I have received and for the many people who have helped me learn the rhythms and traditions of this congregation. There is much to celebrate, and there is also work ahead as we continue to discern where God is leading us.

The Timothy Fund and the search for a new rostered minister represent an exciting opportunity to strengthen our Christian Education ministry. As that work moves forward, I hope we will continue to build a congregation where people of all ages are encouraged to grow in faith, discover their gifts, and serve together.

Thank you for your prayers, patience, encouragement, and partnership throughout this first year. It is a privilege to serve alongside you. As Paul reminds the Thessalonians, we give thanks for one another's work of faith, labor of love, and steadfast hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. May we continue to give thanks for what God has done among us and look forward with hope to what God will do next.

In Christ,

Pastor Jason Northridge

St. Paul Lutheran Church Congregation Council Annual Report
September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35 **"***for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me*."

How are we living our purpose and principles? What do we have to celebrate?

Members of the 2026 council were Sharon Bortner (2027), Sherry Cracium-Bolin (2028), Amy Feeser (2027), Dan Fuhrman (2027), Russell Kaltreider (2028), Frank Hueske (2026), Donna Lehman (2026), Pat McConville (2026), Tom Miller (2027), Doug Riley (2028), Cindy Schmidt (2026), Mary Yohe (2028), Pastor Jason Northridge (December 1, 2025) Pastor Daniel Yeiser, Bridge Pastor (through November 30, 2026), and Linda Zellers (Secretary). Outgoing council members were Dan Kiser and Dave Maus.

Officers of the council and the congregation for 2026 are:
President – Frank Hueske Vice-President – Russ Kaltreider
Treasurer – Sherry Cracium-Bolin Secretary – Linda Zellers

The committee liaisons for 2026 are as follows:
Worship – Donna Lehman, Mary Yohe
Parish Education/Youth – Tom Miller
Property – Dan Fuhrman
Evangelism – Russ Kaltreider
Fellowship – Doug Riley
Finance – Sharon Bortner
Faith in Action – Cindy Schmidt
Stewardship – Amy Feeser, Pat McConville
Grocery Ministry – Cindy Schmidt

The council begins each meeting with devotions and prayer and then identifies how the congregation of St. Paul's is living our purpose and principles as well as what we have to celebrate.

Council Meetings

- regular session in 2025 on September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th and in 2026 on January 21st , February 17th, March 17th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th and August 19th;
- special sessions in 2025 on December 21st and in 2026 on March 8th and July 5th;

- electronically on August 30th;

In addition to receiving committee reports, the council did the following actions:

September 2025

- accepted the minutes of the August 20, 2025, council meeting and the minutes of the August 27, 2025, meeting with Pastor Jason Northridge and the Call Committee;
- accepted the August 31, 2025, Treasurer's Report subject to audit of the underlying records;
- adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM;

October 2025

- moved to the congregation St. Paul's updated constitution with corrections and subject to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's approval;
- accepted the submitted revisions as amended to St. Paul's resolutions including the addition of two new committees- Broadcasting and Grocery Ministry - and eliminating the Global Ministry Committee;
- moved to hold a farewell brunch for Pastor Yeiser be held on Sunday, November 23, 2025 and a monetary gift be given to Pastor Yeiser and a donation to a charity of his choice;
- approved use of Adventures in Ministry Funds to pay for Pastor Yeiser's brunch;
- approved including a line item in the 2026 budget for a visitation pastor;
- accepted the minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting;
- appointed Russ Kaltreider, Dan Kiser and Dave Maus to the Nominating Committee;
- moved selling the Poist Parking lot to the congregation at the annual meeting in December;
- appointed Jon Shaw to the Audit Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028;
- dissolved the Call Committee.
- approved the Evangelism Committee's request for soup supper during Lent with guest clergy;
- adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM;

November 2025

- accepted the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting;
- chose the Hanover Area Council of Churches to be January's designated giving;
- approved St. Paul's Cub Scout pack's request to change its charter to a family pack;
- approved the motion from the Finance Committee to move the 2026 budget to the congregation for approval at the annual congregational meeting;
- approved a Christmas gift to the staff;
- granted the request from the Men in Mission to hold a "Healthy Steps Program" from the York County Office of Aging on March 23, 2026, and March 30, 2026;
- approved the motion from the Property Committee to move $5,412.00 from the Capital Campaign Fund to the Endowment Fund to pay down the loan;
- accepted the October 31, 2025, Treasurer's report subject to the underlying records;
- adjourned the meeting 8:28 PM;

December 2025

- accepted the minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting;
- granted permission to the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 to use PreK classroom for a preschool program;
- allowed Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Treasurer, to finalize the radio shortage and use Adventures in Ministry Funds to pay the difference;
- disbanded the Constitution Taskforce;
- accepted the November 30, 2025, Treasurer's report subject to audit of the underlying records;
- adjourned the meeting 8:00 PM;

December 2025 Special Council Meeting (Reorganization Meeting

- Officers elected for 2026 were Frank Hueske, President; Russ Kaltreider, Vice-President; Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Treasurer; and Linda Zellers, Treasurer;
- adjourned the meeting 10:50 AM;

January 2026

In January 2026, motions were numbered for easy reference.

- CC2026.01.01 accepted the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting;
- CC2026.01.02 accepted the reorganization minutes of December 21, 2025;
- CC2026.01.03 moved the February council meeting to Tuesday, February 17th;
- CC2026.01.04 moved Missionary Support designated giving from February to March and that February designated giving be camperships;
- CC2026.01.05 approved the resolution for Pastor Northridge's 2026 housing allowance;
- CC2026.01.06 moved to send March's designated giving to the ELCA in support of missionaries;
- CC2026.01.07 moved to the congregation the creation of a visitation pastor position for ten hours a week at $40.00 per hour plus mileage with funding for 2026 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund;
- CC2026.01.08 approved Peg Sennett to move forward with updating or creating for approval, if none, policies and procedures;
- CC2026.01.09 approved the motion from the Worship and Music Committee to donate the piano in AV room to Marlene Shilling for use at Utz Terrace;
- CC2026.01.10 approved the motion to replace the bellows in the organ to be paid from Memorial Funds;
- CC2026.01.11 approved the motion from Christian Education Committee that St. Paul's will pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund;
- CC2026.01.12 approved a Dessert Auction on March 15, 2026, to support youth going to National Youth Gathering;
- CC2026.01.13 approved the motion from the Evangelism Committee to reinstate the Live Nativity on December 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM;
- CC2026.01.14 accepted the January 31, 2026, Treasurer's report subject to audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.01.15 adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM

February 2026

- CC2026.02.16 accepted the minutes of the January 21, 2026, council meeting;
- CC2026.02.17 approved St. Paul's as an emergency relocation center for Above and Beyond Christian Child Care Center;
- CC2026.02.18 made the McSherrystown Senior Center the designated giving for June;
- CC2026.02.19 created a Fellowship Committee to promote relationships within the congregation;
- CC2026.02.20 authorized funds for catering the meal following Pastor Northridge's installation;
- CC2026.02.21 approved the motion from Evangelism Committee to purchase Bibles in English and Spanish for Dan Blake to distribute using Adventures in Ministry funds;
- CC2026.02.22 approved using up to $5,000.00 from the Property Account for snow removal and any amount above that would come from the undesignated Spangler bequest;
- CC2026.02.23 accepted the January 31, 2026, Treasurer's report subject to audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.02.24 granted permission to the Hanover Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors to meet at St. Paul's on the second Monday of the month;
- CC2026.02.25 adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM;

March Special Council Meeting

- CC2026.03.25 extended medical leave for Steven Ruppright up to April 12, 2026, with continuation of salary;
- CC2026.03.26 adjourned the meeting;

March 2026

- CC2026.03.27 accepted the minutes of the February 17, 2026, council meeting,
- CC2026.03.28 granted permission to Bill Kirsch to hold a tuba recital for one of his music students on May 31, 2026;
- CC2026.03.29 approved St. Paul's to enter into a sixty-three month lease with Toshiba Business Solution for a new copier;
- CC2026.03.30 appointed Deb and Bill Sowers as representatives to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in June;
- CC2026.03.31 moved to pay Becky Ellis $25.00 per hour for non-organist duties;

- CC2026.03.32 approved the Evangelism Committee use of $200.00 from Adventures in Ministry Funds to fill Easter bags for children who come to Grocery Ministry and for St. Paul's youth;
- CC2026.03.33 approved up to $1,500.00 from Adventures in Ministry to fund the picnic;
- CC2026.03.34 approved using the $28,000.00 from the sale of the Poist Parking Lot to pay down the outstanding balance of the capital loan from the endowment fund;
- CC2026.03.35 accepted the February 28, 2026, Treasurer's report subject to audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.03.36 adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM;

April 2026

- CC2026.04.36 approved March 8, 2026 special council meeting minutes;
- CC2026.04.37 approved of March 17, 2026 council meeting minutes;
- CC2026.04.38 approved a donation of $52.00 to the United Lutheran Seminary in honor of the fifty-two graduating students with funds from Adventures in Ministry;
- CC2026.04.39 approved new members presented by Pastor Northridge;
- CC2026.04.40 approved updated job description of Visitation Pastor;
- CC2026.04.41 approved entering into a contract with the Reverend Doctor Dan Yeiser to be Visitation Pastor;
- CC2026.04.42 chose Hanover Against Hunger at September's Designated Giving;
- CC2026.04.43 adopted the Continuing Resolution for the Fellowship Committee;
- CC2026.04.44 adjourned the meeting;

May 2026

- CC2026.05.46 approved April 15, 2026 council meeting minutes;
- CC2026.05.47 denied use of kitchen for a baking business;
- CC2026.05.48 chose Lutheran Camping Corporation as July Designated Giving;
- CC2026.05.49 chose New Hope Ministries as August Designated Giving;
- CC2026.05.50 approved up to $2,000.00 from Adventures in Ministry for All Saints Confirmation Camp;

- CC2026.05.51 approved up to $1,200.00 from Adventures in Ministry for youth to attend Alive, a Lower Susquehanna Synod event;
- CC2026.05.52 approved up to $500.00 from Adventures in Ministry for security deposit for St. David's picnic grove;
- CC2026.05.53 moved to the congregation for approval the bid from Ault Paving to reseal and line the parking lots at cost of $12, 440.00 with funding from Adventures in Ministry at a congregational meeting on June 7, 2026 following worship;
- CC2026.05.54 approved the Treasurer's report of April 30, 2026, subject to the audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.04.55 adjourned the meeting;

June 2026

- CC2026.06.56 accepted the minutes of the May 20, 2026 council meeting;
- CC2026.06.57 moved to purchase God Work, Our Hands T-shirts using up to $350.00 of Adventures in Ministry Funds;
- CC2026.06.58 accepted the May 31, 2026, Treasurer's report subject to the audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.06.59 adjourned the meeting;

July 2026

- CC2026.07.60 accepted the $1,000,000 endowment, donated by an anonymous donor, which is designated to fund the hiring of a full-time rostered minister to promote and develop programs that advance Christian education, Sunday School classes, and youth ministries. It is not intended for the General Fund, salaries for other employees, or building improvements, except for improvements to the Youth Room, gym, theater, and Sunday School classrooms. The fund may also be used to purchase equipment that supports these purposes;
- CC2026.07.61 adjourned the meeting;

August 2026

- CC2026.08.62 accepted the meeting minutes of June 17, 2026;
- CC2026.08.63 accepted the special council minutes of July 5,2026;
- CC2026.08.64 approved the Men in Mission book sale on October 16 and 17, 2026;
- CC2026.08.65 approved the title of Youth, Family and Christian Education for the rostered minister per the Timothy Fund;

- CC2026.08.66 approved an additional $150.00 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund to pay for God's Work, Our Hands shirts;
- CC2026.08.67 authorized the use of Adventures in Ministry Funds to donate $500.00 to the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus Scholarship Fund;
- CC2026.08.68 gave permission to the Evangelism Committee to participate in Wellspan's Trunk or Treat night on October 19, 2026, from 6PM to 8PM;
- CC2026.08.69 approved the use of Adventures in Ministry Funds up to $350.00 to purchase handouts for Wellspan's Trunk or Treat night;
- CC2026.08.70 gave permission to the Fellowship Committee to sponsor an Oktoberfest on Sunday October 10, 2026;
- CC2026.08.71 approved the use of Adventures in Ministry Funds up to $500.00 for Oktoberfest;
- CC2026.08.72 approved $525.00 from Memorial Funds to pay for organ repair;
- CC2026.08.73 approved the July 31, 2026, Treasurer's Report subject to the audit of the underlying records;
- CC2026.08.74 approved new member, Kenneth Roser, Sr;
- CC2026.08.75 adjourned the meeting;

August 2026 Council Electronic Vote

- CC2026.08.76 formed a Call Committee of six members with one being from council. With twelve votes cast, the following were selected: Doug Riley (Council Representative), Beth Fissel, Christopher Johnson, Bill Sowers, Lynne Thompson and Amanda (Louey)Wiles.

Council thanks you for your prayers and support.

Council meets the third Wednesday of each month. Unless stated as closed, meetings are open to members of the congregation.

Submitted by,
Linda P. Zellers, Secretary

"*And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me*" Matthew 25:40

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Congregational Meeting
September 28, 2025

On September 28, 2025, a Congregational Meeting was held following the 9:30 AM worship service for the purpose of voting to call Pastor Jason Northridge. as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. At 10:35 AM, Frank Hueske, president of the congregation, called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen. Frank offered prayer. Declaring a quorum, Frank read the motion to the congregation. He also presented the compensation and benefit package. As the motion to call Pastor Northridge came from the Congregation Council, the motion was ready for discussion. When Frank asked for any questions, there were none so the meeting was turned over to Joe Stepansky, Treasurer of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Following Mr. Stepansky's explanation of the voting process, he asked for questions. Since there were no questions, the tellers distributed the ballots. After the voting members voted, the tellers collected the ballots. Mr. Stepansky went with the tellers to count the votes.

Mr. Stepansky gave the results of the voting:

98 votes cast
91 yes votes (93%)
3 no votes
4 invalid votes

The Congregation voted to call Pastor Northridge to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pastor Northridge told the congregation that he will accept the call and looks forward to joining them in ministry.

Deb Sowers made the motion with second by Joan Witman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:05AM.

Submitted by
Linda P. Zellers
September 28, 2025

Annual Congregational Meeting
December 14, 2025

Purpose:
We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the congregational meeting minutes of December 1, 2024 and May 18, 2024; to accept the 2025 annual reports (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025); to adopt the 2026 budget, to elect council persons, to approve updates to St. Paul's constitution and to sell the parking lot adjacent to the former Poist property was held Sunday, December 14, 2025, in the sanctuary. At 10:35 AM, Frank Hueske, President, declared a quorum present and opened the meeting in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Pastor Jason Northridge offered prayer.

Congregational Minutes of December 1, 2024 and May 18, 2025 and 2025 annual reports (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025) were moved for acceptance by Peg Sennett with a second by Glenn Alwine. The motion carried.

Election of Council Members: Four three year terms ending in 2028 for council were open. The candidates for council were Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Russ Kaltreider, Doug Riley and Mary Yohe. Frank Hueske asked for nominations from the floor. With no further nominations, the vote was taken and Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Russ Kaltreider, Doug Riley and Mary Yohe were elected. Council members will be installed on Sunday, December 21, 2025.

St. Paul's Constitution Updates: Frank Hueske thanked the Constitution Taskforce for its work on updating the constitution. Janet Haack, second by Cindy Schmidt, made the motion to accept the updates to St. Paul's constitution. The motion carried.

2026 Budget: Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Treasurer, presented the 2026 budget to the congregation. Sherry explained the budget and asked for questions. The pastor's 2026 mileage is less than 2025 as 2025 was overestimated. Sherry explained what is included in the license and fees line item under Building and Grounds. The staff received a 3.5 percent increase. Staff health insurance decreases in 2026 when Carmen Buckley, Administrative Assistant, becomes eligible for Medicare. The bank fees include the program to help prevent fraudulent checks. Parish Education is less as any youth going to All Saints Confirmation Camp in 2026 will be paid from the Adventures in Ministry Fund. No one went to Confirmation Camp in 2025. Evangelism has no budget. Since no funds were budgeted, the committee will ask for Adventures in Ministry Funds for any projects. Cindy Schmidt, second by Peg Sennett, made the

motion that the congregation accept the 2026 budget as prepared by the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

Parking Lot at 28 East Middle Street: Frank Hueske said the offer from the owners of the former Poist building to purchase the parking lot adjacent to their property for $28,000.00 is still open. The lot was not repaved. St. Paul's would be liable for any injuries that might occur on that property. **Russ Kaltreider, second by Doug Riley, made a motion to sell the parking lot at 28 East Middle Street for $28,000.00. The motion carried.**

Cindy Schnidt, second by Chris Johnson, moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by,
Linda Zellers, Secretary

Congregational Meeting
February 22, 2026

On February 22, 2026, a Congregational Meeting was held following the 9:30 AM worship service for the purpose of creating a visitation pastor position. Frank Hueske, President of Council and the Congregation, declared a quorum present at 10:45 AM and opened the meeting in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Pastor Northridge prayed.

C2026.02.01 Frank Hueske presented the motion from council to the congregation to create a visitation pastor position for ten hours to 12 hours a week at $40.00 per hour plus mileage with funding for 2026 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund. The Visitation Pastor would be an independent contractor as St. Paul's has done previously.

It is estimated that at $40/hour for 10 to 12 hours/week the pay would be a maximum of $480/week or $24,960/year.

It is difficult to estimate mileage but at 6,000 miles/year, that cost would be $4,350 annually.

Since the estimated start date would be May 1, then the estimated total cost for the remainder of 2026 is $20,268. The cost would become part of the budget for 2027.

Pastor Northridge is on board with having this position and the Visitation Pastor would report to him in the organizational structure. The current visitation teams would also remain in place to supplement this very viable ministry.

Congregational Meeting
February 22, 2026 - continued

The floor was open for questions. A question was asked why the position was not salaried. The answer was given by Sherry Cracium-Bolin that hours may vary from week to week. With no further questions the vote was taken and passed.

C2026.02.02 Cindy Schmidt, second by Russ Johnson, made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Submitted by
Executive Committee
February 22, 2026

Congregational Meeting
June 7, 2026

On June 7, 2026, a Congregational Meeting was held following the 9:30 AM worship service for the purpose of approving the bid from Ault Paving to reseal and reline the parking lots. Frank Hueske, President of Council and the Congregation, declared a quorum present at 10:37 AM and opened the meeting in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Frank Hueske prayed.

C2026.06.03 Frank Hueske presented the motion from council to the congregation to approve the bid of $12,440.00 from Ault Paving to reseal and reline the parking lots to be paid from the Adventures in Ministry Fund.

Russ Johnson of the Property Committee explained the purpose to repave and reline is to preserve the integrity of the work completed in 2025.

Questions from the floor:

1) Deb Sowers asked how often will repaving and relining be necessary? Russ Johnson responded that resealing and relining will be necessary in four to five years.
2) Ken Roser asked if it is necessary. When his driveway was paved, his contractor said that resealing is not necessary. Russ Johnson responded that resealing and relining will protect our investment in the parking lots.

A concern about broken chains on the parking lot across Middle Street was referred to Property Committee.

Frank Hueske called for the vote. The motion was approved with one dissent.

C2026.06.04 Russ Kaltreider, second by Christopher Johnson, made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Submitted by
Linda P. Zellers
Secretary

Congregational Meeting
August 16, 2026

On August 16, 2026, a Congregational Meeting was held following the 9:30 AM worship service for the purpose of creating a Christian Education/Youth Rostered Minister Position. Frank Hueske, President of Council and the Congregation, declared a quorum present at 10:32 AM and opened the meeting in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Pastor Northridge prayed.

Frank Hueske explained that St. Paul's has been gifted a $1,000,000.00 endowment to call a fulltime rostered minister to serve in the areas of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. He then opened the floor for questions.

1) Lorraine Mason asked, "What will this minister do to be fulltime?" Pastor Northridge responded that in addition to current ministries in progress, the prospective minister may identify other ministries that we are not doing. The minister would also participate in worship services including preaching occasionally. Another possibility would be helping with communications. The endowment enables us to grow in ways that we do not know yet.
2) Deb Sowers shared that as Christian Education chair**,** she and the committee look forward to working with a Christian Education/Youth minister for guidance and planning.
3) Sherry Cracium-Bolin**,** Treasurer, explained that Brian Selby of Counsel Trust and she projected that**,** with earnings**,** the Timothy Fund would have approximately a fifteen year life span. The donor of the fund allowed for others to contribute to the fund.
4) Suzanne Butler said that she sees this position as educational opportunities for adults as well as youth**.** Pastor led Bible studies are missed.
5) Guy Ei asked about prospective rostered minister preaching. Pastor Northridge stated that the minister would participate in worship including preaching.

6) Lorraine asked if this position would be filled by a lay person. The donor requests a rostered minister. Then she asked about availability of a candidate. Frank Hueske said that there is interest by rostered ministers for the position.
7) Patricia Miller, a prospective member, shared that she was encouraged by this gift, receiving this gift is one of the reasons she will be joining St. Paul's.

C2026.08.05 Bill Sowers, second by Peg Sennett, made the motion to create a fulltime Christian Education/Youth position to be filled by a rostered minister and paid by the Timothy Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

C2026.08.06 Doug Riley, second by Melissa Shue, made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Submitted by
Linda P. Zellers, Secretary

STAFF REPORTS

Music Ministry/Organist
Annual Report 2026

The Adult Choir I, which averages 20 members, rehearses weekly and sings at least once a month, plus special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Adult choir sings on all the festival Sundays and provides a wide variety of music.

The Adult Choir II (formerly known as Youth choir) rehearsed weekly and joined the Adult Choir whenever the Adult Choir sings. This Sunday rehearsal is open to any member of the adult choir. If some members might miss a Thursday rehearsal, they take advantage of this Sunday rehearsal.

The Heritage Choir, which averaged between 10 to 15 members, would rehearse once a month on Saturday morning, sometimes on Sunday morning, and supply music for worship one Sunday a month.

The Women's Ensemble sang on Christmas Eve and also during the offertory on Sundays when needed.

This past Good Friday Service, the choir presented a Tenebrae Cantata, “It Is Finished”, composed by Mary McDonald. This is the first cantata the choir has done in a number of years. It was well received and was a beautiful service.

Each week I report on all music, anthems, and hymns, which are printed in the bulletins and/or used on the livestream to ensure we follow copyright laws and our license agreements.

I select the hymns to be used at each service using a variety of resources. I add the hymns to a spreadsheet that the office and music staff use to create bulletins or to plan their music. I also select plan liturgy that is used in the various church seasons in association with the pastor.

I proofread the musical part of the bulletins each week to ensure the hymns, liturgy and musical selections are correct.

My time also includes selecting and practicing organ music and practicing choir anthem accompaniments.

There were a few Sundays when the music staff provided the offertory music instead of any choir singing.

I attended online webinars and events such as:

- New Music Readings
- New music for worship – Vocal and Organ Music
- Liturgy and the church
- Mixing liturgies and hymns
- Planning for the various church seasons

Thank you, Lori and Gretchen, for your dedication to the music program at St Paul’s. We have a wonderful music team and music ministry at St Paul’s.

Thank you to Becky Ellis, my substitute organist, for playing when I am on vacation.

Special thanks to Diana Leppo, Kathy Bishop and Wendy O’Brien who are the music librarians for the Adult choir. They keep the music straight, pass out the music and files it again when we have finished with a piece.

Respectfully,
Steven Ruppright
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Process For Selecting Anthems

- We look at the readings and images for the Sundays we have and get an idea of what music would be proper for each Sunday.
- We look for music to match the Service and look at the difficulty of the piece. We have an idea of the number we will have in each group, so we try to match the music to the ability of the group. Sometimes this changes once the choirs begin rehearsing.
- We spend a great amount of time going through the files, looking for music to use. We also look at latest music from publishers. We try to use what we have in our files and try to limit the buying of new music.
- Since we are live streaming and recording our services, we now check to ensure the piece selected for a given day is covered under one of the licenses the church has for copyrighted music. We check the listing for each license and sometimes we will need to contact a publisher and ask for permission to record or live stream the music. If permission is not given, we start all over again to find a new piece of music for that service.
- Once the rehearsals begin, we try to get a calendar out so members of the various groups have an idea of the services they will be leading with song. If we have a service where we might be short of singers or players, we look at the music and change it if we need to. This means going through the process again to find another piece.

Director Of Handbell Choir

Our handbell choir consisted of 11 ringers this year. We rehearsed from September to May and played for services 1-2 times per month.

On occasion we combined handbells with the adult and/or children's choir to add a fuller sound to their vocal selections.

Along with directing the choir, I played handbells in two additional anthems with other members of our music staff.

Additional duties and volunteer activities -

- Accompanist for Childrens Choir on occasion
- Member of Faith in Action Committee
- Vacation Bible School Helper

I take pride in the musical groups here at St. Paul's and look forward to being a part of these groups moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Rebling

Director Of Children's Music

Again this year I lead music enrichment activities and taught songs which we shared with the congregation once a month as a musical offering during the worship service, often accompanied with percussion instruments or ASL.

Along with directing these anthems sung by the children, I played the handbells with the other Music Department staff members and was the cantor for a few Sundays in Advent and Good Friday services.

It has been my great joy to serve as your Children's Choir Director and I look forward to continuing to grow and improve in this position and in my service to St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Walter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee
September 1, 2025 To August 31, 2026 Report

Committee members are: Deb Sowers, chairperson; Tom Miller (Council Liaison), Bill Sowers, and Linda Zellers, recorder.

Committee organized Faith Formation rotation classes for elementary-age children, provided confirmation instruction and Adult Bible Studies, supported the activities of Youth and Family and Vacation Bible School and choose Lenten and Advent Devotional materials.

Rotation Faith Formation began September 14, 2025, for children in PreK through 12th grade. All gathered for an opening and then split into groups-PreK, Kindergarten to 6th grade, and 7th grade through 12th grade. Students participated in music, games, and other activities. The children met following the service for forty-five minutes. The lessons are from Sparkhouse. Thank you to all who taught a class or assisted with a class.

During the summer, Deb Sowers sent a weekly email containing a video and other material to be used at home.

In 2026, Vacation Bible School was held July 27th to July 31st at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Lynne Thompson from St. Paul's and Karen Feeser from St; Mark coordinated the program with Pastor Kirk. Forty children attended.

Christian Education Committee
September 1, 2025 To August 31, 2026 Report - continued

Adult Education: On Sunday, Russ Kaltreider led an adult Faith Formation Class using Daily Discipleship from the ELCA. Daily Discipleship follows the lectionary. During the Fall, Gay Dickson led a book study," Anxious for Nothing", by Max Lucado. During Advent 2025, Linda Zellers lead a class on "Our Dear Christ Enters In" on Tuesday mornings. During Lent 2026, Gay Dickson led a study of "Gospeled Lives: Encounters with Jesus" by John Indermark.

Confirmation class was held once a month following the worship service with five youth attending. Using the Here We Stand curriculum by Augsburg Fortress; participants learned about the tenets of the Lutheran tradition. In February, a family retreat was held at Camp Nawakwa where the Ten Commandments were reviewed and explored. All Saints Confirmation Camp was held June 14 – 19, 2026. Deb Sowers attended as the representative from St. Paul's. Two youth attended.

The committee asked the church council to pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund.

The committee supported the dinner and dessert auction in March 2026.

The committee gives thanks to God for the gift to call a rostered minister of Youth, Family and Christian Education. The committee looks forward to supporting and working with the rostered minister to provide life long learning of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Zellers, recorder

Faith In Action Committee
September 2025—September 2026

The members of the Faith in Action Committee are Lori Rebling, Cindy Schmidt (Council Rep), Cindy Selby, Beth Fissel, and Janet Haack.

The Faith In Action Committee would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for being so generous and giving so much to help others in our community and around the world. God's blessings to you all.

Welcome Baskets For New Parents—This is an on-going project. No baskets were delivered to any new parents in the congregation.

Faith In Action Committee
September 2025—September 2026 - continued

2025 School Kits—We made 113 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief on **God's Work Our Hands Sunday.** They were delivered to New Windsor, MD to Lutheran World Relief. Extra school supplies were taken to New Hope ministries. Some supplies were kept for use in 2026 School Kits. Project.

Operation Christtmas Child Boxes—Lori Rebling delivered 42 boxes to the receiving center in Littlestown PA.

Christmas Blessings-–This year we again decided to fulfil the request received from New Hope Ministries in Hanover for unwrapped Christmas presents. Their clients are then able to shop for their families. We were able to deliver 130 pounds of gifts or over 95 individual gifts to New Hope Ministries in December 2025.

Cards For Homebound—Members of the church are asked to sign up for one homebound member and to make a year's commitment to send appropriate cards to that particular shut-in through 2026. The sign-up sheet was completely filled and cards are being sent. (If you would like to receive cards through the year, please let Carmen know and you can be included on the list).

Souper Bowl—The Souper Bowl ran through the month of February 2026. All soups collected were given to the Saturday Morning Grocery ministry here at St. Paul's. A special thanks to the Daisy Troop 81320 who carried all the cans down to the Gym for the committee. We collected over 500 cans this year surpassing last year's goal of 400. JOB WELL DONE!

Lenten Project—The committee decided to assist our sister Lutheran church in Abbottstown, St. John's, with their Diaper Clinic. We collected disposable diapers of all sizes and wipes for Lent. We were able to give them **173.5 dozen diapers** and over **8,000 wipes.** What a huge success this was for all involved.

Milestone Birthdays And Anniversaries—The Faith In Action Committee is in charge of this ministry at St. Paul's Church. **We thank Peggy Schlicter, Sally Lovelace, Linda Knapp, Linda Zellers, Judy Zumbrum, and Kitty Angel,** who are the ladies that send out the cards for milestone birthdays and anniversaries in 2026. They do a great job in keeping the committee informed when they need supplies of cards, stamps, and return addresses. Thanks to Carmen for making up the list.

School Kits—in July and August, the Committee began its 2026 School Kits Drive. This year the Committee hopes to fill 108 backpacks with school supplies. We also applied for a $250 grant from Thrivent to help with the project. These bags will be fill in September and taken to Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA..

Our Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of St. Paul's for their generosity this year. You have surpassed all our greatest hopes with your giving. **We invite anyone who is interested in this kind of outreach to join our committee. We are looking for new ideas and new ways to help others.**

Property Committee Annual Report 2026

Property Committee**,** through routine inspection and monitoring, assures that the physical structure and infrastructure of the building(s) and the appearance of the grounds are in working order, providing a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment aligning with the vision and expectations of the congregation.

During this past year, the Committee coordinated the following major projects financed from the remainder of the Raubenstine Bequest, donations from parishioners, sale of the small parking lot, and a loan from the Endowment Fund. Total project costs were $162,000.

- Paving of three parking lots
- Chimney and parapet wall masonry repairs
- Replacement of the roof over the sanctuary section of the building
- Pressure washing of building, window sills and sidewalks

Developed a Permitted Parking Policy and assigned 9 parking spaces to our neighbors.

Lighting was improved in the gym, motion lighting installed in classrooms, and research is underway for improved sanctuary lighting.

Installed new floor tiles in elevator and elevator access to facilitate smooth operation of Grocery Ministry carts.

In the research stage is an updated Building Security Policy and System that will address access to the building, fire protection with motion detectors, and interior/exterior cameras. Arrangements are underway for Ausherman Painting to finish the project started two years ago when the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall were painted.

Hired Dirk Wildasin as Maintenance Technician, who along with Jamie Spangler, Housekeeper, perform routine maintenance functions and keep our building clean.

Property Committee: Russ Johnson Chair, Dan Feeser, Tom Witman, Peg Sennett, Dirk Wildasin, and Dan Fuhrman Council Representative.

Worship and Music Annual Report
September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

The church life of St Paul's grew and expanded greatly in the last year. We welcomed Pastor Jason Northridge as our senior pastor on December 1, 2025. All were excited to be moving forward with his call!

We welcomed the Gettysburg Choral Arts Society again around Memorial Day for a patriotic concert that was well attended by many from our outside community. On Easter our senior choir performed a cantata to make this High Holiday even more special. Then in June we had the Spring Grove Alumni Choir lead our worship. One of the great strengths of our church is the beautiful music that we have! We are so fortunate to have such talent inside our church, as well as performers available from the community.

For the first time in many years, we gathered for a church picnic and worship. It was wonderful to bring that tradition back to our congregation once again.

The Worship and Music Committee is also trying to find new ways to improve our worship services. We have added a few chairs at the back of the Sanctuary to allow those who may be "perfume sensitive" to be able to sit away from any perfume odors. We also have begun to add another Communion Distributor to serve communion to the Bell Choir in the balcony when they play, which takes away the stress of the choir having to rush down the steps at the end of communion. Pastor Jason has urged the children of our congregation to become more active in our services by having them offer the Prayer of the Day each week.

The live-streaming team has been working very hard to make our service easy to see and to hear by others on the radio and on Facebook. Unfortunately, the equipment is very old, so they have been looking for a better and easier solution for use. Hopefully this will be fulfilled by next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Butler, Worship and Music Chair

GROUPS OF ST. PAUL'S

P.A.L. (Provide A Lunch) Teams

The **Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)** is a program offered by the Hanover Area Council pf Churches. It offered its first meal in Hanover on April 23, 1983. The PAL lunch provides a hot, healthy, well-balanced meal daily for Meals On Wheels and walk-in residents. These meals are prepared and served at the Hanover Area Council of Churches building on Carlisle Street . There are over 30 member churches who volunteer their time and help to cook, prepare, and serve the meals to the community in need. St. Paul's is one of these churches. We have three teams that volunteer to do this on a rotating schedule. One of St. Paul's three teams prepares a meal every three weeks throughout the year. The following teams have committed themselves to this ministry:

Team 1--Leader: Deb Wolfe
Team 2--Leader: Diana Leppo
Team 3--Leader: Cindy Fuhrman

Each team works every nine weeks. So there is a team from St. Paul's volunteering at Hanover Area Council of Churches every three weeks for the PAL Luncheon. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry please contact any one of the Team Leaders for more information.

2026 Camperships

In 2026, St. Paul's provided camperships for eight children to attend a week at Camp Nawakwa. Additionally we sent three families (total of nine individuals) to Family Camp at Camp Nawakwa. The overall cost was $9,410 with $1,801 funded from February 2026 designated giving and the balance of $7,609 paid through our Endowment Fund via Adventures in Ministry funding. Camp highlights and favorites included the food, the swimming pool, hiking, sleeping out in the treehouse and the hammock hide-a-way, bible study, the low ropes course and tie dying crafts.

Laura Silver St. Paul's Camp Person

Lutheran Men In Mission

Our Men's group meets the fourth Saturday of each month for breakfast and some good conversation. Building stronger relationships with God and each other and how we can better serve our church and community, are part of the conversation.

This past year we sponsored two events held by York County Office of the Aging: which included a seminar titled "Health Steps". This was held on two days talking about how to live healthier lives. We also held our 7th annual Used Book Sale in October which was a huge success. All donations received were given to our Boy Scout troop, St. Paul's youth group, Girl Scouts, and Hanover Street Elementary.

We invite all men of St. Paul's to join us in conversation each month. Active members include: Glenn Alwine, Steve Busler, Bob Colehouse, Russell Johnson, Pete Lehigh, John Reitz, Alex Riley, Doug Riley, Gary Smith, Leroy Zellers, and Matt Kacar.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Colehouse

St. Paul's Book Club

This year St. Paul's Book Club changed the meeting time from 12:30pm to 12:45pm so that we could attend the Wednesday Meditation in the lounge. We then meet in the Conference Room on the second floor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Everyone is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and a drink. This change has worked out well for us.

We read and discussed 10 books this year. There was quite a variety of literature that we discussed. We also had an opportunity to have a local author come and speak to the group. Buffy Andrews, a local York author, discussed her book Then Came Hope, which we read, then she read the prologue and first chapter of her latest book. She also brought along several of her other novels that we could purchase. We met at Cindy Selby's house on a very hot evening in July. Thank goodness Cindy allowed us to come inside where it was air conditioned. It was a very informative meeting.

The Book Club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 12:45pm in the Conference room. We do not meet in December or July. If you are a reader, we invite you to come to a meeting for good discussion and good fellowship. Watch for the next book we will be reading in the Evangel. Hope to see you!

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Haack

Grocery Ministry

Grocery Ministry knows first-hand what "We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously" means. Our congregation, YOU, provided Grocery Ministry with

- 9289 pounds of food through the Souperbowl and Christmas/Easter food collections
- 600 grocery bags
- 2 carts
- $17,2870.25 (donations and grants) *

Your generosity, combined with our donations from New Hope and non-cost food from the York County Food Bank, totaled 39,704.74 pounds. We purchased 16,694.31 pounds from the York County Food Bank. That totals 8 tons of food provided to our 342 neighborhood households! Our cost for all purchased food and supplies was $18,256.81*.

Eighty-one volunteers generously served over 2,490 hours unloading, packing and distributing 3,269 bags. Each bag averaged 15.89 pounds and cost $4.36.

St. Paul's call through Christ to praise God and love generously has contributed to easing food insecurity to our community.

*Pending audit

Thank you for your continued support!

Grocery Committee

GROUPS MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S in 2025-2026

- Boy Scout Troop 102 – New Birth of Freedom Council
- Blue and Grey District, Cub Scout Troop 102
- Daisy Troop 81320, Brownie Troop 81710, Junior Troop 80727, Girl Scout Troop 81659
- Music and Motion
- Mason-Dixon Chapter of Narcotics Anonymous

Cub Scout Troop 102 Report

Our pack starts the year in September and usually runs until the beginning of May. During that time, we have den meetings 3 out of the 4 weeks of the month, then on the 4th Thursday we have a pack meeting. The den meetings are grade specific and the scouts focus on activities that are geared towards their grade level. The pack meetings bring all the dens together and that is when the scouts receive their awards and talk about what they have been doing. While we do not have den meetings during the summer, we do have activities usually once or twice a month to keep us connected during the summer. We want to thank St. Paul's Church for continuing to be our Chartered Organization.

September	We started the year with 18 scouts and 8 registered adults. We had popcorn booth at Sam's Club and individual scouts sold popcorn and nuts to raise money for our Pack.
October	We had a Halloween Party with costumes, games and snacks.
November	Scouting for Food, the Pack gave 523 lbs of nonperishables to New Hope Ministries. Several scouts also participated in the Hanover Holiday Parade.
December	The pack celebrated with a Christmas Party.
January	The Arrow of Light den went on an overnight campout at Camp Conewago. The pack had a Country Meat Stick fund raiser.
February	We participated in Boy Scout Sunday at the church and held our Blue and Gold banquet.
March	Winter Camp at Camp Tuckahoe. The boys take turns making meals and then cleaning up after themselves. We worked on their Pinewood Derby cars. They went on hikes, played in the woods and acted like kids. Had our Pinewood Derby and the Arrow of Light den crossed over to Boy Scouts. Started our sub and sandwich fund raiser.
April	We went on a hike at Mary Ann Furnace Trail.
May	Camp Conewago, end of year awards and campout. There was tent camping and cabin camping, playing, cooking and eating. The pack started working on the Liberty in Action requirements, which are activities that help to celebrate America's 250th. Memorial Day Parade
June	
July	Bowling at South Hanover Lanes. We had 5 scouts participate in council's Adventure Camp; we also attended a York Revolutions ballgame.
August	Codorus picnic and planning meeting.

Music And Motion

Music And Motion is happy to be celebrating its 20th year at St. Paul's.

We continue to offer music enrichment classes for over 150 students ages 0 through 10 years and we held our annual end of year recital in May with a full sanctuary.

Throughout the year the Music And Motion instruments were used for music enrichment activities during the Children's Choir rehearsals at St. Paul's as well as used in many of the anthems sung during the Sunday Worship Service.

We would like to thank the congregation and staff of St. Paul's for their support of the Music And Motion program and for their appreciation of the importance of music in the lives of children.

Respectfully submitted,
Music And Motion
www.mumo.us

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

2026 CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Baptized members as of 8/31/2026	1020
Active/Confirmed members as of 8/31/2026	262
Non-voting/Confirmed members as of 8/31/2026	438
Baptized/Unconfirmed members as of 8/31/2026	128
Baptisms	1
Confirmations	0
Marriages	0
Deaths	11
Members received	7
Members released by transfer	1
Members removed by their own request	0
Average weekly worship attendance – 9:30 am – through 8/31/2026	97
Average weekly Facebook worship – 9:30 am–through 8/31/2026	26
Average weekly Saturday worship attendance	11
Christmas Eve 2025 Streaming - 28	205
Ash Wednesday 2026	80
Holy Week - Maundy Thursday Steaming - 18 Noon – 18 7 pm - 33	
Good Friday Streaming - 14 Noon – 14 7 pm - 68	

2025/2026 SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING

Sept. ‘25	Lutheran Disaster Response – Texas Floods	$1,775
Oct. ’25	Sister Congregation in Tanzania	$745
Nov. ’25	World Hunger	$1,037
Dec. ’25	H.A.C.C. Changing Lives Shelter	$926
Jan. ‘26	Hanover Area Council of Churches	$996
Feb. ‘26	St. Paul's Camperships	$1,611
March ‘26	Missionary Support	$735
April ‘26	St. Paul’s Family Crisis Fund	$1,480
May ‘26	St. Paul’s Sabbatical Fund	$706
June ‘26	McSherrystown Senior Center	$586
July ‘26	Lutheran Camping Corporation	$1,161
August ‘26	New Hope Ministeries	$931

TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING FOR Sept. 2025 - Aug. 2026 $12,689

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of Aug 31, 2026

	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Aug-26
110000 Checking/Savings Accounts				
110100 Checking Operating	26,947	34,824	7,703	17,001
110200 Checking - Property	8,485	5,242	6,521	8,444
110300 Checking - Memorial	16,561	12,498	11,898	22,665
110500 Checking - Orrstown Bank (deleted)	-	-	-	-
110600 Checking - ELCA Youth Gathering	11,306	13,531	13,661	13,661
110700 CD - Orrstown Bank	-	-	-	-
110800 Payroll Holding	-	-	-	-
Total for 110000 Checking/Savings Accounts	**$ 63,298**	**$ 66,095**	**$ 39,783**	**$ 61,772**
111000 Investments - Counsel Trust				
111005 Endowment Fund Main	991,561	986,155	1,094,787	1,114,434
111010 Family Crisis Fund	3,357	3,358	2,792	2,844
111020 Sabbatical Policy Fund	43,291	43,313	46,776	48,083
111030 Marsh Family Fund	83,271	83,313	89,974	92,487
111040 Mission Trip Fund	15,003	15,011	16,211	16,663
111050 Gladys Raubenstine Fund	-	-	-	-
111060 Spangler Fund	30,152	30,167	20,579	21,154
111090 Loan to SPL - Capital Projects	75,572	75,572	47,572	47,572
111500 Timothy Fund	-	-	-	1,000,000
Total for 111000 Investments - Counsel Trust	**$ 1,242,207**	**$ 1,236,889**	**$ 1,318,690**	**$ 2,343,237**

St Paul's Endowment - Adventures in Ministries
SMC 9.16.26

Carryforward from 2025	$ 112,986.00	
Calculated for 2026 - per spending policy	$ 57,055.00	
Total AIM Available 1/1/2026	$ 170,041.00	
2025 approved - not paid till March 2026	$ (6,249.61)	*approved in 2025, paid in 2026, did not reduce carryforward above
Camperships - approved Jan 2026	$ (2,819.00)	
Paster Installation Lunch - approved Feb 2026	$ (1,621.80)	*approved up to $2,000
Spanish Bibles re: Dan Blake - approved Feb 2026	$ (249.42)	*approved up to $250
Children's Easter Bags - approved Mar 2026	$ (200.00)	
United Lutheran Seminary - approved Apr 2026	$ (52.00)	
Church Picnic Pavilion Rental - approved	$ (300.00)	
Church Picnic - approved May 2026	$ (331.81)	*approved up to $500
Confirmation Camp - approved May 2026	$ (1,040.00)	*approved up to $2000
Parking Lot Sealing - approved May 2026	$ (12,270.00)	*paid from AIM directly in August 2026
Additional Camperships - approved January 2026	$ (4,790.00)	
Visitation Pastor - June 2026	$ (1,079.63)	
Visitation Pastor - July 2026	$ (1,627.18)	
Visitation Pastor - August 2026	$ (1,969.32)	
Spring Grove Chorus - donation approved Aug 2026	$ (500.00)	*paid from checking after Aug meeting
Youth ALIVE Event - approved May 2026	$ (1,200.00)	*not yet spent - Sept cc payment
Visitation Pastor - approved Feb 2026	$ (15,591.87)	*estimate of remaining approved 2026
Sisters In Faith Retreat Scholarships - approved Aug 2026	$ (2,000.00)	*estimate approved up to - $100/participant, $200/leader (1)
Gods Work Our Hands Tshirts - approved June 2026	$ (350.00)	*up to $350 approved - Sept cc payment
Balance after approved AIM Expenses YTD	$ 115,799.36	

St Paul's Lutheran - Budget vs. Actuals

January-August, 2026 (SMC 9.16.26)

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) budget by	% of budget
Income				
140000 Parish Ministry Offerings	177,972	198,682	(20,710)	90%
141100 Unrestricted Bequests	12,500	14,000	(1,500)	89%
141200 Rents & Facility Donations	2,930	3,925	(995)	75%
240100 ELCA - Churchwide Offerings	13,148	16,300	(3,152)	81%
343300 Grocery Ministry Donations	7,408	6,040	1,368	123%
440100 Property Maintenance Offerings	8,905	18,668	(9,763)	48%
Total for Income	**$222,863**	**$257,615**	**$(34,752)**	**87%**
Expenses				
154000 Pastoral Expenses				
154100 Pastor - Salary & Housing	51,735	51,738	(3)	100%
154300 Medical Insurance	10,582	10,668	(86)	99%
154400 Retirement Plan Contributions	6,328	6,208	120	102%
154500 Mileage Reimbursement	-	800	(800)	0%
154600 Continuing Education	-	668	(668)	0%
154700 Called Staff Vacation Repl.	-	750	(750)	0%
Total for 154000 Pastoral Expenses	**$68,645**	**$70,832**	**$(2,187)**	**97%**
160000 Building & Grounds Expenses				
160010 Lay Staff Payroll - Building	11,266	21,355	(10,089)	53%
160015 Lay Staff PR Taxes - Building	862	1,636	(774)	53%
160100 Bldg Maint. and Housekeeping	4,145	2,000	2,145	207%
160200 Heat	7,170	5,940	1,230	121%
160400 Property Insurance	4,418	6,450	(2,032)	69%
160500 Electric	13,599	9,332	4,267	146%
160600 Water, Sewer, Stormwater	1,624	1,950	(326)	83%
160700 Refuse	420	415	5	101%
160800 Pest Control	732	400	332	183%
160900 Licenses & Fees	3,196	3,500	(304)	91%
470100 Property Maint. Projects	13,749	18,668	(4,919)	74%
Total for 160000 Building & Grounds Expenses	**$61,182**	**$71,646**	**$(10,464)**	**85%**
161000 Administrative Expenses				
160300 Worker's Comp Insurance	507	900	(393)	56%
161010 Lay Staff Payroll - Admin	20,634	25,160	(4,526)	82%
161015 Payroll Taxes - Admin	1,578	1,922	(344)	82%
161016 Health Insurance - Admin	2,936	2,740	196	107%
161100 Bank Charges & Fees	1,490	800	690	186%
161200 Printing, Postage & Supplies	3,480	2,100	1,380	166%
161300 Accounting	3,337	3,000	337	111%
161400 Telephone/Internet	1,694	2,400	(706)	71%

161500 Office Equip./Maint. & Computer	2,875	2,800	75	103%
161600 Conferences/Conventions	709	1,000	(291)	71%
161700 Miscellaneous Expenses	1,947	668	1,279	291%
Total for 161000 Administrative Expenses	**$41,188**	**$43,490**	**$(2,302)**	**95%**
162000 Music & Worship				
162010 Lay Staff Payroll - Music	37,242	37,071	171	100%
162015 Payroll Taxes - Music	2,669	2,838	(169)	94%
162016 Music Replacement & Cont Ed	3,148	1,332	1,816	236%
162100 Choir & Music Supp. & Serv.	789	1,332	(543)	59%
162200 Worship Supplies	1,701	1,000	701	170%
162300 Organ & Piano Care	750	1,032	(282)	73%
162400 Streaming Expenses	33	348	(315)	9%
Total for 162000 Music & Worship	**$46,333**	**$44,953**	**$1,380**	**103%**
163000 Parish Education Committee	2,483	2,854	$(371)	87%
164902 Fellowship Committee	159	-	159	100%
165000 Stewardship Committee	751	1,200	$(449)	63%
166000 Faith In Action Committee	-	300	(300)	0%
260100 ELCA - Churchwide Payments	13,149	16,300	(3,151)	81%
351300 Grocery Ministry Expenses	14,424	6,040	8,384	239%
Total for Expenses	**$248,312**	**$257,615**	**$(9,303)**	**96%**
Net Operating Income	**$(25,450)**	**$0**	**$(25,450)**	

Other Income	
343200 Monthy Designated Giving	8,206
440200 Capital Fund Offerings	32,425
548000 Youth Ministries Income	2,355
645000 Memorial Fund Income	11,345
946000 Endowment/Investment Earnings	138,666
947500 Timothy Fund - Donations Received	1,000,000
Total for Other Income	**$1,192,997**
Other Expenses	
151000 Reimbursed Expenses (Net)	(344)
151100 Reimbused Exp Flower Expenses	507
151200 Reimb Exp Radio Expenses	1,687
151400 Other Reimbursed Expenses	(651)
Total for 151000 Reimbursed Expenses (Net)	**$1,199**
154800 Pastor Discretionary Fund	100
154850 Family Crisis-Exec Approved	2,417
351200 Monthly Designated Outreach	5,930
655000 Memorial Fund Expenditures	3,164
656000 Adventures In Ministry	22,251
Total for Other Expenses	**$35,060**
Net Other Income	**$1,157,937**
Net Income	**$1,132,488**

This 2026 Annual Report (September 2025 through August 2026) will be approved at the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2026.