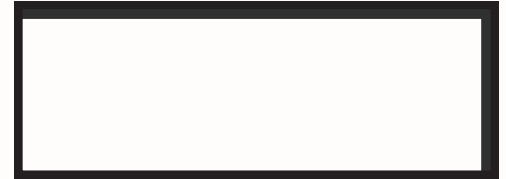




St. Paul Lutheran Church
51490 Laurel Road
South Bend, IN 46637

The Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



St. Paul Epistle

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July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 AM to Noon Euchre Club	2	3 9:00 AM Men's Bible Class	4  Church office closed	5
6 10:15 AM Worship w/Holy Communion	7 10:00 AM Healthy Friends 7:00 PM Valleyaires	8	9	10 9:00 AM Men's Bible Class	11	12
13 9 AM Bible Class & Kingdom Camp 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Meal	14 10:00 AM Healthy Friends 7:00 PM Valleyaires	15 10:30 AM to Noon Euchre Club 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Narthex in Use	16	17 9:00 AM Men's Bible Class	18	19
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M,T,W,F 9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
(Always best to call before you come)

ST. PAUL EPISTLE



Foreigners and Exiles

"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul." - 1 Peter 2:11

In today's age I think the most apt biblical description of us is that as Christians we are foreigners and exiles. We are living in a context that makes our values, our viewpoint, and our actions often weird. The hard part is that this isn't a visible manifestation of our differences. When we think of foreigners we often think of people who look different than us, either by physical appearance or by style and practice. As Christian who used to be part of the mainstream of culture, people are often genuinely surprised when we don't act like them and think like them.

This in turn is what makes us feel like exiles, like we have no home or like we don't have anywhere to belong. When the people who look like you and used to be part of your parents' club, neighborhood, or church no longer value what you value and no longer see the world the way you see it, it can feel lonely and dangerous.

We may look like those around us, but when we pause, we see that we don't really fit in anymore. We don't really belong as an insider anymore. That is a really uncomfortable feeling.

In response to that, if we want to remain a Christian, we can do one of two things. We can take ourselves out of the community. That is to say we can try and be apart from the world and stop associating with it. We can make Church bookstores and coffee shops and have a church directory of Christian businesses to support and try and only shop there. We can become enclaves of Christianity within the culture but not associating with it. This is essentially the model the Jews were using during Jesus' day. It is often born out of fear and a desire to protect what you have.

The other option, the option I believe we are called to, is to live faithfully within the culture as Christians. If you deplore the state of public schools, or politics, or the entertainment world, or the business world, then do two things: pray for it and for those within it, and if you have a talent or gift in one of those areas, use it faithfully within those areas. We need faithful Christian teachers in the public school. We need faithful Christians in politics and business. We need faithful Christians making not "Christian" art, but good art that is informed by our faith.

We need to be Christians in the world, not removing ourselves from it. Now that will be difficult to be sure, but Christ never called us to what is easy, He called upon us to take up our Cross. This also means that you need to nurture community with other Christians who will support you and pray for you. It also means you need to nurture relationships with other Christians with whom you can discuss how to navigate living in a world and culture where you are an exile and foreigner. This is why Paul had a team of missionaries; this is why Daniel had his three friends to support, pray with and strengthen each other. It's how Esther could call on the whole community to support her as a foreigner doing what God had called her to in a foreign land. May we strengthen the love and fellowship we have with one another so that we can go out from gathering as a Church and live faithfully in our workplaces and communities.



Installation of Officers
Sunday, July 13
During Worship Service

The following will be installed

President - Scott Rowsell

Treasurer - Doris Merkle

Christian Education- Hannah Swift

Evangelism - Chris Skibbe

Finance - Mike Skibbe

Elders - Craig Keefe & Jim Snodgrass

RLA Delegates

Herb Dorn

Bob Rohweder

Jeff Weiss



Worship Anew Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc engages and equips aging adults with resource to live a full and abundant life in Jesus Christ. Worship Anew is out of Fort Wayne, IN and has a worship service on WCWW-TV CW {Channel 25} at 11:30 AM on Sundays.

*Mark
your
Calendar*



Coffee Hour
Sunday, July 27
Following the Worship Service
in the Narthex



Sponsored by the
 Hospitality Committee



**Resurrection
Lutheran
Academy**

**GOLF
FOR
Scholarships**

**BENEFITTING
THE DALE TIMM
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

AUGUST 2, 2025

ELBEL GOLF COURSE

- Per Player \$100
- Team of 4 \$400

**Sponsorship
Levels**

**\$175 OR
250**

DETAILS

18 holes at Elbel Golf Course
 Golf Cart Included
 4- Person Scramble

AGENDA

8:00 - 8:45 AM Golf Registration
 9:00 AM Shotgun Start
 Upon finishing Lunch, Awards, and
 6840 Nimtz Happy Hour at RLA
 Parkway

SCAN ME

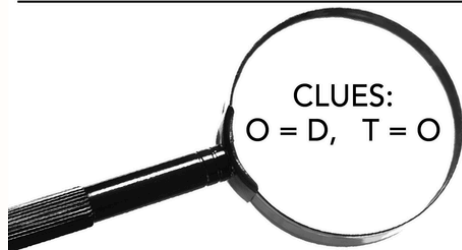
Register Now
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574-272-2200 office@rlasouthbend.com

Kids Page for all Ages!

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 27:1, NIV.



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$\frac{B}{T B G}$ $\frac{U B G}{E H A F M}$

Proverbs 27:1, NIV

Answers: Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
Proverbs 27:1, NIV



TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. _____

A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. _____

Having deep understanding and sound judgment. _____

A person in charge of military troops. _____

A person in authority. _____

The season when daylight hours are longest. _____

A substance you eat for nutrition. _____

When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. _____



Go to the _____, you _____;

consider its ways and be _____!

It has no _____, no overseer or _____,

yet it stores its provisions in _____

and gathers its _____ at _____.



Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

Answers: ant, sluggard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest; go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

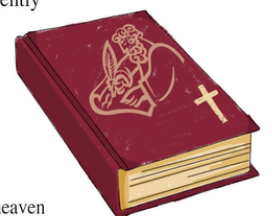


Bible Quiz



In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)

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Board of Directors

President - Scott Rowsell

Vice President - Bob Rohweder

Board Secretary - Kathryn Pitts

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Christian Education - Hannah Swift

Evangelism - Chris Skibbe

Finance - Mike Skibbe

Head Elder - Tim Schlimpert

Property - Barry Shriver

Stewardship - Cheryl Ricks

Worship - Eric Kuehner

Elders

If your last name
begins with...

Craig Keefe A-D

Jim Snodgrass E-J

Eric Kuehner K-M

Tim Schlimpert N-S

Paul Rieck T-Z



St. Paul Lutheran Church WAYS TO GIVE



At Worship Services



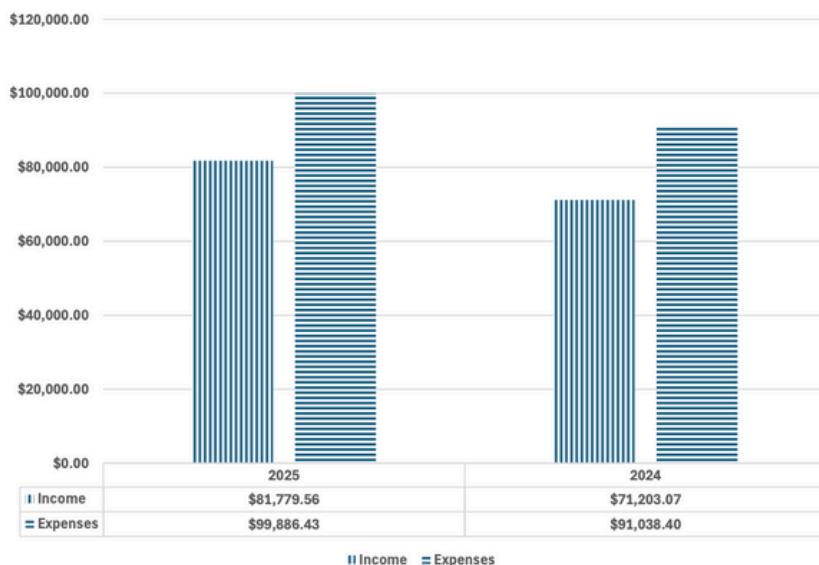
Give Online

(See Doris in Church Office to sign up)



Give my Mail

Comparison - St Paul Financial Performance
Year-to-Date through February 2025



Heinz W. Hayen

June 9, 2025



Doran Skibbe would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, texts after her hip surgery in May.

Doran would like to Thank Pastor Matt & Hannah Swift for the Flowers & recognition on May 18 as she stepped down from being Superintendent of Sunday School!

thank you

Our Evangelism Committee sends a big Thank You to the congregation for the financial support of our Flag Drive. Your generosity allowed us to purchase a total of 7 flags (2 Welcome Flags and 5 Event Today Flags).

These flags can be used for Any St Paul Event. Please contact the church office to use the flags.



The outdoor food pantry is in need of food. If you are able to bring in canned goods please place in bin marked for outdoor food pantry.




Northern Indiana Food Bank
Let's fill the cart!

For the month of June we are collecting Noodles & Rice!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Chris Skibbe's birthday Shelly Hughes's birthday	5 Karen Fiechtner's birthday
6 Denise Kuehner's birthday	7	8 Greg and Karen Fiechtner's anniversary	9 Karen Rohweder's birthday	10 Martha Ray's birthday Mike and Linda McFarland's anniversary	11	12
13 Jim Lepel's birthday	14	15 Carol Campbell's birthday Jackie Berg's birthday	16	17	18 Bud and Sally Wilson's anniversary Neal Allsop's birthday	19
20	21 Laura Weber's birthday	22 Thomas Skibbe's birthday	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Ezra Weiss's birthday Ken Sauer's birthday		

If your Anniversary or Birthday is in July & your name isn't on the calendar please let Doris in the church office know.




The CASA Program of St. Joseph County's

Books & Basics

Supply Drive

- Clear Backpacks
- Highlighters
- #2 Pencils
- Blue or Black Ball Point Pens
- Folders (Solid Colors - Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Black, Purple)
- 3 Ring Binders
- Erasers
- Single Subject Notebooks (Solid Colors - Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Black, Purple)
- Glue Sticks
- Liquid Glue
- Crayons
- Wide Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper
- College Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scientific Calculators
- Over Ear Wired Headphones
- Deodorant
- Body Spray
- Shampoo and Conditioner - For ALL Hair Types
- Body Wash
- Loofahs
- Hair Brushes for Textured Hair (Boys and Girls)



COLLECTION TIME
JUNE 30- JULY 31, 2025

In July St Paul will be collected the above items

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) aims to provide a sense of normalcy and dignity by ensuring the youth we serve are prepared for school and have access to essential hygiene items.

Each year, hundreds of children in St. Joseph County enter foster care through no fault of their own. These children often face the trauma of separation from family, instability, and the challenges of starting over—sometimes with little more than the clothes on their back. “We believe every child deserves to feel confident and cared for, especially when facing such difficult circumstances,”

There is a box in the narthex for the items to go in. Thank you!

**May Board Meeting
May 13, 2025
St. Paul Lutheran Church South Bend, IN 46637**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Scott Rowsell.

ATTENDANCE: Eric Kuehner, Doris Merkle, Kathryn Pitts, Scott Rowsell, Chris Skibbe, Mike Skibbe, Hannah Swift (by zoom).

DEVOTION: No devotion.

SECRETARY REPORT: Kathryn Pitts—See Minutes

The April board minutes were distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Doris Merkle – See Report

The treasurer reports for March and April 2025 were presented.

Total income for March is \$21,533.41. Total expenses for March were \$22,431.67. This leaves us with a year-to-date deficit of -\$10,334.48 at the end of March.

Total income for April is \$17,138.48. Total expenses for April were \$23,456.01. This leaves us with a year-to-date deficit of -\$16,652.01 at the end of April.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report for the March and April Income and Expenses and to file the reports for audit.

PASTOR'S REPORT: See Report

Pastor is at the Fort Wayne Indiana District Conference. The first high school dinner and bible study was held in April. He is reconnecting with our members and guests.

PRAYERS:

Prayed for returning members and new members, Sally Wilson, Mike and Ruth Sriver, Bradley and Shelby Cooper, Doran Skibbe, Heinz and Eileen Hayen, Lisa Schmidtgoessling, and for the returning board members

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott Rowsell

Jim Snodgrass has agreed to run for Elder. When Brian Hoover is gone Sarah Weiss will play the organ. Pastor Brenner will lead us in worship on June 8. There has been discussion that Pastor can take Sundays off quarterly. Pastor and Scott are scheduled to go to Fort Wayne on June 19 & 20 for the 2025 Indiana District Convention meeting. Cheryl Avery from Thrivent will speak to the congregation during the Voters meeting.

FINANCE: Mike Skibbe – See Report

Audit of March and April Financial details and statements are underway. Have reached out to Diana Raasch at LCEF to reconnect on an Estate Planning workshop for the congregation.

ELDERS: Tim Schlimpert –No Report**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Hannah Swift – No Report**

No one has come forward yet for the Sunday school superintendent and assistant positions. There will be a discussion about confirmation will be structured.

EVANGELISM: Chris Skibbe No Report

\$1050.10 was raised from the craft fair. Work is moving forward with the logo. The sound system was installed today. The new website will be available soon.

PROPERTY: Barry Shriver – See Report

Various projects have been completed on the church property. The bathroom bids were submitted to refurbish them and make them ADA compliant. It was decided that the remaining board members need to be informed about the construction and that voters need to be notified about the construction via email and at this week's Voter's Meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: Cheryl Ricks – See Report

Working on consistent volunteer opportunities that will occur one Saturday each month. Jim Snodgrass was mentioned by the elders. Jim Snodgrass will be brought to the Voters. Jeff Weiss has agreed to be the RLA delegate.

WORSHIP: Eric Kuehner – See Report

The choir's last Sunday before summer break will be May 18. One service worked well for Easter and we plan to do the same for Christmas. Officer installation is scheduled for July 13.

CALENDAR: was reviewed for June. June 17 is the final board meeting before summer break. Tops is being renamed as Healthy Friends.

ACTION ITEMS: The answer from LCEF for a Capital Fund for RLA will be shared next week. Need proposal for German Festival. Scott needs to draft an email to the congregation about the bathroom remodels. Hannah is working on the Sunday School Superintendent position. The community dinners are scheduled for August 2 and November 15 at 5:00pm in the Growth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Pitts, Board Secretary

Reports are available on request. Please contact Doris in the church office if you wish to receive a copy.