

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2026

### DAY OF PENTECOST (YEAR A)

Today the church gathers to celebrate the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit who is its breath, vitality, and inspiration. Through the Holy Spirit, the good news unravels age-old divisions among peoples and nations. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives us birth as siblings of Christ and unites people of different races, tribes, and ethnic groups. In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, the Spirit nourishes our unity in worship and witness. Far from celebrating its "birthday" in this day, the church offers thanksgiving to God for the very one who continues to sustain its life in each new generation and makes its prayer possible.

### PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Cris is away this weekend officiating for his son's wedding in Thurmont, Maryland. We welcome Pastor Christine Therriault-Merkel who is preaching and presiding this morning.

### PENTECOST TONGUES

We thank those who spoke the words of the prophet Joel in our First Reading from Acts today in their native tongue or a foreign language: French (Kris Cassar), Indonesian (Ping-An Tjoa), Telugu (Girija Rayapati), German (Phillip Gerecke), Spanish (Mike Bareham).

### SUMMER CHOIR

If you would like to sing on Sunday morning in worship, come to the choir loft at 9:30 AM to learn the anthem to be sung later in the service. All are welcome to add their voice to our sung prayer.

### BOOKS & BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. Please join us for conversation and fellowship Wednesday, May 27, for "The Bird Hotel" by Joyce Maynard.

## NAC CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON

Experience the beauty and power of "Blades of Grass" with the New Ark Chorale this afternoon at 3:00 PM during their concert, "American Tapestry".

This moving and expressive work captures the spirit of the American landscape and the enduring connection between people, nature, and hope. Through rich harmonies and heartfelt storytelling, "Blades of Grass" reflects the resilience and beauty woven throughout the American experience.

Join them for an inspiring afternoon of choral music celebrating the voices, traditions, and spirit of our nation. They can't wait to share this musical journey with you! Tickets are \$25.00 at the door.



Average Sunday Attendance YTD: 69			
	Actual YTD (\$)	Budget YTD (\$)	Over (+)/ Under (-) YTD (\$)
Total Income	118,622.70	110,409.00	8,213.70
Total Expense	110,736.19	115,020.00	(4,283.81)
Difference	7,886.51	(4,611.00)	

We are blessed that several pledges have been paid-in-full for the entire Fiscal Year. In order to more accurately reflect the Year-To-Date portion of that income we hold it in a separate account and distribute a prorated portion to the Operating Fund monthly. The Income amount shown above reflects this prorated distribution. The undistributed portion is reported on the Balance Sheet.

As of the end of April, we are ahead of our budgeted Year-To-Date giving. Thank you for your generous support of our ministries.



Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.



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**Worship Attendance**



**Prayer Requests**



**Electronic Giving**



**Worship Assistants &  
Flower Dedications**



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