

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

FEBRUARY 1

IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 785

5:00pm worship • 105

8:00am worship • 223

9:30am worship • 138

11:00am worship • 228

10:45am Living Stone worship • 91

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 304 • Living Stone: 63

Approximately 587 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

Worship Services

8th Grade Confirmation Family Class,

9:30am, LL1-LL2

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Morning Men’s Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

Monday Night Conf. Class, 5:30pm, YR

MomCo After Dark, 7pm, Music Room

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Christian Readers Group, 7pm, FH

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Living Way Bible Study, 9am

SPY High School Meetups, 5:30pm, YR

8th Grade Conf. Family Class, 6pm, FH

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

Living Way Evening Mtg., 7pm, Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Worship Services

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS

News Due by 9am Wednesdays

Activity leaders are invited to submit news with our easy submission form. Look for the "Submit News" buttons at the top of our website News page and *Weekly Word*.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDY HOUR • 9:30AM

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW • MUSIC RM.

Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUO.org

FOUNDATION • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Topical, discussion-based study

SUNDAY SCHOOL • SCHOOL ROOMS

Preschool: Room LL2; K/1st: LL7;

2nd/3rd: 106; 4th/5th: 104;

6th-8th: Art Rm.; 9th-12th: Youth Rm.

LITTLE LAMBS • School Room 103

GIVING

Annual offering budget

\$3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (31 weeks)

1,973,150

Received year-to-date

1,876,372

Difference actual/budget

-96,778

Weekly amount needed

68,258

Received last week

52,647

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt


\$ 4,692,040

Gifts received July 2024 to date

\$ 28,223

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$8,424,623



EMPLOYMENT

Visit our church website for job details: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment. Now hiring:

• Early Childhood Center: Subs; Afternoon Shifts • K-8 School: Subs.

MISSIONS

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Seminary for Foreign Leaders • Our gifts assist with education costs for Concordia Seminary’s international students, helping to ensure ongoing global Gospel proclamation. When these students earn their advanced degrees and return to their home countries as professors and church leaders, they have key roles in spreading the Gospel message.

LCMS NEWS

SYNOD NOMINATIONS DUE BY FEB. 18:

St. Paul’s members may nominate pastors for Synod President, First VP, and Regional VP via paper forms at our information center. The top two nominees for each office will become St. Paul’s nominees. Read more in our *Weekly Word* e-letter. (First published 12/11/25.)

ST. PAUL’S



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

SUNDAY

★NEW: LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS

Devotion booklets are available in a basket in our east lobby. Please enjoy a complimentary copy for your Lenten-season reflections as we rejoice in the hope of the cross.

THE WEEK AHEAD: FEB. 9-15

LWML GAME NIGHT

Mon., Feb. 9 • 6pm • Off-Site

All ladies are warmly invited to join the LWML for an evening of bunco, fellowship, and a soup supper (meal provided) at the Ridgeview Place Clubhouse (1701 Ridgeview Circle Dr., 63021). Contact Joanne Smith at 314-956-0085 for more information.

CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

Tues., Feb. 10 • 7pm • FH

Led by Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson, the group reads across a variety of genres, exploring Christian themes and how literature informs Christian faith and life. February’s book is Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* (original 1818 version).

WHAT’S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1) Pastor Thompson receives calls

2) Lenten devotion booklets available

3) “Dinner for Eight” groups forming now: Register by Feb. 22

4) School academic team: state champs

5) Golf tournament • April 27


REMINDERS

• West/Ballas drive closed in February

• Synod nominations due Feb. 18

LARGE-PRINT

• Find the large-print *Good News* included inside our large-print worship folders (please see an usher)



★NEW: PASTOR THOMPSON RECEIVES CALLS

This week, Pastor Lawton Thompson has received Divine Calls to Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, MO, and Zion Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, MO, in addition to his existing call to St. Paul’s Des Peres. He asks for prayers during his time of contemplation and that all three congregations would be granted comfort in this season of waiting and the peace that comes only from Christ. Read Pastor Thompson’s letter to the congregation, emailed Feb. 3, at conta.cc/4rvfTie

ASH WEDNESDAY


WED., FEB. 18 • 11AM & 6:15PM • COMMUNION

We warmly welcome you to join us in worship this Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This day marks the start of our penitential journey toward the cross of Calvary and the joy of Easter, as we remember our mortality and our need for Christ’s forgiveness. The imposition of ashes begins 15 minutes prior to the start of services, and also after services.

Each Wednesday in Lent, St. Paul’s offers services with Communion at 11am and 6:15pm. “Singing With the Exiles” is the sermon theme for our midweek Lenten worship, drawn from Isaiah 40–55 and focused on some of the best-known, most cherished, and theologically significant texts in Scripture.

JAMBALAYA DINNER • FOLLOWING 6:15PM SERVICE

Kettle-cooked on-site by Chip Newman, a native of New Orleans and jambalaya competitor. Jambalaya is offered to go, in take-out containers, from our Ballas lobby (while supplies last), supporting our youth group mission trip.



★ NEWS JUST ADDED IS NOTED WITH A STAR



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Join in discovering the power of the cross in your life! During the Season of Lent, our pastors will be preaching on the assigned epistle reading from Romans. Each week we will focus on a "Cross-Word" from the reading.

Feb 22: Justified • March 1: Raised • March 8: Peace
• March 15: Adopted • March 22: Released.



For our first-ever "Faithful Four" trivia night held February 28 (benefiting church, school, ECC, and PDO), tickets are sold out, but sponsorship opportunities are available. Donations are welcomed, such as sporting tickets, experiences, restaurant or salon gift cards, a day at your farm or lake house, a cleaning service gift card, car wash — be creative! Goods, talents, and fun are all appreciated. For more information, contact Laura Siebenman at laura.siebenman@gmail.com.