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**CALENDAR**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
175th Anniversary Kick-off Weekend  
Voters' Mtg., Noon, Sanctuary  
Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC  
Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym  
**MONDAY, MARCH 4**  
Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom  
Quilting: Afternoon Guild, 9am, FH  
Small-Setting Communion, Noon  
Elders, 6:30pm, FH  
Church Council, 7:30pm, FH  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
Living Way Bible Study, 9am  
Lenten Service, 11am & 5:30pm  
Lenten Dinner, 6:15pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**  
MOPS, 9am, FH  
Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, FH

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**  
Bulletin Assembly  
Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am, FH  
CUC Wind Symphony concert, 7pm  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
175th Anniversary Trivia, 7pm, offsite  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
**NO FOUNDATION BIBLE CLASS TODAY**  
Erin Mackenzie Presentation, 9:30am, FH  
Growth Groups Kick-Off, 9:30am, Art Rm.  
Youth Meeting, Noon, Youth Room  
Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC  
Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym

**SUNDAY CLASSES**

**BIBLE STUDY HOUR 9:30AM**  
**GOSPEL OF JOHN • GYM**  
Simulcast live on 850AM or KFUO.org  
**FOUNDATION • FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Topical, discussion-based study  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL • LOWER LEVEL**  
Age 3-4 yrs.: LL2; Grade K-1st: LL1;  
2nd-5th: LL4; 6th-8th: Youth Room  
**LITTLE LAMBS • ROOM 102 SCHOOL**  
Infants to 3 years + parent(s)

WITNESS

**FEB. 18 IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 697**  
Living Stone worship • 110  
5:00pm worship • 78  
8:00am worship • 212  
9:30am worship • 147  
10:45am worship • 150  
Midweek Lenten worship  
11:00am & 5:30pm • 287

**ONLINE VIEWING**  
Sanctuary: 190 • Living Stone: 35  
*Approximately 360 total online viewers*

GIVING

Annual offering budget	\$3,160,000
Budget year-to-date (35 weeks)	2,126,930
Received year-to-date	2,054,954
Difference actual/budget	- 71,976
Weekly amt. needed to meet budget	65,003
Received last week	32,572

**LOAN BALANCE**  
Current debt \$443,067  
Gifts received July 2023 to date \$87,768

**TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE**  
**MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN**  
Total Commitments \$14,535,612  
Gifts received to date \$1,706,205

EMPLOYMENT

*Find employment listings and details on St. Paul's website in the News > Employment tab.*  
**NOW HIRING: ECC DIRECTOR**  
Seeking director for our Early Childhood Center, upon the upcoming retirement of director Bev Gruenwald. Contact Dawn Walker at [dwalker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org).  
**NOW HIRING: CHILDCARE STAFF**  
Our exceptional Parents' Day Out program and Early Childhood Center are growing! Contact PDO director Elizabeth Knehans at [eknehans@stpaulsdesperes.org](mailto:eknehans@stpaulsdesperes.org), or ECC director Bev Gruenwald at [bgruenwald@stpaulsdesperes.org](mailto:bgruenwald@stpaulsdesperes.org).

- PDO LEAD TEACHER, NURSERY CLASS** (6-14 months)  
Approx. 20 hours/week • M, T, W, F • 7:45am-1pm • August-May
- PDO TEACHER'S ASSISTANT, TODDLER CLASS** (14+ months to young 2s)  
Approx. 10 hours/week • W & F • 8am-1pm • August-May
- ECC PREK TEACHER** (candidates with teaching degree)  
Full-time, year-round with full benefits • Beginning Aug. 2024
- ECC TEACHER'S ASSISTANT**  
Full-time, year-round with full benefits • Beginning March 2024

**MISSION OF THE MONTH** • Erin Mackenzie • *Details in Weekly Word.*  
**FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH TOTAL** • \$3645

**LCMS NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**  
*Due to space constraints, community news details appear in the Weekly Word e-letter.*  
**LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM SURVEY** • Reply with feedback  
**PIPES FOR PARKINSON'S BENEFIT • MARCH 18** • Little Flower Church

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THE GOOD NEWS

MARCH 3, 2024





**175th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off • Today**  
St. Paul's is kicking off a year-long 175th anniversary celebration. Missouri District President Rev. Dr. Hagan will join us and preach at the 11:00am Sanctuary service (note time change) and at Living Stone.

**Voters' Meeting • Today • Noon • Sanctuary**  
Attend the voters' meeting to approve the proposed Call committees for a senior pastor and ECC director.

**Decommissioning Ceremony • Today**  
The congregation is invited to gather for a Rite of Decommissioning for the old school classrooms today. It will provide one last opportunity to walk the halls and sign a wall before asbestos abatement begins. Gather in the gym immediately after the voters' meeting.

**Serve Meals at Ronald McDonald House • Today • 4:30pm**  
*Sign-up at [bit.ly/3Vi3izH](https://bit.ly/3Vi3izH)*

**THE WEEK AHEAD: MARCH 4-10**

★ **Small-Setting Communion • Mon., March 4 • Noon**  
Special monthly worship service with Communion for members who may prefer to avoid large crowds or who have mobility issues.

**Blood Drive • Fri., March 8 • 10am-3pm • FH • *Sign-up at [rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE](https://rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE)***

★ **Wind Symphony • Fri., March 8 • 7pm • Sanctuary • *Details, next page***

**175th Anniversary Trivia Night • Sat., March 9 • 7pm (Off Site) • *Details, next page***

**Mackenzie Missionary Presentation • Sun., March 10 • 9:30am • FH**  
Join us to hear LCMS missionary and congregation member Erin Mackenzie present on her mission work in the Dominican Republic, and learn first-hand all she does to coordinate short-term mission teams to effectively share the Gospel.

★ **Sunday School Classes Relocate • Sun., March 10**  
New rooms are: Preschool: room 101 • K/1st: room 104 • 2nd/3rd: room 203 • 4th/5th: room 202 • Little Lambs: room 102.

**DEADLINES THIS WEEK**

- **Alumni Wall Signing** • Last Sunday to sign school hallways is March 3.
- **Trivia Night Registration** • Register by Monday, March 4 • *Details, next page*

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Join us for midweek worship each Wednesday in Lent: 11:00am & 5:30pm

**MARCH 6 SERMON THEME** • "His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree" | Mark 11

**MARCH 6 LENTEN DINNER** • 6:15pm • Pork loin, roasted potatoes, broccoli, rolls, salad, and desserts.



LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY AT OUR MARCH 10

LENT

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES**  
**EACH WEDNESDAY**  
March 6, 13, 20  
11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
*Lenten dinners following 5:30 service*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
March 24  
Sanctuary • 8:00, 9:30, 10:45 a.m.  
Living Stone • 10:45 a.m.

**MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION**  
Tuesday, March 26 • 7:30 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
March 28  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
March 29  
12:05 p.m. lunch hour service  
5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
*No Saturday service on March 30*

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Sat., March 31 • 10:00 a.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
March 31  
Sanctuary • 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Living Stone • 9:30 a.m.  
*No Sunday School, Fellowship  
Breakfast, or Bible Classes*

**EASTER FLOWERS & FERNS**  
**ORDER YOURS BY MARCH 18**  
Join in making our worship spaces  
and church chancel beautiful for  
Easter. Congregation members may  
purchase lilies (\$12.95), tulips  
(\$10.50), and ferns (\$23) that will  
decorate St. Paul's for Easter, and  
which can be taken home to  
enjoy after the final Easter  
service. Order forms at  
welcome center, or online  
at [bit.ly/STPEaster2024](http://bit.ly/STPEaster2024)



GROWTH GROUPS KICKOFF

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 • 9:30 -10:30AM**  
School Art Room (main floor school room #206)

- *Are you looking for a space to discuss the real-life challenges of living in today's hectic world?*
- *Wanting a place to grow in your faith in an informal, friendly setting?*
- *Hoping to grow in your connection with one another in our church and school community?*

Join us on March 10 to learn more about a new small-group ministry St. Paul's is launching called Growth Groups. These groups will be designed to help you grow in your connection with one another and with God's Word. We'll address practical, real-world challenges that many face in their day-to-day lives.

Childcare will be provided during the kickoff. Please contact Pastor Wade or Laura Susic if you have questions before the kickoff.

[STPAULSDESPERES.ORG/GROWTH-GROUPS](http://STPAULSDESPERES.ORG/GROWTH-GROUPS)

GROUPS AND EVENTS

**★ Senior Fellowship Lunch • March 13 • Noon • FH**  
Join us for lunch and a sneak peak of St. Paul's school musical (grades 1-4)! Please make reservations with Ruth Eggers (636-226-4570) or Cleta Hoover (636-226-4644).

**Girl Scout Cookie Booth Feb. 25-Mar. 17 + Online**  
St. Paul's Troop 1867 is selling cookies at our 9:00-9:30am Sunday morning cookie booth in the gym (through March 17), online at [bit.ly/42PNokf](http://bit.ly/42PNokf), or via Tricia Johnston ([pbjohnston09@hotmail.com](mailto:pbjohnston09@hotmail.com), 314-780-3383). Online orders will be delivered to the church office for pickup; the troop will contact you when cookies are ready.

**LWML Spring Rally • Sat., March 23 • 8:30am**  
Join the St. Louis West Zone spring rally, hosted at St. Paul's. A light breakfast will be served, and speaker Erin Mackenzie will present on her mission work in Latin America and the Caribbean. We are collecting USA Forever Stamps for missionaries' correspondence and Walmart gift cards supporting the Mo. District Pastors' Wives Retreat. Register by March 17 online at [bit.ly/lwmlrally](http://bit.ly/lwmlrally) or by calling the church office.

**Annual Golf Tournament • Mon., April 22 • Forest Park**  
Golfers and St. Paul's friends, join us for lunch, an afternoon of golf, and an evening of fun and fellowship benefitting our school. Not a golfer? Consider sponsorship and auction donations. Info and registration at [bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024](http://bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024). Volunteers welcome: Contact Principal Dawn Walker with questions at [dwalker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org).

SERVICE & SUPPORT

**★Join Our VBS Volunteer Crew!**  
Volunteer at VBS, where your time means the world to a child! Adults and teens (5th grade+) who volunteer early enjoy first pick of their favorite jobs or days. We're flexible if your plans or available days change. "Scuba" VBS is June 10-14 from 9am-noon. Volunteer at [bit.ly/3V4YOym](http://bit.ly/3V4YOym)

**Quilting Guild Collecting Cotton Fabric**  
Have extra fabric or sheets? The Afternoon Guild quilters use fabric donations (large or small pieces) to make quilts to share with people in need. Drop at Fellowship Hall's west end, mark "quilters." For questions, call 314-488-1303.

**\$5K Received from Thrivent • Designate by March 31**  
In 2023, St. Paul's received \$5,328 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. Thrivent is proud to help support the important work St. Paul's does and hopes that, together, we can do even more in 2024! Please direct remaining 2023 Choice Dollars by March 31. Access free resources at [bit.ly/ThriventChoiceDollars2023](http://bit.ly/ThriventChoiceDollars2023)

ENROLLMENT

**★Parents' Day Out Openings**  
Very limited PDO openings for the 2024-2025 school year are now available. Please contact PDO Director Elizabeth Knehans at 314-822-0347 or [eknehans@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:eknehans@stpaulsdp.org).  
• **Glow Worms/Nursery** (6-14 months): (1) one-day-a-week spot on *either* Mon. or Tues.  
• **Butterflies/Preschool** (2.5-5): (1) two-day-per-week spot on Tues. and Fri.

APRIL 1 RELOCATIONS

**★ CHANGES DURING SANCTUARY HVAC REPLACEMENT**  
The church sanctuary HVAC system will be replaced beginning April 1, necessitating location changes for key activities for approximately eight weeks. We thank you for your flexibility and patience during these church improvements.

Activity	Relocation
Sanctuary Worship .....	Gym
Living Stone Worship .....	1938 Church
Nursery .....	School (if possible)
Sunday School (excluding middle school) .....	School (beginning March 10)
Fellowship Breakfast .....	Fellowship Hall
KFUO Bible Class .....	1938 Church
Foundation Bible Class .....	Fellowship Hall
Living Way Bible Study (large-group sessions) .....	Fellowship Hall
Ascension Worship Service (May 9) .....	Gym
Confirmation Service (May 4) .....	Concordia Seminary Chapel
Other Events/Items: School Chapel .....	Gym
VBS .....	Gym/School

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

**★WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT • FRIDAY, MARCH 8 • 7PM**  
The Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony, conducted by Dr. Richard Fischer, will perform a program of sacred and secular wind music, as a featured performance in the 32nd season of Music at St. Paul's. Among the composers included in the program are Samuel Marquart, Conni Ellisor, Gustav Holst, Alfred Reed, Rossano Glante, Johan de Meij, Pavel Chesnokov, Jordan Holliday, and others. The event is complimentary, with a freewill offering, and is open to the public.

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TRIVIA NIGHT  
175TH ANNIVERSARY  
TRIVIA NIGHT

**SAT., MARCH 9 • 7PM (OFF SITE)**  
Join us for a trivia night as we kick off a year of celebrating St. Paul's 175th anniversary! Gather your friends for a fun evening of trivia and fellowship — not all categories are St. Paul's-specific. Space is limited to 250 people. Enjoy bringing food and drink for your table; alcohol permitted.

- Sign up by March 4 at [bit.ly/175AnniversaryTrivia](http://bit.ly/175AnniversaryTrivia).
- Location: Our Savior, Fenton's gym (1500 San Simeon Way, 63026).
- Doors open at 6:30pm; trivia starts at 7:00pm.
- Tables of eight: \$10/person. Pay online at [stpaulsdesperes.org/give](http://stpaulsdesperes.org/give) or drop a check at church, school, ECC, or PDO.
- Questions, contact Dawn Thorburg at [dawnthorburg@gmail.com](mailto:dawnthorburg@gmail.com).

EASTER EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
10AM • ECC CAMPUS

Make family memories together at our Easter Egg Hunt! All children, from babies to second graders (0-8 years), are invited to this annual favorite, hosted by St. Paul's and our Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group. Children will enjoy a hunt for filled eggs, and a special Christ-focused puppet show by our own puppeteer troupe. Complimentary, with no advance registration required, and open to the community.