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**CALENDAR**  
**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  
**MONDAY, MARCH 11**  
Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom  
Quilting: Afternoon Guild, 9am, FH  
LWML Meeting, 1pm, FH  
Team Tabby, 6:30pm, FH  
Social Ministry, 6:30pm, Conf. Room  
MOMSNext Meeting, 7pm, Lounge

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**  
Christian Readers Group, 7pm, Conf. Room  
MOPS Steering Mtg., 7pm, Youth Room

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**  
Living Way Bible Study, 9am  
Senior Fellowship Luncheon, Noon, FH  
Lenten Service, 11am & 5:30pm  
Lenten Dinner, 6:15pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

**THURSDAY, 14**  
Card Making, 6pm, Lounge  
Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, FH

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**  
Bulletin Assembly

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**  
Worship, 5pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
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
<b>MARCH 3 IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 889</b>
Living Stone worship • 120
5:00pm worship • 107
8:00am worship • 175
9:30am worship • 202
10:45am worship • 285
Midweek Lenten worship
11:00am & 5:30pm • 402
<b>ONLINE VIEWING</b>
Sanctuary: 169 • Living Stone: 63
<i>Approximately 371 total online viewers</i>

GIVING	
Annual offering budget	\$3,160,000
Budget year-to-date (36 weeks)	2,187,700
Received year-to-date	2,106,473
Difference actual/budget	- 81,227
Weekly amt. needed to meet budget	65,845
Received last week	51,719
<b>LOAN BALANCE</b>	
Current debt	\$443,067
Gifts received July 2023 to date	\$89,458
<b>TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE</b>	
<b>MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN</b>	
Total Commitments	\$14,535,612
Gifts received to date	\$1,738,586

EMPLOYMENT
<i>Find employment listings and details on St. Paul's website in the News &gt; Employment tab.</i>
<b>NOW HIRING: ECC DIRECTOR</b> Seeking director for our Early Childhood Center, upon the upcoming retirement of director Bev Gruenwald. Contact Dawn Walker at <a href="mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org">dwalker@stpaulsdp.org</a> .
<b>NOW HIRING: CHILDCARE STAFF</b> Our exceptional Parents' Day Out program and Early Childhood Center are growing! Contact PDO director Elizabeth Knehans at <a href="mailto:eknehans@stpaulsdesperes.org">eknehans@stpaulsdesperes.org</a> , or ECC director Bev Gruenwald at <a href="mailto:bgruenwald@stpaulsdesperes.org">bgruenwald@stpaulsdesperes.org</a> .
• <b>PDO LEAD TEACHER, NURSERY CLASS</b> (6-14 months) Approx. 20 hours/week • M, T, W, F • 7:45am-1pm • August-May
• <b>ECC PREK TEACHER</b> (candidates with teaching degree) Full-time, year-round with full benefits • Beginning Aug. 2024
• <b>ECC TEACHER'S ASSISTANT</b> Full-time, year-round with full benefits • Beginning March 2024

HAVE NEWS?
Lay leaders may submit news items to worship secretary Vicki Brosch at <a href="mailto:vbrosch@stpaulsdp.org">vbrosch@stpaulsdp.org</a> . Items received by 9:00am Wednesday will be included in the Thursday. <i>Weekly Word</i> e-letter or Sunday printed <i>Good News</i> . A word limit of 30-60 words is suggested (excluding title with date/time), with entries typically running two or three weeks, based on available space. Thank you.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH** • Erin Mackenzie • *Details in Weekly Word.*

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THE GOOD NEWS

MARCH 10, 2024



TODAY

 **Growth Groups Kick-Off • Sun., March 10 • 9:30am** School Art Room #206. See info inside.  
Are you seeking a friendly space to discuss today's challenges, grow in your faith, and strengthen your connection within our church and school community? Join us today to learn all about St. Paul's new small-group ministry. *More on 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.

**Girl Scout Cookie Booth • Sun., Mar. 10 & 17**  
St. Paul's Troop 1867 is selling cookies at our 9:00-9:30am Sunday morning cookie booths in the gym, through March 17. Questions, contact Tricia Johnston ([pbjohnston09@hotmail.com](mailto:pbjohnston09@hotmail.com), 314-780-3383).

THE WEEK AHEAD: MARCH 11-17

★ **Ladies' LWML Meeting • Mon., March 11 • 1pm • FH**  
Ladies of St. Paul's are invited for meetings, fellowship, and service together. Come early at 12:30pm and bring your lunch to enjoy extra fellowship time.

★ **Christian Readers Group • Tues., March 12 • 7pm • Conf. Room**  
Join us as we review Theodore Kleinhans' book, *Till the Night be Past: The Life and Times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*.

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

★ **MOPS Fundraiser at Chick-fil-A • Thurs., March 14 • 11am-7pm** in Des Peres; mention St. Paul's when ordering.

★ **Card-Making Night • Thurs., March 14 • 6-9pm • Lounge**  
Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three beautiful make-and-take cards. Register [bit.ly/3mJu0QY](https://bit.ly/3mJu0QY) by 5:00pm by March 11 (so materials can be prepped). \$12/person.

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Join us for midweek worship Wednesdays at 11:00am & 5:30pm

MARCH 13 SERMON THEME • "His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks" | John 12

MARCH 13 LENTEN DINNER • 6:15pm • Chili mac pie, salad with a southwest flair, and dessert churros.

**DEADLINES THIS WEEK**  
• **Girl Scout Cookie Booth** • Final Sundays are March 10 & 17.  
• **LWML Spring Rally** • Register by March 17  
• **Easter Flower Orders** • Due March 18, info on next page  
• **Card-Making** • Register by March 11

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**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES  
EACH WEDNESDAY**  
March 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 30 • 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 our hectic world?
- Wanting a place to grow in your faith in an informal, friendly setting?
- Hoping to grow connections 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**



SERVICE & SUPPORT

**Join Our VBS Volunteer Crew!** • Signup at [bit.ly/3V4YOym](http://bit.ly/3V4YOym)  
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.

**\$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)

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

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★ MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S PRESENTS

**BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 • HOLY WEEK • 7:30PM**

Please join us in worship as Music at St. Paul's and the American Kantorei present Johann Sebastian Bach's St. John Passion. Soloists, choir, and instrumentalists will be featured.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the premiere of this work. Bach's monumental setting brings the Passion narrative from John's Gospel into sharp focus as we journey through Holy Week.

GROUPS AND EVENTS

**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.

**★ECC Bowling Fundraiser • Sat., April 6 • Crestwood Lanes**  
Join ECC families for the third annual adult "Strikes for Our Tikes." Only one person (the "host") needs to enter a name when registering now at [bit.ly/3It7JSW](http://bit.ly/3It7JSW). Later, gather your team of up to 8 players. Food, drinks, bowling shoes, and lanes are included.

**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. Sponsors, auction donations, and volunteers welcome; contact [dwalker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org). Info/reg. at [bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024](http://bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024).

THANKS

**★From Social Ministry •** There were 248 jars of peanut butter, jelly and tomato soup collected in February that will be distributed to the food pantries we support. To all those who participated in our annual drive, thanks for helping us help others!

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.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

**★ REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL**  
**\$50-\$70 • INCLUDES T-SHIRT**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School offers a strong 33-year tradition of quality sports camps for our community, school, and church. Our camps emphasize Christian sportsmanship, skill-building on the individual player's level, knowledge of the game, contests promoting self-improvement, and teamwork. Read more and register at [stpaulsdp.org/summer-camp](http://stpaulsdp.org/summer-camp)

**BASKETBALL CAMPS**  
June 3-6 • 1st-2nd Grade boys • \$50  
June 17-21 • 5th-8th Grade girls • \$70  
June 17-20 • 1st-4th Grade girls • \$60  
June 24-28 • 6th-8th Grade boys • \$70  
June 24-28 • 3rd-5th Grade boys • \$70  
**VOLLEYBALL CAMPS**  
June 3-7 • 6th-8th Grade girls • \$70  
June 3-7 • 3rd-5th Grade girls • \$60

**CHEERLEADING NOTE**  
Our coaches are recommending girls sign up for camp at Lutheran High School South, held June 17-20.



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.