

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY

Voters' Mtg., Noon, Gym

Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC

Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

Quilting: Afternoon Guild, 9am, FH

Bridge, 6:30pm, FH

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Bach's St. John Passion, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

THURSDAY, 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship, 11am and 7 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

Bulletin Assembly

Church Office closes at Noon

Worship, 12:05pm, 5pm and 7pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Egg Hunt, ECC Campus, 10am

No Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

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 • SCHOOL ROOMS

Preschool: room 101; K/1st: 104;

2nd/3rd: 203; 4th/5th: 202; 6th-8th:

Youth Room

LITTLE LAMBS • SCHOOL RM. 102

Infants to 3 years + parent(s)

WITNESS

MARCH 17 IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 660

Living Stone worship • 67

5:00pm worship • 95

8:00am worship • 206

9:30am worship • 158

10:45am worship • 134

Midweek Lenten worship

11:00am & 5:30pm • 172

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 158 • Living Stone: 47

Approximately 328 total online viewers

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,160,000

Budget year-to-date (38weeks) 2,309,240

Received year-to-date 2,194,303

Difference actual/budget - 114,937

Weekly amt. needed to meet budget 68,978

Received last week 56,715

LOAN BALANCE

Current debt \$419,121

Gifts received July 2023 to date \$93,388

TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments \$14,535,612

Gifts received to date \$1,812,467

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

• 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

HAVE NEWS?

Lay leaders may submit news items to worship secretary Vicki Brosch at [vbrosch@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:vbrosch@stpaulsdp.org). Items received by 9:00am Wednesday will be included in the Thursday. Weekly Word e-letter or Sunday printed Good News. 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 24, 2024



TODAY

Palm Sunday • Holy Week Begins • See service schedule on next page and on our website: [stpaulsdesperes.org/lent](https://stpaulsdesperes.org/lent)

Special Voters' Meeting Today • Noon • Gym

A special voters' meeting will be held after late services today to approve a Call Committee to explore the possibility of issuing a Call to Rev. Dale Ward to serve as Assistant Pastor for Media Resources, and providing a final recommendation to the voters. The proposed committee consists of the board of elders, Whitney Wade, and Kantor Gerhardt. Note that this is not a meeting to call Rev. Ward, but to approve the committee's composition. Please attend to help us assemble a quorum (75 or more).

THE WEEK AHEAD: MARCH 25-31

★ Overflow Parking at Edward Jones • Easter + Sundays

St. Paul's has an arrangement with Edward Jones for overflow parking in their garage across the street every Sunday. Please note that on Easter we will not be running a shuttle. Worshippers are encouraged to take advantage of the crosswalk at the Ballas/Manchester light.

Easter Egg Hunt • Sat., March 30 • 10am • ECC Campus • Details, next page.

March 31 Deadline for Thrivent Designation

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](https://bit.ly/ThriventChoiceDollars2023)

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PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 24

SANCTUARY: 8:00, 9:30, 10:45AM • LIVING STONE: 10:45AM

Congregation members are welcomed to take palm branches.

CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL: Children are invited to join in an opening Palm Sunday processional up the center aisle, waving palm branches as the congregation sings hosannas in All Glory, Laud and Honor. Children return to their pews down the side aisles. Before the service, parents and children will gather in the lobbies (or back of gym) to find palm branches and follow the pastor in procession. Parents are welcome to process with younger children, if preferred.

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. Complimentary with a freewill offering and open to the public.



HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24**  
Sanctuary • 8:00\*, 9:30, 10:45 a.m.  
Living Stone • 10:45 a.m.\*  
*With children's palm procession  
in all Sunday services*

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 28**  
11:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. *Includes stripping of the altar*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 29**  
12:05-12:50 p.m. *Lunch hour service*  
5:00 p.m.\*  
7:00 p.m. *Tenebrae service*  
*No Saturday service on March 30*

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Sat., March 30 • 10:00 a.m.

EASTER

**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*

*\*Services that will be livestreamed  
are noted with an asterisk*

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. The event is complimentary, with no advance registration required, and is open to the community.

We recommend allowing extra time for parking before activities begin. Parking is available on the upper and lower Early Childhood Center parking lots, as well as in the adjacent St. Paul's Cemetery (one driveway to the north).



REMINDER

**April 7 Reminder: Sanctuary Time Change to 11:00am**

**With the start of church heating/ventilation/air conditioning replacement work beginning in April (after Easter), our sanctuary service will relocate to the gym, and the sanctuary late service will shift to a start time of 11:00am.**

**The Living Stone service will remain at 10:45am and relocate to the 1938 church (music room).**

GROUPS AND EVENTS

**★Senior Fellowship Lunch • Wed., April 3 • Noon • FH**  
Please make reservations with Ruth Eggers (636-226-4570) or Cleta Hoover (636-226-4644).

**★Ladies' LWML Meeting • Mon., April 8 • 1pm • FH**  
Ladies are invited for meetings, fellowship, and service together. Come early at 12:30pm and bring your lunch to enjoy extra fellowship time. (See servant event info, right page.)

**★Golf League Begins Wed., April 17 • Tee times 4:15-5pm**  
Join us for fellowship and "frustration" weekly: we hope to see lots of returning and new members! St. Paul's golf league (men and women) plays Wednesday afternoons at Aberdeen Golf Course in Eureka. For more info, contact Craig Thorburg at [craigthorburg@gmail.com](mailto:craigthorburg@gmail.com), Kyle Unger at [kaunger694@gmail.com](mailto:kaunger694@gmail.com), or Pastor Wade.

**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.

WHAT WE BELIEVE CLASS

**BEGINS WED., APRIL 3 • 7:00-8:30PM • FH**

Delve into what the Bible teaches in our What We Believe class. All are welcome, whether to refresh your understanding or to learn something new.

Meeting for six consecutive Wednesday evenings, our pastor-led class offers a comfortable setting and comprehensive teaching on foundational topics of the faith including Christ, Baptism, Communion, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and more.

Although there is no obligation to become a member of St. Paul's after completing the class, participants who agree with what is taught and would like to continue on to membership are warmly welcomed. Contact Renee in the church office: [rhemmy@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:rhemmy@stpaulsdp.org) or 314-822-0447.



SERVICE & SUPPORT

**★Robotics Team Seeking Donations for Int'l Competition**  
St Paul's robotics team, the Spiddily Diddily SPOTICS, is honored to be competing at an international competition in Long Beach, CA on May 31-June 2. The team is seeking business or individual sponsorships, plus the donation of unused airline flight credits. Please contact Kevin Rudzinski at [krudzinski@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:krudzinski@stpaulsdp.org).

**★Serving Meals at Ronald McDonald House • Sun., April 7**  
When families of seriously ill children stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Des Peres, St. Paul's can show care and compassion by cooking a homey meal for these guests visiting our community. Come cook with us in the RMH kitchen, together with our school's LHA honor society from 4:30-6:30pm. Sign up at [bit.ly/3Vi3izH](http://bit.ly/3Vi3izH).

**★Snack Collection & "Shine" Assembly Day • April 8 • 1pm • FH**  
St. Paul's LWML group is collecting snacks (nuts, dried fruit, jerky, cookies, chips, granola bars, snack cakes, candy bars) for treat bags for Concordia Sem students on Call Day, as part of the Mo. District's "Shine" servant event. Drop off through April 7 to the purple LWML box in the church receptionist lobby (east). All are welcome to join us to assemble on April 8. Info flyer at [bit.ly/3vi1ZIN](http://bit.ly/3vi1ZIN)

**★Missionary Live Zoom from Crimea • April 14 • 9:30am • Rm. 304**  
Alexey Shepelev, a Russian-Lutheran pastor whose ministry is to Russian- and other Slavic-language-speaking people, lives in Crimea. As our April Mission of the Month, Alexey will speak with us live via Zoom on April 14; join us in room 304 to learn about his ministry/ask questions. Read Alexey's latest newsletter at [bit.ly/3wYHbX4](http://bit.ly/3wYHbX4).

Mindful Monday Devotions Online

We hope you've been finding value in our Mindful Monday devotions delivered to your inbox. Please remember that all MM devotions, now numbering 30 and counting, can be accessed on our website under the *News > Ministry Expansion* tab.

PARKING REMINDER

As our City of Des Peres neighbors begin city hall renovation construction, please note that they have restricted parking (marked with new signage) in Des Peres Park to city hall patrons and those using the park.

JUNE SPORTS CAMPS

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**KIDS BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School offers a strong 33-year tradition of quality sports camps emphasizing Christian sportsmanship, skill-building and self-improvement, knowledge of the game, and teamwork. \$50-\$70; includes t-shirt. Read more and register at [stplutheranschool.org/summer-camp](http://stplutheranschool.org/summer-camp).

APRIL 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 (late svc. 11am)
Living Stone Worship .....	10:45am in 1938 Church
Nursery .....	Church (unstaffed)
Sunday School (excluding middle school) .....	School
Fellowship Breakfast .....	Fellowship Hall
KFUO Bible Class .....	1938 Church
Foundation Bible Class .....	Fellowship Hall
Living Way (large group) .....	Fellowship Hall
Ascension Service (May 9) .....	Gym
Confirmation (May 4) .....	Concordia Sem. Chapel
School Chapel .....	Gym
VBS .....	Gym/School

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