

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC
MOPS Steering Mtg., 7pm, Youth Room
Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom
Quilting: Afternoon Guild, 9am, FH
Small-setting Communion, Noon, West Lobby
LWML Meeting, 1pm, FH
Monday Night Confirmation, 5:30pm, LL4
Social Ministry, 6:30m, Conf. Room
MOMSNext Mtg., 7pm, Lounge

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Living Way, 9am
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
What We Believe Class, 7pm, FH

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Living Way, 7pm, FH
MOPS Bible Study, 7 pm, LL3

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Bulletin Assembly

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

High School Youth Mtg., Noon
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 • 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

HOLY WEEK IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 2,713

Easter Living Stone worship • 130
Easter 8:00am worship • 501
Easter 9:30am worship • 458
Easter 11:00am worship • 521
Maundy Thursday worship
11:00am & 7:00pm • 362
Good Friday worship
12:05pm, 5pm & 7pm • 741

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 490 • Living Stone: 107
Approximately 955 total online viewers

GIVING

Annual offering budget	\$3,160,000
Budget year-to-date (40 weeks)	2,430,780
Received year-to-date	2,296,118
Difference actual/budget	- 134,662
Weekly amt. needed to meet budget	71,990
Received last week	48,479

LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$419,121
Gifts received July 2023 to date	\$95,232

TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments	\$14,535,612
Gifts received to date	\$1,873,349

EMPLOYMENT

Find employment listings and details on St. Paul's website in the News > Employment tab.

★ NOW HIRING: SCHOOL NURSE

For information or questions contact principal Dawn Walker at dwalker@stpaulsdp.org.

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.

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, or ECC director Bev Gruenwald at 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. 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

- April: Pastor Alexey Shepelev in Crimea • *Details in Weekly Word.*
- March Mission of the Month total • Erin Mackenzie \$5,998

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THE GOOD NEWS

APRIL 7, 2024

TODAY

Reminder: Relocations Begin + Sanctuary Late Service Shifts to 11am

- With the start of church heating/ventilation/air conditioning replacement work this week, our sanctuary service relocates to the gym, and the sanctuary late service shifts to a start time of 11am.
- The Living Stone service will remain at 10:45am and relocate to the Bender Music Room.
- Starting today, Fellowship Breakfast moves to Fellowship Hall and the KFUO Bible study moves to the Music Room.

Serving Meals at Ronald McDonald House • Today • 4:30pm

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 LJHA honor society from 4:30-6:30pm. Sign up at bit.ly/3Vi3izH.

THE WEEK AHEAD: APRIL 8-14

Overflow Parking at Edward Jones • Sundays

St. Paul's has an arrangement with Edward Jones for overflow parking in their garage across the street every Sunday. Worshippers are encouraged to take advantage of the crosswalk at the Ballas/Manchester stop light.

★ Small-Setting Communion • Mon., April 8 • Noon • West Lobby

Special monthly worship service with Communion for members who may prefer to avoid large crowds or who have mobility issues.

Snack Collection & "Shine" Assembly Day • Mon., 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



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.)

★ Talent Show & Art Competition • Fri., April 12 • 6:30pm

All are invited to the "Saints Got Talent" school talent show, and St. Paul's "Art Wars" this Friday. Come watch school kids, families, and teachers perform their amazing acts, plus vote on your favorite seventh- and eighth-grade art boards, and enjoy some refreshments! The \$5 admission and refreshment proceeds will benefit our *Tell the Wonders* building campaign.

Missionary Live Zoom from Crimea • Sun., April 14 • 9:30am • Rm. 304 • Details, next page.

What We Believe Class • Wednesdays Through May 8 • 6:30-8:00pm • FH

Delve into what the Bible teaches with St. Paul's pastors; all are welcome, whether to refresh your understanding or to learn something new. The six-week class offers a comfortable setting and teaching on foundational topics including Christ, Baptism, Communion, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and more. Contact Renee in the church office at rhemmy@stpaulsdp.org or 314-822-0447.

DEADLINES THIS WEEK

- LWML snack collection concludes today. Details above.
- Register by April 10 for school golf tournament

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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

"MISSION WEEK" PLANNED FOR JULY 27 - AUG. 3

In celebration of St. Paul's 175th anniversary, we are organizing a variety of service opportunities both within the church and in the wider community. The Board for Missions is planning options for all members, adults and youth alike. Stay tuned for more information and sign-ups to come!

MISSIONARY LIVE ZOOM FROM CRIMEA • SUN., 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MEAL PACKING • OCT. 12

MobilePack at Gateway Christian: St. Paul's members will have the opportunity to again serve as a group this October, packing meals to benefit Feed My Starving Children in countries around the world. Last year we helped 3250 volunteers pack 1,280,232 meals feeding 3507 children for a year! This year the goal is to pack 1.3 million meals. Come be a part of this exciting event with our Board for Missions.



WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 8:30AM
GREENBRIAR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
REGISTER BY APRIL 22**

Gather with the women of St. Paul's for a morning of friendship, fellowship, music, uplifting messages, and a delicious breakfast. We are delighted to welcome St. Paul's member Marie "Yvette" Seltz as our keynote speaker with a message of "From Uncertainty to Unshakeable: A Woman's Journey Through Life's Changes." Acclaimed professional vocalist and St. Paul's member Erin Bode will provide musical offerings. Plan to attend with friends, family, colleagues and neighbors; ages 8 and older. Register at bit.ly/3U2DvLy or at church office; \$20/person. Pay at bit.ly/StP-give.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collectible 175th Anniversary Shirts Still Available • \$10

A handful of our popular 175th anniversary t-shirts are available for those who missed the order deadline and would still like one! Dark green adult sizes are available in XS, S, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL. All sizes of youth light green shirts are available. Contact Joanna Hoeltge at jhoeltge@stpaulsdp.org to check availability and to reserve a shirt.

No Rummage Sale Summer of 2024 • Due to summer campus construction, it has been determined that a rummage sale will not be feasible. Stay tuned for other fundraising opportunities and ways to support our St. Paul's youth ministry!

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.

Join Our VBS Volunteer Crew! • Sign up at 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/days. We're flexible if your plans or availability changes. "Scuba" VBS is June 10-14, 9am-noon.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK COMMUNITY EVENT

**★ SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • 9:00AM TO NOON
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH & SCHOOL PARKING LOT
FREE ADMISSION**

See and touch an impressive display of trucks, emergency vehicles, and other things that "go" at St. Paul's Lutheran School's spring community event! Get behind the wheel of your favorite big trucks, climb, and explore – smiles and photo-ops guaranteed!

Enjoy kids' activities, bounce house, refreshments, ice cream food truck, and giveaways (while supplies last).



GROUPS AND EVENTS

★ Christian Readers Group • Tues., April 16 • 7pm • Conf. Room
Join us as we review David Grann's book, *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

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. Contact Craig Thorburg at craigthorburg@gmail.com, Kyle Unger at kaunger694@gmail.com, or Pastor Wade.

★ Card-Making Night • Thurs., April 18 • 6-9pm • Lounge
Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three beautiful make-and-take cards. Register bit.ly/3mJu0QY by 5:00pm by April 15 (so materials can be prepped). \$12/person.

MOPS Photo "Shoot" Fundraiser • Sat., April 20
Des Peres Park • Capture family memories while supporting our MOPS group. Book with Shoot Photography at bit.ly/3TW1Mmz.

Annual Golf Tournament • Mon., April 22 • Forest Park
Join us for lunch, an afternoon of golf, and an evening of fun and fellowship benefiting our school. Sponsors, auction donations, and volunteers welcome; contact dwalker@stpaulsdp.org. Info/registration at bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024.

June Sports Camp Enrollment • Kids' Basketball & Volleyball
St. Paul's Lutheran School offers a strong 33-year tradition of quality sports camps emphasizing Christian sportsmanship, skill-building, and teamwork. \$50-\$70; includes t-shirt. Read more and register at stpaulschool.org/summer-camp.

WORSHIP REMINDERS

**LATE SERVICE SHIFTS TO 11AM
8AM LIVESTREAM ON HIATUS**
Due to temporary relocations as HVAC replacement occurs in the sanctuary, all three sanctuary services will relocate to the gym, with the late service shifting to 11:00am; none of the gym services will be livestreamed. Instead, the Living Stone 10:45am service, which relocates to the Bender Music Room, will livestream and serve as the Sunday online worship service.

RELOCATIONS BEGIN

CHANGES DURING SANCTUARY HVAC REPLACEMENT
The church sanctuary HVAC system is currently being replaced, necessitating location changes for key activities for approx. 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 Music Room
Nursery	Church (unstaffed)
Sunday School (excluding middle school)	School
Fellowship Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
KFUO Bible Class	Bender Music Room
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

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.

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