

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

High School Youth Mtg., Noon
Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC
Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom
Quilting: Afternoon Guild, 9am, FH
Monday Night Confirmation, 5:30pm, LL4
Elders Study, 6:30m, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Christian Readers Group, 7pm, Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

MOPS, 9am, FH
Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room
Living Way, 7pm, FH
MOPS Bible Study, 7 pm, LL3

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Bulletin Assembly
LINK Social, 6pm, Offsite

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Touch-a-Truck, 9am-Noon, Parking Lot

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Carwash Youth Fundraiser, Noon, Lot
Piano Recitals, 1:30 & 3pm, Music Room
Puppeteers Weekly Practice, 6pm, ECC
Men's Basketball, 7pm, Gym

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDY HOUR 9:30AM

GOSPEL OF JOHN • MUSIC ROOM

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. 201

Infants to 3 years + parent(s)

WITNESS

APRIL 7 IN-PERSON WORSHIP TOTAL • 641

Living Stone worship • 109

5:00pm worship • 79

8:00am worship • 164

9:30am worship • 167

11:00am worship • 122

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: n/a • Living Stone: 171

Approximately 274 total online viewers

GIVING

Annual offering budget	\$3,160,000
Budget year-to-date (41 weeks)	2,491,549
Received year-to-date	2,359,003
Difference actual/budget	- 132,546
Weekly amt. needed to meet budget	72,818
Received last week	62,885

LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$419,121
Gifts received July 2023 to date	\$96,628

TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments	\$14,535,612
Gifts received to date	\$1,983,477

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.*

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THE GOOD NEWS

APRIL 14, 2024

TODAY

Missionary Live Zoom from Crimea • Today • 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; join us in room 304 to learn about his ministry/ask questions.

THE WEEK AHEAD: APRIL 15-21

Christian Readers Group • Tues., April 16 • 7pm • Conf. Room

Join us as we review David Grann's book, *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

Card-Making Night • Thurs., April 18 • 6-9pm • Music Room

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.

★ LINK Young Adult Pickleball • Fri., April 19

Young adults age 21+, please join us for food, fellowship, and pickleball at Chicken and Pickle! Event details can be found and RSVPs can be made through our LINK Young Adult chat on GroupMe. Download the GroupMe app and use the QR code to join the chat today.



Touch-A-Truck Family Fun Event • Sat., April 20 • 9am-Noon • Details, next page.

MOPS Photo "Shoot" Fundraiser • Sat., April 20

Des Peres Park • Capture family memories while supporting our MOPS group. Book with Shoott Photography at bit.ly/3TW1Mmz.

★ Car Wash Fundraiser • Sun., April 21 • Noon-2pm • Church Parking Lot

Drive up and get your car squeaky clean for a cause! Our high school youth group is hosting a car wash to fundraise for their summer mission trip. Freewill donations welcome.

★ 100 Birthday Cards for 100th Birthday of St. Paul's Pastor • Starting April 21

Visit our card-writing station in the east lobby next Sunday. Details, next page.

DEADLINES THIS WEEK

- **Card-Making Night** • Register by April 15

REMINDERS: RELOCATIONS AND PARKING

Relocations + Sanctuary Late Service Shifts to 11am

- With the start of church HVAC work, our sanctuary service relocates to the gym, and the sanctuary late service shifts to an 11am start.
- The Living Stone service remains at 10:45am and relocates to the Bender Music Room.
- Fellowship Breakfast moves to Fellowship Hall and the KFuo Bible study moves to the Music Room.

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. Worshipers are encouraged to take advantage of the crosswalk at the Ballas/Manchester stop light.

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CONSTRUCTION CORNER

8AM LIVESTREAM ON HIATUS

Due to temporary relocations as HVAC replacement occurs in the sanctuary, the 8am service (now in the gym) will not be livestreamed. Instead, the Living Stone 10:45am service will livestream and serve as the Sunday online worship service.

RELOCATIONS 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 CHANGES: DES PERES PARK

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.

NO RUMMAGE SALE SUMMER OF 2024

Due to gym demolition.

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).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ Exploring Off-Site Group Meeting Locations & Input

Due to future parking limitations on St. Paul's campus during construction, other off-site locations are being explored to host the Wednesday Living Way Bible Study and the Thursday MOPS meetings, beginning in September, 2024. If you have suggestions or even connections within a possible alternate site, please contact the church office.

Collectible 175th Anniversary Shirts Still Available • \$10

Contact Joanna Hoeltge at jhoeltge@stpaulsdp.org to check availability and reserve.

SERVICE & SUPPORT

★ Cook Meals at Ronald McDonald House • Sun., May 5 • 4:30pm

Come cook with us as an outreach to families/children traveling to Des Peres for medical care. Sign up at bit.ly/3Vi3izH.

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.

Missions: Save the Dates

- "Mission Week" planned for July 27 - Aug. 3
- Meal Packing for Feed My Starving Children • Oct. 12

Join Our VBS Volunteer Crew!

Sign up at bit.ly/3V4YOym

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.



GROUPS AND EVENTS

★ Fellowship Group • Wed., May 1 • Noon • FH

Join us for lunch, then a tour of Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum following. Call Ruth Eggers 636-226-4570 or Clea Hoover 636-226-4644 for details and required RSVP.

June Sports Camp Enrollment • Kids' Basketball & Volleyball

Camps \$50-\$70. Info/registration at stpaulsdp.org/summer-camp.

★ 100 Birthday Cards for 100th Birthday of St. Paul's Pastor

Rev. Dr. Howard Kramer, former St. Paul's pastor and current member, is turning 100! To celebrate, his family is surprising him with a shower of cards. You're invited to (a) write a card at our card station (cards provided, church will mail all), or (b) drop a card at church, or (c) mail your card to Dr. Kramer's son. Look for the card station table in the east lobby beginning April 21.

- **About Pastor Kramer:** Dr. Howard Kramer was pastor of St. Paul's from 1959-1966 and is a current member (joining us via streaming) who recently also celebrated the 75th anniversary of his ordination as a pastor. His 100th birthday is June 3, 2024.
- **Birthday Plans:** To mark this special occasion, his family suggests that those who knew him as a pastor, professor, or friend send him a birthday card and greeting, but all in the congregation are invited to share greetings. The family plans to present the cards during a celebration on May 26, Memorial Day weekend.
- **To mail a card directly:** Please mail by May 15 to: Howard Kramer, c/o Michael Kramer, 1702 Hayworth Ct., Columbia, MO 65203-6279.



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ST. PAUL'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1849 • 2024

175TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE MOMENTS

MARCH & APRIL IN HISTORY

March 3, 1985
Current stone church dedicated

March 10, 1867
Last service in log cabin church

March 17, 1867
Red brick church dedicated

April 6, 1917
United States enters World War I

April 8, 1849
Rev. JAFW Mueller hired as first St. Paul's pastor

April 12, 1861
Confederate forces fire on Fort Sumter, starting the Civil War

April 15, 1865
President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated

April 17, 1938
Easter Sunday, last service in the red brick church

April 22, 1934
New assembly hall built, paid for by the Ladies Aid Society

April 21, 1963
School addition containing the gym is dedicated

April 30, 1904
1904 Louisiana Exposition officially opens in St. Louis

