

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## WITNESS

### MAY 3 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 697

5:00pm worship • 84  
8:00am worship • 263  
9:30am worship • 118  
11:00am worship • 155  
Living Stone worship • 77

### ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 133 • Living Stone: 35  
Confirmation Service: 57  
Approximately 360 total online viewers

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mother's Day  
High School Senior Recognition, 11am  
Worship Services

### MONDAY, MAY 11

Morning Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom  
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH  
LWML Mtg., 13:30pm, FH  
Comfort Dog Mtg, 6:30pm, FH  
Social Ministry, 6:30pm, Conf. Rm.  
MomCo After Dark Meetup, 7pm, YR

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

Call Committee Mtg., 6:30pm, Conf. Rm.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Ronald McDonald House Meals, Offsite  
SPY High School Meetup, 5:30 pm, YR  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

Ascension Service, 7pm  
Strawberry Festival, 8pm, FH

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

Worship Service, 5pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

Worship Services  
Voters' Meeting, Noon, Sanctuary

## HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS

**News Due by 9am Wednesdays**  
Activity leaders are invited to submit news with our easy submission form. Look for the "Submit News" buttons at the top of our website News page and *Weekly Word* e-letter.

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### BIBLE STUDY HOUR • 9:30AM

**BOOK OF ACTS • MUSIC ROOM**  
Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUE.org

**FOUNDATION • FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Topical, discussion-based study

### SUNDAY SCHOOL • SCHOOL ROOMS

Preschool: Room LL2; K/1st: LL7;  
2nd/3rd: 106; 4th/5th: 104;  
6th-8th: Art Rm.; 9th-12th: Youth Rm.

**LITTLE LAMBS** • School Room 103

## GIVING

Annual offering budget	\$3,309,800
Budget year-to-date (44 weeks)	2,800,600
Received year-to-date	2,525,536
Difference actual/budget	-275,064
Weekly amount needed	98,033
Received last week	53,976

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$7,040,553
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$37,615

### MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,270,329



## MISSIONS CORNER

**MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Jamaica Mission** LCMS mission has been active in Jamaica for 34 years. Rev. Obot Ite pastors two congregations in the capital Kingston and does outreach and leader development. Learn more at [www.lmjamaica.org](http://www.lmjamaica.org).

## LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

News about LCMS events and activities at area Lutheran churches and schools can be found in the *Community Events* section of our *Thursday Weekly Word* e-letter.

### CHORAL EVENING PRAYER FOR EASTER

**Sun., May 10 • 3pm • Concordia Seminary Chapel**  
Features Bach Cantata #4; program notes in *Weekly Word*. Livestreamed at [csl.edu/live](http://csl.edu/live)

### SEMINARY SEEKING OFF-SITE RENTAL PROPERTY CONNECTIONS

Aug. 2025–May 2027 • Read more in our *Weekly Word*.

## NOW HIRING

Visit our church website for job details: [stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment](http://stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment)

### K-7 SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

Full-time counselors for K–7 program with faith-filled activities and field trips. Must be 18+; education majors are encouraged, but not necessary. Inquire with Nikki Wildman at [summer@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:summer@stpaulsdp.org).

### SCHOOL ASSISTANT COOK

Part-time assistant cook preparing and serving school meals, who enjoys working with children. Hours approx. 8am–1:30pm on school days. Inquire with Dawn Walker at [dwalk-er@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalk-er@stpaulsdp.org).

### PRESCHOOL MATERNITY SUB

Caring and dedicated ECC maternity-leave substitute for Preschool 3 classroom in Aug.–Sept. nurturing young learners. Inquire with Jessica Bangert at [jbangert@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:jbangert@stpaulsdp.org).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA & RELIGION TEACHER

Read more on inside page.



# THE GOOD NEWS

## SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

## TODAY

### OPEN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAYS

8am-Noon • Families, feel free to stay and play on Sunday mornings!

## THE WEEK AHEAD: MAY 11-17

### “LINK” YOUNG ADULT MINI GOLF NIGHT

**Mon., May 11 at 6:30pm**

Come join us for mini golf at Aloha Mini Golf and Shaved Ice on Big Bend Rd.

LINK is St. Paul's young adult group for ages 21+ that gathers for social meetups, Christian fellowship, Bible studies, and service projects. Friends are always welcome. No RSVP is needed, but completing the interest form at [bit.ly/LINK-May](http://bit.ly/LINK-May) is appreciated; for questions or more info, reach out to Katarina Hinck at [khinck@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:khinck@stpaulsdp.org).



### LWML MEETING

**Mon., May 11 • 12:30pm • FH**

Join us with your lunch at 12:30 for a time of fellowship, then an informal meeting at 1:00. We'll toss around ideas for next year and discuss details about the May 30 tag sale.

### SERVE MEALS AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

**Wed., May 13 • 4:30-6:30pm**

Community care can be as simple as sharing a meal. Come meal-prep with us in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen and help provide a home-cooked meal for visiting families of seriously ill children staying at the Des Peres RMD House. Sign up at [bit.ly/StP-RMH](http://bit.ly/StP-RMH).

### VOTERS' MEETING

**Sun., May 17 • Noon** • General business, budget approval.

### ★ NEWS JUST ADDED IS NOTED WITH A STAR

## SUNDAY, MAY 10: MOTHER'S DAY & GRAD RECOGNITION

**PHOTO ZONE** • “Say cheese!” For many, today is a special day to celebrate those we love — mothers, grandmas, graduates, friends, and more. All are invited to stop by the decorated backdrop in the Ballas lobby (west) and capture a family photo to remember the day.

**MOTHER'S DAY BOOKMARKS** • All ladies are encouraged to enjoy a Mother's Day Bible bookmark, as well as any congregation member who would like one, including those wishing to add a small gift for their moms. Find bookmarks displayed on stands in the church narthex and at the back entrance of Living Stone (music room).

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION** • Join us in recognizing our high school grads at the 11am sanctuary worship service on Sunday, May 10. We will have gift bags waiting for graduates in the Ballas lobby. We rejoice with our grads and their families and look forward to celebrating this milestone as a congregation.



## GRIEF SUPPORT

### ★ NEW: SUMMER GRIEF SHARE SESSIONS

**Mondays: June 8 - Aug. 31 • 6:00-7:30pm • LL4**

You don't have to walk through grief alone. Grief Share offers weekly support grounded in Christ's compassion and the promise of His comfort. Join others who understand and find practical help, hope, and gentle encouragement.

- Register online at [griefshare.org/groups/293905](http://griefshare.org/groups/293905), through our website News page, or contact facilitator Kathy Riesmeyer (314-303-2937, [riesmeyerk@cloud.com](mailto:riesmeyerk@cloud.com)) or Sharon Shearman (314-822-0447, [sshearman@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:sshearman@stpaulsdp.org)).



## SERVICE & SUPPORT

### ★ NEW: ECC PANERA FUNDRAISER

**Mon., May 18 • Panera in Des Peres  
4-8pm at café or drive-through + online all day**

Bagels, lattes, sandwiches, salads, and treats ... let Panera do the cooking and serve up a side of fundraising support for our Early Childhood Center!

- Please mention St. Paul's when placing your order. For online, kiosk, or app orders, use code FUND4U; online orders count toward the fundraiser all day.

### JOIN OUR VBS VOLUNTEER TEAM!

**VBS is July 13-17 • 9am-Noon**

The Lord has blessed us with 300+ VBS campers, and we would love your help to share the love of Jesus with them at "Rainforest Falls" VBS! Please prayerfully

consider joining our VBS volunteer team. Read more about volunteer positions and sign up at [bit.ly/StP-helper](http://bit.ly/StP-helper) or scan QR code. Questions: Contact Aunnee Trampe at [atrampe@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:atrampe@stpaulsdp.org).




## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**THURSDAY, MAY 14 • 7PM DIVINE SERVICE**

"Alleluia! Christ has ascended into heaven!  
And He will come again! Alleluia!"

Join us for the Ascension Day Divine Service as we celebrate Christ's return to the right hand of the throne of God. The Thursday evening festival service with St. Paul's intergenerational choir and orchestra marks the final offering of Music at St. Paul's 2025-2026 season.

We welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, with the sermon theme "Simply Christian."

### STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Following the service, all are invited to our annual strawberry social to enjoy fresh strawberries, shortcake, and ice cream. Hosted by our youth group.



## GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

### CARD-MAKING NIGHT

**Thurs., May 21 • 6-9pm • Music Room**  
Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three simply beautiful cards ready to send to family and friends. All supplies provided in \$12/person materials fee. Register at [bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking](http://bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking) by 5pm on May 18 so materials can be prepped.

### CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

**Tues., May 26 • 7pm • FH**  
Led by Rev. Dr. Kent Bureson, the group reads across a variety of genres, exploring Christian themes and how literature informs Christian faith and life. May's book is C.S. Lewis' *A Grief Observed*.

### "LINK" YOUNG ADULTS: COFFEE SHOP MEETUP

**Sat., May 30 at 8:30am**  
Join us for a Table Talk gathering (just an hour of fellowship over coffee) at Higher Groundz Coffee and Tea in Maryland Heights. No RSVP is needed, but completing the interest form at [bit.ly/LINK-May](http://bit.ly/LINK-May) is appreciated. Questions? Reach out to Katarina Hinck at [khinck@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:khinck@stpaulsdp.org).



### MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

**Wednesdays at 3:30pm • Aberdeen in Eureka**  
Read more in the *Weekly Word* e-letter.

## GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDS

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMED 20 EIGHTH GRADERS**

*Pictured, left to right, front row: Eddie Hackman, Gunnar Keyser, Daniel Owens, Charlie Haas. Middle row: Jack Tomczak, Ian Blake, Rachel Theiss, Remy Johnston, Caroline Vinyard, Ryleigh Ayers, Ellie Bunzel, William Townzen. Back row: Lucas Taylor, Case Weber, Jack Cash, Lucy Townzen, Georgia Bohlmann, Courtney Bangert, Kendall Hoover, Earl Akers.*



## NOW HIRING

### ★ NEW: MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH & RELIGION TEACHER



St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a passionate and dedicated educator to join our growing school community as a middle school English Language Arts and Religion teacher. For the upcoming school year, this position will primarily focus on sixth-grade ELA and religion, offering a unique opportunity to shape both the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

At St. Paul's, we are experiencing exciting growth and are committed to providing a strong, Christ-centered education with the mission to "strengthen the save by equipping students to serve their neighbor and seek the lost." Our supportive staff, engaged families, and positive school culture make this a place where teachers are encouraged, valued, and able to make a meaningful impact.

We are looking for a teacher who loves working with middle school students, is committed to excellence in instruction, and is eager to integrate faith into daily learning. A heart for ministry, strong relationship-building skills, and a collaborative spirit are essential.

If you or someone you know is interested in being part of a vibrant and growing school community, we would love to connect! Please contact Dawn Walker, principal, at [dwalker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org) for more information.

*See back page for more employment opportunities.*

## MINISTRY EXPANSION OPENING

### "SEE THE WONDERS" WELCOME WALK-THROUGH

**Sunday, June 21** • This Father's Day, come experience a first-look walk-through of our new ministry spaces, including the gym, Commons gathering space, kitchen, classrooms, and Meisch music suites. Enjoy a self-guided tour with hosted stations (date subject to change).

### OFFICIAL DEDICATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, August 9** • Worship services, dedication, ribbon-cutting, special presentations, tours, prayer walk stations, refreshments, and more.

