

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## WITNESS

### MAY 10 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 871

- 5:00pm worship • 98
- 8:00am worship • 281
- 9:30am worship • 195
- 11:00am worship • 191
- Living Stone worship • 106

### ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 156 • Living Stone: 35  
Approximately 306 total online viewers

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

Worship Services  
Voters' Mtg., Noon, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, MAY 18

Morning Men's Bible Study, 6am, Zoom  
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH  
Trustee Mtg, 3pm, FH  
Mission Board Mtg., 6pm, FH  
Elders Study, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

SPY High School Meetup, 5:30 pm, YR  
8th Grade Graduation, 6:30pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

Worship Service, 5pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Worship Services

**SEMINARY SEEKING OFF-SITE  
RENTAL PROPERTY CONNECTIONS**  
Aug. 2025–May 2027  
Read more in our *Weekly Word*.

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### BIBLE STUDY HOUR • 9:30AM

**BOOK OF ACTS • MUSIC ROOM**  
Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUO.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 (45 weeks)	2,864,250
Received year-to-date	2,548,874
Difference actual/budget	-315,376
Weekly amount needed	108,703
Received last week	23,338

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$7,797,553
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$39,472

### 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).

## NOW HIRING

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA & 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.

**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 [dwalker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:dwalker@stpaulsdp.org).

**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).

**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).



# THE GOOD NEWS

## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

## TODAY

### VOTERS' MEETING

*Today • Noon*

Join us after the late service for a brief voters' meeting to review and approve the church budget, and hear an update from our Call committee chairman.

### ★ NEW: SUMMER FOUNDATION STUDY ANNOUNCED

*Beginning May 17 • Sundays 9:30am • FH*

In our discussion-based Foundation Bible class, our theme for the summer, "Like a Well-Watered Garden," invites us to grow in faith. Water is a frequent theme in Scripture, from creation to the Red Sea, to the choosing of a wife for Isaac, to the woman at the well, to the calming of the storm. Each of these accounts was included in Scripture for our instruction so that our faith might flourish like a well-watered garden.

### OPEN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAYS

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD: MAY 18-24

### 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 fee. Register at [bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking](http://bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking) by 5pm on May 18 so materials can be prepped.

### 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.

### ★ NEW: HOLY LAND ARTISAN VISITS ST. PAUL'S

*Sat., May 23 • 4:30-6:30pm*

*Sun., May 24 • 7:30am-1pm*

From 6400 miles away in Bethlehem to our doors at St. Paul's — we're pleased to welcome John Nissan of the Nissan Brothers family of biblical artisans — Christian craftsmen of heritage olive-wood art for five generations, whose workshops support 300 Bethlehem-area families. Meet John and enjoy a 12-table display of crosses, nativity sets, ornaments, statues, and biblical carvings crafted from olive wood that's over 1000 years old. Due to decreased Holy Land tourism, the Nissan Brothers are sharing their wares at select churches in the US for display and purchase. [nissanbros.com](http://nissanbros.com)



★ NEWS JUST ADDED IS NOTED WITH A STAR

## WHAT'S NEW?

### NEWS JUST ADDED

1. New Foundation class series begins
2. Holy Land artisan visits • May 23 & 24
3. LWML tag sale & donations • May 29 & 30
4. LWML picnic at carillon concert • June 9
5. North parking lot resurfacing
6. Mrs. Mackenzie's retirement
7. Girl Scouts at St. Paul's
8. Food drive thank you
9. October meal-packing event

### REMINDERS

- Panera fundraiser tomorrow
- Gather items for LWML tag sale
- Register by May 18 for cardmaking night

### LARGE-PRINT

- Find the large-print *Good News* included inside our large-print worship folders (please see an usher)



## PARKING NEWS

### ★ NEW: SCHOOL PARKING LOT RESURFACING

From the end of May through the end of June, the school parking lot (north) will be resurfaced. You may wish to utilize the Edward Jones parking garage for our weekend services.



## LWML NEWS

### ★ NEW: ITEM COLLECTION + TAG SALE

Dropoff: Fri., May 29 • Off-site

Shop the Sale: Sat., May 30 • 8am-Noon • Off-site

To benefit LWML mission grants, St. Paul's LWML chapter is hosting a tag sale. How can you help? We welcome your donations of "nice" home goods, any vintage items, costume jewelry, Christmas décor, small pieces of furniture — think nice thrift shop — or those lovely items your kids *don't want!*

- Kirkwood drop-off and sale location: 669 Hawbrook Ave., 63122.
- Tag sale hotline: 314-780-5439.



### ★ NEW: WHAT IS LWML? JOIN US!

We're not your grandmother's LWML ... if you're a Lutheran woman, you will fit in. Lutheran Women in Mission is a multi-generational group serving the community. Come once, or come every month. We meet on the second Monday at noon for a brown bag lunch and then have a meeting or activity at 12:30. If you're looking for a *lively* community of friends, we invite you to join us for an event.

- **Tues., June 9:** Carillon concert and picnic fellowship at Concordia Seminary. Picnic at your leisure prior to the 7pm concert.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ★ NEW: RETIREMENT BLESSINGS

Join us in wishing God's blessings to Barb Mackenzie upon her recent retirement; she has served with faithfulness and dedication in our school ministry as both a classroom aide and Parents' Day Out caregiver. A generation of children and parents remember Mrs. Mackenzie's Christian care over the past 30+ years. Barb Mackenzie holds the distinction of being the first caregiver to serve at our PDO.

### ★ NEW: SOCIAL MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE THANKS

Your generous donations of food and money received during our annual May food drive are greatly appreciated. These gifts help support three community-based food pantries in the neighborhoods of St. Matthew and Bethlehem (north St. Louis), St. Trinity (at Koeln and Vermont), and Concordia Seminary's food pantry, which serves seminary students and their families.

## GIRL SCOUTS

### ★ NEW: SCOUTING WITH PURPOSE AT ST. PAUL'S

Scouting encourages teamwork, responsibility, and gratitude for God's creation while building friendships that reflect kindness, respect, and Christian character.

St. Paul's girls entering first through eighth grades are invited to join our multi-level Girl Scout troop 1867, and incoming kindergarten girls are invited to join our new Daisy troop 1749. Girls will meet about twice a month and participate in a variety of activities throughout the year.

To register, visit [girlscoutsem.org](http://girlscoutsem.org) or call 314-400-4600; scholarships are available. To learn more, contact leaders Katie Russell ([carterkatie7@gmail.com](mailto:carterkatie7@gmail.com)) or Naomi Mueller ([naomi.b.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.b.mueller@gmail.com)).



## GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

### ★ UPDATED: CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

Tues., May 26 • 7pm • FH  
Nine new books announced

Join our final book club of the year before the summer break as we read and discuss C.S. Lewis' *A Grief Observed*. 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. Next year's September to May lineup of books has been announced and can be found on our website at [Ministries > Get Connected](#).



### “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).

“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.

### GOLF LEAGUE

Wednesdays at 3:30pm • Aberdeen in Eureka

Read more in the *Weekly Word* e-letter.

## GRIEF SUPPORT

### SUMMER GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS

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

You don't have to walk through grief alone. GriefShare 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@icloud.com](mailto:riesmeyerk@icloud.com)) or Sharon Shearman (314-822-0447, [sshearman@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:sshearman@stpaulsdp.org)).



## SERVICE & SUPPORT

### ★ NEW: OCTOBER MEAL-PACKING EVENT

Sat., Oct. 17 (morning) • Off-Site

Save the date: The Board of Missions is again organizing a St. Paul's group for the *Feed My Starving Children* MobilePack event at Gateway Christian Church on Des Peres Road. Together with volunteers from across the St. Louis area, we'll help pack meals for children in need around the world; watch for upcoming sign-up information in August.

### 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).



## 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.

