

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## WITNESS

### MAY 17 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 1014

Ascension Service • 287  
5:00pm worship • 88  
8:00am worship • 208  
9:30am worship • 181  
11:00am worship • 141  
Living Stone worship • 109

### ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 142 • Living Stone: 43  
Approximately 296 total online viewers

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Worship Services

### MONDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY—offices closed

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

Call Committee Mtg., 6:30pm, Conf. Rm.  
Christian Readers Group, FH, 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

SPY High School Meetup, 5:30 pm, YR

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

Worship Service, 5pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

Worship Services  
New Members Received, 11am, 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 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 (46 weeks)	2,927,900
Received year-to-date	2,596,541
Difference actual/budget	-331,359
Weekly amount needed	118,876
Received last week	47,667

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$7,797,553
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$39,874

## MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,330,471



## 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 24, 2026

## TODAY

### 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)



### OPEN PLAYGROUND

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD: MAY 25-31

### ★ NEW: CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Following Memorial Day, the church office's summer hours shift to 8am-4pm Monday through Thursday, and 8am-3pm on Friday.

### 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 discuss C.S. Lewis' *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](#).

### LWML ITEM COLLECTION + TAG SALE

Dropoff: Fri., May 29 • Off-site (Rain date: June 5)

Shop the Sale: Sat., May 30 • 8am-Noon • Off-site (Rain date: June 6)

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.

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

Sat., May 30 • 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.



## WHAT'S NEW?

### NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Call committee update
2. Financial manager Laurie Barnett celebrates 25 years serving St. Paul's
3. VBS volunteer progress report
4. Church office summer hours

### REMINDERS

- Gather items for LWML tag sale

### LARGE-PRINT

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



JOHN 15:13 • GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT ONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS



## RECOGNITION

### ★NEW: 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 21, St. Paul's financial manager, Laurie Barnett, celebrated 25 years of ministry working at St. Paul's. She manages the financial responsibilities for the church, school, ECC, and PDO. As a church, much of the financial stability we are blessed to enjoy at St. Paul's is thanks to Laurie's wise and prudent work in managing our finances. When you see Laurie in the coming weeks, please extend your heartfelt thanks and appreciation to her for all she does for the mission and ministry of St. Paul's.



### 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.



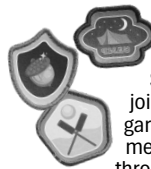
## CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

### ★NEW: MAY UPDATE • THREE CANDIDATES VISIT

The call committee conducted Zoom interviews with nine candidates in April. Following these interviews, we brought in three potential candidates for personal interviews with St. Paul's staff. These interviews are taking place in the weeks of May 10, 17, and 24. Following these interviews, feedback from the staff will go back to the call committee, and with the Holy Spirit's leading, we will know if at least two candidates may be presented to the congregation to extend a call. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's presence with the call committee as we continue in this process.

## GIRL SCOUTS

### 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)).

## BIBLE STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

### SUMMER FOUNDATION STUDY

**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.

VBS opens in 50 days

## GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

### 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.

## SERVICE & SUPPORT

### 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 signup information in August.

### VOLUNTEER AT VBS

**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.



## GRIEF SUPPORT

### SUMMER GRIEF SHARE 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)).

## PARKING NEWS

### SCHOOL PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Although our north parking lot will be closed for resurfacing through mid-to-late June, this project will fully complete the repaving of our entire church and school main campus — with all-new paving, striping, and improved driving-lane access, plus the restoration of the full number of original parking spaces.

For weekend services, the Edward Jones parking garage remains available.

