

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

MAY 31 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 759

- 5:00pm worship • 92
- 8:00am worship • 178
- 9:30am worship • 190
- 11:00am worship • 221
- Living Stone worship • 78

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 155 • Living Stone: 37
Approximately 307 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Worship Services

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Small-Setting Communion, Noon
Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30pm, FH
Social Ministry Mtg., 6:30pm, Conf. Room
Elders Meeting, 6:30pm, Music Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Worship Services
Voters' Mtg., 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 KFUD.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 (48 weeks)	3,055,200
Received year-to-date	2,655,359
Difference actual/budget	-399,841
Weekly amount needed	163,610
Received last week	22,362

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$7,797,553
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$40,585

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,392,683



MISSIONS CORNER

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH • Our LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports our chaplains who bring the Gospel and Sacraments to our military members around the world. Operation Barnabas equips our congregation to care for service members, veterans, and their families with prayer, encouragement, and Christ-centered support. Join us in this vital mission — your prayers and involvement make a difference. God bless those who selflessly serve our nation. **May Mission of the Month total: \$3,389**

NOW HIRING

Visit our church website for job details: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA & RELIGION TEACHER • St. Paul's seeks a middle school ELA and Religion teacher to nurture students' academic and spiritual growth in our Christ-centered, growing school community. Read more on our website's *Employment* page.

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.

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.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

AMERICAN KANTOREI AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

Sun., June 7 • 3pm • You are invited to Eastertide Choral Vespers with the American Kantorei chorus and orchestra. The Kantorei, under the directorship of Dr. Maurice Boyer, specializes in the performance of J. S. Bach's sacred choral works in the original German, accompanied by orchestra. Trinity Luth. Church, 14088 Clayton Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017.

THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026



THE WEEK AHEAD: JUNE 8-14

SMALL-SETTING COMMUNION

Mon., June 8 • Noon

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

LWML CARILLON CONCERT & PICNIC

Tues., June 9 • 7pm • Seminary

All are invited to a Carillon concert and picnic fellowship at Concordia Seminary. Picnic at your leisure prior to the 7pm concert.

- What is LWML? 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 12:30pm. If you're looking for a lively community of friends, we invite you to join us for an event.

JUNE PAVING COMPLETION

Within the next two weeks, resurfacing of our north parking lot will be complete. This project will conclude 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 parking, the Edward Jones parking garage remains available.

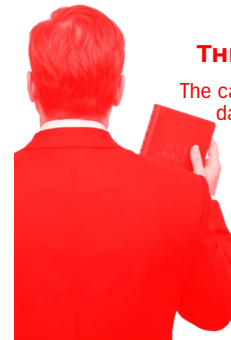
VOTERS' MEETING FOR SENIOR PASTOR CALL

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 • NOON

THREE CANDIDATES FOR CONGREGATION REVIEW

The call committee has been working diligently and has three candidates for senior pastor to bring forward to the congregation. Candidates' names, along with links to their sermons and church websites, have been shared with members in two congregation-wide emails sent Sat., May 30. All materials can be accessed on our website's *Member Portal > Pastor Call* page or through links in the *Weekly Word* e-letter.

A voters' meeting will be held on June 14 to consider and vote on a pastoral candidate. Read details about proxy voting, for those unable to attend, in both the letter and on our website.



WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Voters' meeting for pastor call • June 14
2. Building progress report
3. Update: Care & Connect week signup
4. Recognition: Concordia NE grad calls
5. LWML tag sale thanks
6. VBS update: Highlighting 2 remaining station leader openings
7. Blood drive • July 1
8. Update: Mission of the Month

REMINDERS

- Voters' meeting on pastor call next Sunday

LARGE-PRINT

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

JUNE DIAPER DRIVE

The Life Team at St. Paul's is collecting diapers (newborn to size 5) and baby wipes for local pregnancy centers.

Thank you for your continued support of families in need and mothers who have chosen life for their babies! Please place items in the Ballas lobby Pack-n-Play this month.





RECOGNITION

★ NEW: CUNE LUTHERAN TEACHER GRADS SENT FORTH

St. Paul's members Harley Storie and Alex Lorenz were recognized at Concordia University Nebraska's Sending Service; both are alumni of St. Paul's Lutheran School, Lutheran High School South, and CUNE. Harley accepted a call to teach K-8th grade art at Christ Lutheran in Norfolk, NE. Alex accepted a call to teach PE at Lutheran North. We rejoice with you as you go forth in gladness!

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL: MILESTONES IN MINISTRY & EDUCATION

At this year's closing Chapel, we were blessed to recognize the following for their years of service to the LCMS-Missouri District and to St. Paul's Lutheran School. We praise God for their many years of faithful service and pray God's continued blessing on each of them!

- **Missouri District recognition** • 5 years: Holly Konarik; 10 years: Whitney Wade; 20 years: Melissa Pauling; 25 years: Sue Burford; 30 years: Heather Hemler; 40 years: Dan Sterling.
- **St. Paul's recognition** • 5 years at St. Paul's: Holly Konarik and Melissa Pauling. 10 years at St. Paul's: Whitney Wade. 35 years at St. Paul's: Dan Sterling.

FUNDRAISER

CHICK-FIL-A MOBILE FUNDRAISER

Wed., June 17 • 11am-7pm
Chick-fil-A in Des Peres

Enjoy a meal at Chick-fil-A while supporting our Early Childhood Center: Place a mobile order through the Chick-fil-A app, select Community Care Event, and enter the code "STPAULS" and the ECC will earn 20% of mobile sales. Note: Must be mobile orders only.

★ NEWS JUST ADDED IS NOTED WITH A STAR

SERVICE & SUPPORT



★ UPDATED: CARE & CONNECT WEEK

Sun., July 26 to Sun., Aug. 2

Care and Connect Week invites our St. Paul's community to come together through meaningful service and simple acts of kindness. Every volunteer spot becomes a moment to support others and strengthen connections. Explore projects and sign up to make a difference at bit.ly/StP-Care26 or via the button on our website's News page.

★ NEW: BLOOD DRIVE

Wed., July 1 • 10am-2pm • West Lobby

Help save a life by donating blood at our American Red Cross blood drive. Choose your appointment time today at rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE or via the link on our website's News page.

OCTOBER MEAL-PACKING EVENT

Save the Date • Sat., Oct. 17 (morning) • Off-Site

VBS opens in 36 days

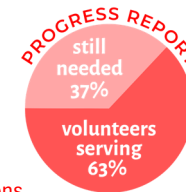
JOIN OUR VBS TEAM

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE FREE VBS T-SHIRT VBS IS JULY 13-17 • 9AM-NOON

Update: This week, we're highlighting two remaining station leader openings:

(1) "Sticky Scripture" leader: This person leads children in learning the verse of the day by using a fun interactive video.

(2) Preschool Bible leader: This person teaches the Bible story of the day to preschoolers. For both, all materials and lessons are prepped and ready to be used; we just need leaders!



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! Read more about volunteer positions and sign up at bit.ly/StP-helper or scan QR code. Questions: Contact Aunnee Trampe at atrampe@stpaulsdp.org.

WORKSHOP

FUNERAL & BURIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Sat., June 27 • 9:30-11:30am • FH

Make your desires for your own funeral and burial known to loved ones and the church by attending this workshop, led by St. Paul's member Kent Burreson. A guided, hands-on process will allow you to prepare your funeral and burial plan. Pastor Burreson is the author of the book, "Lay Me in God's Good Earth: A Christian Approach to Death and Burial." RSVP to Kent at burresonk@csl.edu so we have a count for resources.



GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

CARD-MAKING NIGHT

Thurs., June 18 • 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 by 5pm on June 15 so materials can be prepped.

LINK YOUNG ADULT MEETUP: COFFEE SHOP

Sat., June 27 • 8:30am

Join us for "table talks" at The Ground Coffee Shop in Ballwin — a relaxed space to enjoy conversation, community, and new connections. Thank you for completing our LINK interest form at bit.ly/LINK-June, which helps organizers approximate attendance.

THANK YOU

★ NEW: LWML TOGETHER IN MISSION • Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) thanks everyone who supported the May 30 tag sale by donating items, lending helping hands, and for shopping at the sale. Your generosity made the event a success, raising \$2,630.72 to support mission grants. We are grateful for your partnership in sharing Christ's love through mission outreach.



BUILDING TIMELINE

SUMMER '24

AUTUMN

WINTER

SPRING '25

SUMMER

AUTUMN

WINTER

SPRING '26



BUILDING PROGRESS REPORT



★ NEW: Momentum continues across the project, with many spaces finished or nearing completion.

All four classrooms — two on the main floor and two on the second floor — have been completed, and the music suite is finished except for the installation of soundproof doors and final trim. The spacious Commons fellowship-gathering area has been completed.

Next week, furniture arrives for the classrooms, music suites, and collaboration rooms, plus dining tables and chairs (for cafeteria use) in Saints Hall. Worship chairs for Saints Hall will arrive at a future date.

The modern, full-service kitchen is nearly complete, while contractors add an inspection-requested interior dividing wall to enhance food-prep safety. The south glass corridor is complete and pending occupancy permitting, while the tile flooring installation in the west-facing glass corridor is continuing.

Acoustical ceiling tiles and ceiling can lights for Saints Hall are pending arrival from suppliers. We've seen construction benchmarks remain on schedule throughout the project, even as some suppliers experience material delays.

MINISTRY EXPANSION OPENING

"SEE THE WONDERS" WELCOME WALK-THROUGH

Date Pending • Walk-through of our new ministry spaces, including a self-guided tour with hosted stations (date subject to change based on project completion).

OFFICIAL DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 9 • Worship services, dedication, ribbon-cutting, special presentations, tours, prayer walk stations, refreshments, and more. Our guest preacher for the day is Rev. Dr. Glen Thomas.

