

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

JUNE 7 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 633

- 5:00pm worship • 81
- 8:00am worship • 224
- 9:30am worship • 152
- 11:00am worship • 116
- Living Stone worship • 60

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 169 • Living Stone: 48
Approximately 347 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Worship Services
Voters' Mtg., Noon, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Missions Board Mtg., 6pm, FH
Elders Study., 6:30pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Worship Services

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 (49 weeks)	3,118,850
Received year-to-date	2,711,316
Difference actual/budget	-407,534
Weekly amount needed	199,495
Received last week	55,957

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$7,797,553
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$43,567

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,468,539



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.

NOW HIRING

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

★NEW: ART TEACHER (FULL OR PART-TIME)

St. Paul's seeks a passionate and dedicated educator to join our growing ministry as a middle school art teacher. Read more on our website's *Employment* page.

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.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW: GRACE CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL • is seeking a mission-minded, student-focused Administrative Assistant to join our ministry team. For more information or to apply, please contact: Kevin Williams, Principal at kwilliams@gracechapelstl.org or call 314-867-6564 ext. 221.

NEW: CONCORDIA MUSIC CONSERVATORY • is hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Please email marketing@cmc-music.org for a complete job description. Three references are required. Inquiry deadline has been extended to July 25, 2026.

THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026



TODAY

VOTERS' MEETING

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.

OPEN PLAYGROUND

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

THE WEEK AHEAD: JUNE 15-21

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.



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.

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.

★NEW: VBS SNACK COLLECTION

Help us fill our VBS snack pantry with donations of Teddy Grahams, Goldfish, Cheerios, Rold Gold Pretzels, and bags of mini marshmallows (our 2026 wish list has been simplified to five items). Find collection bins in the church lobbies.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. VBS Snack Collection
2. Fill A Back Pack
3. Sem BBQ
4. St. Paul's Art Teacher Needed
5. LCMS Community News

REMINDERS

- Voters' meeting on pastor call 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.





GROUPS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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.

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.

SERVICE & SUPPORT

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.

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: FILL-A-BACKPACK

Bring items to west lobby no later than Sun., July 26 - Assembly will take place Thurs., July 30 from 11am-1pm in FH

Ready, set, learn! We're aiming to share 200 fully stocked backpacks filled with all the supplies students need to study, learn, and thrive in the classroom. Our backpack drive provides impactful support to underprivileged students in the Dutchtown/Marquette Park community. To see wish list details and mark off supplies you'll bring (new items only, please), visit the SignUp Genius page at bit.ly/3SwF9rU or use the button on our website's News page or QR code below.

★ NEW: YOU'RE INVITED: SEM BBQ

Fri., June 19 • 5:30-7pm • Please RSVP

For the fifth year, St. Paul's is pleased to sponsor a Friday night barbecue at Concordia Seminary. The congregation is invited to attend the complimentary BBQ to fellowship with seminary students and staff and support our future pastors and their families. To help the sem cooking team with an accurate count, RSVP at bit.ly/4enyF6h • Location: Just west of the field on Founder's Way.

VBS VOLUNTEERING

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.



VBS VOLUNTEERING

BUILDING PROGRESS REPORT

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.