

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

JUNE 21 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 780

- 5:00pm worship • 99
- 8:00am worship • 222
- 9:30am worship • 174
- 11:00am worship • 156
- Living Stone worship • 129

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 183 • Living Stone: 46
Approximately 366 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Worship Services

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
Elders Mtg., 6:30pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Blood Drive, 10am, West Lobby

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, JULY 5

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

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| Annual offering budget | \$3,309,800 |
| Budget year-to-date (51 weeks) | 3,246,150 |
| Received year-to-date | 2,827,560 |
| Difference actual/budget | -418,590 |
| Weekly amount needed | 482,240 |
| Received last week | 66,570 |

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

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| Current debt | \$8,589,650 |
| Gifts received July 2025 to date | \$44,998 |

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,574,447



MISSIONS CORNER

★ **NEW: JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH** • Dr. Haragewen Kinde serves in her native Ethiopia, where she is helping the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Mekane Yesus ("House of Jesus"), establish a Lutheran university. Our support for Dr. Kinde's work is helping to bring the Gospel to college-age students in Ethiopia and to encourage their growth in the Christian faith.

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

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: FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT STL NIGHT FOR LIFE** • Fri., Sept. 25



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 28, 2026



TODAY

★ **NEW: PASTOR POTTSCHMIDT AND FAMILY VISIT**

Pastor Micheal Pottschmidt and his wife Vickie and daughters, Evelyn Grace and Annika, will be visiting St. Paul's Lutheran Church this weekend and will be joining us in worship. Please take this opportunity to welcome Pastor Pottschmidt and his family and to show them the warmth, hospitality, and Christian fellowship of the St. Paul's family and keep them in your prayers as Pastor Pottschmidt deliberates over the call to be our next senior pastor.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP LUGGAGE TAG FUNDRAISER

In between church services • West lobby

We're blessed to send a group of our high school students on a mission trip to serve in Niagara Falls during Care and Concern week this July! We will be launching our final fundraiser to help support this trip beginning today. Here's how it works: Our display board in the narthex is filled with luggage tags, each marked with a different donation amount. Grab a tag(s) and return it with cash or check to the drop box at the church receptionist counter, or donate online at bit.ly/StP-give. Because our youth look forward to sending you a postcard from Niagara Falls, please include your name and address.

THE WEEK AHEAD: JUNE 29-JULY 5

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.

★ **NEW: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3**

In observation of the Independence Day holiday, the church office will be closed July 3.

★ **NEW: MITE BOX COLLECTION • TINY GIFTS, MIGHTY MISSION**

July 4-5 Narthex Dropoff

Help support mission grants through Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML). During the weekend of July 4-5, bring your mite box, loose change, or cash and place your gifts in the large mite box in the narthex. Your mite offerings support the national grant goal of \$2,622,270 and the Missouri District mission goal of \$341,200. Together, through even the smallest gifts, God accomplishes mighty mission work.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Pastor Pottschmidt and Family Visit
2. Church Office Closed July 3
3. Mite Box Collection July 4-5 weekend
4. Small Setting Communion July 6
5. VBS Class Leaders Needed
6. July Mission of the Month

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.





SERVICE & SUPPORT

★ NEW: SMALL-SETTING COMMUNION

Mon., July 6 • Noon

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



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.

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.

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. 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.

PAVING COMPLETION (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Soon the 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.

★ NEWS JUST ADDED IS NOTED WITH A STAR

VBS VOLUNTEERING

★ NEW: LOOKING FOR VBS GRADE SCHOOL LEAD/HELPERS AND PRESCHOOL LEAD/HELPERS

July 13-17 • 9am-Noon

We have been blessed with so many volunteers for VBS! At this time, we still need more class leaders. (A class leader is in charge of taking a group of children from station to station.) This is not just a blessing for the children, but also for those who lead. Sign up today via this QR code, or contact Aunnee Trampe. Thank you!

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

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.

MINISTRY EXPANSION OPENING

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.