

Sunday Classes

Bible Study Hour 9:30am

Gospel of Matthew • Music Room

Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUO.org

Foundation • Fellowship Hall

Topical, discussion-based study

Sunday School • School Rooms

Preschool: Room 101; K/1st: 104; 2nd/3rd: 203; 4th/5th: 202; 6th-8th: Art Room; 9th-12th: Youth Room

Little Lambs • School Rm. 201

Witness

June 22 In-Person Worship Total • 621

Living Stone worship • 65

5:00pm worship • 87

8:00am worship • 148

9:30am worship • 179

11:00am worship • 142

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 134 • Living Stone: 51

Approximately 296 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget \$ 3,320,368

Budget year-to-date (51 weeks) 3,256,515

Received year-to-date 2,898,589

Difference actual/budget -357,926

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget 421,779

Received last week 32,898

Loan balance

Current debt \$ 31,791

Gifts received July 2024 to date \$ 79,603

Calendar

Sunday, June 29

Worship Services

Monday, June 30

Men’s Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

GriefShare, 6pm, LL4

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Thursday, July 3

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, July 6

Worship Services

How to Submit News

Activity leaders are invited to submit news with our easy submission form. You’ll receive an immediate email confirmation that your news has been received and when it will run. Streamlining with a form has been especially helpful to our church staff, who manage 300-500 news listings a year. Look for the "Submit News" buttons at the top of our website News page and *Weekly Word*.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$6,156,703



Employment

Now Hiring: Part-Time PE/Health Teacher

St. Paul’s Lutheran School is seeking a Christ-centered, energetic part-time physical education/health teacher to teach K–6th grade students. The role is approx. 24 hours per week, with responsibilities that include teaching PE/health classes, collaborating with faculty, and integrating Christian values into the curriculum. Applicants should be active members of an LCMS congregation and hold (or be willing to obtain) appropriate state and synodical certification. If you have a passion for teaching and helping children grow in both physical health and Christian character, we’d love to hear from you! Please contact principal Dawn Walker at dwalker@stpaulsdp.org to learn more.

Find full employment listings, further information, and hiring contacts on our website’s Employment page, under the News tab: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment

- ECC: Summer Camp; Substitute Teacher; Afternoon Shifts
- K-6th PE/Health Teacher; K-8 School Substitute Teacher

Missions Corner

June Mission of the Month • LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports about 200 Lutheran military chaplains throughout the world.

Community News

NEW: Ninth Annual Sporting Clays Benefit • Aug. 9

Join Markway Strong in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and in memory of congregation member Glenn Markway. Enjoy sporting clays course at St. Louis Skeet and Trap, BBQ lunch, giveaways, and raffles. Learn more at MarkwayStrong.com or contact Jolene at 314-302-1848.

THE GOOD NEWS



Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2025

This Weekend

Youth Gathering Luggage Tag Fundraiser

Countdown: New Orleans! We’re blessed to send 53 high schoolers and nine chaperones for a milestone trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering, held July 19-23. St. Paul’s group — the 10th largest attending — will join a Christian community of young people 20,000 strong from around the nation.

- Our teens are in the final stretch of fundraising and invite the congregation’s support in their luggage-tag appeal.
- 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 New Orleans, please include your name and address.

Open Playground on Sundays

8am-Noon • Families, stay and play on church mornings!

The Week Ahead: June 29-July 6

NEW: Office Closed July 3-4

In observation of the Independence Day holiday, the church office will be closed July 3 and 4.



NEW: Lawton Thompson Advanced to Associate Pastor

St. Paul's is pleased to announce that Lawton Dale Thompson has been advanced in title to *associate pastor*. Pastor Thompson has been a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord, and to God's people at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, since his installation as assistant pastor on July 16, 2022.

Prayer: "O Gracious Father, You led your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. We thank you for faithful pastors in this place, according to Your will, for the blessing of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Reminders

- Diaper Drive Concludes June 30

News Just Added

- 5 new listings; 8 repeated listings
- Lawton Thompson Advanced in Title
- Care & Connect Week of Service
- Church Office Closed for Holiday
- Small Setting Communion
- Community News: Markway Strong Sporting Clays Benefit



WEBSITE NEWS PAGE,
SIGN-UP LINKS, AND
NEWS SUBMISSION FORM



Care & Connect Week

NEW: Week of Service • July 27-August 2

The Board of Missions invites you to be part of our second annual Care & Connect Week by sharing Christ’s love in tangible ways.

From serving breakfast, building a home, or beautifying our church grounds, all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this impactful week of service and connection. Watch for upcoming sign-up information.



June Diaper Drive

Concludes June 30

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 during the month of June.

Last Weekend



Service & Support

Seeking Livestream Volunteers

Join our video team and support our worship services by livestreaming the Sunday Living Stone service and KFUO Bible study on YouTube. Volunteers serve once a month from 9am to noon, including setup, streaming, and tear-down. Open to anyone high school age or older, with any level of technology experience. A stipend is provided.

- To assist with Living Stone streaming, contact Ian Kirby at ikirby2589@gmail.com.
- Our Sanctuary team also welcomes videographers (7:15-9:15am, no set-up or tear-down, tech knowledge helpful; stipend provided). Contact Ken Ohlemeyer at kohlemeyer@gmail.com.



Announcements

You’re Invited: Rhodes Ordination

Sunday, July 13 • 3pm • St. Paul’s Sanctuary

Jacob Rhodes, son of the congregation, will be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod here at St. Paul’s, his home church. Jacob has received and accepted a Divine Call to serve as Assistant Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Boston, Massachusetts, where he will be installed.

Pastor Schudde Returns July 7

Pastor Schudde’s contract with St. Paul’s as vacancy senior pastor concluded May 31; he is taking the month of June for family celebrations and vacation. The elders and church council have voted to extend Pastor’s contract from July 7 to Dec. 15, 2025, or until the arrival of St. Paul’s next senior pastor.

NEW: Small-Setting Communion

Mon., July 7 • Noon

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

Coming Together After the Storm

Thank You

“Love Your Neighbor...” Mark 12:31

In the wake of the devastating May 16 EF4 tornado that swept through North St. Louis County, severely impacting neighborhoods of our sister congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul’s has come together in faith and action to provide critical support. Your kindness, prayers, and contributions have made an impact; *thank you* for being the hands and feet of Christ.

First Response: May and June Assistance



1) Within a week, St. Paul’s sent a U-Haul and pickup truck filled with ten categories of urgently needed household items to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



2) Through the Fill-a-Fridge initiative, our congregation members donated \$6300 — matched with an additional \$3000 by our mission board, totaling \$9300 — to fill 37+ refrigerators (at \$250 per fridge fill-up), helping to restock fresh food for the community.



3) Our comfort dogs, Tabby and Zion, visited children in Bethlehem’s summer camp, providing presence and connection.



4) LWML women visited Bethlehem to organize the supply pantry and diapers, with additional LWML ladies visiting to move equipment between kitchens. The team is planning continuing on-site help.



5) School and ECC faculty members visited North County to cook and deliver meals, assemble hygiene kits, and organize donations, as well as ECC faculty who organized lunches at Concordia Seminary, which also sustained downed trees on campus.



6) Congregation members cooked and served with the *Forged by Fire* relief food truck run by an LCMS Louisiana pastor, preparing jambalaya on-site to serve North County residents.

Efforts Underway: June and July



St. Paul’s has earmarked the purchase of an \$1800 hot water heater to accompany the installation of a washer and dryer at Bethlehem so that residents temporarily housed at the church can wash clothes on site. Our facilities manager arranged for pro bono work, through relationships with contractors that St. Paul’s uses, to install all of the new plumbing and electric lines needed.

Continuing Support

St. Paul’s remains dedicated to continuing to offer financial support, hands-on service, and relief to help our North County neighbors rebuild after the tornado.

Donations made via St. Paul’s offering envelopes marked “Bethlehem” or online at bit.ly/StP-give will be organized and directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.