

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## WITNESS

### JUNE 28 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 733

- 5:00pm worship • 97
- 8:00am worship • 200
- 9:30am worship • 176
- 11:00am worship • 151
- Living Stone worship • 109

### ONLINE VIEWING

- Sanctuary: 178 • Living Stone: 48
- Approximately 362 total online viewers

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

Worship Services

### MONDAY, JULY 6

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom  
Small-setting Communion, Noon

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

Worship Service, 5pm

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

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 (52 weeks)	3,309,800
Received year-to-date	2,854,146
Difference actual/budget	-455,654
Weekly amount needed	
Received last week	26,586

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$8,589,650
Gifts received July 2025 to date	\$45,469

## MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,594,268



## MISSIONS CORNER

**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** • Total \$4,627

## NOW HIRING

Visit our church website for job details: [stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment](http://stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment)

**NEW: SCHOOL PT LUNCH CUSTODIAN** • Seeking a dependable, service-oriented Part-Time Lunch Custodian to help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for students, staff, church members, and visitors during the school lunch period. This position is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing dining areas, assisting with lunchroom setup and breakdown, and supporting the overall cleanliness of school and church facilities. Inquire with Steve Brosch at [sbrosch@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:sbrosch@stpaulsdp.org).

**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).

## LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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



# THE GOOD NEWS

## SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026



## TODAY

### 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. TopGolf HS Youth Event
2. MOTM Presentation
3. SP School Hiring PT Lunch Custodian

### LARGE-PRINT

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD: JULY 6—12

### 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.

### ★ NEW: TOPGOLF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT

#### Wed., July 8 • 5:30-7:30pm • Topgolf Chesterfield

High School Youth, tee up and play around for our upcoming youth event at Topgolf next week! Space is limited and first-come, first-serve, so sign up ASAP via [bit.ly/TOPGOLF2026](http://bit.ly/TOPGOLF2026)

### ★ NEW: MISSION OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION

#### Sun., July 12 • 9:30am • LL3

Dr. Haragewen Kinde, July's Mission of the Month, will share her work in Ethiopia during the Bible-class hour. Born and raised in Ethiopia and now living in California, she has spent over 30 years in education. She partners with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and its seminary to strengthen programs and support global mission partnerships.



## SERVICE & SUPPORT



### 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/3SwF9rU) or use the button on our website's News page.

### 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](http://bit.ly/StP-give). Because our youth look forward to sending you a postcard from Niagara Falls, please include your name and address.

## 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.

## VBS VOLUNTEERING

### 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](http://bit.ly/StP-helper) or scan QR code. Questions: Contact Aunnee Trampe at [atrampe@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:atrampe@stpaulsdp.org).



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### 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.