

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

JULY 5 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 496

- 5:00pm worship • 41
- 8:00am worship • 152
- 9:30am worship • 117
- 11:00am worship • 94
- Living Stone worship • 92

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 184 • Living Stone: 46
Approximately 368 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Worship Services

MONDAY, JULY 13

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30 pm, FH

TUESDAY, JULY 14

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

THURSDAY, JULY 16

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, JULY 19

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

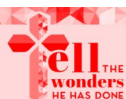
Annual offering budget	\$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (1 week)	64,923
Received year-to-date	62,999
Difference actual/budget	-1,924
Weekly amount needed	64,960
Received last week	62,999

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt	\$8,589,650
Gifts received July 2026 to date	\$857

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,659,851



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.

NOW HIRING

Visit our church website for job details: 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.

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

CONCORDIA MUSIC CONSERVATORY • Hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Email marketing@cmc-music.org for a complete job description; three references required. Inquiry deadline extended to July 25, 2026.



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

TODAY

DR. KINDE VISITS • ETHIOPIA MISSION 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. Dr. Kinde partners with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church *Mekane Yesus* and its seminary to strengthen programs and support global mission partnerships.

OPEN PLAYGROUND

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

THE WEEK AHEAD: JULY 13-19

★UPDATED: VBS SNACK COLLECTION CONTINUES

Through Wed., July 15 • Update: Pretzels and mini marshmallows still needed

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 church lobbies.

★NEW: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • ARRIVAL INFORMATION

July 13-17 • 9am - Noon

This week we're pleased to welcome 250+ children and over 100 amazing volunteers to Rainforest Falls VBS for a week of faith, fun, and Bible adventure. Families with registered learners have already received emails with their VBS group assignment. Parents, when you arrive, please enter through the church doors and stop first in the narthex to pick up your child's nametag. Parents will then accompany children into the sanctuary to sign them in with their group leader, where each VBS day begins.

- Questions? Contact VBS director Aunnee Trampe (vbs@stpaulsdp.org)

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. VBS arrival info & hospitality
2. Asst. Kantor begins July 15
3. Confirmation parent/youth meeting • July 19
4. Update: Care & Connect Week openings
5. LWML thank you
6. Sem student vehicle need

LARGE-PRINT

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

★VBS HOSPITALITY & HELLOS

During VBS week, St. Paul's is privileged to welcome hundreds of children who will walk through our doors — including many who may not have a family tradition of church participation. Each of us in the congregation is blessed with the opportunity to extend a gracious welcome — offering a "hello," a friendly smile, and the hospitality that makes our church feel like home.

FILL-A-BACKPACK FOR KIDS IN NEED

COLLECTING THROUGH SUN., JULY 26 • ASSEMBLY ON JULY 30

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 our SignUp Genius page at bit.ly/StP-pack2026, use the QR code at right, or use the button on our website's News page.

- Drop off to the Ballas lobby anytime through Sunday, July 26.
- Join us for an assembly day and lunch on Thursday, July 30 from 11am-1pm in FH by signing up at bit.ly/StP-Care26 (1 lunch slot left).





YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

JULY LUGGAGE TAG FUNDRAISER

Display in Ballas Lobby • Meet youth on Sundays between services

We're blessed to send a group of our St. Paul's high school students on a mission trip to serve in Niagara Falls during our congregation-wide Care and Connect week this month!

- 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 Niagara Falls, please include your name and address.



WELCOME

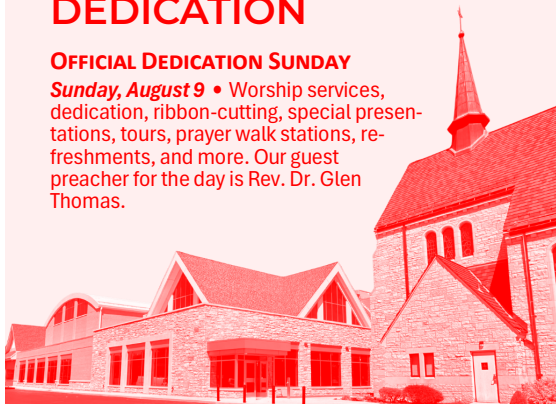
★ NEW: ASST. KANTOR BEGINS JULY 15

St. Paul's is pleased to welcome Mr. Joel Stoppenhagen, our new assistant kantor, who begins his ministry among us next week. With thanksgiving, we celebrate the ways Mr. Stoppenhagen will lend his exceptional musical gifts to our music ministry and worship life.

MINISTRY EXPANSION DEDICATION

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.



CONFIRMATION

★ NEW: PARENT/STUDENT CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Sun., July 19 • Noon-1pm • Youth Room

Confirmation is a formative milestone for youth in the church as they grow in their understanding of God's Word and receive faithful teaching and pastoral care.

Please plan to attend an informational Confirmation meeting for parents and students, including both (a) rising 7th or 8th graders who do not attend St. Paul's day school, and (b) rising 8th graders who attend St. Paul's School. We will be mapping out the curriculum, expectations, and important dates for the 2026/27 school year.

SERVICE & SUPPORT

★ THANK YOU: LWML MITES IN ACTION

Lutheran Women in Mission thank all who support the LWML mission grants. Mite box offerings were \$273.45 for our third of four collection weekends. If your mite box fills before our next collection weekend (October 10-11), you may drop off your mites anytime using the large mite box on the information counter in the east lobby.

★ NEW: SEMINARY FAMILY VEHICLE NEED

A seminary family is in need of a safe, budget-friendly vehicle to support their daily vocations and pastoral formation. If anyone has a dependable car they are selling affordably or looking to part with, it would be an immense blessing to our family during the remainder of our seminary journey. Please contact Jeremiah Bauer at 561-405-5241. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.



JOIN OUR WEEK OF SERVICE

JULY 26 TO AUGUST 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, via the QR code below, or via the button on our website's News page.

Volunteers receive a complimentary 2026 t-shirt.



SIGN UP FOR C&C



Any Day

Pray at home (42+ spots open)



Sunday, July 26 • Noon-2pm & lunch provided (8 spots open)

Make cross necklaces for Forged by Fire Ministries



Monday, July 27 • 6:30-8pm (12 spots open)

Craft handmade cards for our card-mailing ministry



Monday, July 27 • 10am or 1pm (20 spots open)

Assist with archives at Concordia Historical Institute at Sem



Tuesday, July 28 • 3-5pm (7 spots open)

Pack and sort food at St. Louis Food Bank



Tuesday, July 28 • 4:30-7:30pm (3 spots open)

Wednesday, July 29 • 4:30-7:30pm (1 spot open)

Cook/serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House



Wednesday, July 29 • 9-11am (9 spots open)

Clean and polish our church building



Thursday, July 30 • 11am-1pm & lunch provided (1 spot open)

Assemble school backpacks for communities in need



Thursday, July 30 • various times (32 spots open)

Friday, July 31 • various times (26 spots open)

Work at Christian Friends of New Americans facility and choose from 7 service opportunities (details online) including laying carpet squares, removing wallpaper, painting, sorting donations, constructing racks, landscaping/weeding, or refugee learning skills



Friday, July 31 • 7:45am-3:45pm (3 spots open)

Work at Habitat for Humanity construction site



Saturday, Aug. 1 • 8-10am (6 spots open)

St. Paul's gardening/landscaping tasks