

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

JULY 19 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 699

5:00pm worship • 116
8:00am worship • 216
9:30am worship • 130
11:00am worship • 151
Living Stone worship • 86

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 151 • Living Stone: 45
Approximately 314 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 26

CARE AND CONNECT WEEK BEGINS

Worship Services
Voters’ meeting, Noon, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 27

Monday Morning Men’s Bible Study, Zoom

TUESDAY, JULY 28

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Fill-a-Backpack, 11am, FH

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,717,355

tell THE world HE HAS DONE

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

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN • Details on inside page.

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.

Now Hiring at St. Paul's

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

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; contact Jeremiah Bauer at 561-405-5241. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (3 weeks) 194,769
Received year-to-date 167,278
Difference actual/budget -27,491
Weekly amount needed 65,484
Received last week 42,729

CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE

Current debt \$8,589,650
Gifts received July 2026 to date \$34,481

SAINT PAUL'S

THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

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TODAY

VOTERS' MEETING

Details below.

OPEN PLAYGROUND

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

THE WEEK AHEAD: JULY 27-AUG. 2

★ NEW: PASTOR SCHUDDE TRAVELING THROUGH JULY 29

Pastor Schudde is gathering with family in Washington State this weekend for a family reunion and the celebration of his mother's 95th birthday. He will be back in the office this coming Wednesday.

WHAT’S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Young adult boat race outing • Aug. 15
2. Hiring facilities maintenance technician; Tom Boehm retiring
3. Pastor Schudde traveling

REMINDERS

• Fill-a-Backpack collection ends today
• Care & Connect Week begins today

LARGE-PRINT

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

VOTERS’ MEETING TODAY

VOTERS' MEETING FOR SENIOR PASTOR CALL

Sun., July 26 • Noon • Sanctuary

St. Paul’s senior pastor call committee has called for a congregational voters’ meeting with the recommendation of bringing forth two candidates’ names to the congregation for consideration and a vote. Please continue to pray for our call process and for both candidates and their families.

• Read details about proxy voting, for those unable to attend, on our website’s *Member Portal* > *Pastor Call* page, as well as a review of the candidates and their backgrounds (Member portal password: *gracealone*)

• Congregational communications about the meeting and candidates have include six informational emails sent to congregation members on July 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, and 22.



AUGUST 8 & 9 WORSHIP CHANGES • Due to the dedication service, no 9:30am worship service, Bible classes, or Sunday school will be held on Sunday, August 9. On Saturday, August 8, no evening worship will be held. Read more on next page.

FILL-A-BACKPACK FOR KIDS IN NEED

Collecting Through Sunday, July 26

Our month-long backpack collection concludes today, and on Thursday a team of volunteers will prepare 200 backpacks filled with supplies students need to study, learn, and thrive in the classroom. Each backpack will be gifted to a student in need in the Dutchtown community. Drop off supplies to the Ballas lobby.

To see wish list details and mark off supplies you’ll bring (new items only, please), visit our signup page at bit.ly/StP-pack2026, use the QR code at right, or use the button on our website’s *News* page.



★NEW: HIRING FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Our campus is expanding, and so is our facilities team, with the addition of a second maintenance tech.

Facilities team member Tom Boehm, who has skillfully served St. Paul's for 20 years, will retire this August. Last year, we were pleased to welcome Rob Jamison to our team.

Qualified candidates will have general maintenance and carpentry experience, including industry-accepted skills such as painting, light carpentry, and light industrial work, with the ability to lift 50 pounds and climb a 16-foot ladder. For inquiries or referrals, contact Steven Brosch, Facilities Manager (sbrosch@stpaulsdp.org, 314-600-4158).

★NEW: "LINK" YOUNG ADULTS OUTING: BOAT FESTIVAL

Sat., Aug. 15 • 10am • Age 21+

Join us for the Gateway Dragon Boat Festival, a community boat racing event at Creve Coeur Lake, with food trucks and entertainment (gatewaydragonboat.com).

- **What is "LINK"?** LINK is St. Paul's young adult group for ages 21+ that gathers for social meetups, Christian fellowship, Bible studies, and service projects. Friends are always welcome.
- To learn more, or if you're attending the meetup, reach out to Katarina Hinck at khinck@stpaulsdp.org.

YOU'RE INVITED

DEDICATION SUNDAY AUGUST 9

MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE & DEDICATION

Guest preacher at all services: Rev. Glen Thomas

- 8:00am Sanctuary worship service
- **No 9:30am worship service, Bible classes, or Sunday school will be held. No Saturday, Aug. 8 worship held.**
- 9:20-10:30am Dedication service
- 10:45am Living Stone worship service
- 11:00am Sanctuary worship service

9:20AM {COURTYARD GATHERING & RIBBON CUTTING

Full congregation gathers outside for ribbon cutting and doxology, proceeding through vestibules into new facilities.

9:25AM {DEDICATION IN GYM

All gather in the gym for the dedication of each part of our new ministry expansion (Gym, Saints Hall, The Commons, Meisch Music Suite, classrooms) with dedication prayer litanies and hymns.

9:45AM {RECEPTION & PRAYER WALK

Refreshments and fellowship, prayer walk opportunity, self-guided tours with station hosts.

10:25 CLOSING IN SAINTS HALL

Gather in Saints Hall for the closing hymn.



Website news page, sign-up links, and news submission form are at stpaulsdesperes.org/news



JOIN OUR WEEK OF SERVICE

JULY 26 TO AUGUST 1

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 (31+ spots open)



Sunday, July 26 • Noon-2pm + lunch (2 spots open)

Make cross necklaces for Forged by Fire Ministries



Monday, July 27 • 6:30-8pm (2 spots open)

Craft handmade cards for our card-mailing ministry



Monday, July 27 • 10am or 1pm (8 spots open)

Assist with archives at Concordia Historical Institute at Sem



Tuesday, July 28 • 3-5pm (All spots full: thank you!)

Pack and sort food at St. Louis Food Bank



Tuesday, July 28 • 4:30-7:30pm (All spots full: thank you!)

Wednesday, July 29 • 4:30-7:30pm (All spots full: thank you!)

Cook/serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House



Wednesday, July 29 • 9-11am (4 spots open)

Clean and polish our church building



Thursday, July 30 • 11am-1pm (All spots full: thank you!)

Assemble school backpacks for communities in need



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

Friday, July 31 • various times (32 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 (All spots full: thank you!)

St. Paul's gardening/landscaping tasks