

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sunday Classes

Bible Study Hour 9:30am

Gospel of Matthew • Music Room

Simulcast live on 850AM and KFJO.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

July 20 In-Person Worship Total • 636

Living Stone worship • 80

5:00pm worship • 116

8:00am worship • 183

9:30am worship • 136

11:00am worship • 121

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 158 • Living Stone: 42

Approximately 320 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget\$ 3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (3 weeks)190,950

Received year-to-date154,058

Difference actual/budget-36,892

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget64,403

Received last week46,308

Loan balance

Current debt\$ 0.00

Gifts received July 2024 to date\$ 4,002

Calendar

Sunday, July 27

Worship Services

Jessica Thompson Recept., 9-9:30am, FH

Monday, July 28

Men’s Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

Trustees Meeting, 3pm, Conf. Room

GriefShare 6pm, LL4

Tuesday, July 29

Call Committee Mtg., 6:30pm, CR

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

Friday, Aug. 1

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, Aug. 2


Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Aug. 3

Worship Services

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$6,454,094



Employment

Full-Time PE/Health Teacher • St. Paul’s Lutheran School is seeking a Christ-centered, energetic, full-time K–6th grade physical education/health teacher. Responsibilities 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. Contact principal Dawn Walker at [walker@stpaulsdp.org](mailto:walker@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](https://stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment)

ECC: Substitute Teacher; Afternoon Shifts

K-6th PE/Health Teacher; K-8 School Substitute Teacher

Thank You

From Bethlehem Lutheran • “Saints of St. Paul’s – Thank you so, SO much for your amazing congregational support during this difficult time. Your pantry items were some of the first ones to adorn our space as they went out to serve a community broken by the storm. We thank you for being a blessing! I also want to thank you for sponsoring us for LEA [Lutheran Education Association]! Dr. Janine Bolling let us know you have graciously sponsored our educators so that they can have a meaningful and powerful experience. Thank you! - Pastor Bolling”

Missions Corner

July Mission of the Month • Dr. Haragewen Kinde serves in her native Ethiopia, where she is helping the Ethiopian Evangelical Church establish a Lutheran university.

Community News

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](https://MarkwayStrong.com) or contact Jolene at 314-302-1848.

How to Submit News

News Due by 9am Wednesdays

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*.



THE GOOD NEWS


Saturday, July 26  
and  
Sunday, July 27, 2025

This Weekend

Reception for Deaconess Thompson

Sun., July 27 • 9:00-9:30am • FH

All are invited to a fellowship breakfast reception in honor of Deaconess Jessica Thompson as she embarks on her new call with Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, establishing their St. Louis presence. We give thanks for Jessica’s ministry work at St. Paul’s, where she has served as deaconess intern over the past year. Jessica will be recognized in all four Sunday worship services today.



Free Volunteer T-Shirt Pick-Up

This Weekend • All Care & Connect volunteers are invited to take a complimentary 2025 t-shirt to wear during our St. Paul’s service projects this week. Find them in the church lobby Saturday and Sunday.


The Week Ahead: July 28 - Aug. 3

Mongolia Mission Presentation

Sun., Aug. 3 • 9:30am • LL3 • Join us for a presentation by Rev. David and Lois Mahsman, highlighting their three-month Mongolian mission trip.

NEW: Foundation Bible Study Led by Mr. Sterling

Begins Sun., Aug., 3 • 9:30am • Details, next page.



Progress Report • Care & Connect Week

• 326 backpack items still needed. 4024 items donated: Thank you!

• 40 Care & Connect volunteer spots open. 119 volunteer spots filled: Thank you!

Join our annual congregational week of service, which begins today.

Reminders

• Care & Connect Week begins

• Backpack supply collection ends tomorrow

News Just Added

• 5 new listings; 8 repeated listings

• Bible class with history focus • Aug. 3

• Small-setting Communion • Aug. 4

• School receives award distinction

• MomCo open house • Sept 4

• Men’s softball beginning

• Updated: Care & Connect Week openings, and backpack items still needed



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



## Bible Study

**NEW: Foundation Bible Study Led by Mr. Sterling**  
Sundays Aug., 3, 10, 24 • 9:30am • FH  
Dan Sterling, St. Paul's school history teacher, leads our Foundation Bible class through a three-part series, "God's Fingerprints in History." We see countless examples of God's intervention and direction throughout history – especially American history – and see spirituality in historical events and people. Yet history books and classes often miss such stories of God's providence, or aren't allowed to tell them. Come explore these little-known accounts and characters: a famous guest may make an appearance!

## Announcements

**NEW: School Receives Top Award Distinction**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School & ECC Earns  
*Premier Parent Choice Award* from ParentPulse

Throughout the 2024-25 school year, our parents at the ECC and K-8 school completed satisfaction surveys through a partner called ParentPulse. Their responses to "How likely are you to recommend us to a friend or colleague?" earned St. Paul's a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 84! Each year ParentPulse awards schools that have an NPS of 80 or higher with the *Premier Parent Choice Award*. Fewer than 5 percent of ParentPulse partner schools received this distinction! According to ParentPulse, most organizations would be thrilled with an NPS of 30-50. Scores of 70+ are rare and considered world class. Praise God for our thriving school community!

**NEW: Small-Setting Communion**  
Mon., Aug. 4 • Noon

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

## Activity Groups

**NEW: Men's Softball**  
Begins in September • Thursday Nights

Men 18 years and up, join us for a fun hour or two of fellowship playing softball at Kirkwood Park on Thursday nights for six weeks starting in late September. Contact John Hoover (hoov97@hotmail.com; 314-276-3370).

**NEW: Moms, Get Connected at MomCo!**  
Open House • Thurs., Sept. 4 • 9-11am • FH

Join us for meetups on the first and third Thursday of the month; we'll enjoy breakfast, light devotion, and an opportunity to connect with other moms. Show up as you are and join the fun! Read more at [bit.ly/StP-MomCo](https://bit.ly/StP-MomCo). For more information, join our open house – kids are invited too! – or contact coordinator Heather Stoll (heathermk09@gmail.com; 636-328-1928).

### Fill-a-Backpack for Kids in Need

**Collecting Through Mon., July 28**  
Ready, set, learn! We're aiming to share 150 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.

**Collection ends Monday**

**Over 4000 Items Collected: Thanks You!**

**Still Needed:**

- 3-ring binders (197 still needed)
- Calculators (88 still needed)
- Plastic pencil cases (35 still needed)
- Packages of pens (18 still needed)

To see wish list details and mark off supplies you'll bring (new items only, please), visit the SignUp Genius page at [bit.ly/4eH3mD9](https://bit.ly/4eH3mD9) or use the button on our website's News page, or QR code at right.

**Drop Off** to church lobby through Mon., July 28.



Choose Backpack Items



clip and save 

### Music Season Announced

Music at St. Paul's is pleased to announce its 34th season, debuting this fall. Mark your calendars now for these special musical events, which are complimentary and open to all. Invite your family and friends.

Choral Vespers Feast of St. Michael & All Angels	Sun., Sept. 28, 2025 at 4:00pm
American Kantorei Vespers	Sun., Oct. 19, 2025 at 3:00pm
Service of Lessons and Carols (Advent and Christmas Season)	Sat., Dec. 13, 2025 at 5:00pm and Sun., Dec. 14 at 4:00pm
Valparaiso University Choir and Orchestra	Sun., Mar. 8, 2026; time TBA
American Kantorei Passion Vespers	Tue., Mar. 31, 2026 at 7:30pm
Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord	Thu., May 14, 2026 at 7:00pm



### Join Our Week of Service

Care and Connect Week begins today, filled with opportunities to serve our neighbors, the wider community, and our church home. Hosted by the Board of Missions, the week will emphasize ways faith and service go hand in hand, putting faith into action with opportunities for members of all ages.

Find job descriptions, details, and addresses on the Sign-Up Genius page at [bit.ly/StP-CC-25](https://bit.ly/StP-CC-25) or our church website News page, or QR code below.



**Sunday, July 27 • or any day**  
Pray at home



**Sunday, July 27 • 12:15-2:15pm & lunch provided** (2 spots open)  
Make cross necklaces for Forged by Fire Ministries



**Monday, July 28 • 9:30am-11:30am** (4 spots open)  
Clean and polish St. Paul's church building



**Tuesday, July 29 • 1-4pm** (6 spots open)  
Assist with archives at Concordia Historical Institute at Sem



**Wednesday, July 30 • 9am-noon** (filled)  
Lunch for construction workers: Bake sweet treats or assemble and serve brown bag lunches



**Thursday, July 31 • 11am-1pm & lunch provided** (filled)  
Assemble school backpacks for communities in need



**Thursday, July 31 at 1-3pm** (10 spots open)  
Organize, prep, or paint at Christian Friends of New Americans facility



**Friday, Aug. 1 at 2-4pm** (20 spots open)  
Organize, prep, or paint at Christian Friends of New Americans facility



**Saturday, Aug. 2 • 7:30-9:30am** (filled)  
Cook/serve breakfast at Ronald McDonald House



**Saturday, Aug. 2 • 8-10am** (3 spots open)  
St. Paul's gardening/landscaping tasks



Sign Up for Care & Connect