

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS
JULY 26 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 746
5:00pm worship • 77
8:00am worship • 184
9:30am worship • 141
11:00am worship • 252
Living Stone worship • 92

ONLINE VIEWING
Sanctuary: 172 • Living Stone: 32
Approximately 326 total online viewers

CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**
Worship Services
- MONDAY, AUGUST 3**
Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
Small-Setting Communion, Noon
Elders, 6:30pm, FH
Church Council, 7:30pm, FH

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**
Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**
No Saturday 5pm service

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**
Worship Services, 8am, 10:45am & 11am
No 9:30am Worship Service
No 9:30am Bible Study or Sunday School
Building Dedication, 9:20-10:30am

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	GIVING
BIBLE STUDY HOUR • 9:30AM	Annual offering budget \$3,375,996
BOOK OF ACTS • MUSIC ROOM Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUO.org	Budget year-to-date (4 weeks) 259,692
FOUNDATION • FELLOWSHIP HALL Topical, discussion-based study	Received year-to-date 220,241
SUNDAY SCHOOL • SCHOOL ROOMS Preschool: Room LL2; K/1st: LL7; 2nd/3rd: 106; 4th/5th: 104; 6th-8th: Art Rm.; 9th-12th: Youth Rm.	Difference actual/budget -39,451
LITTLE LAMBS • School Room 103	Weekly amount needed 65,745
	Received last week 52,963
	DEBT REDUCTION
	Current debt \$9,000,650
	Gifts received July 2026 to date \$35,126

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,735,023



MISSIONS CORNER
★ **NEW: AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH** • *Seminary for Foreign Leaders*
This mission focus supports international Lutheran theological education and leadership formation. Through efforts such as the LCMS Global Seminary Initiative, qualified international pastors and future church leaders are equipped through advanced study and by the teaching support of LCMS seminary faculty serving international partner churches.
★ **NEW: July Mission of the Month** collection total (Dr. Kinde) = \$3,623. Thank you!

- NOW HIRING**
Visit our church website for job details: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment
- FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** • Details on inside page.
- SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** • 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.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS
Seminary Family Seeking Vehicle • Details in the *Weekly Word* e-letter

THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026



THE WEEK AHEAD: AUG. 3-9

★ **NEW: SMALL-SETTING COMMUNION**
Mon., Aug. 3 • Noon
Special monthly worship service with Communion for members who may prefer to avoid large crowds or who have mobility issues.

WHAT'S NEW?

- NEWS JUST ADDED**
- 1. Small-setting Communion • Aug. 3
 - 2. "Little Lambapalooza" • Aug. 15
 - 3. Little Lambs Sunday school • Aug. 16
 - 4. Sunday school promotion Sunday • Aug. 16
 - 5. Card-making night • Aug. 20
 - 6. Blood drive • Aug. 28
 - 7. Men's softball begins Sept.
 - 8. Hiring substitute teachers
 - 9. Aug./Sept. save-the-dates
 - 10. August Mission of the Month

- REMINDERS**
- Worship schedule changes Aug. 8 & 9
 - No Bible study or Sunday school Aug. 9

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

YOU'RE INVITED
AUGUST 9
DEDICATION SUNDAY

- 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 in Music Room
 - 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.

AUGUST 8 & 9
WORSHIP CHANGES

To allow the congregation to gather together for the dedication service as a unified church body, there will be no 9:30am worship service, Bible classes, or Sunday school on August 9.

On Saturday, August 8, no evening worship will be held.





LIVING STONE WORSHIP

★NEW: PREPARING FOR SAINTS HALL

As Living Stone prepares to begin worshipping in Saints Hall, we're excited to welcome new volunteers! Whether your gifts are in music or technology, we'd love to have you join our worship band or A/V team. High school students through adults are welcome. To learn more or get connected, please contact Whitney Wade at wwade@stpaulsdp.org.

EMPLOYMENT NOW HIRING

★NEW: K-8 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

St. Paul's Lutheran K-8 school is looking for caring, dependable individuals to serve as substitute teachers throughout the school year. Whether called in the morning or scheduled in advance, substitutes step into classrooms where lesson plans are already prepared. If you enjoy working with children and would like to support our Christ-centered school ministry, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Dawn Walker, Principal, at dwalker@stpaulsdp.org more information.

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).

INTEREST GROUPS

★NEW: MEN'S SOFTBALL STARTS IN SEPT.

Men age 18 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 September. Please reach out to John Hoover (hoov97@hotmail.com or 314-276-3370) if interested.

“LINK” YOUNG ADULT 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.

★NEW: MONTHLY CARD-MAKING NIGHT

Thurs., Aug. 20 • 6-9pm • Music Room

Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three simply beautiful cards ready to send to family and friends. All supplies provided in \$12/person materials fee. Register at bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking by 5pm on Aug. 17 so materials can be prepped.

BLOOD DRIVE

★NEW: AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE

Fri., Aug. 28 • 10am-2pm • Ballas Lobby

Help save a life by donating blood at our American Red Cross blood drive. Choose your appointment time today at rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE or via the link on our website's News page.

INSTALLATION OF JOEL STOPPENHAGEN

SUNDAY, AUG. 16 • 11AM SERVICE

RECEPTION

St. Paul's assistant kantor, Mr. Joel Stoppenhagen, will be installed this month. He joins our music staff in support of the congregation's liturgical life and worship. We pray God's blessing on his ministry among us.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

★NEW: LITTLE LAMBAPALOOZA EVENT

Sat., Aug. 15 • 10am-Noon • Family Playdate

Calling the littlest lambs in our congregation and their families to join in an ultimate playdate to kick off the new Little Lambs Sunday School year! Families with children 0-2 years old are welcomed to attend. Dress for messy play; hosted at Michael and Naomi Mueller's home. Message Naomi at 314-599-3883 for details.



★NEW: LITTLE LAMBS:

"FIRST STEPS" IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just as little ones grow and learn and eventually take their first steps, our Little Lambs class is designed as the "first steps" of Sunday School — as well as a time for moms and dads to connect with other young families. Each Sunday in Little Lambs, children from babies to toddler age (0-2) will learn their very first Bible songs, make music, sing along, laugh and play, read beginner Bible stories together, and most of all, learn how God loves them. Parents and children meet together for Little Lambs.

★NEW: SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, Aug. 16 • 9:30am (0-8th Grade)

It's time to step up to a new grade as we grow in Christ! August 16 is "Promotion Sunday," when our Sunday School students move up to their new class level (infant to 8th grade); teachers look forward to greeting newcomers.



Classes meet in the school and expansion; room numbers that are different starting Aug. 16 are noted with an asterisk*: • Little Lambs (children 0-2 with parents) in room 205* • Preschool (age 3-4) in room LL2 • Kindergarten/Grade 1 in room LL7 • Grade 2/3 in room 106 • Grade 4/5 in room 104 • Grades 6-8 in room 210*.

SAVE THE DATES AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

CHURCH EVENTS

- Aug. 9 Dedication Sunday • 9:20-10:30am
- Aug. 14 Tom Boehm's retirement day
- Aug. 16 Joel Stoppenhagen installation • 11am
- Aug. 28 Blood drive • 10am-2pm
- Sept. 27 Flu Shots • 9am-Noon • LL3

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S • 35TH SEASON

- Sept. 27 Season debut: Vespers for St. Michael and All Angels • 4pm

BIBLE STUDIES

- Aug. 30 "Our Roots" Foundation series with Dan Sterling begins
- Sept. 9/10 Living Way Bible study resumes

INTEREST GROUPS

- Aug. 5 Choir rehearsals resume • 7pm
- Sept. 3 MomCo Open House kickoff • 9-11am
- Sept. 13 MomCo After Dark resumes • 7pm
- Sept. 14 Christian Readers Group resumes • 7pm
- Sept. 17 First MomCo [daytime] meetup • 9am

CHILDREN & SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Aug. 15 Little Lambapalooza • 10am • Off-site
- Aug. 16 Sunday School promotion Sunday
- Aug. 23 2nd grade Bible presentation • 8am worship
- Aug. 23 Bible Blastoff • 9:30am • Gym

YOUTH GROUP

- Sept. 30 SPY (St. Paul's Youth group) events resume

SCHOOL DATES

- Aug. 9 Teacher commissioning • 11am
- Aug. 10 Early Childhood Center: First day of school
- Aug. 12 St. Paul's School: First day of school