

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

AUG. 2 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 685

5:00pm worship • 100
8:00am worship • 182
9:30am worship • 174
11:00am worship • 151
Living Stone worship • 78

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 146 • Living Stone: 23
Approximately 270 total online viewers

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
LWML Meeting, Noon, FH
Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30pm, FH
Social Ministry, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Worship Service, 5pm
Lambapalooza Playdate, 10am, Off site

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Worship Services
Sunday School: Promotion Sunday
Joel Stoppenhagen Installation, 11am

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: \$9,758,674



★ NEW: CARE & CONNECT WEEK THANK YOU

Thank you for making Care & Connect Week truly special. Your kindness, service, and commitment to building meaningful connections reflected Ephesians 2:10, and showed Christ's love in action. Every effort, big or small, strengthened our church family. We're grateful for your time, your enthusiasm, and the way you lifted others up and made a real difference.

THANK YOU!

★ NEW: THANK YOU FROM YOUTH MISSION TEAM

The high school youth mission trip team would like to thank our congregation for their support through prayers, encouragement, and generous donations over the past several months. Because of you, our team was able to travel to Niagara Falls, New York to serve others through this mission experience — connecting us with communities in need. Your donations helped provide lodging, fuel, meals, and meaningful activities, which opened doors to friendships with fellow church youth groups from around the country. Thank you for investing in us and making this opportunity possible!

★ NEW: THANK YOU FROM CHI

Concordia Historical Institute thanks you for the volunteer work accomplished during your Care and Connect Week; you really made a difference! Contact Kristen Muehler at 314-505-7900 to learn more about CHI.

MISSIONS

MISSION OF THE MONTH • Seminary for Foreign Leaders • Read more in Weekly Word

EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING: FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECH. • K-8 SUBS
SCHOOL LUNCH CUSTODIAN • SCHOOL ASST. COOK

For job details, read more in our *Weekly Word* e-letter and visit our church website 's employment page: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (5 weeks) 324,615
Received year-to-date 275,327
Difference actual/budget -49,288
Weekly amount needed 65,972
Received last week 47,355

DEBT REDUCTION

Current debt \$9,000,650
Gifts received July 2026 to date \$37,063



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

DEDICATION SUNDAY

TODAY

• 8:00am Sanctuary Worship •

9:15AM & PRIOR • GATHER IN COURTYARD

9:20AM • 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

• 10:45am & 11:00am Worship •



AUGUST 9-16

TODAY • NO 9:30AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP OR BIBLE CLASSES

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 Aug. 9.

TODAY • FACULTY REDEDICATION • 11AM • Details on next page.

“LINK” YOUNG ADULT OUTING: BOAT FESTIVAL

Sat., Aug. 15 • 10am • Age 21+ • Details on next page.

LITTLE LAMBAPALOOZA EVENT

Sat., Aug.15 • 10am-Noon • Family Playdate • Details on next page.

KANTOR STOPPENHAGEN INSTALLATION

Sun., Aug. 16 • 11am Service • Details on next page.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Faculty rededication • Aug. 9

2. Tom Boehm retires Aug. 14

3. Faith Milestones: First Bibles • Aug. 23

4. PDO book wish list

5. Thank you notes: Mission team, Care & Connect, CHI (back page)

6. Schuddes host 2027 river cruise

LARGE-PRINT

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



TEACHER INSTALLATIONS

★NEW: FACULTY REDEDICATION

Sun., Aug. 9 • 11am service

As we embark on our 178th school year, we offer prayers of blessing for our faculty and the 493 learners in our K-8 school, ECC, and PDO programs. We are thankful for the dedicated service of our St. Paul's teachers — rededicated with a blessing in the 11am church service — and extend an especially warm welcome to four new educators who join our St. Paul's family.

- Meet Shayla Fackler (4th grade teacher: commissioned and installed), and Jennifer Kaber (kindergarten teacher: installed). We are also pleased to introduce Ava Booth (5th grade teacher), and Sydney Haug (4th-8th grade art teacher).

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

★NEW: SCHUDDER HOST RIVER CRUISE

Pastor Schudde and his wife, Kris, will be hosting a Seine River Cruise — Paris to Normandy — from Aug. 23 to Sept. 1, 2027. If you would like more information, please reach Pastor Schudde at mschudde@gmail.org.



“LINK” YOUNG ADULTS: 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.

MONTHLY CARD-MAKING NIGHT

Thurs., Aug. 20 • 6-9pm • Music Room • Updated Cost

Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three simply beautiful cards ready to send to family and friends. All supplies provided in \$15/person materials fee. Register at bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking by 5pm on Aug. 17 so materials can be prepped.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

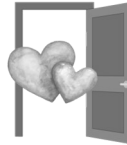
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY

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.

New this year: All grades (K-8th) meet together for an opening session in the new music suite, room 211.

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*.



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.



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: FAITH MILESTONES • FIRST BIBLES

Gift Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders • Aug. 23 • 8am

Bible Blastoff for 2nd Graders & Parents • Aug. 23 • 9:30am • Gym

All second graders of the congregation, their parents, and siblings are invited for a special presentation together at the altar, as they receive their first *Growing in Faith Bible* in church — a gift from St. Paul's. Afterward, at our Bible Blastoff, second-grade families explore the Bible together through parent-child activities; refreshments are served.



★NEW: PDO BOOK LIBRARY WISH LIST • Reading is one of the many ways we share the love of Jesus at Parents' Day Out. We also love exploring God's world as we read about colors, shapes, animals, and more! Help us refresh our library as we prepare to share the love of Jesus with more than 35 children! View our wish list at bit.ly/PDObooks26-27

INSTALLATION OF JOEL STOPPENHAGEN

SUNDAY, AUG. 16 • 11AM SERVICE

RECEPTION

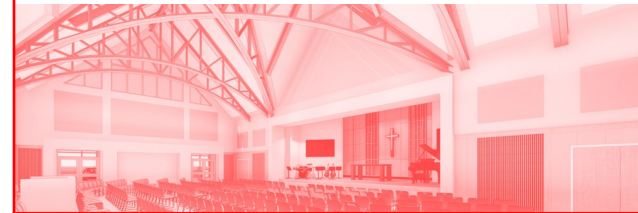
St. Paul's assistant kantor, Mr. Joel Stoppenhagen, will be installed this month. He joins our music staff in support of the congregation's liturgical life and worship. We pray God's blessing on his ministry among us.



LIVING STONE WORSHIP

PREPARING FOR SAINTS HALL

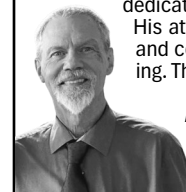
As Living Stone prepares to begin worshiping in Saints Hall, we're excited to welcome new volunteers! Whether your gifts are in music or technology, we'd love to have you join our worship band or A/V team. High school students through adults are welcome. To learn more or get connected, please contact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



RETIREMENT BLESSINGS

★NEW: TOM BOEHM RETIRES

On August 14, Tom celebrates 20 years of faithful service at St. Paul's. Throughout the years, he has served in many roles with dedication, dependability, and a great sense of humor. His attention to detail, willingness to go the extra mile, and commitment to excellence have been a true blessing. Thank you, Tom, for 20 incredible years of service!



Read more about Tom's career at St. Paul's in our Aug. 6 Weekly Word article.

SAVE THE DATES AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

CHURCH EVENTS

- 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. 16/17 Living Way Bible study resumes

INTEREST GROUPS

- 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

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.