

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 LL2; K/1st: LL7; 2nd/3rd: 105; 4th/5th: 104; 6th-8th: Art Room; 9th-12th: Youth Room

Little Lambs • School Rm. 103

Witness

Aug. 3 In-Person Worship Total • 741

Living Stone worship • 76

5:00pm worship • 104

8:00am worship • 232

9:30am worship • 152

11:00am worship • 177

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 117 • Living Stone: 30

Approximately 235 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget\$ 3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (5 weeks)318,250

Received year-to-date232,567

Difference actual/budget-85,683

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget65,473

Received last week37,185

Loan balance

Current debt\$ 0.00

Gifts received July 2024 to date\$ 5,795

Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 10

Worship Services

Monday, Aug. 11

Men’s Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

LWML Meeting, 1pm, FH

GriefShare 6pm, LL4

Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30pm, FH

Social Ministry, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Call Committee Mtg., 6:30pm, Offsite

Wednesday, Aug. 13

School Begins

Thursday, Aug. 14

Friday, Aug. 15

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, Aug. 16

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Aug. 17

Worship Services


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*.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$6,521,410



Now Hiring

Visit our church website for job details: stpaulsdesperes.org/news/employment

• Church: Facilities Maintenance Technician

• ECC: Substitute Teacher; Afternoon Shifts

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

Missions Corner

August Mission of the Month • Erin Mackenzie serves as an LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic. She is coordinating short-term volunteer teams who serve missions and partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.

LCMS Community News

Lutheran Immigration History Conference

Oct. 23-25 • Altenburg, Mo • \$275 Fee

Learn about German Lutherans who settled in Perry County at this eighth biennial conference entitled “Origins: Sailing, Survival & Settlement.” Details on topics, tours, banquet and lodgings at lutheranmuseum.com/conference-2023

Post-Tornado Relief Continues

NEW: St. Paul’s Facilitates Laundry at Bethlehem Lutheran

Laundry facilities have been installed at Bethlehem Lutheran to support neighbors temporarily housed at the church following the tornado that devastated the community. The outreach project was progressed forward by our facilities manager, Steve Brosch, who worked to secure pro bono work at Bethlehem through contractors St. Paul’s has relationships with. Steve is also donating his time to complete drywall repairs at Bethlehem. A donated washer, dryer, and new hot water heater are now installed, along with the needed labor for plumbing, electrical, and ductwork; contractors Liberty Electric and CR Mechanical provided key assistance.





THE GOOD NEWS

Saturday, August 9 and

Sunday, August 10, 2025

This Weekend

Erin Mackenzie Ministry Minute • Sunday services

School Faculty Rededication & Installation

Sun., Aug. 10 • 11am Service

As we embark on our 177th school year, we offer prayers of blessing for our faculty and the 455+ students in our K-8 school, ECC, and PDO program. 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 our new educators, being installed, who join our St. Paul’s family. Meet Julie Diercks (5th grade homeroom, science and math teacher: commissioned and installed) and Stephanie Gross (1st grade teacher: installed).

Foundation Bible Study Led by Mr. Sterling

Sun., Aug. 10 & 24 (not Aug. 17) • 9:30am • FH

“God’s Fingerprints in History.” Details, recordings, and slide deck on our website’s *Bible Studies* page.


The Week Ahead: Aug. 11-17

NEW: Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Sun., Aug. 17 • 9:30am (0-8th Grade)

It’s time to step up to a new grade as we grow in Christ! Next Sunday 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; enter via the school’s main north entrance:

• Little Lambs (children 0-2 with parents) in room 103 • Preschool (age 3-4) in room LL2 • Kindergarten/Grade 1 in room LL7 • Grade 2/3 in room 105 • Grade 4/5 in room 104 • Grades 6-8 in the Art Room.



NEW: Gift Bible Presentation for Second Graders

Sun., Aug. 17 • 8am Service

All second graders, their parents, and siblings are invited to attend the 8am worship service for a special presentation together at the altar, as they receive their first *Growing in Faith Bible* — a gift from St. Paul’s. Celebrate this milestone in your child’s life as we rejoice in the gift of God’s Word.

NEW: Bible Blastoff: Second Graders & Parents

Sun., Aug. 17 • 9:30am • FH

This special event is an opportunity for children to learn more about the Bible, God’s promises, and be encouraged in their growing faith. Families explore the Bible together through parent-child activities; refreshments will be served. Bible Blastoff stands for Bible Learning and Spiritual Training.



News Just Added

10 new listings; 12 repeated listings

• Sunday School Promotion Sunday • Aug. 17

• Bible presentation for 2nd graders • Aug. 17

• Bible Blastoff for 2nd graders • Aug. 17

• Little Lambs (age 0-2) begins • Aug. 17

• LWML quilters resume • Aug. 18

• Cardmaking nights resume • Aug. 21

• Seeking Confirmation prayer partners

• St. Paul’s assists Bethlehem (back page)

• Care & Connect volunteer thank you

• Meal-packing volunteer event • Oct. 18



Little Lambs: "First Steps" in Sunday School Starting Sun., Aug. 17 • School Room 103



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.

Groups & Events

LWML Salad Lunch & Meeting

Mon., Aug. 11 • Noon • FH

Ladies of the congregation are invited to our opening LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) session. Join us for lunch at noon and a 1pm meeting that will include planning for the coming year and highlights from the recent convention. For lunch, salad greens, dressings, and dinnerware will be provided; please bring a salad addition to share. Bring your mites.

NEW: Weekly Quilting Group Resumes

Mon., Aug. 18 • 9-11am • FH

All are welcome! LWML quilters resume Monday mornings, tying quilts for charities. Quilts are donated to those in need throughout St. Louis and are appreciated! Join us at church or take a batch to tie at home. No sewing skills needed; all materials and instructions are provided. Questions? Call 314-488-1303.

NEW: Monthly Card-Making Nights Resume

Thurs., Aug. 21 • 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. 18 so materials can be prepped.

Men's Softball Begins in September

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).

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 break-fast, 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. For more information, join our open house — kids are invited too! — or contact coordinator Heather Stoll (heathermk09@gmail.com; 636-328-1928).

Music Season Announced

Mark your calendars for the debut of Music at St. Paul's 34th season, beginning with Choral Vespers on Sun., Sept. 28. The full season schedule, first published July 10-27 in our *Good News* and *Weekly Word*, can be found on our website's *Music* tab.

Service & Support

NEW: You're Invited to Be a Confirmation Prayer Partner

Join this special prayer ministry to be matched with a confirmand and pray for them privately this school year. Prayer partners' identities are revealed on Examination Night in May. Read more and register at bit.ly/StP-Conf-pray or with the church office.

PDO Book Library Wish List

We love books at Parents' Day Out and would love your support to expand our library. Our books receive lots of love during the year, and some need to be replaced. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the PDO ministry and for checking out our Amazon book wish list at amzn.to/458il4t.



Blood Drive

Fri., Aug., 29 • 10am–3pm

Help save a life by donating blood at our American Red Cross blood drive. Choose your appointment time at our website *News* page or at rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE.

NEW: October Meal-Packing Volunteer Event

Sat., Oct. 18 • 9:30-11:45am • Off-Site

The Board of Missions invites you to be on St. Paul's team participating in the Feed My Starving Children *MobilePack* event hosted at Gateway Christian Church on Des Peres Road. Join other groups throughout the area to provide nutrition to children in need around the world. Mark your calendar and watch for upcoming signup info.

Announcements

Christopher Shearman to Be Ordained Aug. 17

Join in prayers of thanksgiving with Dave and Sharon Shearman upon the ordination of their son, Christopher Shearman. A son of the congregation and alumnus of St. Paul's Lutheran School, Christopher will be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church. Christopher has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor for Lutheran Development Group in St. Louis, which provides comprehensive community development and revitalization in the Dutchtown, Gravois Park, and Benton Park West neighborhoods of south St. Louis.



School Receives Top Award Distinction

Earning a "Premier Parent Choice Award" ParentPulse net promoter score of 84 places St. Paul's K-8 school and ECC in the top 5 percent of partner schools, and in a category the survey hosts call "rare and considered world class." Read more in our *Weekly Word* newsletter.

Now Hiring Facilities Maintenance Technician

We're expanding our facilities 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).



August & September Lineup

Here's What's Ahead • At St. Paul's, our groups and classes often enjoy a little "summer vacation" hiatus, then start back up in August and September. Watch the *Good News* for ways to get connected at St. Paul's. In addition to activities featured in this newsletter, also mark you calendars for:

August

- Monday night Confirmation classes • Beginning Aug. 18
- St. Paul's day school Confirmation classes • Beginning Aug. in school
- SPY High School Wed. night meetups • Resuming Aug. 20 • 5:30-7pm
- SPY Starters, SPY Middle School • Events begin Aug./Sept.

September

- Fellowship Group • Resuming Sept. 3
- Confirmation family classes • Beginning Sept. 14 & 17
- Living Way Bible Study • Beginning Sept. 10 & 11
- Christian Readers Group • Resuming Sept.
- *Loved & Sent* Summit (off-site) • Sept. 17-20

October

- Congregational Retreat at Trout Lodge • Oct. 3-5 • Save the date!

Care & Connect Thank You

Dear St. Paul's volunteers,

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). This verse beautifully captures the spirit of Care & Connect Week at St. Paul's. Through your dedication last week, you each acted on this scripture verse through prayer and by generously giving of your time and abilities to assist individuals and organizations.

We are grateful for those of you who took time to pray at home, lifting up the needs of others to our heavenly Father and praising Him for all of His blessings. A heartfelt thanks to the 127 volunteers who participated in varied activities — creating necklaces for Forged by Fire Ministries, enhancing the beauty of our campus, archiving LCMS documents, preparing and serving meals for our construction workers and Ronald McDonald House residents, filling backpacks for local school children, and supporting Christian Friends of New Americans in its transition to new facilities.

The impact of your service was felt by the people and organizations we served, and they are truly thankful for each of you. It is remarkable what can be accomplished when God's people come together in prayer, service, and fellowship for just one week.

God's Blessings,
The Board of Missions and Pastor Wade