

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

AUG. 9 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 685

5:00pm worship • No Service this week

8:00am worship • 333

9:20am Dedication service • 550 +

11:00am worship • 288

Living Stone worship • 102

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 146 • Living Stone: 23

Approximately 270 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Worship Services

Sunday School: Promotion Sunday

Joel Stoppenhagen Installation, 11am

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

Mission Board Mtg., 6pm, FH

Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30pm, Youth Room

Elders Study, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Worship Services

2nd Grade Bible Presentation, 8am service

Bible Blast-Off, 9:30am, School Gym

Pastor Schlund Installation, 4pm

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

• Little Lambs: 205 • Preschool: LL2

• K/1st: LL7 • 2nd/3rd: 106 • 4th/5th: 104

• 6th-8th: 210 • 9th-12th: Youth Room

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,800,508



THANK YOU

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!

MISSIONS

★ 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.

NOW HIRING

• FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECH.

• K-8 SUBS • 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



Now Hiring at St. Paul's

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996

Budget year-to-date (6weeks) 389,538

Received year-to-date 349,326

Difference actual/budget -40,212

Weekly amount needed 65,797

Received last week 73,999

DEBT REDUCTION

Current debt \$9,000,650

Gifts received July 2026 to date \$37,490



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

TODAY: AUGUST 16

KANTOR STOPPENHAGEN INSTALLATION

Sunday, Aug. 16 • 11am Service • Reception at Noon in Ballas Lobby

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR TOM BOEHM

Sunday, Aug. 16 • 9-9:30am Fellowship Breakfast

★ NEW: CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP MEETING

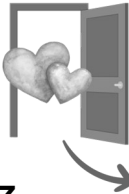
Sun., Aug. 16 • Noon-1pm • FH • Parents & Students

If you were unable to attend last month's informational Confirmation meeting, please plan to attend this make-up meeting. It is intended for parents and students, including both (a) current 7th or 8th graders who do not attend St. Paul's day school, and (b) current 8th graders attending St. Paul's School. We will be mapping out the curriculum, expectations, and important dates for the 2026/2027 school year.

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! Today is "Promotion Sunday," when our Sunday School students move up to their new class level; teachers look forward to greeting newcomers. Classes meet in the school and expansion wing; room numbers that are different starting Aug. 16 are noted with an asterisk*



THE WEEK AHEAD: AUGUST 17-23

QUILTING GROUP RESUMES

Mon., Aug. 17 • 9-11am • FH • Details on next page.

MONTHLY CARD-MAKING NIGHT

Thurs., Aug. 20 • 6-9pm • Music Room • Details on next page.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SCHLUND

Sun., Aug. 23 • 4pm • Details on next page.

FAITH MILESTONES • FIRST BIBLES

Gift Bible Presentation for 2nd Graders • Aug. 23 • 8am • Details on next page.

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

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

TODAY

Sunday, Aug. 16 • 9-9:30am • Fellowship Breakfast

We celebrate Tom Boehm's 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!



WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Confirmation make-up meeting • Aug. 16

2. Pastor Schlund's installation • Aug. 23

3. Living Stone moves to Saint Hall • Aug. 23

4. KFUO Bible study in Saint Hall • Aug. 23

5. Sanctuary svc. moves to 10:45 on Sept. 13

6. LINK young adults at coffee shop • Aug. 29

7. School board seeking new members

REMINDERS

Pastor Schlund installed next weekend

LARGE-PRINT

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

• Little Lambs (0-2 + parents): School room 205*

• Preschool (age 3-4) • School room LL2

• Kindergarten & 1st grade • School room LL7

• 2nd & 3rd grades • School room 106

• 4th & 5th • School room 104

• 6th-8th • School room 210*

• 9th-12th • Church youth room

KANTOR INSTALLATION

TODAY

Sunday, Aug. 16 • 11am Service

Noon Reception • Ballas Lobby

St. Paul's assistant kantor, Joel Stoppenhagen, is installed today. Joel joins our music ministry in support of the congregation's liturgical life and worship, bringing his skills as a gifted musician and organist to our Lutheran musical traditions.





INSTALLATION SERVICE

REV. TOM SCHLUND • SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 4PM

With thanksgiving, St. Paul's announces the installation of Rev. Thomas Steven Schlund as our senior pastor. Missouri District President Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan will preach and preside over the installation, after which Pastor Schlund will preside over the remainder of the service, including the prayers and Sacrament of the Altar. St. Paul's rejoices and gives thanks to God for His provision and guidance.

A reception will follow in The Commons of our newly-dedicated ministry expansion wing. The congregation and the wider Lutheran community are invited to join us in welcoming Pastor Schlund and his family as he begins his ministry among us.

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

RELOCATING TO SAINTS HALL AUG. 23

JOIN OUR A/V OR MUSIC TEAM

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.



NEW BIBLE STUDY

**★ NEW: FOUNDATION BIBLE CLASS
"OUR ROOTS" SERIES**

**Aug. 30-Sept. 30 (except Sept. 6)
Sundays 9:30am • FH**

This four-week class, led by St. Paul's school history teacher, Dan Sterling, will explore the amazing, daring, and dramatic story of the founding of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Perry County, Missouri, circa 1839. We will follow these faithful German Lutherans from Saxony to Perry County and beyond — and even to St. Paul's in Des Peres.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

QUILTING GROUP RESUMES

Mon., Aug. 17 • 9-11am • FH

Our LWML ministry's quilting group shares quilts with families in need throughout the St. Louis region. If you'd enjoy trying your hand at quilting and machine top-stitching (no experience necessary), join us on Monday mornings for fellowship and hands-on service.

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 \$15/person materials fee (updated cost). Register at bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking by 5pm on Aug. 17 so materials can be prepped.

★ NEW: "LINK" 21+ MEETUP: COFFEE SHOP

Sat., Aug., 29 • 8:30 am • The Glendale Grind

Join us for "Table Talk," an hour of fellowship over coffee in Glendale this month.

- 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.



MEN'S SOFTBALL STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

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.

RELOCATIONS & TIME CHANGES

Aug. 23 • 9-9:30am Fellowship Breakfast moves to The Commons in our ministry expansion wing

Aug. 23 • 9:30am KFUD Bible study on Acts moves to Saints Hall in our ministry expansion wing

Aug. 23 • 10:45am Living Stone worship moves to Saints Hall in our ministry expansion wing

Sept. 13 • 10:45am The Sanctuary late worship service returns to its pre-construction 10:45am start time

The elders have determined that the 11am Sanctuary service will be moved to 10:45am on the weekend following Labor Day. This adjusted worship time will be reviewed by the elders after four to five months as to its effectiveness in serving the mission and ministry of St. Paul's.



FAITH MILESTONES

FIRST BIBLES & BIBLE BLASTOFF

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.

At Bible Blast-Off, families will engage in an interactive exploration of the *Growing in Faith Bible*, have their child's name inscribed in the Bible by special calligraphers, and participate in a Bible scavenger hunt. Parents will have the opportunity to share their favorite Bible verse with their child and have them highlight it in their new Bible. It is our prayer that as a family, children grow in Christ and the knowledge of His Word for years to come.



SERVICE & SUPPORT

★ NEW: SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

St. Paul's school board is looking for three new members to serve a two-year term beginning January 2027. The board meets at least 10 times per year. Contact Rick Berndt at boechair@stpaulsdp.org or 314-223-0494. All submissions must be received by August 31, 2026.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATES AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

CHURCH EVENTS

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

Aug. 17 Quilting group resumes

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. 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