

Sunday Classes

Bible Study Hour 9:30am

Gospel of Matthew • Music Room

Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUE.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 Room; 9th-12th: Youth Room

Little Lambs • School Rm. 103

Witness

Aug. 10 In-Person Worship Total • 755

Living Stone worship • 85

5:00pm worship • 94

8:00am worship • 204

9:30am worship • 146

11:00am worship • 226

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 159 • Living Stone: 35

Approximately 310 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget\$ 3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (6 weeks)381,900

Received year-to-date269,173

Difference actual/budget-112,727

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget66,100

Received last week36,606

Loan balance

Current debt\$ 0.00

Gifts received July 2024 to date\$ 6,177

Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 17

Worship Services

Comfort Dog Celebration, West Lobby

Bible Blastoff, 9:30, FH

Monday, Aug. 18

Men’s Bible Study, 6am, Zoom

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

Trustee Mtg., 3pm, Conf. Room

GriefShare 6pm, LL4

Mission Board Mtg., 6pm, FH

Elders Study, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Call Committee Mtg., 6:30pm, Offsite

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Thursday, Aug. 21

Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room

Friday, Aug. 22

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, Aug. 23


Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Aug. 25

Worship Services

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$6,703,275



Now Hiring

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

• Church: Facilities Maintenance Technician

• ECC: Substitute Teacher; Afternoon Shifts

• 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.

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*.

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).



THE GOOD NEWS

Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17, 2025



Bible Classes Today & Room Changes

- Fellowship Hall: Bible Blastoff for second grade families • 9:30am

• School Science Room #202 • Mission Speaker Gavin Johnson • 9:30am


Join us during the Bible study hour for a special presentation by Vicar Gavin Johnson, a missionary with LCMS International Mission. He'll share the vision of how the church builds up the body of Christ internationally through ministry, education, and faithful witness, all rooted in Lutheran doctrine.

• Music Room: Gospel of Matthew with Pastor Smith (KFUE broadcast) • 9:30am

• High School Students in Bible Study: Today, join with the adults in our 9:30am KFUE or missionary classes. Next Sunday, Aug. 24, our high school Bible study will launch in the youth room.

• Returning Aug. 24: Dan Sterling's "God's Fingerprints in History" returns to Fellowship Hall next Sunday.

Sunday



NEW: Tabby Comfort Dog 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sun., Aug. 17 • West Lobby • Between Services

Visit with Tabby and her handlers today as we celebrate her 10th year of service as a Lutheran Church Charities K-9 comfort dog.

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! Today 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 (school) • Kindergarten/Grade 1 in room LL7 • Grade 2/3 in room 106

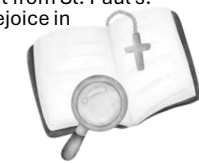
• Grade 4/5 in room 104 • Grades 6-8 in the Art Room.



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.



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.

Reminders

- Register for cardmaking by Aug. 18

• Foundation Bible class does not meet today

News Just Added

- 8 new listings; 14 repeated listings

• Tabby celebration • Aug. 17

• Sem BBQ this Friday • Aug. 22

• Call committee update

• Three SPY Youth Group events announced

• High school Bible study • Begins Aug. 24

• Fellowship Group cathedral tour • Sept. 3

• Congregational retreat: Oct. 3-5

• Update: Oct. Meal-packing signup open



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



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.


New to Sunday School? You're invited to join us today!



You're Invited: Sem BBQ this Friday

NEW: Fri., Aug. 22 • 5:30-7pm • RSVP

For the fourth year, St. Paul's is pleased to sponsor a Friday night barbecue at Concordia Seminary. The congregation is invited to attend the complimentary BBQ to fellowship with seminary students and staff and support our future pastors and their families. To help the sem cooking team with an accurate count, RSVP at bit.ly/4lrLNbR • Location: Just west of the field on Founder's Way.





SPY Launches Aug./Sept.

SPY = Saint Paul's Youth Groups

ALL kids in the congregation are invited!

NEW: Kickoff to SPY Starters
Wed., Aug. 27 • 5:30pm-7:00pm • School Building

SPY Starters represents kids' first introduction to a youth group experience; our first event of the school year launches this month! SPY Starters, just for 1st-4th graders, is all about faith-building foundations, friendships, fun, music, and games! Parents, we need your help for a fun and safe event; please sign up to chaperone at bit.ly/3WV3pCH. Watch for kids' signup link to open this week.

NEW: SPY Middle School for 5th-6th Grade
Fri., Sept. 5 • 6:30-8pm

All 5th and 6th graders are invited! Grounded and growing: The middle school years are a key time for faith formation and forging friendships, and our SPY Middle School is filled with relatable devos and conversation — and of course, games, fun, and food! We also have a 7th-8th grade SPY Middle School group that meets on different dates than 5th-6th. Watch for signups and info to follow.

NEW: SPY High School: Wednesday Night Meetups
Weekly 5:30-7pm • Youth Room • Join us! Wednesday meetups are an opportunity each week for students in grades 9-12 to gather around Bible study, games, snacks, and service. Youth group is a place in the midst of a busy week where students can rest in God's Word and fellowship with one another.

NEW: High School Bible Study
Beginning Aug. 24 • 9:30-10:30am • Youth Room

Join us each Sunday for a Bible Study just for high school students. Together we will dive in and examine the Bible developing a deeper understanding of its message and meaning.

Groups & Events

NEW: Fellowship Group Luncheon & Cathedral Tour
Wed., Sept. 3 • 11am • RSVP

Come one, come all! Our church Fellowship Group is an active, involved group who enjoy luncheons, outings, and games, with activities scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. As we resume for the year, you're invited to our first activity: a group tour of the Cathedral Basilica (\$4 basilica donation required; 4431 Lindell) and lunch at Zia's on the Hill (5256 Wilson). Car pooling from St. Paul's is available. Call Sharon Lutz to RSVP at 314-713-3087.

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.

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

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.

Announcements

NEW: Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is continuing its work to uncover God's plans for the next senior pastor to serve at St. Paul's. The committee is meeting by video with six semi-finalists during August, and is planning to have several finalists visit St. Paul's in person in September for interviews. We are hopeful to issue a call in the fall. Please keep the process, and all of the candidates in your prayers as we move forward to seek God's will. *More Call committee info can be found on our website Member Portal.*

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.

Service & Support

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.

UPDATE: 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; watch for more info to follow. Signup now open at bit.ly/47eqHKP

Congregational Retreat

NEW: 18th Retreat at Trout Lodge

Friday to Sunday, October 3-5
Register by September 19

Join us for this fun-filled, adventure-packed, faith-inspired weekend of activities, food, fellowship, worship and celebration as we renew our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. Inspirational messages will be provided by our keynote speaker, Pastor Will Hanke, along with special activities for the youth. This congregation-wide event is for all ages and stages of life. • Find full details on our retreat webpage (tab under [News](#) page), and in informational brochures in the east lobby. • Space in the Lodge is limited, so register early to secure your room!

