

WITNESS

AUG. 16 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 852

5:00pm worship • 83
8:00am worship • 208
9:30am • 206
11:00am worship • 262
Living Stone worship • 93

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 171 • Living Stone: 58
Approximately 366 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Worship Services
2nd Grade Bible Presentation, 8am service
Bible Blast-Off, 9:30am, School Gym
Pastor Schlund Installation, 4pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH
Trustees Mtg., 3pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4
Blood Drive, 10am, West Lobby

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Worship Services

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: \$9,822,124



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

SAVE THE DATES: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S • 35TH SEASON

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

WELLNESS

Sept. 27 Flu Shots • 9am-Noon • LL3

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

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (7 weeks) 454,461
Received year-to-date 427,562
Difference actual/budget -26,899
Weekly amount needed 65,521
Received last week 78,236

DEBT REDUCTION

Current debt \$9,000,650
Gifts received July 2026 to date \$37,792

TODAY: AUGUST 23

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.



All 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.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Auction info meeting • Aug. 25
2. Pastor Schudde farewell • Aug. 30
3. MomCo open house • Sept. 3
4. LINK apple-picking • Sept. 12
5. Oct. meal-packing signup now open
6. Walkthrough access now open
7. Principal's letter and thanks

LARGE-PRINT

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

THE WEEK AHEAD: AUGUST 24-30

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.

LINK" 21+ MEETUP: COFFEE SHOP

Sat., Aug., 29 • 8:30 am • The Glendale Grind • Details on next page.

★NEW: PASTOR SCHUDDE FAREWELL

August 29 & 30 • All services
Sun., Aug. 30 • 9am Reception • Details on next page.

RELOCATIONS

STARTING TODAY: SUN. AUG. 23

Fellowship Breakfast moves to The Commons • 9-9:30am

KFUO Bible study moves to Saints Hall • 9:30am

Living Stone worship moves to Saints Hall • 10:45am



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.



BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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.

LIVING WAY BIBLE STUDY

★ NEW: IN-DEPTH WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPT.

Begins Sept. 16 & 17

Join us next month for Living Way, a weekly Bible study for men and women that allows for in-depth learning integrated in three ways: small group discussion, large-group pastor's lecture, and at-home lesson worksheets.

- **2026-2027: 2 Corinthians** • The threat of "spiritual terrorism" motivated Paul to write this letter which offers a marvelous illustration of how Paul used the Gospel to solve Corinth's serious problems. Because of his bond with the congregation, Paul felt a personal responsibility for its spiritual wellbeing. It is the most personal of Paul's letters and his experience demonstrates the power and sufficiency of God's awesome grace.
- **Wednesday mornings at 9am:** Men and women meet in separate small groups. Childcare is available.
- **Thursday evenings at 7pm:** Men and women combine in the same small group, with a closing lecture that is a recording of the pastor's Wednesday morning lecture.
- **Register** at bit.ly/StP-LW or on our website's "Bible Studies" page.

FAREWELL

**INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR SCHUDDE
AUGUST 29 & 30 • ALL SERVICES
9AM RECEPTION**



Service Rite: Farewell and Godspeed to a Pastor

As we prepare to bid farewell to interim senior pastor Mark Schudde, we give thanks for his faithful, joyful, and dedicated shepherding of St. Paul's since November 2024 and for the Christ-centered care and servant-hearted leadership he has provided throughout this time of pastoral transition and ministry-expansion construction.

Join us at a reception at next Sunday's 9:00-9:30am Fellowship Breakfast in the Commons.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

“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.

NEW: Sat., Sept. 12 • 8:30am • Apple Picking

Come join LINK to go apple picking at Eckert's Farm! We'll meet at the church parking lot to carpool to the orchard. Registration by Sept. 10 is required to attend; use the Google form bit.ly/LINK-AugSept

- 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.

NOMINATIONS

**★ NEW: NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Sun., Sept., 13 Deadline**

A letter from congregation president John Kraus outlines: "After speaking with Pastor Schlund and Tim Unger, Chairman of the Board of Elders, we have decided to move forward with a new call committee to call an associate pastor for St. Paul's. As such, we are soliciting from the congregation names of pastors you think would fit well. Now is the time to make nominations, ideally not on the floor of a voters' meeting. All nominations will be reviewed by the Missouri District President and the new call committee." Read the congregational letter, at conta.cc/4q9TWWH, emailed August 12, that includes candidate qualifications, nomination form links, and submission instructions.

Website news page, sign-up links, and news submission form are at stpaulsdesperes.org/news

MOMCO MOTHERHOOD GROUP

Daytime and Evening Groups Begin in Sept. • MomCo Open House Kickoff • Sept. 3 • 9-11am

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! For more information, join our open house – kids are invited too! Register and read more on our MomCo webpage at bit.ly/StP-MomCo or via QR code >



MOMCO WEBPAGE

SERVICE & SUPPORT

★ NEW: AUCTION INFORMATION MEETING

Tues., Aug. 25 • 6-8pm • FH

Help us make a difference for our children! Parent volunteers Laura Siebenman and Katie Russell are co-chairing the 2027 St. Paul's Auction. We are looking for volunteers to help with leadership roles and smaller tasks. Join us for our first information meeting and bring a friend! Rooted in Christ, we can make a difference together! Email carter-katie7@gmail.com or laura.siebenman@gmail.com for more info.

★ NEW: MEAL PACKING EVENT: SIGNUP OPEN

Sat., Oct. 17 • 9:30-11:45am • Off-site

Imagine what God can do through us in just two hours. Join the St. Paul's team for the *Feed My Starving Children* MobilePack event at Gateway Christian Church on Des Peres Road. Alongside volunteers from across the St. Louis area, we'll pack meals for children in need around the world. For details and to sign up, visit the SignUpGenius page at bit.ly/4wwLLoN

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.

JOIN THE LIVING STONE A/V OR MUSIC TEAM

With Living Stone worship now 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.

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

SEPT. SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Sanctuary Worship • 10:45am Starting Sept. 13

Our Sanctuary late worship service will return to its pre-construction 10:45am start time next month.

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.



WALKTHROUGH ACCESS NOW OPEN

To support Sunday morning flow, the school building and expansion-wing corridor will be open from 7:30am–12:20pm on Sundays for indoor walkthrough access between the north parking lot (enter at school's flagpole entrance) through the southwest courtyard vestibule.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

★ NEW: PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

As we have begun experiencing our new ministry expansion space now that school is underway, we wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU to our congregation for making this possible. The new spaces have been so well received, and we do not take for granted the blessing of having a gymnasium and a dedicated space to gather for lunch in Saints Hall. The fact that our learners no longer have to leave the building for music and band is another tremendous blessing. And, of course, having additional classroom space has made such a positive difference for our learners and teachers.

Sometimes, the best way to understand the impact of these blessings is to hear it from a child. It was the first day our learners were having lunch in Saints Hall. I was standing in The Commons, observing everything, when I felt a tap on my arm. It was a learner who had just experienced lunch in our new space for the first time. This learner had also just attended music class and is in one of our new classrooms. She looked at me and said, "Mrs. Walker, thank you for making our school so awesome." That brought tears to my eyes. I simply said, "You're welcome," but I knew immediately that this was something I needed to share with all of you — because you are the ones who have made our school so awesome!

Through your generosity, your prayers, and your support of our ministry, God has blessed us with this amazing new space. We are already seeing the impact it is having on our learners, teachers, and entire community. All of us in the K–8 school ministry are incredibly grateful. Thank you for investing in our children and helping make this space a reality. May God continue to bless our congregation and our school ministry as we remain rooted in Christ and continue to grow together in His service.

In HIS Service, Dawn Walker, Principal