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WITNESS

AUG. 23 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 852

5:00pm worship • 111

8:00am worship • 375

9:30am • 165

11:00am worship • 115

Living Stone worship • 166

AUG. 23 INSTALLATION SERVICE

4:00pm: 503 • Online: 327

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 162 • Living Stone: 113

Approximately 440 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Worship Services

Pastor Schudde Farewell at all services

& reception at 9am Fellowship Breakfast

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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 • SAINTS HALL

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: \$9,853,967



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

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

THANK YOU

★ NEW: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PDO

We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful books gifted to our Parents' Day Out program. We are so blessed to share the love of Jesus with our PDO families, and your support makes this possible. Thank you for the books and continued prayers throughout our school year! God's blessings! ~ *Andrea Bluhm and the PDO staff*

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS

★ NEW: CPH BIBLE SALE

Save 25% at Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) on select study Bibles, devotional Bibles, children's Bibles, and more through Sept. 15. Don't miss these Bible savings. Use promo code BIBLES26 at checkout. Order at bit.ly/4guQqdX

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996

Budget year-to-date (8 weeks) 519,384

Received year-to-date 502,943

Difference actual/budget -16,441

Weekly amount needed 65,297

Received last week 75,381

DEBT REDUCTION

Current debt \$9,410,150

Gifts received July 2026 to date \$38,294



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

TODAY

PASTOR SCHUDDE FAREWELL

August 29 & 30 • All services

Sun., Aug. 30 • 9am Reception



NEW FOUNDATION SERIES BEGINS

"Our Roots" Begins Today • 9:30am • FH

Led by history teacher Dan Sterling. Read more on next page.

★ NEW: FIELD WORKER INSTALLATION

Today • 11am Service

Welcome! St. Paul's is blessed to have seven resident field education students assigned this year. Today Noah Bauer, Paul Blessing, Jordan Fasnacht, Cody Goetsch, William Jackson, Max Johnston, and Robert Laird will be installed at the 11am service. Our field workers will participate in congregational life and gain valuable experience at St. Paul's while they continue their studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Please look for these future pastors and extend a warm St. Paul's welcome.

MOMCO OPEN HOUSE

THURS., SEPT. 3 • 9-11AM • FH

Motherhood is complicated; mom friends help! MomCo stands for "Mom Community" — don't miss our open house kickoff to say hello and learn more. Kids are always welcome at the open house and morning meetups.

We've saved you a seat — come join us on the first and third Thursday of the month, where moms enjoy breakfast, speakers, light devotions, mentor moms, crafts, moms' nights out, and more. Show up as you are and join the fun! KidsCo, our child-care program, offers safe, caring childcare and activity time while moms gather. Learn more at bit.ly/StP-MomCo

Thurs., Sept. 3 • MomCo Open House kickoff • 9-11am

Sun., Sept. 13 • MomCo After Dark resumes • 6pm

Thurs., Sept. 17 • First MomCo [daytime] meetup • 9am





MOMCO WEBPAGE

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Field worker installation • Aug. 30

2. Updated: MomCo open house • Sept. 3

3. Updated: Christian readers group • Sept. 14

4. "Rise with Chris" benefit • Oct. 4

5. Be a Confirmation prayer partner

6. Student addresses for College Connection

7. PDO book drive thanks (back page)

8. LCMS news: CPH Bible sale through Sept. 15

REMINDERS

• School board submissions due by Aug. 31

• Assoc. pastor nominations due by Sept. 13

• Sanctuary late service returns to 10:45am on Sept. 13

LARGE-PRINT

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

FAREWELL PASTOR SCHUDDE

AUGUST 29 & 30 • ALL SERVICES

RECEPTION • 9-9:30AM

Service Rite: *Farewell and Godspeed to a Pastor* • As we prepare to bid farewell to vacancy 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 in The Commons for a reception.



NEW BIBLE STUDIES



FOUNDATION BIBLE CLASS

Aug. 30-Sept. 30 (except Sept. 6)
Sundays at 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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod 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

In-Depth Weekly Bible Study
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.

CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

MON., SEPT. 14 • 7PM

September's book is *The Children's Blizzard* by David Laskin

Read, learn, discuss, repeat: Our monthly Christian readers group launches for the year with nine new books to discover! Led by St. Paul's member Rev. Dr. Kent Bureson, the group will read across a variety of genres such as classic literature, modern fiction, history, mystery, and more, exploring Christian themes and how literature informs Christian faith and life.

Meets on second Tuesdays now through May (please note that September's day changed to a Monday). See the year's book schedule on our website under [Ministries > Get Connected](#).



EVENTS & GROUPS

★ NEW: MEMORIAL BENEFIT EVENT: "RISE WITH CHRIS"

Sun., Oct. 4 • 5-8pm • Topgolf, Chesterfield

Join in an evening of fun golf games, dinner, and fellowship, which supports "Rise with Chris" in memory of congregation member Chris Handy. This event will benefit and help establish a *Celebrate Recovery* ministry at St. Paul's. Visit www.risewithchris.org for tickets, sponsorships, donations, and to learn more about its vision of turning loss into hope through faith, community, and recovery. Flyer at bit.ly/RWC-26



"LINK" 21+ MEETUP: APPLE PICKING

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-Aug-Sept

- 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.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S • 35TH SEASON DEBUT

Sun., Sept. 27 • 4pm • Vespers for St. Michael and All Angels.

MEN'S SOFTBALL STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Men age 18 and up, join us for fellowship and softball at Kirkwood Park on Thursday nights for six weeks starting in September. Contact John Hoover at hoov97@hotmail.com or 314-276-3370.

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



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 the Profession of Faith night in April. Read more at bit.ly/StP-Conf-pray and register online or with the church office.



★ NEW: COLLEGE ADDRESS FOR GIFT CARDS/NOTES

Did you know that our College Connection team mails cards, gift cards, and care packages directly to our St. Paul's college church members at their campus address? Now that college students are back at school, we don't want yours to miss out! Parents, help us keep our mailing lists up-to-date by sharing student info each and every August at bit.ly/StP-College



SERVICE & SUPPORT

FLU SHOTS AT CHURCH

Sun., Sept. 27 • 9am-Noon • LL3

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 in Saints Hall, we're excited to welcome new volunteers (high school through adult)! Whether your gifts are in music or technology, we'd love to have you join our worship band or A/V team. To learn more, contact Whitney Wade at wwade@stpaulsdp.org.

PLACES & SPACES

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.



SEPTEMBER SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Sanctuary • 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 week-end 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.

LOCATIONS IN EXPANSION WING

- Fellowship Breakfast in The Commons 9-9:30am
- KFUE Bible study in Saints Hall • 9:30am
- Living Stone worship in Saints Hall • 10:45am



NOMINATIONS

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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/4q9TWWWh, emailed August 12, which includes candidate qualifications, nomination form links, and submission instructions.

