

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS
AUG. 30 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 942
5:00pm worship • 106
8:00am worship • 327
9:30am • 154
11:00am worship • 203
Living Stone worship • 152

ONLINE VIEWING
Sanctuary: 291 • Living Stone: 126
Approximately 667 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Worship Services

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Monday Morning Men’s Bible Study, Zoom
Labor Day, Church Office is Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Worship Services
MomCo After Dark Meetups, 6:30pm,
Music Room

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

GOSPEL OF MARK • SAINTS HALL
Begins Sept. 13
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

GIVING	
Annual offering budget	\$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (9 weeks)	584,307
Received year-to-date	574,957
Difference actual/budget	-9,350
Weekly amount needed	65,140
Received last week	72,014
DEBT REDUCTION	
Current debt	\$9,410,150
Gifts received July 2026 to date	\$38,824

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,876,363

tell the world HE HAS DONE

MISSIONS

★ NEW: SEPT. MISSION OF THE MONTH
Bethlehem Lutheran School serves children and families in St. Louis with a safe, loving, Christ-centered learning environment, emphasizing spiritual, academic, and social growth. • *August’s MotM collections* = \$3,647 for *Seminary for Foreign Leaders*

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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/4guOqdX*

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*



RISE WITH CHRIS



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TODAY

BIBLE CLASSES
Sept. 6 • Foundation: Topical Bible study with Pastor Wade; “Our Roots” resumes Sept. 13.
Sept. 6 • KFUO Class: General Bible study with Pastor Smith; Mark begins Sept. 13.

THE WEEK AHEAD: SEPT. 7-13

“LINK” 21+ MEETUP: APPLE PICKING
Sat., Sept. 12 • 8:30am • RSVP by Thurs. Sept. 10
Come join LINK for young adults (age 21+) for 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* (or use button on our website’s *News* page). Learn more from Katarina Hinck at *khinck@stpaulsdp.org*.

★ NEW: K-5 SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING SESSION
Beginning Sept. 13 • Sunday school for grades K-5 now begins with a 15-minute combined opening session, where children gather in room 211 in the Meisch Music Suite for music and song, and a lesson theme overview. Students then progress to their classrooms with teachers for the remainder of the hour; parents pick up children from classrooms as usual.

★ NEW: GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY
Beginning Sun., Sept. 13 • Saints Hall • Read more on next page.

“OUR ROOTS” RESUMES IN FOUNDATION BIBLE CLASS
Sun., Sept. 13, 20, 27 • 9:30am • FH
Led by Dan Sterling, the “Our Roots” series explores the amazing, daring, and dramatic story of the founding of the LCMS in Perry County, MO, circa 1839, following faithful German Lutherans from Saxony and beyond — and even to St. Paul’s in Des Peres. *Audio recordings are available on our website’s Media > Archives page.*

NOMINATIONS DUE FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Sun., Sept., 13 Deadline • St. Paul’s is forming a new call committee to call an associate pastor and is soliciting names of pastors from the congregation. Read the congregational letter, at *conta.cc/4q9TWWh*, emailed August 12, which includes candidate qualifications, nomination form links, and submission instructions.

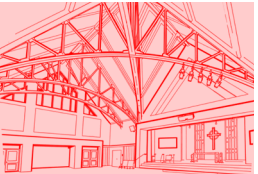
★ NEW: SMALL-SETTING COMMUNION
Mon., Sept. 14 • Noon (Date change due to church closure on Labor Day)
Special monthly worship service with Communion for members who may prefer to avoid large crowds or who have mobility issues.



SANCTUARY
10:45AM
Starting September 13, our late service time shifts back

WORSHIP
NOTES

LIVING STONE
10:45AM
In Saints Hall



- WHAT’S NEW?**
- NEWS JUST ADDED**
1. Gospel of Mark study begins Sept. 13
 2. Sunday school opening change • Sept. 13
 3. Small-setting Communion • Sept. 14
 4. LWML meeting & speaker • Sept. 14
 5. Card-making night • Sept. 17
 6. Altar Guild meeting • Sept. 21
 7. Updated: Flu shots • Sept. 27
 8. Seeking auction sponsors
 9. Meet our field workers
- REMINDERS**
- Sanctuary late service returns to 10:45am on Sept. 13
 - Assoc. pastor nominations due by Sept. 13
 - RSVP for apple picking by Sept. 10

LARGE-PRINT

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

LABOR DAY SCHEDULING

School and church will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Small-Setting Communion moves to Mon., Sept. 14 due to Labor Day on Sept. 7

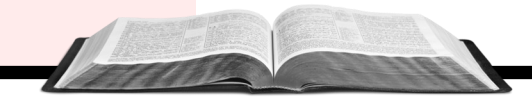
Quilting group will not meet on Labor Day, Sept. 7, but resumes on Sept. 14, 9-11am

OFFICE HOURS

Following Labor Day, church non-summer office hours return to 8am-4:30pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am-3pm on Friday



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



LIVING WAY BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS SEPT. 16 & 17 • IN-DEPTH WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Register today!
Begins in 10 days

Join us 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 well-being. 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.

BIBLE STUDY

★NEW: GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sun., Sept. 13 • 9:30am • Saints Hall
Rev. Dr. David Smith leads our study of the Gospel of Mark, where we encounter Jesus Christ in His authority, compassion, and saving work. Mark proclaims Christ as the Son of God who came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. In this study, we will see how God strengthens His people through His Word and Sacraments and sends us to bear witness to our crucified and risen Lord.



SCHOOL AUCTION

★NEW: SEEKING AUCTION SPONSORS AND DONATIONS

Sat., Feb. 6, 2027 • Westport DoubleTree
Get ready for Beads, Bids & Blessings in February! We're looking for sponsors and donations for our live and silent auctions. Your generosity directly supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and helps us provide an exceptional, Christ-centered education for our K-8 learners. Partner with us and help make a difference!

- Read more online at bit.ly/STPSAUCTION2027

EVENTS & GROUPS

★NEW: LWML MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER

Mon., Sept. 14 • Noon • Fellowship Hall
Sue Hasselbring of International Student Ministry, Inc. will share about *The Gift of Being With* — "being with" is a blessing we can share with some of the 12,000 international students in St. Louis. Please join us at noon for a salad bar lunch, and bring salad toppings to share. The presentation will start at 12:30pm.

CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

Mon., Sept. 14 • 7pm
Read, learn, discuss, repeat: Our monthly Christian readers group launches for the year with nine new books to discover! September's book is *The Children's Blizzard* by David Laskin. 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 from Sept. through May (please note that this month's date shifts to a Monday). See the year's book schedule on our website under *Ministries > Get Connected*.

★NEW: MONTHLY CARD-MAKING NIGHT

Thurs., Sept. 17 • 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. Register at bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking by 5pm on Sept. 14 so materials can be prepped.

★NEW: ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Mon., Sept. 21 • 7-9pm • St. Paul's Early Childhood Center
Current Altar Guild members, please plan to attend our annual meeting, where we will vote on new positions, including president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. Note that we'll meet at the ECC.

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.



COLLEGE ADDRESS FOR GIFT CARDS/NOTES

Did you know that our College Connection team mails cards and gift card 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

★UPDATED: FLU SHOTS AT CHURCH

Sun., Sept. 27 • 9am-Noon • LL3
Let's make good health convenient! Get your flu shot at church — no appointment needed. Shots will be administered by congregation member and Walgreen's pharmacist Mike Reynolds, and most insurance plans cover the cost.

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. Contact Whitney Wade at wwade@stpaulsdp.org.

MEAL PACKING EVENT

Sat., Oct. 17 • 9:30-11:45am • Off-site • Read more on our website's *News* page; sign up at bit.ly/4wwLLoN



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

35TH SEASON DEBUT
SUN., SEPT. 27 • 4PM

Vespers for St. Michael and All Angels

Watch for more information to follow

WALKTHROUGH OPEN

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

JUST FOR MOMS

MOMCO MOTHERHOOD MEETUPS

- **Thurs., Sept. 17 • MomCo begins • 9am**
- **Sun., Sept. 13 • MomCo After Dark begins • 6pm**

Motherhood is complicated — mom friends help! MomCo stands for "Mom Community," and we've saved you a seat: Come join us on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9am, 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 morning childcare program, offers caring childcare and activity time while moms gather. Or choose our evening group, MomCo After Dark, which meets on second Sundays at 6pm. Learn more at bit.ly/StP-MomCo.



★NEW: MEET OUR FIELD WORKERS

Welcome! St. Paul's is blessed to have seven resident field education students assigned this year. Our field workers, who were installed last Sunday, 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:

Back row, L to R: Robert Laird, Cody Goetsch, and Max Johnston. **Front row, L to R:** William Jackson, Jordan Fasnacht, Paul Blessing, and Noah Bauer.

