

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sunday Classes

Bible Study Hour • 9:30am

Gospel of Matthew • Music Room
Simulcast live on 850AM and KFUO.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 Room 103

Witness: Sept. 7

In-Person Worship Total • 726

Living Stone worship • 75
5:00pm worship • 125
8:00am worship • 221
9:30am worship • 162
11:00am worship • 143

Online Viewing
Sanctuary: 183 • Living Stone: 65
Approximately 397 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget \$3,309,800
Budget year-to-date (10 weeks) 636,500
Received year-to-date 407,087
Difference actual/budget -229,413
Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget 69,112
Received last week 45,123

Construction Loan balance
Current debt \$ 854.980
Gifts received July 2024 to date \$ 10,222

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$6,967,780



Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 14
Worship Services
High School Mission Trip Mtg, Noon, FH
Monday, Sept. 15
Morning Men’s Bible Study, 6am
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH
LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room
Monday Night Confirmation Class,
5:30pm, Youth Room
Mission Board Mtg., 6pm, FH
Elders Study, 6:30pm, Conf. Room
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Call Committee Mtg., 7pm, Off-site
Wednesday, 17
Living Way, 9am,
SPY High School Meetup, 5:30pm, YR
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Thursday, Sept. 18
MomCo Meetups, 9am, FH
Card-Making, 6pm, Music RoomJ
Living Way Evening, 7pm, Conf. Room
Friday, Sept. 19
Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4
Saturday, Sept. 20
Worship Service, 5pm
Sunday, Sept. 21
Worship Services

Employment

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

- Church: Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Early Childhood Center: Substitute Teacher; Afternoon Shifts
- K-8 School Substitute Teacher

Missions Corner

September Mission of the Month • Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Community News

Memorial Benefit Event: “Rise with Chris”
Sun., Sept. 21 • 5-8pm • Ryze Adventure Park, Maryland Heights

Come join us for this inaugural event. We look forward to celebrating and remembering Chris Handy — while sharing fun, laughter, and a bit of adventure together. Something for all ages with miniature golf, obstacle course, yard games. This event will benefit and help establish *Celebrate Recovery* ministry at St. Paul's, a Christ-centered safe haven to find freedom from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Learn more at www.risewithchris.org



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).

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*.



THE GOOD NEWS

Saturday, September 13
and

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Sunday

Guest Speaker Dr. Janine Bolling from Bethlehem Lutheran
Sun., Sept. 14 • 9:30am • Church LL3

We welcome special guest speaker Dr. Janine Bolling of Bethlehem Lutheran School, our Mission of the Month. Dr. Bolling will discuss ways the school nurtures intergenerational disciples to share Christ's message, and their expanding educational offerings for underserved North City and North County communities. Bethlehem serves K-5th at their MicroSchool and operates three childcare sites for BLC Babies and BLC Early Learners.

Food Drive Benefiting Bethlehem Lutheran

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 13-14 • Thank you for helping us help others! Drop-off locations:
Saturday: Narthex food barrel • Sunday: Tables in lobbies for food donations, cash, or checks.

High School Mission Trip Announcement Meeting

Sun., Sept. 14 • Noon-1pm • FH

Big news is coming! High schoolers and parents, don’t miss our info meeting where we’ll reveal the destination of our next summer mission trip. The youth trip, held the last week of July 2026, is a meaningful opportunity to serve, grow, and connect.

What We Believe Class

Sun., Sept. 14 - Oct. 26 (Except Oct. 5) • 9:30am • Science Room

Delve into what the Bible teaches; all are welcome, whether to refresh your understanding or to learn something new. Read more on our website *Bible Studies* page.

The Week Ahead: Sept. 15-21

NEW: Monthly Card-Making Night
Thurs., Sept. 18 • 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 Sept. 15 so materials can be prepped.

Reminders

- Retreat registration deadline is Sept. 19
- Register for card-making by Sept. 15
- Register for men's softball

News Just Added

- 6 new listings; 13 repeated listings
- Card-making night • Sept. 18
 - Fellowship Group at Winery • Oct. 1
 - Spots added for meal packing • Oct. 18
 - GriefShare Surviving the Holidays • Nov. 1
 - GriefShare sessions begin • Nov. 3
 - Missed start of Living Way or MomCo? It’s not too late to join



Congregational Retreat

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.

Our keynote speaker, Pastor Will Hanke, will present an engaging study of “First Things First: How to Fear, Love, and Trust in God in a World of Distraction.” Youth will also enjoy specially-planned activities.

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 brochures in the east lobby. Hurry: Space in the lodge is limited.



Register by
Sept. 19



Announcements

Exciting Campus Improvements Coming!

Construction has begun on the east side of our entire campus. During this time the east (park-side) entrance to the church will be closed. While this means we will no longer be able to use the walkway from the park to the church during this time, the improvements will bring many blessings to our campus!

Pinnacle will be creating a new drive along the east side, which includes additional parking spaces, required stormwater drainage, and a new entrance and exit flow onto Manchester Road.

The project is expected to be completed by December 1, 2025 — just in time for us to enjoy expanded parking and improved access for the Christmas season!



May We Send Your College Student Gift Cards & Notes?

Our College Connection team reaches out to encourage students in their Christian faith, sends cards and care packages, and prays for students. Parents: We don't want your college student to miss out! Help us keep our mailing lists up-to-date by sharing their information, each and every school year, at bit.ly/StP-College



Service & Support

NEW: Spots Added for Meal Packing

Sat., Oct. 18 • 9:30-11:45am • Gateway Christian Church

Due to the overwhelming response from St. Paul's, more spots have been added for Gateway's *Feed My Starving Children* meal-packing event. Join St. Paul's team to pack meals for starving children around the world. For details, a video, and to sign up, visit the SignUpGenius page at bit.ly/47eqHKP

NEW: GriefShare Series Begins

Begins Mon., Nov., 3 • 6:00-7:15 p.m. • Church LL4

GriefShare provides Christ-centered support as you walk your unique journey of grieving, utilizing a 13-week video series. A workbook is provided, and there is no cost to attend. St. Paul's member Kathy Riesmeyer, a retired behavioral health counselor, facilitates the group. For more information, contact Kathy (314-303-2937, riesmeyerk@icloud.com) or Sharon Shearman (314-822-0447, sshearman@stpaulsdg.org) or register at www.griefshare.org/groups/257625



NEW: GriefShare “Surviving the Holidays”

Sat., Nov. 1 • 10am to noon • FH

We welcome you to join us as we look at ways to grieve well through the holidays. “Surviving the Holidays” is a one-time event beginning with light refreshments and then entering into the GriefShare materials and video. Register at www.griefshare.org/events/273728 or call Kathy Riesmeyer (contact above).



Altar Guild Seeking Volunteers

Altar guild members prepare and maintain the sacred vessels, linens, and altar items used in our worship services. On Communion Sundays, guild members help with preparation, setting up, and cleaning up. We invite you to join us to serve in either the Sanctuary or Living Stone. Learn more from Julie Peper (314-630-5526) or Sue Franson (636-861-0794).



Interest Groups

NEW: Fellowship Group at Winery

Wed., Oct. 1 • 11:30am • Montelle Winery

Our October activity will be a luncheon and wine tasting at Montelle Winery (\$10 for four tastings; 201 Montelle Dr., Augusta, MO). Carpooling from St. Paul's is available meeting at 10:45am. Call Sharon Lutz at 314-713-3087 or Glenda Smith at 314-570-6284.

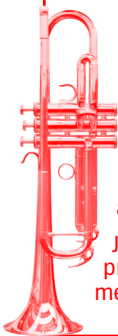
Men's Softball Begins

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).

Music at St. Paul's Season Debut

Choral Vespers: Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

Sunday, September 28 • 4pm



Music at St. Paul's is pleased to present Choral Vespers for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as the first musical offering of its 34th season.

The service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be adorned with the appointed readings, choral and orchestral music, as well as hymns appropriate for the day.

Join us as we give our thanks to God that He sends these messengers to proclaim His Gospel. Complimentary and open to congregation members, family and friends, and the public.



Fall Launches

Missed These Start Dates? It's Not Too Late

Join Living Way Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 9am or Thursdays at 7pm • Weekly in-depth study of Daniel.
- Read more on our website *Bible Studies* page.

Join MomCo & MomCo After Dark

- MomCo nurtures friendship and faith. Speakers, mentor moms, breakfast, play-dates, moms' nights out. Read more on our website *Ministries* > *MomCo* page.
- Daytime meetups: First and third Thursdays at 9am.
- Evening meetups: Second Mondays at 7pm.



Call Committee News

September Update: In-Person Interviews Ahead

The Call committee is working to discover God's plans for our next senior pastor at St. Paul's. The committee has interviewed several finalists and will be inviting a few to visit in person for interviews in the coming weeks. We are hopeful to issue a Call in the fall but remain grounded in the confidence that this is in God's timing. Please keep the process and the candidates in your prayers as we move forward to seek God's will.