

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

SEPT. 13 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 713

5:00pm worship • 133
8:00am worship • 168
9:30am • 178
11:00am worship • 119
Living Stone worship • 115

ONLINE VIEWING

Sanctuary: 215 • Living Stone: 120
Approximately 536 total online viewers

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Worship Services
Voters' Meeting, Noon, Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH
Elders Study, 6:30pm, Conf. Room
Altar Guild Annual Mtg., 7pm, ECC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Living Way Bible Study, 9am
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Worship Services
Choral Vespers, 4pm, Sanctuary

MISSION OF THE MONTH

EMPLOYMENT • FACILITIES TECH.

AUCTION SPONSORS

Due to space constraints in the Sept. 20 *Good News*, we invite you to read the full entries on the three topics above in our *Weekly Word* e-letter.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDY HOUR • 9:30AM

GOSPEL OF MARK • 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: \$9,957,803



THANK YOU

★NEW: SOCIAL MINISTRY THANK YOU

The financial gifts made in response to Social Ministry's June appeal are greatly appreciated. (As a reminder, financial contributions can be made any time of the year.) Thank you for helping us help others!

NAMETAG REMINDER

In order to help Pastor Schlund and our assisting seminarians put a face with a name, please remember to wear your St. Paul's nametag during services. Your help is greatly appreciated!



WALKTHROUGH ACCESS

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 (school's flagpole entrance) through the southwest courtyard vestibule.

COMMUNITY NEWS: FUNDRAISERS

★NEW: 11TH ANNUAL MARKWAY STRONG TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat., Nov. 7 • 6pm • Lutheran High School South

Please join us in memory of congregation member Glenn Markway for a fun night of trivia and fellowship benefiting Friends of Kids with Cancer. Contact Carol Markway (314-954-3448, cmarkway@swbell.net) to reserve a table or donate cash/gift cards. See flyer for details at bit.ly/46NXkgZ

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



GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996

Budget year-to-date (11 weeks) 714,153

Received year-to-date 690,683

Difference actual/budget -23,470

Weekly amount needed 65,495

Received last week 53,157

DEBT REDUCTION

Current debt \$9,410,150

Gifts received July 2026 to date \$43,803



THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TODAY

VOTERS' MEETING TO APPROVE CALL COMMITTEE

Sun., Sept. 20 • Noon • Sanctuary

We have assembled a new call committee for calling an associate pastor to St. Paul's. Jon Burford graciously agreed to be the chairman of the committee (Jon is the current congregational vice president, but his term expires at the end of December). The agenda includes approval of the July 26 voters' meeting minutes and voting to approve a new call committee:

• Associate pastor call committee: Jon Burford (chairman), Ruthie Dicken, Sara Lehmann, Marsha Lewis, Frank Reinsel, Kathy Riesmeyer, Janice Samberg, Nicholas Schubert, Tom Zook, John Krause (congregational president), Tim Unger (chairman of board of elders). • Ex-officio (non-voting) members: Pastor Schlund, Dawn Walker (principal), Matt Gerhardt (kantor).

THE WEEK AHEAD: SEPT. 21-27

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.

★NEW: MOMCO DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER AT SHAKE SHACK

Tues., Sept. 22 • All Day • Shake Shack in Des Peres

Mention "Donation Day" at the register or drive-thru, or use promo code DONATE on the Shack App, website, or kiosk at checkout. St. Paul's MomCo will receive a donation equal to 25% of your total meal purchase!

★UPDATED: FLU SHOTS & VACCINES 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.

• Update: Also available: New COVID vaccines, pneumonia, shingles, tetanus, RSV, and other respiratory shots.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S SEASON DEBUT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 • 4PM • VESPERS FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Music at St. Paul's is pleased to present Choral Vespers for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as the first event of its 35th season. The service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) will include scripture 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.

The season's 2026-27 musical offerings are complimentary and open to congregation members, family and friends, and the public. The season schedule can be found at stpaulsdesperes.org/music





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

KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF

THURS. NOV., 12 • 5:30 OR 6:15PM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Do you have a child who will be eligible for kindergarten next school year? RSVP now for the St. Paul's 2027-2028 Kindergarten Kickoff via QR code or at bit.ly/StP-K27. What to expect:

- Learn all about kindergarten and life at St. Paul's from teachers, principal, pastors, and others.
- Tour the K-8 school building, including the brand new gymnasium, Meisch Music Suite and Saints Hall — with surprises along the way for your rising kindergartner!
- Take advantage of having the first opportunity to enroll in our half- and full-day kindergarten programs.
- Enjoy fellowship and refreshments.



VOLUNTEERING UPDATES SERVICE & SUPPORT

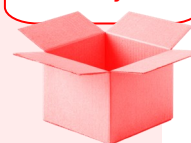
★ UPDATED: MEAL-PACKING & LUNCH

Sign Up by Mon., Sept. 21

Sat., Oct. 17 • 9:30-11:45am • Gateway Chr. Church

Feed My Starving Children is almost here! St. Paul's has 80 volunteer slots, and we're ready to fill every one. Imagine our whole church packing meals side-by-side, laughter echoing, hairnets crooked, hearts focused on feeding kids around the world. Sign up, show up, and be part of something joyful, fast-paced, and meaningful. Let's fill all 80. Sign up at bit.ly/4wvLLoN, through our website's News page.

14 spots remain.
61 of 80 filled:
Thank you!



CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

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.

Three
more
needed



TAKE-HOME MAGNETS • LOBBIES

Each family is invited to take home a Rooted in Christ magnet clip, stocked with a resource and prayer card, designed to be enjoyed in a visible spot at home. As the seasons progress, we'll continue offering new devotional materials for your clip.

ROOTED IN CHRIST FOCUS

St. Paul's has launched a church- and school-wide devotional focus, *Rooted in Christ*. As Saint Paul highlights in Col. 2:6-7, we are called to walk in Him — steadfast in faith, nourished by His Word, and firmly grounded in the grace we have received.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

★ NEW: LIFE CHAIN ON ST. PAUL'S CORNER

Sun., Oct. 4 • 2-3pm

Gather with members of our faith family and other local congregations to stand for the protection of unborn children and their mothers in a visual statement that the church supports the sanctity of all life. The Des Peres/Kirkwood Life Chain happens at St. Paul's intersection, on the corner of Manchester and Ballas Roads.

- St. Paul's congregation members: Please meet in the Ballas lobby (west) to start, and to receive signs made by our students.
- Annually, on the first Sunday in October, Life Chain invites churches in each city and town across North America to stand for life: www.lifechain.org

★ NEW: FABRIC DONATIONS FOR QUILTERS

Your spare cotton fabric yardage or bed sheets are used by our quilters group to construct warm quilts for families in need throughout the St. Louis region; drop off to the quilting room door at the east end of Fellowship Hall.

★ NEW: CLOTHING COLLECTION

St. Paul's is an area collection site for Trinity Souldard's homeless outreach that helps clothe and feed those in need. Needed items include scarves, hats, blankets, sweatshirts, coats, shoes/boots/socks, jeans, backpacks, etc. Find collection bin in the Ballas lobby (west).

GRIEF SHARE EVENT: "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"

Sat., Oct. 24 • 10am-Noon • FH

Join us for a GriefShare gathering offering Christ-centered comfort and practical guidance for those facing the holidays after loss. We'll discuss how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, and finding hope for the future; family and friends are welcome.

Register for the complimentary session at bit.ly/4doDRqw, through our website's News page, or RSVP to Kathy Riesmeyer at riesmeyerk@icloud.com or 314-303-2937.



"CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER" EVENT

Thurs., Oct. 15 • 10am-Noon

Hosted by EverTrue (Lutheran Senior Services) and held at St. Paul's, you're invited for an encouraging and informative conversation for caregivers. Whether you're supporting a spouse, parent, or friend, caregivers often find themselves managing appointments, medications, tasks, family dynamics, and unexpected challenges — all while balancing their own responsibilities and well-being.

Register and read more at evertrueliving.org/caring-for-the-caregiver; flyers at our info counter.

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS LAUNCH • 1ST-8TH

WED., SEPT. 30 • 5:30PM • SAINTS HALL

First through eighth graders of the congregation, join us as we kick off our first monthly youth group event of the school year! We'll start in St. Hall and rotate by age groups for the night.

Engaging in youth group activities helps young people build a strong foundation of faith, foster friendships, join in meaningful discussions, grow through service projects — and just have fun together! At St. Paul's, we're pleased to offer youth groups at all age levels, from first grade through twelfth, each customized with Bible learning, activities, and social opportunities that are age-appropriate and thoughtfully designed.

- **Youth and Chaperone Signup:** Visit bit.ly/StPyouth
- **Chaperones:** We would not be able to host these youth events safely and efficiently without a core group of chaperones and parental support; therefore, we have established a 9:1 youth/adult ratio. The number of volunteers will determine how many youth may attend each monthly event.
- Families with kids will receive an email with more event details from youth coordinator Becky Blake (bblake@stpaulsdp.org, 314-898-3065).

LEARN ABOUT THE LUTHERAN FAITH

★ NEW: "WHAT WE BELIEVE" CLASS

Beginning Tues., Sept., 29 • 6:30pm • FH

Delve into what the Bible teaches in our fall "What We Believe" class. All are welcome, whether to refresh your understanding or to learn something new. Meeting for six Tuesdays, our pastor-led class offers a comfortable setting and comprehensive teaching on foundational tenets of the Lutheran faith, including Christ, Baptism, Communion, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and more.



Participants who are not yet members of St. Paul's are asked to register for the class with Renee in the church office (314-822-0447 or rhemy@stpaulsdp.org) and will have the option to continue on to membership after completing the class.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

★ UPDATE: 150+ IN LIVING WAY: JOIN US

Wed. at 9am & Thurs. at 7pm

Living Way is underway — and it's not too late to join us for the year! We are thankful for 150+ learners this year, regulars and newcomers alike, as we dig into 2 Corinthians. Each week's lesson is reinforced with a three-fold format of small group discussion, lecture time, and at-home study questions. It's not too late to join us for the year! Choose Wednesday morning or Thursday evening sessions. Register at bit.ly/StP-LW or through our website's Bible Studies page.

GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

Sundays • 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.

"OUR ROOTS" IN FOUNDATION CLASS

Through Sun., Sept. 27 • 9:30am • FH

Led by Dan Sterling, the series explores the dramatic story of the 1839 founding of the LCMS in Perry County and St. Paul's. Audio recordings on our website's Media > Archives page.

★ NEW: UPCOMING FOUNDATION SERIES

Oct. through Dec. • 9:30am • FH

In October, a new Foundation series will launch, entitled "What's the BIG Deal? A Study of Luther's Large Catechism."