

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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WITNESS

SEPT. 20 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE • 868
5:00pm worship • 77
8:00am worship • 225
9:30am • 188
10:45am worship • 257
Living Stone worship • 121

ONLINE VIEWING
Sanctuary: n/a • Living Stone: 112
Approximately 180 total online viewers

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

GIVING

Annual offering budget \$3,375,996
Budget year-to-date (12 weeks) 779,076
Received year-to-date 733,529
Difference actual/budget -45,547
Weekly amount needed 66,062
Received last week 42,846

DEBT REDUCTION
Current debt \$9,410,150
Gifts received July 2026 to date \$45,228

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Worship Services
Choral Vespers, 4pm, Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH
Trustee Mtg. 3pm, Conf. Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
What We Believe, 6:30pm, FH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Living Way Bible Study, 9am
SPY Youth Event, 5:30pm, Campus
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
MomCo Meetup, 9am, FH
Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Worship Service, 5pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Worship Services
Area Life Chain, 2pm, meet at church

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$9,976,682



MISSIONS

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.



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

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

11TH ANNUAL MARKWAY STRONG TRIVIA NIGHT
Sat., Nov. 7 • 6pm • Lutheran High School South
Join Markway Strong 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

THE GOOD NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



TODAY

FLU SHOTS & VACCINES AT CHURCH
Today • 9am-Noon • LL3
Let's make good health convenient! Get your flu shot and other vaccines 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. Save time by filling out your questionnaire online with Walgreens at bit.ly/4hi7Amg.

WHAT'S NEW?
NEWS JUST ADDED
1. Movie night • Oct. 8
2. Christian readers group • Oct. 20
3. Brat & Pie Fry returns • Oct. 25
4. Update: Online questionnaire option for flu shots and vaccines at church • Sept. 27

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

THE WEEK AHEAD: SEPT. 28-OCT. 4

"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 rhemmy@stpaulsdp.org) and will have the option to continue on to membership after completing the class.



YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS LAUNCH • 1ST-8TH GRADES
Wed., Sept. 30 • 5:30pm • Saints Hall (Details inside)

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. 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
• St. Paul's congregation members: Please meet in the Ballas lobby (west) to start, and to receive signs made by our students.



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. A reception follows.

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.



30 spots filled



MOVIE NIGHT

★NEW: MOMS' NIGHT OUT: MOVIE IN SAINTS HALL

Thurs., Oct. 8 • Doors open 7pm • Movie at 7:30pm

Ready for a "reel" good time? Moms of all ages are invited for a movie night in our new Saints Hall, shown on the oversized projection screen. Join us for a fun 90s throwback and showing of "Runaway Bride" — so bring a friend, join the fun, and come dressed in cozy clothes or PJs. The complimentary event is hosted by our MomCo motherhood group, who will provide snacks and a dirty soda bar (please, no outside food or drinks). RSVP at bit.ly/StP-movie26 to help our MomCo hosts plan refreshment numbers.

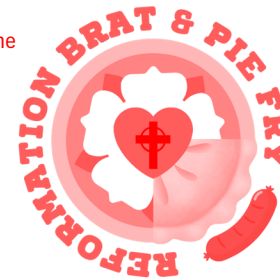
REFORMATION FEST

★NEW: REFORMATION BRAT & PIE FRY • SUN., OCT. 25 • NOON-2PM

It's back; it's Wunderbar — that's German for wonderful — and the *wurst* is yet to come, in the *best* way! Ja, it was worth the two-year wait, as the Brat and Pie Fry makes its comeback to fill our beautiful new expansion wing and courtyard. Join the festivities at St. Paul's Reformation celebration featuring German specialties and themed activities.

Homemade pie bar • German food by Chef Krueger (bratwurst, homemade potato salad, applesauce, sauerkraut & all the fixings) • Hot dogs and chips for kids • Fitz's root beer on tap • Apple cider • Ginger beer • Kettle corn • Inflatables • Strolling Luther • Accordion players • Kids' crafts & scavenger hunt • Pretzel Boys fresh pretzels • "Indulgence Bar" candy station • Giveaways.

Pies & Helpers: This festival runs on volunteer power. Like to bake? Sign up to bring a pie! A variety of fun volunteer positions are available; event volunteers get our popular limited-edition t-shirt. Find signup link on our websites' *News* page.



YOUTH NIGHTS LAUNCH

ALL 1ST-8TH GRADERS INVITED

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 Saints 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.
- **Questions?** Contact youth coordinator Becky Blake (bblake@stpaulsdp.org, 314-898-3065).

ACTIVITIES

★NEW: CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

Tues., Oct. 20 • 7pm • Music Room

Join us in October as we read *The Truth Will Set You Free: Samuel L. Hoard*. Led by Rev. Dr. Kent Bureson, the group reads across a variety of genres, exploring Christian themes and how literature informs Christian faith and life. See the year's book schedule on our website's *Ministries > Get Connected* page.

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



SERVICE & SUPPORT

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.

Two more needed

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.

WINTER 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. (no dressy adult clothing or children's clothing needed). Find collection bin in the Ballas lobby.

GRIEFSHARE: "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.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

Sundays • 9:30am • Saints Hall

"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.

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."