

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. 28

In-Person Worship Total • 796

Living Stone worship • 80

5:00pm worship • 115

8:00am worship • 230

9:30am worship • 166

11:00am worship • 205

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 219 • **Living Stone:** 49

Approximately 429 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget \$3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (13 weeks) 827,450

Received year-to-date 582,521

Difference actual/budget -244,929

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget 69,930

Received last week 68,874

Construction Loan balance

Current debt \$ 1,558.513

Gifts received July 2024 to date \$ 13,538

Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 5

Worship Services

Monday, Oct. 6

Morning Men's Bible Study, 6am

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room

Small-Setting Communion, Noon,

Monday Night Confirmation Class,

5:30pm, Youth Room

Elders, 6:30pm, FH

Church Council, 7:30pm, FH

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Call Committee Mtg., 7pm

Christian Readers Group, 7pm, Room TBA

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Living Way, 9am

SPY High School Meetup, 5:30pm, YR

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Thursday, Oct. 9

Living Way Evening, 7pm, Conf. Room

Friday, 10

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, Oct. 11

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Oct. 12

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*.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Total Commitments: \$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$7,050,021



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; Homework Club

After-School Homework Club (SPLASH) Staffing

St. Paul's Lutheran After School & Homework club (SPLASH) is growing and is in need of additional staffing. We have two part-time positions available for afternoons; applicants must be at least 18. Contact Jenn Barton at jbarton@stpaulsdp.org.

Missions Corner

October Mission of the Month • Panama • We are supporting Gospel proclamation and growth of the Lutheran church in Panama through church-renovation projects and support of missionaries and local pastors.

September Mission of the Month • Bethlehem Lutheran Church: \$4,591

Community News

St. Paul's School at Brew in the Lou

Sat., Oct. 11 • 1-5pm • Francis Park

Cheers! Support Lutheran education while savoring St. Louis' best local beer, wine, spirits, homebrew, and food favorites. Be sure to swing by the St. Paul's booth for a sample and to say hello! Hosted by LESA. Tickets/info: brewinthelou.com.

Markway Strong Trivia Night

Sat., Nov. 8 • 6:30pm; doors open 5:30pm • Lutheran HS 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.



THE GOOD NEWS

Saturday, October 4 and

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Sunday

Life Chain on St. Paul's Corner

Sunday, Oct. 5 • 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 is organized 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.

- St. Paul's congregation members: Please meet in the west lobby of church to start, and to receive signs made by our fourth-grade class.

The Week Ahead: Oct. 6-12

Small-Setting Communion

Mon., Oct. 6 • Noon • Special monthly worship service with Communion for members with mobility issues or who prefer to avoid crowds.

Christian Readers Group

Tues., Oct. 7 • 7pm • Room TBA

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. October's book is John Grisham's *The Testament*.

Fill the LWML Mite Box

Weekend of Oct. 11 & 12

Lutheran Women in Mission invite you to participate in the Mite Box Collection. Bring your loose change or cash and help fill the large mite box in the narthex; offerings fund district and national mission grants, supporting mission work locally and around the world. Your spare change can change lives.

Reminders

- Seeking council and board members
- Mite box collection next Sunday

News Just Added

6 new listings; 14 repeated listings

- Pastor Wade receives calls to churches in Rocklin, CA and Napa, CA
- Fundraiser at Dewey's Pizza • Oct. 14
- Card-making night • Oct. 16
- Bach Cantata Vespers • Oct. 19
- Christmas shoebox collection
- School Board seeking new member

NEW: Pastor Wade Receives Additional Call to Rocklin, CA

In addition to the call Pastor Wade received on September 14, on September 28 Pastor Wade received an additional call to serve as Lead Pastor-Elect at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Rocklin, California.

Pastor Wade now has three calls: his current call to St. Paul's, one to St. John's in Napa, and one to St. Matthew in Rocklin.

Please pray for the Wade family as they consider these calls and seek God's wisdom and discernment. We all pray that the Lord's will would be done for the work of His Kingdom.



Read Pastor's Letter



Bach Cantata Vespers

NEW: American Kantorei • Sun., Oct. 19 • 3pm

Music at St. Paul's cordially invites you to Cantata Vespers with the American Kantorei chorus and orchestra. The service of Evening Prayer will feature music from Cantatas 38 and 86, as well as the Mass in G Minor, BWV 235, by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Kantorei, under the directorship of Dr. Maurice Boyer, specializes in the performance of J. S. Bach's sacred choral works in the original German and Latin, accompanied by orchestra. The event is complimentary, with a freewill offering, and is open to the public.



Reformation Sunday

Cornerstone Laying & "Worst WurstFest" • Oct. 26

- **Cornerstone** • The congregation is invited to join in procession after the late service for the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone, including a time capsule, in our new Saints Hall center.
- **Noon: Worst WurstFest** • Much has changed since our first Reformation Sunday festival, the Brat & Pie Fry. With limited gathering space in 2025, is this the *worst* idea? No, construction can't stop community when Christ is our cornerstone and compass. (When our new facilities open in Q2 2026, get ready for the *best* WurstFest!) Join us for meals and mingling in Fellowship Hall and the lobbies, including brats, sauerkraut, pretzels, root beer, dessert, music, and more.
- **Volunteer** to help or bake cookies through the link on our website *News* page or at at bit.ly/StP-WW-25.



Kindergarten Kickoff

Thursday, Nov. 13 • 5:30 or 6:00pm

Do you have a child who will be eligible for kindergarten next school year? Sign up now for the St. Paul's Kindergarten Kickoff at bit.ly/StP-K26. 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 library, art studio and science/STEM lab — 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.



Service & Support

NEW: Christmas Shoebox Collection

Send a Christmas gift of hope around the world! Complimentary empty shoeboxes have arrived and are available in the narthex. Operation Christmas Child collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts, supplies, and the message of the Gospel to children in need in 150+ countries. Details, gift suggestions, and links are on our website *News* page.

Clothing Collection for Homeless Ministry

St. Paul's is an area collection site for Trinity Souldard's homeless outreach; needed items include scarves, hats, blankets, sweatshirts, coats, shoes/boots/socks, jeans, and backpacks (full list at bit.ly/3tH8eoa). Find collection bin in west lobby.

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 below).

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@stpaulsdp.org) or register at www.griefshare.org/groups/257625

Altar Guild Seeking Volunteers

Serve at church in Communion preparation, setup, and cleanup for the Sanctuary or Living Stone. Contact Sue Franson (636-861-0794) or Julie Peper (314-630-5526).

Board & Council Positions

NEW: School Board Seeking New Member

St. Paul's school board is looking for one new member to serve a two-year term beginning January 2026; the board meets at least 10 times per year. Contact Rick Berndt at boechair@stpaulsdp.org or 314-223-0494.

Call for Nominations for Church Council Positions

St. Paul's will have five Church Council officer positions up for election at the Voters' meeting in November: 1) President; 2) Recording Secretary; 3) Chairman, Board of Elders; 4) Chairperson, Board of Stewardship; 5) Chairperson, Board of Trustees. Our officers on Church Council serve two calendar-year terms, with a two-term limit. If you would like to nominate a St. Paul's member to be a candidate to serve in one of these offices, please contact one of the pastors or the chairman of the nominating committee, Jon Burford, at jburf1@charter.net.

Groups & Activities

NEW: MomCo Dining Fundraiser at Dewey's Pizza

Tues., Oct. 14 • 4-9pm

Eat pizza, raise dough! St. Paul's MomCo motherhood group is hosting a dining fundraiser at Dewey's in Kirkwood and will earn 20% of sales on dine-in or carryout orders; please mention MomCo's "Giveback Night" (and for online orders, enter "GBN" in order notes).

NEW: Monthly Card-Making Night

Thurs., Oct. 16 • 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 Oct. 13 so materials can be prepped.

Announcements

The ECC is Hiring Teacher Assistants!

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center is seeking caring, dependable teacher assistants to join our team. We currently have openings for the following shifts:

- 8:00–10:00am • 3:00–5:00pm • 3:00–6:00pm

If you or someone you know enjoys working with children and would like to support our teachers in a Christ-centered environment, we'd love to hear from you! For more information or to apply, please contact the ECC director at jbanger@stpaulsdp.org.

Exciting Campus Improvements

Construction improvements include a new drive along the east side and additional parking spaces, with expected completion by December 1. Read more about this project on our website *News* page.

\$7 Million Milestone

This month, St. Paul's celebrates reaching a \$7 million giving milestone in our Tell the Wonders He Has Done ministry expansion campaign, just 20 months into our 5-year, \$15 million initiative.

We are blessed and grateful as we look forward to witnessing God's work through our ministry expansion, thanks to our congregation's generosity.

