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WITNESS

Oct. 18 Worship Attendance • 792

- 5:00pm worship • 96
- 8:00am worship • 241
- 9:30am worship • 151
- 10:45am worship • 151
- Living Stone worship • 153

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 204 • Living Stone: 68
Approximately 435 total online viewers

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday: Wear Red!
Worship Services
Brat & Pie Fry Festival, Noon

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

What We Believe, 6:30pm, FH
Christian Readers Group, 7pm, Music Rm.

Wednesday, October 28

Living Way Bible Study, 9am
SPY Youth Group, 5:30pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Thursday, October 29

Card-Making, 6pm, Music Room
LINK Game Night, 6:30pm, LL3
Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, Conf. Rm.

Friday, October 30

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, October 31

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day
Worship Services

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 (16 weeks)	1,038,768
Received year-to-date	912,050
Difference actual/budget	-126,718
Weekly amount needed	68,443
Received last week	57,199

Debt Reduction

Current debt	\$9,410,150
Gifts received July 2026 to date	\$49,336

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN TOTAL COMMITMENTS:

\$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$10,104,974

MISSIONS

October Mission of the Month: Panama Mission work includes church planting and revitalization, pastoral and deaconess formation, and support for congregations such as Redeemer Lutheran Church in Balboa.

AUCTION

School Auction Tickets on Sale Nov. 6

Sat., Feb. 6, 2027 • 6pm • DoubleTree Westport

Tickets for the St. Paul's Lutheran School auction go on sale on November 6! Form your table of ten for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and fundraising. Table sponsorships and other donation opportunities are available now. See the auction website for more information at bit.ly/STPSAUCTION2027.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Find all community news and area LCMS event listings in our *Weekly Word* e-letter.

NEW: Choral Vespers for All Saints' Day

Sun., Nov. 1 • 4pm • Seminary

You are invited to a vespers service at Concordia Seminary featuring Laudamus, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Children's Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and instrumentalists. You will see many familiar St. Paul's faces among all of the choirs. Location: Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus, Concordia Seminary.

NEW: CFNA Seeking Tutors for Immigrant Children

Christian Friends of New Americans invites you to spend a couple of hours on Tuesday or Thursday evenings assisting students aged 5-17 with after-school tutoring in math and English. Your gift of time would be greatly appreciated and you can make a new young friend in the process! Location: Peace Center, 5515 S. Grand. Sign up at www.cfna-stl.org/volunteer.

Markway Strong Trivia Night

Sat., Nov. 7 • 6pm • Lutheran South • Read more in the *Weekly Word*.

THE GOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 25, 2026



TODAY

Reformation Sunday Worship • 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am

Brat and Pie Fry: Reformation Festival • Noon -2pm

NEW: Walk-In Flu Shots at Church

Today • Noon-2pm • Mothers' Room in expansion wing

Let's make good health convenient! Get your flu shot and vaccines at church — no appointment needed. Shots are administered by congregation members and Walgreens pharmacists Mike and Renee Reynolds; most insurance plans cover the cost.

THE WEEK AHEAD: OCT. 26-NOV. 1

SPY 1st-8th Grade Youth Night

Wed., Oct. 28 • 5:15pm • Saints Hall • Read more on next page.

NEW: LINK 21+ Game Night

Thurs., Oct. 29 • 6:30pm • LL3 • Read more on next page.

Monthly Card-Making Night

Thurs., Oct. 29 • 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 by 5pm on Oct. 26 so materials can be prepped: bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking.

NEW: Small-Setting Communion

Mon., Nov. 2 • Noon • Special monthly worship service with Communion for members who may prefer to avoid large crowds or who have mobility issues.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

1. Flu shots at church • Oct. 25
2. LINK 21+ game night • Oct. 29
3. Small-setting Communion • Nov. 2
4. Christian readers group • Nov. 10
5. Update: Amazon gift card for blood donors
6. Community News: All Saints' Day Vespers at seminary • Nov. 1
7. Community News: CFNA seeking tutors

REMINDERS

- Register for card-making by Oct. 26
- School blanket orders due Oct. 30
- Submit veteran photos by Nov. 2

LARGE-PRINT

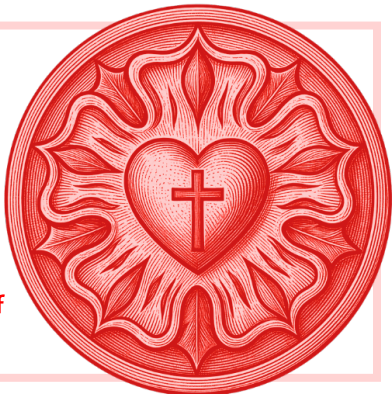
Find the large-print *Good News* included inside our large-print worship folders (please see an usher)

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

Sunday, October 25

Festival Music • Holy Communion

The Reformation was, first and foremost, all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, St. Paul's and Lutheran churches around the world will commemorate Martin Luther's 1517 posting of the 95 theses on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, igniting a chain of events that led to the birth of the Protestant Reformation.



Youth Group

SPY 1st-8th Grade Youth Night

Wed., Oct. 28 • 5:15pm • Saints Hall

First through eighth graders of the congregation, don't miss monthly SPY nights (St. Paul's Youth)! 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! Evenings start in Saints Hall and rotate by age groups for the night.

- **Youth and chaperone sign-up:** Visit bit.ly/StPyouth
- **Chaperones:** Thank you for your parental support, which helps make our youth nights possible and reach our established 9:1 youth/adult ratio. Chaperone signups determine how many youth slots are open for participation.



Interest Groups

NEW: LINK 21+ Game Night

Thurs., Oct. 29 • 6:30pm • LL3

Bring some dinner and come join us for a night of fellowship over games — you're encouraged to bring a favorite game!



What is "LINK"? LINK is St. Paul's young adult group for ages 21+ that gathers for social meetups, Christian fellowship, Bible studies, and service projects. Friends are always welcome.

Email Katarina Hinck (khinck@stpaulsdp.org) if you are planning to attend so she can share details about arriving and finding the room.

NEW: Christian Readers Group

Tues., Nov. 10 • 7pm • Music Room

Join us in November as we read Patti Callihan's *Once Upon a Wardrobe*. Led by Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson, 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.



Reformation Festival Today

Join the festivities at St. Paul's annual Reformation celebration featuring German specialties and themed activities.

- **Homemade pie bar • German food by Chef Krueger • Fitz's root beer on tap**
- **Cider & ginger beer • Scavenger hunt • Printing press craft • Fall-themed inflatable games**
- **"Indulgence Bar" candy station • Strolling Luther • Accordion & fiddle players • Giveaways**



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY Friday, Nov. 13 • 8:30am School Gym

Our Veterans Assembly tradition returns to our new facilities after a construction hiatus. St. Paul's school students and staff look forward to honoring ALL veterans of our congregation and church community ... retired or active duty, and from all service branches and eras! We cordially invite you to be our special guests at our Veterans Day Assembly celebration; you need not be a veteran to attend.

- **Submit photos by Mon., Nov. 2:** If you know a veteran, you're invited to submit their photo for the veterans slideshow featured at the assembly. Instructions at bit.ly/StP-vet26 or on our website's News page.
- For further information, contact Amy Rudsinski at arudsinski@stpaulsdp.org.

Compiling Veteran Info for Church Archives

The church archives committee is continuing to compile a list of members of St. Paul's who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please forward any available information for our church database to dawnthorburg@gmail.com and include name, branch of service, service dates, rank, medals/awards received, and burial location (such as St. Paul's Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, or other national cemetery).

Service & Support

Christmas Shoeboxes

Return by Sun., Nov. 15

Send a Christmas gift of hope around the world! Operation Christmas Child collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts, supplies, and the message of the Gospel in a 12-lesson Bible study to children in need in 150+ countries. Complimentary empty shoeboxes are in the narthex.

Three ways to help:

- **Pray for the project's success.**
- **Fill a shoebox with gifts, school supplies, or personal care items.**
Suggestions: Start with one "wow" item such as a doll, large toy, soccer ball/pump, toy truck, stuffed animal, or musical instrument. Then fill in with items like markers, crayons, a toothbrush, puzzle, jump rope, stickers, yo-yo, Frisbee, binoculars, hat, and more. Check our website's News page for video links and packing suggestions.
- **Contribute** to St. Paul's shoebox ministry for the purchase of additional shoeboxes, supplies, and transportation expenses.

UPDATED: Blood Drive + Gift Card

Fri., Nov. 13 • 10am-2pm • Ballas Lobby

New: Donate and receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email. Help save a life by donating blood at our American Red Cross blood drive. Choose your appointment time at rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE or via the link on our website's News page.

Stairway Chair Lifts Available

Two new Acorn brand stairway chair lifts with extremely low use are available; each is approximately 20+ feet long with a right-angle turnout on three of the ends and has battery backup option. Contact Glen Wildermuth at 314-603-0312.

Current Collections

- **Gabriel's Gift Shop** • Collecting Nov. 1 to Dec. 4 • Drop boxes in lobbies
- **Christmas shoeboxes** • Narthex drop-off
- **Winter clothing for Trinity Soulard** • Ballas lobby (west) drop-off
- **Fabric donations for quilting group** • Drop off to quilting closet door at the east end of Fellowship Hall

School News

Kindergarten Kickoff

Thurs., Nov. 12 • 5:30 or 6:15pm

Do you have a child who will be eligible for kindergarten next school year? RSVP now for the St. Paul's Lutheran School 2027-28 kindergarten kickoff 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.



School Fundraiser Blanket Sales

Order by Fri., Oct. 30

Blankets arrive end of Nov.

Wrap Yourself in SAINTS Spirit! Cooler weather calls for cozy blankets — and ours come with St. Paul's school spirit! Help support school athletics with the purchase of a Saints spirit blanket, in two design choices. Perfect for chilly game nights, relaxing at home, or thoughtful Christmas gifts! Order yours at bit.ly/StPblanket.

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's News page and [Weekly Word](#) e-letter.