

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 Rm.

Little Lambs • School Room 103

Witness: Oct. 26

In-Person Worship Total • 867

Living Stone worship • 89

5:00pm worship • 61

8:00am worship • 271

9:30am worship • 160

11:00am worship • 286

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 174 • **Living Stone:** 44

Approximately 349 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget \$3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (17 weeks) 1,082,050

Received year-to-date 799,049

Difference actual/budget -283,001

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget 71,736

Received last week 58,487

Construction Loan balance

Current debt \$ 2,508.516

Gifts received July 2024 to date \$ 17,142

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 2

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Worship Services

Monday, Nov. 3

Morning Men's Bible Study, 6am

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room

Small-Setting Communion, Noon

Monday Confirm. Class, 5:30pm, YR

GriefShare, 6pm, LL4

Elders Mtg., 6:30pm, FH

Church Council, 7:30pm, FH

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Living Way, 9am

Fellowship Luncheon, Noon, Offsite

SPY High School Meetup, 5:30pm, YR

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Thursday, Nov. 6

MomCo Meetups, 9am, FH

Living Way Evening, 7pm, Conf. Room

Friday, Nov. 7

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Blood Drive, 10am-3pm, West Lobby

Spy Middle School Meetup, 6:30pm, YR

Saturday, Nov. 8

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Nov. 9

Worship Services

New Members Received, 11am service

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: \$7,209,779



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

School Support

Trivia Night at the Lodge • Sat., Feb. 28, 2026

Save the date for an unforgettable trivia night, coming this February, hosted by and supporting our School, ECC, and PDO. Get ready for fun, facts, and friendly competition!

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education

Taxpayers to the state of Missouri — individuals and businesses — can direct up to 50% of state taxes to Lutheran education. The MOScholars tax credit program allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools statewide, including some at our own St. Paul's Lutheran School! Reserving tax credits is easy and can be completed online in minutes; learn more and get started at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars. Questions? Contact Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org.

Missions Corner

NEW: November Mission of the Month • Mozambique church planting and pastoral education, directed from his home in Brazil by Pastor Carlos Walter Winterle, who works with the Lutheran seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, to train pastors for the fast-growing Lutheran church in Mozambique. • **October Mission of the Month Total: \$3,496.**

Community News

Markway Strong Trivia Night

Sat., Nov. 8 • 6:30pm; doors open 5:30pm • Luth. 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, November 1 and

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Sunday

Sun., Nov. 2 • All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day honors the faithful departed, now at rest in Christ. In worship, we toll a bell as each name is read, remembering those who have gone before us in the faith. We give thanks for the communion of saints and the hope of eternal joy prepared for all who love Him.

The Week Ahead: Nov. 2-9

Small-Setting Communion

Mon., Nov. 3 • Noon • Special monthly worship service with Communion for members with mobility issues or who prefer to avoid crowds.

GriefShare Series Begins

Mon., Nov. 3 • 6pm • Details, next page.

Fellowship Group Luncheon & Games

Wed., Nov. 5 • Noon • Off-Site

Please join us for lunch (from Potbelly's) and socializing as we play cards and various board games. RSVP to Sharon Lutz (314-713-3087) or Glenda Smith (314-570-6284). During construction, we meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 531 Meramec Station Rd., in Valley Park.

NEW: Holiday Blood Drive

Fri., Nov. 7 • 10am-3pm

Hospitals face blood shortages during the holidays, and donating in November helps hospitals stay stocked for Christmas emergencies and care. Choose your appointment time via the link on our website *News* page, or at rcblood.org/2Qn3GQE. November Red Cross incentives include \$20 e-gift cards, Homefield brand t-shirt, free A1c screening, and more.

SPY Middle School 7th/8th Grade Event

Fri., Nov. 7 • 6:30-8:00pm • Youth Room

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. In November, we'll assemble blessing bags that will be gifted to our at-home members at our annual December congregational Christmas caroling event.

- To attend, youth must be pre-registered. Parents, we need your help for a fun and safe event and a 9:1 youth/adult ratio. Registration and chaperoning at bit.ly/SPY-7-8 or via button on our website's *Families* > *Youth Ministry* tab.

Today

Voters' Meeting: Senior Pastor Call Sun., Nov. 2 • Noon • Sanctuary

A voters' meeting will be held to vote to extend a Call for St. Paul's next senior pastor.

- For congregational review, meeting documents, the candidate's biography, and proxy voting link are available on our password-protected member portal at bit.ly/StP-Mtg (or navigate to www.stpaulsdesperes.org > *member portal* > *voters meetings*).
- In addition to online proxy designation, paper proxy forms and bio can be found at the east lobby info counter.
- Congregation members may find the member portal password displayed at the top of each week's *Weekly Word* e-letter, or may contact the church receptionist desk for the password at 314-822-0447.

Reminders

- Christmas shoeboxes due in two weeks

News Just Added

7 new listings; 13 repeated listings

- Holiday blood drive • Nov. 7
- Christian readers group • Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving worship • Nov 26 & 27
- Christmas caroling • Dec. 20
- Nov. mission of the month
- Thank you from congregation member
- School endowment thank you



News Added This Week

NEW: Christian Readers Group

Tues., Nov. 11 • 7pm • Conf. Room

Join us this month as we read P.D. James' *The Children of Men*. 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.

NEW: School Endowment Thank You

iPads and parking lots and math ... oh my! Thanks to the generous donations and bequests made to the church and school endowment funds, we've been able to cover unbudgeted expenses to bless our students and congregants! Each year up to 5% of the endowment funds are withdrawn, and this year we were able to purchase new iPads and a charging cart, math curriculum, and a mobile desk for the school — and once the building project is complete, the church will be able to resurface all of our parking lots! Please consider a gift or bequest to our endowment funds to ensure we have enough principal to keep these annual 5% withdrawals going in the future.

NEW: Thank You from Congregation Member

"With heartfelt appreciation to all of you who have prayed for me these last several years, I would like to say thank you. When I was diagnosed with a malignant stage 4 glioblastoma brain tumor, my family and I were set to enjoy the little time that I had. But all praise and thanks be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His grace, mercy, and faithfulness! This week, my family and I celebrated **three years** since my diagnosis. Through three surgeries, chemo, and radiation, your prayers, well-wishes and cards have meant the world to me. I still have challenges and would appreciate continued prayers, but I am so very grateful to you for all those in the past. In all this time, the Lord has not allowed my tumor to grow. In the last two years, basically, my only treatment for the tumor has been prayer, and I consider myself to be one of His miracles! With many thanks, Kathy Larson"

NEW: Christmas Caroling to In-Home Members

Sat., Dec. 20 • Lunch Included

Let's bring a little Christmas joy to the doorsteps of our valued in-home members who are not physically able to attend Christmas services at church this year. No singing experience required! Carolers will meet at church for lunch, hot cocoa, and Christmas cookies, and will form into groups who will visit a short list of nearby homes and care facilities, also delivering blessing bags made by our youth group. Sign-up coming soon.



Groups & Meetings

LWML Meeting

Mon., Nov. 10 • Noon • Lutheran Hour Ministry Building

Come hear a presentation by Dr. Janine Bolling, Senior Director of Educational Services, who will share with us the exciting work God is doing at Bethlehem Lutheran School, plus give an update on the tornado relief work in North St. Louis. Please bring an appetizer to share with the group following the presentation.

Regular Voters' Meeting

Sun., Nov. 16 • Noon • Sanctuary

A regular voters' meeting will be held, covering board and council elections, a building report, and a financial review of the previous fiscal year.

Buckmans Are Guest Speakers on Refugee Ministry

Sun., Nov. 16 • 9:30am • Church LL3

Reaching the Hearts and Minds of Refugees in Our Community: Rev. Al and Carol Buckman share insights drawn from 25 years of experience with CFNA and working alongside refugees. They welcome questions and will offer guidance on engaging with this important ministry, sharing involvement opportunities for people of all ages.



Service & Support

Altar Guild Seeking Laundry Helpers & Volunteers

The Altar Guild is seeking help with laundering and ironing/rolling our Fair Linen altar cloths, or if you have a cleaner you'd recommend, we'd be happy to follow up. We also welcome volunteers to assist with Communion preparation, setup, and cleanup. Contact Sue Franson at 314-498-1005.

GriefShare Series Begins

Begins Mon., Nov. 3 • 6:00-7:15pm • 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

Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving Eve • Wed., Nov. 26 • 7pm

Thanksgiving Day • Thurs., Nov. 27 • 10am



Advent & Christmas

Christmas Shoebox Collection • Return by Sun., Nov. 16

Send a Christmas gift of hope around the world! Complimentary empty shoeboxes 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. Our goal this year is to fill 500 shoeboxes! Details, gift suggestions, and links are on our website's *News* page.

Church Christmas Decorating & Dinner • Fri., Nov. 28 • 4:30-6:30pm

Help make St. Paul's merry and bright! Catch the Christmas spirit as we put up the church Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, and our special "Chrismon" ornaments. Youth, adults, and families are all invited for this annual tradition with a complimentary light dinner. Sign up at bit.ly/47yWcfn

Hanging of the Green • Advent Starts • Sun., Nov. 30

Midweek Advent Services • Wed., Dec. 3, 10, 17 • 10am & 6:15pm

Breakfast in Bethlehem & Gabriel's Gift Shop • Sat., Dec. 6

Prepare for Jesus: Women's Advent by Candlelight • Sun., Dec. 7 • 6:30pm

Music at St. Paul's • Service of Lessons & Carols • Sat., Dec. 13 & Sun., Dec. 14

Christmas Caroling to In-Home Members • Sat., Dec. 20

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.



Kickoff: RSVP Required

