

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: Nov. 2

In-Person Worship Total • 873

Living Stone worship • 69

5:00pm worship • 75

8:00am worship • 277

9:30am worship • 184

11:00am worship • 268

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 158 • **Living Stone:** 44

Approximately 323 total online viewers

Giving

Annual offering budget \$3,309,800

Budget year-to-date (18 weeks) 1,145,700

Received year-to-date 856,371

Difference actual/budget -289,329

Wkly. amt. needed to meet budget 72,160

Received last week 38,643

Construction Loan balance

Current debt \$2,508.516

Gifts received July 2024 to date \$18,064

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 9

Worship Services

New Members Received, 11am service

Monday, Nov. 10

Morning Men's Bible Study, 6am

LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH

LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room

LWML Mtg., Noon, Offsite

Monday Confirm. Class, 5:30pm, YR

GriefShare, 6pm, LL4

Comfort Dog Mtg., 6:30pm, FH

Social Ministry, 6:30pm, Conf. Room

MomCo After Dark Meetup, 7pm, Music Rm.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Christian Readers Group, 7pm, Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Living Way, 9am

SPY High School Meetup, 5:30pm, YR

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

8th Gr. Conf. Family Mtg., 6pm, FH

Thursday, Nov. 13

Living Way Evening, 7pm, Conf. Room

Friday, Nov. 14

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, Nov. 15

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, Nov. 16

Worship Services

Voters' Mtg., Noon, Sanctuary

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: \$7,293,183



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

November Mission of the Month • Mozambique church planting and pastoral education, directed by Rev. Airtion Schroeder, who works with the Lutheran seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, to train pastors for the fast-growing Lutheran church in Mozambique.

Community News

Lutheran College Fair at Concordia Seminary

Sat., Nov. 15 • 10am-2pm • Register by Nov. 10 at bit.ly/4hP3d1Z

Thinking about college? What makes a Concordia University education stand out — and why is it a great place to explore both church work and other vocations? Enjoy an open-house style event with free Chick-fil-A lunch, gift card giveaways, a church work panel, and financial aid sessions. Meet reps from Concordia University Chicago, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Irvine, Ann Arbor, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, and Fort Wayne, plus Set Apart to Serve.



THE GOOD NEWS

Saturday, November 8 and

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Sunday

New Members Received

Sun., Nov. 9 • 11am • Sanctuary

With thanksgiving, this Sunday we welcome new members to our St. Paul's family via adult Confirmation and transfer. After the service, please stop by to say hello and introduce yourself to our new friends!

The Week Ahead: Nov. 10-16

LWML Meeting

Mon., Nov. 10 • Noon • Lutheran Hour Ministries 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.

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 Bureson, the group reads across a variety of genres, exploring Christian themes and how literature informs Christian faith and life.

Kindergarten Kickoff

Thursday, Nov. 13 • 5:30 or 6:00pm • Secure your priority enrollment; details on next page.

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. Agenda and bios can be reviewed on our website; find links on our website's *News* page.

NEW: Christian Friends of New Americans Sewing Display

Sun., Nov. 16 • Narthex

CFNA will be selling lovely handmade pieces that are crafted by Afghan women in CFNA sewing classes. They make wonderful gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or other special events. Even more, each item serves as a gentle reminder to keep our Afghan sisters and their families in your prayers.

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.

Return
shoeboxes
by Nov. 16



Reminders

- Christmas shoeboxes due next Sunday
- Register for Kindergarten Kickoff
- *Community News*: Register for Lutheran College Fair by Nov. 10 (see back page)

News Just Added

6 new listings; 12 repeated listings

- Updated: Christmas caroling sign-up now open
- Military ministry
- CFNA sewing display • Nov 16
- Cardmaking night • Nov. 20
- Breakfast in Bethlehem • Dec. 6
- Collecting for Gabriel's Gift Shop through Dec. 5



News Added This Week

NEW: Military Ministry

St. Paul's is honored to support our military families. If you have a family member or loved one actively serving in the Armed Forces, we look forward to including them in prayers and sending care packages from our congregation. Please contact the church office at 314-822-0447 to provide their details.

NEW: Monthly Card-Making Night

Thurs., Nov. 20 • 6-9pm • Music Room

Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, crafting three beautiful make-and-take cards. Register at bit.ly/StP-Cardmaking by 5pm on Nov. 17 so materials can be prepped; \$12/person.

NEW: Breakfast in Bethlehem

Sat., Dec. 6 | 8:30-10:30am

Join us for a morning in celebration of the first Christmas during this beloved annual St. Paul's tradition. Savor a delicious breakfast and festive music announcing the birth of the Christ child. A variety of family activities will be featured, including a nativity photo zone, crafts, cookie walk, Christmas bingo, Christmas carolers, and Gabriel's Gift Shop, where children can buy gifts for their family!

- \$10 per person. Limited capacity to 300 total guests (no walk-ins). Registrations and payments will be secured on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach capacity. Register through the button on our website's *News* page (QR code at upper right).
- Many volunteers are needed for a successful event! Please consider lending a helping hand; sign up through our website *News* page (QR code at upper right).

NEW: Gift Donations for Gabriel's Gift Shop

Collecting Through Dec. 5

We fill Gabriel's Gift Shop with donations from the congregation and are now collecting new and like-new gifts for parents, grandparents, and other loved ones. The shop is a favorite stop for children during the Dec. 6 Breakfast in Bethlehem morning, where all treasures are sold for \$1.

- Find drop-off bins in the church, school, and ECC lobbies.
- Suggestions include jewelry, purses, books, home decor, Christmas items, trinkets, ornaments, books, sport items, golf balls, ties, mugs, picture frames, games, soaps and bath items, re-gifted items, or personalized items that say "Mom," "Dad," "Grandma," etc. (Please note that child-age gifts are not needed.)



Service & Support

Serve with the Altar Guild

Altar guild members prepare and maintain the sacred vessels, linens, and altar items used in our worship services. On Communion Sundays, guild members help with preparation, setting up, and cleaning up. We invite you to join us to serve in either the Sanctuary or Living Stone. Learn more from Sue Franson at 314-498-1005.

- **Laundry Helpers:** The Altar Guild is also 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. Contact Sue Franson at 314-498-1005.

GriefShare Series: Join Any Time

Mondays through Jan. 26 • 6:00-7:15pm • Church LL4

GriefShare offers Christ-centered support through a 13-week video series and group discussion; you're welcome to join any session at any time. Facilitated by Kathy Riesmeyer. Register at griefshare.org/groups/257625 or call Kathy at 314-303-2937.

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

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.

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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/47yWcfh

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

UPDATED: Christmas Caroling to At-Home Members

Sat., Dec. 20 • Noon-5pm • Lunch Included

Let's bring a little Christmas joy to the doorsteps of our valued at-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 at bit.ly/StP-Carol or through the button on our website's *News* page (QR code at upper right).



BUILDING TIMELINE

SUMMER '24

AUTUMN

WINTER

SPRING '25

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2ND QUARTER '26

NOV. 2025

