



# THE GOOD NEWS

EASTER SUNDAY • MARCH 31

## WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are joining us to worship the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We rejoice with you in what Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, means for us and for all people.

At St. Paul's, we believe that not only Easter, but every day is a celebration of Christ's victory over death. Especially if you are without a church home in the area, we invite you to worship with us often and experience the joy of life centered in Christ.

We also invite you to explore the many opportunities at St. Paul's to grow in the Christian faith and to form relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Again, welcome, as we join Paul in proclaiming, *"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).*

Glen Thomas, Senior Pastor  
Tanner Wade, Associate Pastor  
Lawton Thompson, Assistant Pastor



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TOUCH-A-TRUCK • APRIL 20 • 9:00AM-NOON

Put your imagination in gear at our Touch-a-Truck family fun day. Get behind the wheel of big trucks, fire engines, and more. Climb and explore — smiles and photo-ops guaranteed!

### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT • APRIL 22

Calling all golfers and St. Paul's friends! Join us for lunch, an afternoon of golf, and an evening of fun and fellowship at the Courses at Forest Park. Info at [bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024](http://bit.ly/STPAULSGOLF2024).

### WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST • APRIL 27

8:30AM • GREENBRIAR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Gather with the women of St. Paul's for a morning of friendship, fellowship, a delicious breakfast, uplifting messages, and music from acclaimed vocalist Erin Bode. Our keynote speaker is popular presenter Yvette Seltz. Invite your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors. Register at [bit.ly/3U2DvLy](http://bit.ly/3U2DvLy).

### MOTHER'S DAY & GRAD RECOGNITION • MAY 12

Join us for worship services on Mother's Day, including a high school graduate recognition during services. Moms, families, and grads can mark the day at our decorated photo zone wall. All ladies are invited to take home a St. Paul's Bible bookmark.

### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY • JUNE 30 • NOON

Join us at a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction in our exciting ministry expansion campaign. Be a part of this key milestone in our church's history and growth.

### 175TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH PICNIC • SUMMER

Enjoy our church family's celebration this summer — food, fun, and fellowship await. We're hosting a picnic to mark 175 years of faith and community; date to be announced.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

"TO BE DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF  
JESUS CHRIST, PASSIONATE ABOUT  
SHARING THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND DEED."

## SAINT PAUL'S CORE VALUES

- To be faithful in Christ
- To be confident in Christ
- To be joyful in Christ
- To be connected in Christ



# JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

*The Good News* is a weekly Sunday news bulletin for members and guests, in addition to our Thursday weekly e-letter, *The Weekly Word*. Subscribe at [bit.ly/StP-subscribe](http://bit.ly/StP-subscribe)

## BIBLE STUDIES

### WHAT WE BELIEVE: FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH • BEGINNING APRIL 3

Delve into the basics of the Christian faith and what Lutherans believe. All are welcome, whether to refresh your understanding or to learn something new. Six Wednesday evening sessions at 6:30pm. Contact our church office at 314-822-0447 to join.

### DISCUSSION-BASED "FOUNDATION" BIBLE STUDY • SUNDAYS 9:30AM

Starting April 7, join us for a new series on understanding sin, embracing God's forgiveness, and the journey of repentance leading to redemption. Location: Fellowship Hall.

### GOSPEL OF JOHN • SUNDAYS 9:30AM

Led by St. Paul's pastors, our Sunday Bible study of the Gospel is simulcast on KFUD 850AM Radio. Location: Music room.

### EPISTLE OF JAMES • LIVING WAY • WED. MORNINGS OR THURS. EVENINGS

Weekly Bible study that allows for in-depth learning integrated in three ways: small group discussion, large-group pastor's lecture, and at-home lesson worksheets.

### MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • VIA ZOOM

Begin each week in God's Word with study time that's scheduled before your morning commute or workday begins. 6:00-7:00am. Contact [mark.bender51@gmail.com](mailto:mark.bender51@gmail.com) to join.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### ANNOUNCING: GROWTH GROUPS

Are you seeking a friendly space to discuss real-life challenges of our hectic world, to grow in your faith, and to strengthen your connection within our church and school community? Get connected in a Growth Group: learn more at [stpaulsdesperes.org/growth-groups](http://stpaulsdesperes.org/growth-groups)

### ST. PAUL'S SERVES MEALS AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE • APRIL 7/MAY 5

When families of seriously ill children stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Des Peres, our members have shown care by cooking a homey meal for these guests visiting our community. Come cook with us in the RMH kitchen this spring. Sign up at [bit.ly/3Vi3izH](http://bit.ly/3Vi3izH).

**GRIEF SUPPORT** • In times of loss, know that you are not alone; our faith-based grief support group meetings can help. Contact the church office for details.

## SCHOOL & CAMP ENROLLMENT

### K-8TH BOYS & GIRLS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Volleyball and basketball • \$50-\$70; includes camp shirt. Details at [bit.ly/3zuPdVA](http://bit.ly/3zuPdVA).

### 2024-25 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Now enrolling at St. Paul's Lutheran School (kindergarten to 8th grade), Early Childhood Center, and Parents' Day Out. Learn more at [stplutheranschool.org/admissions](http://stplutheranschool.org/admissions).

## RELOCATION REMINDER

**CHANGES DURING SANCTUARY HVAC REPLACEMENT:** The church sanctuary HVAC system will be replaced beginning April 1, necessitating location changes for key activities for approximately eight weeks. We thank you for your flexibility and patience during these church improvements. Find a list of shifted activities on our website *News* page.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS & FRIENDS: ACTIVITY GROUPS

Read more on our website at [bit.ly/StP-Activities](http://bit.ly/StP-Activities)

### RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

Men's basketball, softball, and tennis • Women's softball, golf, and bowling • Bridge club • Coed golf league.

### DINNER FOR EIGHT

Our dinner groups, based on common interests or seasons of life, gather monthly in homes or restaurants.

### MONTHLY CARD-MAKING NIGHTS

Enjoy an evening of creativity and conversation, while crafting three beautiful make-and-take cards.

### CHRISTIAN READERS GROUP

Monthly evening book club reads across various genres, discussing Christian themes in literature.

### MOTHERHOOD GROUPS: MOPS & MOMSNEXT

Celebrating motherhood, meeting moms' needs, and making connections. Breakfast, speakers, play dates, girls' nights out.

### SENIORS | WOMEN'S GUILD

Our active women's afternoon guild group (LWML) and coed seniors group meet for lunches, speakers, and service.

## VIBRANT FAMILIES

### LITTLE LAMBS: BABIES & TODDLERS • SUN., 9:30AM

In our "first steps" Sunday school group, little ones play, sing, and learn beginner Bible stories, plus moms and dads enjoy time to meet and connect with other young families.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL • SUNDAYS 9:30AM

Kids joyfully learn that Jesus loves them in Sunday School! Each week we learn together with Bible lessons, skits, prayer time, crafts, songs, and creative activities.

### YOUTH GROUPS: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Teens/tweens grow in faith and friendship. Middle schoolers are invited to monthly Friday night events, and high schoolers get together each Wednesday night in the youth room.

### HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT?

We'd love to send them cards and mini care packages at school! Tell us about your student at [bit.ly/StP-Activities](http://bit.ly/StP-Activities)

## SPECIAL SPRING SERVICES

### ASCENSION • THURSDAY, MAY 9 • 7:00PM

Festival music with choirs and instrumentalists of St. Paul's.

### PENTECOST • SUN., MAY 19 • 8:00, 9:30, 10:45, 11:00AM

## SERMON PODCASTS

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