



THE GOOD NEWS

EASTER SUNDAY 2026

Christ is risen! It is with this traditional Easter greeting that we greet and welcome you to St. Paul's!

You may have come here today with some uncertainty of what to expect. You are not alone. The women who went to the tomb early on the day of Jesus' resurrection also went with uncertainty. They too didn't know what to expect.

Possibly you have come to see a sanctuary in all its brilliance and to hear music that causes your heart to soar to the heavens. If so, again, you are not alone. It was on Easter evening when Jesus appeared to His disciples in His resurrected brilliance. His words and His living presence caused their hearts to soar to the heavens!

You might have come asking, "What's next?" If so, you are in good company. Jesus told the women what was to come next. He said, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My disciples to return to Galilee. There they will see Me."

So, there's no need to be afraid. God has a plan for you too. He desires to meet you today and each and every "next time" that you come to St. Paul's. That is why St. Paul's is here. It is a place where you can meet Jesus. Here you can grow in His Word.

It is here that you will experience His living presence and His love. So again, we greet you with, "Christ is risen!" May you join us in saying, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT • SUN., APRIL 12 • 1-5PM
Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition at PaddleUp Pickleball Club in Chesterfield. All skill levels welcome; sign up your team of two at bit.ly/StP-News.

**WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST
SAT., APRIL 25 • 8:30AM • GREENBRIAR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**
Gather for a morning of friendship, fellowship, a delicious breakfast, music, and uplifting messages. Invite your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors. Register at bit.ly/StP-News.

MOTHER'S DAY & GRAD RECOGNITION • SUN., MAY 10
Join us for worship services on Mother's Day, including a high school graduate recognition during the 11am service. Moms, families, and grads can mark the day at our decorated photo zone wall.

ASCENSION SVC. & STRAWBERRY FEST • MAY 14 • 7PM
Celebrate Christ's Ascension at our Thursday evening festival service with orchestra and choir, followed by our annual Strawberry Social with fresh strawberries, shortcake, and ice cream.

"SEE THE WONDERS" WELCOME WALK-THROUGH • JUNE 21
This Father's Day, come experience a first-look walk-through of our new ministry spaces, including the gym, Commons gathering space, kitchen, classrooms, and Meisch music suites. Enjoy a self-guided tour with hosted stations and refreshments (date subject to change).
SAVE THE DATE: OFFICIAL DEDICATION SUNDAY • AUG. 9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 13-17 • 9AM-NOON
At "Rainforest Falls" VBS, children will play, explore, create, and learn about God's love and promises! Because our VBS is filling fast, we invite you to join our waitlist at bit.ly/StPVBS.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

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



Mark Schudde, Vacancy Senior Pastor
Tanner Wade, Associate Pastor

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-WeeklyWord

BIBLE STUDIES

WHAT WE BELIEVE: DISCOVERY CLASS

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. Contact our church office at 314-822-0447 to join our next six-session series.

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

Our Foundation class is a discussion-based class that explores relevant Christian-living and cultural topics in a comfortable group setting. Location: Fellowship Hall.

BOOK OF ACTS • SUNDAYS 9:30AM

Led by Rev. Dr. David Smith, our Sunday Bible study explores a book of the Bible in detail, and is simulcast on KFUO 850AM Radio. Location: Music room.

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • VIA ZOOM AT 6:00AM

Begin each week in God's Word with study time that's scheduled before your morning commute or workday begins. Contact mark.bender51@gmail.com to join.

VIBRANT FAMILIES

LITTLE LAMBS: BABIES & TODDLERS • SUNDAYS 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.

THREE YOUTH GROUPS: ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth grow together in faith and friendship! Middle schoolers enjoy monthly Friday night events; first- to fourth-graders learn, sing, and play at kids' nights; and high school teens meet up for devotion time and friendship.

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

SCHOOL NEWS & ENROLLMENT

OPENINGS IN KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL & PDO

St. Paul's is home to a recognized K-8 elementary and middle school, Early Childhood Center, and Parents' Day Out program where faith, character, and academic excellence go hand in hand. Learn more at stplutheranschool.org/admissions.



ST. PAUL'S TEACHER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Join us in congratulating Mrs. Mindy Hanke, kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School, who has received the 2026 Distinguished Teacher Award from the Lutheran Education Association, in early childhood education.

MAKING CONNECTIONS & FRIENDS: ACTIVITY GROUPS

Read more on our website at bit.ly/StP-Activities

RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

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

MOMCO MOTHERHOOD GROUPS

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

DINNER FOR EIGHT GROUPS

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD + SENIORS GROUP

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

FAITH IN ACTION

NEW IN 2026: RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's is pleased to announce plans to establish a *Celebrate Recovery* ministry to serve as a Christ-centered safe haven to find freedom from habits, struggles, and hurts.

COMFORT DOG COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Paul's is blessed to have two of our own trained and certified comfort dogs, Tabby and Zion, who, together with their team of handlers, visit schools, hospitals, first responders, care centers, and crisis scenarios. Join our team or request a visit.



MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

We're honored to support our military: 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. Contact the church office at 314-822-0447 to provide details.



SUMMER '24

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APRIL 2026
SPRING '26



BUILDING TIMELINE

JUNE COMPLETION



MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN: "TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE"

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL'S AS WE COMPLETE SPACIOUS, EXPANDED MINISTRY FACILITIES! BE A PART OF THIS LASTING LEGACY AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE BY JOINING OUR "TELL THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE" GIVING CAMPAIGN AT [BIT.LY/STP-BUILD](http://bit.ly/StP-BUILD)