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WITNESS

Oct. 25 Worship Attendance • 950

5:00pm worship • 77
8:00am worship • 232
9:30am worship • 139
10:45am worship • 327
Living Stone worship • 175

Online Viewing

Sanctuary: 248 • Living Stone: 79
Approximately 523 total online viewers

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day
Worship Services

Monday, November 2

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study, Zoom
LWBS Leaders Mtg., 9am, Conf. Room
LWML Quilting Group, 9am, FH
Small-Setting Communion, Noon
Elders Mtg., 6:30pm, FH
Church Council, 7:30pm, FH

Tuesday, November 3

What We Believe, 6:30pm, FH

Wednesday, November 4

Living Way Bible Study, 9am
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Thursday, November 5

MomCo Meet Ups, 9am, FH
Living Way Bible Study, 7pm, Conf. Rm.

Friday, November 6

Bulletin Assembly, 9am, LL4

Saturday, November 7

Worship Service, 5pm

Sunday, November 8

Worship Services
Family Confirmation Class, 9:30am,
School
Voters' Mtg, Noon, Sanctuary
MomCo After Dark Meetups, 6:30pm,
Music Room

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 (17 weeks) 1,103,691
Received year-to-date 986,397
Difference actual/budget -117,294
Weekly amount needed 68,274
Received last week 74,347

Debt Reduction

Current debt \$9,410,150
Gifts received July 2026 to date \$49,912

MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN TOTAL COMMITMENTS

\$14,585,612 • Gifts received to date: \$10,133,773

MISSIONS

November Mission of the Month: Rev. Tyler McMiller serves as an LCMS missionary in Italy, providing Word and Sacrament ministry, Bible study, catechism instruction, and pastoral support to Lutherans across the country. He also mentors men preparing for Lutheran pastoral ministry and helps geographically scattered believers establish house churches. *October mission (Panama) total* = \$2,686

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Choral Vespers for All Saints' Day

Today, 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.

CFNA Seeking Tutors for Immigrant Children

Sign up at www.cfna-stl.org/volunteer • Read more in the *Weekly Word*.

Markway Strong Trivia Night

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



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 10 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.



THE GOOD NEWS
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

TODAY

All Saints' Day

We remember with thanksgiving those members of St. Paul's who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism.

Community News

Seminary: Vespers for All Saints' Day • Nov. 1 • 4pm • Details, back page

THE WEEK AHEAD: NOV. 2 - 8

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.

NEW: Voters' Meeting

Sun., Nov. 8 • Noon

A congregational voters' meeting will be held that will include election of church officers (VP, treasurer, missions chair, and school board chair), a treasurer's report, building report, cemetery report, and an LCMS constitutional amendment discussion. An email outlining the meeting, including documents and agenda, was sent to congregation members last week: read at conta.cc/47NVj4H.

MEAL-PACKING THANK YOU

84 Volunteers. 87 Children Fed for a Year!



St. Paul's made an impact at the recent Feed My Starving Children meal-packing event. In just two hours, our 84 participants helped pack enough meals to feed 87 children for an entire year. Over five days at Gateway Christian Church, volunteers packed 1,507,032 meals — enough to feed 4,128 children for a year! Save the Date: Oct. 16, 2027 (tentative) to make a difference, one meal at a time.

WHAT'S NEW?

NEWS JUST ADDED

- 1. Voters' meeting • Nov. 8
- 2. LWML meeting & speaker • Nov. 9
- 3. Music at St. Paul's Vespers • Nov. 22
- 4. Call committee progress
- 5. Gift donations for Gabriel's Gift Shop
- 6. Thank you: Meal packing
- 7. Hiring for after-school homework club
- 8. Mission of the Month: Tyler McMiller

REMINDERS

- 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)

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

RETURN BY SUNDAY, 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. Complimentary empty shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Full details and links on our website's News page.

Ideas include: toy, doll, soccer ball/pump, toy truck, stuffed animal, musical instrument, markers, crayons, a toothbrush, puzzle, jump rope, stickers, yo-yo, Frisbee, binoculars, hat, and more.



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

NEW: Vespers for Christ the King
Sun., Nov. 22 • 3pm



Music at St. Paul's cordially invites you to Cantata Vespers for Christ the King with the American Kantorei chorus and orchestra. The service of Evening Prayer will feature music from Cantatas 35, 39, and 96,

by Johann Sebastian Bach. The American Kantorei, under the directorship of Dr. Maurice Boyer, specializes in the performance of J. S. Bach's sacred choral works in the original German, accompanied by orchestra. The event is complimentary, with a freewill offering, and is open to the public.

NEW: Gift Donations for Gabriel's Gift Shop

Collecting Nov. 1 - Dec. 4

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. 5 Breakfast in Bethlehem morning, where all treasures are sold for \$1. (Please note that child-age gifts are not needed.)



- Find drop-off bins in the church, school, and ECC lobbies.
- Suggestions include re-gifted items, jewelry, purses, books, home decor, Christmas items, trinkets, ornaments, books, sport items, golf balls, ties, mugs, picture frames, games, soaps and bath items, or personalized items that say "Mom," "Dad," "Grandma," etc.



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. (No arrivals before 8am please.)

- **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).

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.

CALL UPDATE: OCTOBER

St. Paul's call committee has begun weekly meetings this month as St. Paul's evaluates associate pastor candidate information.



CALL COMMITTEE PROCESS

1. Form and approve call committee
2. Solicit candidate names from congregation
3. Missouri District review; more names added
4. Committee evaluate candidate info
5. Virtual interviews with candidates
6. Candidate on-site visits at St. Paul's
7. Committee's final recommendations and voters' meeting

INTEREST GROUPS

NEW: LWML Meeting & Speaker

Mon., Nov. 9 • Noon • FH

All women are invited to join us as we will hear a speaker from Phil's Friends share their vision and mission to assist individuals impacted by cancer. We will begin with a soup lunch; feel free to bring crackers, cheese, muffins, or cookies.

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.



SERVICE & SUPPORT

Blood Drive + Gift Card

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

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.

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.



NEW: Now Hiring: After School Homework Club

Our school's SPLASH program (short for St. Paul's Lutheran After School & Homework club) is growing. Part-time positions are available from 3-6pm, mainly on Mondays and Fridays, with the chance of more days/hours as needed. If you or someone you know (age 18 and up) is interested in this school-year position, please contact director Jenn Barton at jbarton@stpaulsdp.org.

Stairway Chair Lifts Available

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