

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of February 5, 2023

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

401 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO 64020

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. *If you are a guest, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.*

Children are welcome. We encourage children of all ages to be active participants in our worship. Children can sing, pray, stand, and sit with other worshippers. *Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and make noise, so please don't be embarrassed by it, and we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.* Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Lk 18:16 ESV). Children's bulletins are available from an usher, and a cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Adult Bible Study: What is the Mission of God? This is a foundational question for the Church. If we are claimed in the blood of Christ, baptized into His death and resurrection, and filled with His life-giving Spirit to guide and strengthen us in our lives going forward, then His mission is our mission. Join the pastors for this seven-week Sunday morning Bible class series created by the Mission of Christ Network as we dive into God's Mission and its radical implication for our purpose, identity, and life as God's people.

High School Sunday School will be finishing up the service projects this week. Please meet in the youth room for instructions from Mr. Moore.

Sunday School: Gather Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 am. Sunday School meets in the following grade school classrooms:

- Preschool/PreK/K – Mrs. Hess (Classroom 104)
- Grades 1-2 – Mrs. R. Martens (Classroom 201)
- Grades 3-5 – Mr. Larsen (Classroom 203)
- Grades 6-8 – Mr. Moore (North Classroom 302)

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. John Nunes is "Your Time to Shine". Listen on the radio at 8 am, KCMO (710 AM); 8 am, KLEX (92.5 FM); 10 am, KMMO (1300 AM); 10 am, KSIS (1050 AM); or 1:30 pm, KWIX (1230 AM). You can also listen anytime online, on your mobile device through the free app (available at lhm.org), or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Roger and Carolyn Flandermeyer in recognition of the long history of St. Paul's congregation. John Phillip Flandermeyer was born in Germany of February 3, 1803. He is Roger's great, great grandfather and is buried in the oldest section of St. Paul's Cemetery.

Mission of Christ Network (MCN) Sunday: Today we are recognizing and celebrating the work of one of our mission partners, Mission of Christ Network. MCN is a global Christian outreach organization, grounded in a Lutheran understanding of mission, that enables lay workers to effectively work in God's mission cross-culturally. Individuals trained, sent, and supported by MCN discover their place as God's instruments of witness and love at home and abroad. St. Paul's is one of more than 180 congregations who partner with MCN to enable and equip 42 mission partners to engage in intentional Gospel proclamation in 20 countries. Join us for adult Bible class on the topic of the mission of God and enjoy coffee from Cambodia thanks to the Holz family, MCN mission partners, who live in Concordia. Learn more at missionofchrist.org.

Grades 3–5 Singing at St. Matthew: May God bless our SPLS students and families in Grades 3–5 as they join the saints at St. Matthew, Ernestville, for worship this morning. "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly" (Ps 149:1 ESV).

Be a Partner in Prayer: You are invited to join parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School each Monday when school is in session from 8 – 8:15 am in the church office. Each week, in addition to praying for the general needs of the school, we pray for students by name—one class each week—as well as any special prayer requests. Pastor Michael and Pastor Andrew lead this weekly time for prayer. A guide is provided. Come any Monday you are able. Participants are not required to pray aloud.

Lenten Observance: As Lent approaches, we may start thinking about how we observe this season. Often people think about giving something up during this penitential season. In contrast, you may consider adding something extra for a time. Would you be interested in singing in a small choral group or playing bells in a one time group? Maybe you have a solo or duet you would like to share? St. Paul's is looking for people to add music to midweek services on March 22 and March 29. Please contact Katie Drefs at krdrefs@stpaulsconcordia.org and 605-933-2016.

3rd Grade Catechism Milestone: In keeping with our commitment to encourage and equip families to be the primary faith teachers in the home, it is our privilege to invite the 3rd graders and their parents to celebrate a special milestone event in their lives. On **February 12**, during the Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15), the parents and their children will be invited to attend an equipping event in the church office. Parents and their children will also be asked to come forward during the worship service so that they might be lifted up in prayer. The Catechism is a very useful tool to help Christian parents teach their children how the Bible applies to their lives. "I have no greater joy than to hear my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 4

You are invited! Plan to attend the St. Paul's Lutheran School annual Gifts of Grace Benefit Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the SCHOOL office. Reserved seating and additional perks available by upgrading to the Table of 8 Package Deal or the Platinum Experience!

1912 Ladies Aid Superbowl Soup Sale: The 1912 Ladies Aid will be having a soup sale from 9am– Noon, or while supplies last, on Sunday, February 12. A free-will offering will be collected to help support Mission Projects throughout the year. This year you can either pick up soup in the gym or drive through the alley behind the elementary school from 5th St and pickup at the kitchen door. Your choice of Vegetable Beef or Chicken Tortilla soup will be available in quart size, to go, microwavable containers.

Funeral Fellowship Lunches: The monthly calendar of hostess and food providers are finalized and in your pigeonhole in the church narthex. Extra copies are in the narthex and one is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Thank you to the 170 volunteers who help provide and serve food for families at the death of a loved one by saying "yes" when we call. Karen, Yvonne, Sharon and Kathy

Save the Date: It is our privilege at St. Paul's, Concordia to be the first stop for the Concert Band from Concordia University, Seward, NE on their spring concert tour. We will be providing a place to stay, meals, and a concert venue. Please consider hosting a couple students overnight on March 3rd and/or attending the concert on the evening of Friday, March 3.

Chili and Soup Dinner: Come enjoy dinner at SPLHS in the annex of Weis Gym on Friday, February 10th from 5-7pm. Servants of the Saints will have soup, veggies, dessert and drink for a free will donation. Proceeds go toward their support of SPLHS needs.

Trivia night at Saint Paul Lutheran High School: Test your knowledge as the SPLHS Classes of 2023 and 2026 put on this year's trivia night. The event will be held on Saturday, February 18th in the Gym Annex at SPLHS. Doors open at 6:00pm, trivia begins at 6:30pm. Cost is \$80 per table with a maximum of 8 people per table. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, plus team prizes for best costumes/table decorations (choose your own theme). Teams can bring their own snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. To register a team, send name and contact person to CGifford@splhs.org or call 660-463-2238 ext. 266 by Wednesday, February 15th.

The "Flower" Calendar for 2023 is posted in the narthex. Those who wish to provide flowers for the altar or chancel during the year are invited to sign the calendar. The chart has a space for "Altar"—two matching arrangements for the altar—or "Chancel" either one or two arrangements placed on stands near the altar. Flowers may be placed in memory of loved ones, in recognition of special occasions, or at any other time. Those who sign up to provide flowers are asked to arrange for order and delivery. An Altar Guild member will contact donors prior to the signed-up date to ask for information for the Sunday bulletin.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 278, 160;
GSCC: 32

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$12,879.53; Missions: \$1,050.21
Home Improvement: \$122.52; Building: \$24.81
Lutheran Bible Translators: \$84.81; Youth: \$25
Grade School: \$129.81; Comfort Dog: \$84.52
SPLHS: \$159.77; Mission of Christ: \$25
School Lunch Program: \$500; Sunday School: \$2.25
Portals of Prayer: \$16; School Athletics: \$100

THIS WEEK

February 5

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Sunday School and Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship

February 6

8 am | SPLS Prayer Partners
9 am | Lifelight Bible Study

February 7

10 am | Lifelight Bible Study
1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
6 pm | Ladies Aid #1

February 8

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel
12 pm | Women's Bible Study

February 9

9 am | Lifelight Bible Study
7 pm | Joyful Sounds

February 12

8 am | Worship
9 am - Noon | Soup Sale
9:15 am | Sunday School and Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion

Church Office

M-F: 8 am – Noon; 1 – 5 pm
(660) 463-2291

School Office

M-F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
(660) 463-7654

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