

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of March 26, 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.*

**Today's Adult Bible Class:** Islam and Our Faithful God. At the heart of a Christian analysis of Islam is our understanding of God - he has all power, all knowledge, and all love. Yet he allows things we struggle to comprehend, such as Islam. Approximately 2 billion Muslims worldwide believe Jesus is only a prophet and hold to the Quran's teachings that he did not die or rise. Yet these same 2 billion are sinners for whom Christ died, just like you and I, and the vast majority are trying to do what is right and live in peace with their neighbors. Today's topic—Islam through the Eyes of Muslims—allows us to appreciate Islam for what it is while pointing out—with a sense of compassion—what these two billion souls without the Gospel of Christ are lacking. *Pastor Tom Lange will lead this class in the gym.*

**High School Sunday School** will meet in the youth room. Rod McCaslin will be leading the Bible Study.

**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 "Is God Missing in Action". 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](http://lhm.org)), or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home.

**"The Essential Jesus" Reading Plan:** Join other members of St. Paul's in our 100-day Bible reading plan exploring what the Bible says about Jesus—His life, His ministry, His impact. *The full Bible reading plan and daily tracker are available on the YouVersion Bible app.*

Day 29: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Day 30: Isaiah 61:1

Day 31: Luke 1:26–56

Day 32: Matthew 1:18–25

Day 33: Luke 2:1–40

Day 34: Matthew 2:1–23

Day 35: Luke 2:41–52

**Knox Wayne Meyer**, son of Dylan and Aimee Meyer, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism today in the 8:00am service. His sponsors are Desi Denton, Devin Meyer, Crystal Sheets and Kali Rechterman.

**Easter Decorating:** If you wish to donate an ester lily (\$8) or a monetary donation for decorating the church for Easter please pick up a form in the church narthex or church office. Forms and donations must be received by Friday, March 31.

**Stewardship Milestone:** Family life strives to equip and encourage parents to be the primary faith teachers in the lives of their children; therefore, we are inviting all first graders and their parents to attend a special milestone celebration. This special event will take place TODAY, March 26, during the Sunday school hour (9:15–10:15 am) in the back room of the parish office.

**Orphan Grain Train:** There will NOT be a workday at Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, March 28.

**Do you enjoy baking?** Would you consider baking something to donate to the Youth Easter breakfast? We would welcome and appreciate your donation of cinnamon rolls, breakfast pastries or other baked deliciousness for our breakfast. You can drop them off in the SPES gym on Saturday, April 8, between 9–11 am or on Easter morning. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Heath, 660-641-0740. Thank you!

**Get ready to SHINE!** Our Evangelism Team is organizing many opportunities to reach our neighbors with the love of Christ April 14–23. *Plan to serve with us and watch for details.*

**Immediate Opening:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School is accepting applications for a full-time custodian. Pay based on experience. Benefits include health insurance and paid time off. Hours are semi-flexible. To inquire, please email Julie Bonar, [jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org](mailto:jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org).

**SUMMER HELP needed.** Do you like to paint and clean? St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking for custodial help over the summer. Perfect for a college student home for the summer! Email [jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org](mailto:jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org) if interested. (Must be at least 18 years old)

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School** is accepting applications for a position in the Business Office. This is a year-round, full-time position. This position will be responsible for performing administrative, financial, record keeping, postal, and logistical duties. For a full job description please visit [splhs.org/employment](http://splhs.org/employment). Please email a resume, including references, to [mhemme@splhs.org](mailto:mhemme@splhs.org). The deadline to apply is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School Drama Department** is performing *Every Little Crook and Nanny* by Pat Cook. We will be performing at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31st, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2nd in Kaepfel Chapel. There is no admission, but a free-will donation is greatly appreciated! There will be small concessions sold in the back during the intermission. That includes cookies for \$0.25 and bottled water for \$1. This production has many working bodies to make it the best and most successful it can be. We hope you will be able to join us for our production!

**SOS (Servants of the Saints) SPRING RUMMAGE** is coming up! The sale begins Wednesday, March 29th from 6:00-8:00pm for a \$5 preview sale fee. Shop Thursday, March 30th from 7:00am-6:00pm and Friday, March 31st from 8:00am-6:00pm. The final day is Saturday, April 1st from 8:00am-12:00pm for \$5 bag day! The sale will take place in the annex; please park behind the gym and use the north door.

**Thank You!** A huge THANKS to everyone who came out and supported the Holy Cross Tuition Brunch last Sunday! We had record attendance and apologize to those who came later when food started running low. We hope to see you all back again next year!! We appreciate the support you showed to Lutheran school education!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Please take time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choosing. Choice Dollars can be designated online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling Thrivent's Customer Interaction Center at 800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars, they will expire at the end of March. If you require further assistance, please contact your Thrivent Financial Representative.

**Olson Scholarships Available:** Any active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO desiring to continue his or her post-secondary education in designated fields, either as a part-time or full time student, is invited to submit their application to any member of the Olson Scholarship Committee for 2023 grant consideration. The Scholarship Committee would like to inform the congregation, grants are available for the 2023 school year. \$1,000.00 minimum of each grant. For a copy of scholarship guidelines and application, please contact any Committee member - Paulette Oetting 660-641-5679, Orlyn Heimsoth 816-716-1381, Cindy (Lueck) Heins 816-263-7390, Dale Diechoff 660-463-7000, Bev Frerking 660-624-0149 or St. Paul's Church Office, or counselors at 2 local high schools. This Committee must receive all applications no later than April 1, 2023. Please do not return completed applications to the Church Office. Notification to SPLC-SPLHS-CHS recipients prior to graduation.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care join together to offer** a support group design for spouse, adult child, other family or friends of someone with Dementia to include the loved one with Dementia to be present if interested. The environment is confidential and non-judgmental and open to sharing helpful ideas, frustration, etc. The group setting offers opportunities to meet others coping with Dementia. The support group is facilitated by Beth Hunt, Bereavement Coordinator with Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care. *Please join us for sharing and discussion.*

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

**Location:** St. Paul's Conference Center (410 S. Main St.)

**The Fount of Every Blessing:** We can discover great joy by thinking of the benefit that will come from the gifts we give from our estates. Sometimes you know a certain ministry to support but don't know exactly what would be the best way of supporting it in the future. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate conversation with ministry leaders to drill down on the right gift. Contact Terry Gerds, 314-409-5453 or [Terry.Gerds@lfnd.org](mailto:Terry.Gerds@lfnd.org).

## LAST WEEK

*Attendance:*

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 254, 178

Wednesday: 59, 162

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$17,164.47; Missions: \$3,455.43

Home Improvement: \$203.86; Building: \$71.38

Lutheran Bible Translators: \$10; Youth: \$50

Grade School: \$117.19; Comfort Dog: \$11.85

SPLHS: \$299.03; Orphan Grain Train: \$50

Sunday School: \$1; LERT: \$25

## THIS WEEK

**March 26**

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Sunday School and Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

**March 27**

8 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

7 pm | Worship with Communion

**March 28**

7 pm | Elders

**March 29**

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

10 am | Lenten Worship

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid Lenten Meal

7 pm | Lenten Worship

8 pm | Joyful Sounds

**March 30**

6 pm | Handbell Choir

**April 2**

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Sunday School and Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

### 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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