

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of April 21, 2024

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.*

Please register your attendance. Everyone is asked to sign the friendship folder at the center aisle of each row. If you are a guest, please print your address, phone number and/or email so we may better serve you.

Adult Bible Study: Pastor Paul Mehl will continue his study on the Old Testament book of Malachi. *All are invited at 9:15 am in the gym.*

Junior High and Senior High Sunday School Classes will meet in their normal locations today. Jr High will meet in Mr. Moore's classroom and high school will meet in the youth room. Mike Rodewald will finish his presentation next Sunday, April 28 in Mr. Moore's classroom.

Sunday School meets in the following grade school classrooms:

- Age 3 – Pre-K | South Classroom 104
- Kindergarten – Grade 1 | South Classroom 205
- Grades 2–3 | South Classroom 201
- Grades 4–5 | South Classroom 203
- Grades 6–8 | North Classroom 302

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is "More Than He Bargained For". 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.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will not meet in the month of April. The next session will be at noon on Wednesday, May 1.

SPLS Spring Concert: Come see our 5th through 8th grade band students and 3rd through 4th grade recorder students play on Sunday, April 21, at 3 pm in the school gymnasium.

Reach a Pastor in Case of Emergency: Our pastors now have an "on call" cell phone; the number is (660) 580-5483. You may call or text during office hours or any time there is an emergency. Their personal cell phone numbers are not changing, but you may not receive as quick a response as the "on call" phone will be the primary tool for situations where pastoral care is desired. Program the new "on call" number into your phone or find it listed each week in our bulletin, "Concordia Connection," and Friday email. *If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Michael, Pastor Andrew, or a member of our Board of Elders.*

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Tom and Karen Burrow in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Clara Lou Stuenkel, daughter of Clint and Sarah Stuenkel, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Her sponsors are Molly Malott and Luke Stuenkel

Confirmation Milestone: Eighth graders and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the Confirmation milestone TODAY, April 21, 2024, in the back room of the church office from 9:15-10:15 am. The pastors will be leading our time together and giving information about that special day as well as how to continue strengthening our faith life moving forward beyond grade school. This milestone is an equipping event for both parents and teens.

Upcoming Events:

- May 1 | Confirmation Questioning, 6 pm
- May 5 | Confirmation Sunday, 10:30 am
- May 15 | SPLS Spring Program, 5 pm
- May 16 | SPLS Closing Chapel & Graduation, 10 am
- May 17 | SPLHS Baccalaureate Service, 10 am
- May 17 | SPLHS Graduation, 1:30 pm
- June 24–27 | Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's Lutheran School has a vision of utilizing Thrivent Action Teams to mobilize members to be even more involved in the school. Here are some upcoming projects and events that could benefit from Thrivent Action Teams:

- Bridge the Summer Gap Event (K-2)
 - Athletics: Track
 - Summer Facilities: Painting, Groundwork, Beautification
- Contact Mr. Poppe if you want to utilize a team for one of these projects or if you have another great idea!

Calling on Coaches! We are looking for the following coaches for the 2024-2025 school year: 5/6 Volleyball (head or assistant), Soccer (assistant), 5/6 Basketball (head or assistant). Please contact the school office or Sam Moore to get a coaching application!

Your gifts make ministry possible. Every dollar St. Paul's receives turns into opportunities for *preaching, teaching, and reaching.*

- Cash or checks payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.
- One-time or recurring gifts may be made online at stpaulsconcordia.org/give using your credit or debit card or with an ACH transfer from your bank account.
- Donate a raised commodity.
- Mail your gift to St. Paul's at P.O. Box 60, Concordia, MO 64020.
- Make a qualified distribution from your retirement account.
- Leave a legacy of faith with a planned gift to ministry.

Summer Program enrollment forms are available online and in the school office! *Enroll by May 2.* Visit stpaulsconcordia.org/summerprogram for more information. We are also in need of Thrivent cards to cover expenses for daily snacks and supplies. Questions? Contact Julie Bonar at jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org.

Stay Connected with News from St. Paul's:
Sign up to receive our email newsletter. By subscribing, you will receive our Friday email with ministry news, highlights, and worship information for the upcoming Sunday in addition to special announcements and prayer requests.



Join our email list today at stpaulsconcordia.org/news or scan the QR code.

It's Hard to Know Everyone: *Few people know everybody in the church.* Even in the smallest churches, it can be difficult to remember everybody's name. In a large congregation like ours with multiple services, that task becomes almost impossible. Nametags allow us to admit that struggle while providing a way to overcome it. *Don't see your nametag yet? It will be coming soon.*

SPLS Now Enrolling for 2024–2025! Our Lutheran school partners with families for Preschool through 8th grade to nurture and equip compassionate, wise, Christian leaders for a life of purpose and service to make a positive impact in the world. *To schedule a visit, call 660-463-7654, email school@splsconcordia.org, or stop by the school office.*

Southern Comfort Lunch: The Concordia Senior Center is hosting a fried chicken dinner on Sunday, April 28, from 11 am – 1 pm. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn casserole and your choice of homemade pies, cakes and cookies. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children age 4–8 and free for children under the age of 3. Dine-in and drive-thru pickup is available.

Trinity Lutheran School - Alma is having a "STEAM FESTIVAL" in the gymnasium, as a part of our Science Expo., Friday, April 26, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This is open to the public. There will be hands on fun experiences for children ages 2 - 10 years old. All are invited.

Summer Camps: Are you looking for meaningful activities to engage your elementary and middle school children this summer? Check out Saint Paul Lutheran High School's summer camps that cater to a variety of interests from athletics to cooking and language learning. Our activities are designed to develop new skills, foster teamwork, and inspire personal growth. Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/2024SummerCampsSPLHS.

Lutheran Bible Translators is seeking helpers for their summer Concordia Mission Institute (CMI) youth program July 7 - 12. The position pays \$12.50 /hour. Lunch will be provided during the week. Please email HumanResources@lbt.org for full details and to apply. Applicants must be 18 or older.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 269, 168; GSCC: 45
Sunday School: 48; High School Sunday School: 1

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$25,347.68; Missions: \$2,403
Home Improvement: \$312.84; Debt Reduction: \$43.89
Building: \$77.82; Comfort Dog: \$201.85
Lutheran Bible Translators: \$88.49; SPLHS: \$340.33
Grade School: \$719.52; Mission of Christ Network: \$70
Heilman: \$100; Leckband Scholarship: \$205
Youth: \$25; Growing by God's Grace: \$50
Sunday School: \$6.21; LERT \$200
Orphan Grain Train: \$25

THIS WEEK

April 21

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

April 22

8 am | SPLS Prayer Partners
7 am | Worship with Communion

April 23

10 am | Dementia Support Group
7 pm | Elders

April 24

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel
8 pm | Men's Fatherhood Study

April 25

6 pm | Handbell Practice
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Practice

April 28

8 am | Worship
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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In case of pastoral emergency
(660) 580-5483

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