

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of August 10, 2025

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.

The Sr. High Youth Gathering Report will be held TODAY, August 10, during the Sunday School hour in the gym. Please join us for muffins and coffee and a special presentation on your "investment".

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus "Writing Him Off". Listen on the radio at 10 am, KMMO (1300 AM) or 10 am, KSIS (1050 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.

Upcoming Events

August 10 | Back-to-School Pool Party, 6–8 pm

August 17 | SPLHS Opening Service, 2 pm

August 19 | SPLS Opening Chapel, 9 am

September 7 | Sunday School Kick Off, 9:15 am

September 7 | Reunion Service, 10:30 am

Altar Flowers This Sunday are given to the glory of God by Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. The Flandermeyer's have also given a thank offering to St. Paul's Elementary School.

YOU can be a Sunday school teacher! Our Sunday School Team is looking for additional teachers for 2025–26. This ministry helps our youngest members and friends learn God's Word and explore what it means to follow Jesus. Our Team seeks to encourage enough people to participate so this privilege in each class can be shared throughout the school year. Don't want to commit to regular teaching? You can be a substitute teacher. *To learn how you can help, contact Cindy Heins, Tina Bredehoeft, or Pastor Michael.*

Lead High School Youth Bible Study: Leaders are needed for our weekly high school Bible study during our Sunday morning education hour from 9:15–10:15 am. Topics and length of study can vary. *If interested, contact Pastor Michael.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine" (Proverbs 3:9–10 ESV).

Our new sign is up and running! More than just showing *where* our church and school are located, the electronic messages help us tell *who* we are and *what* we do. A traffic study shows that nearly 2,000 cars drive by each day on Main Street; that's 2,000 opportunities to connect, invite, witness, and encourage. Funds for the new sign have come from designated gifts and proceeds of the 2025 Gifts of Grace Benefit & Auction. *Many thanks to Jeff Martens and a team of workers who partnered with our staff to oversee the demolition of the old sign and prepare for the installation of the new one.*

Let's Make a Joyful Noise: Our 2025–2026 school year theme is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise", based on Psalm 98:4. Each month we will share a Bible verse about singing and praise, including verses we sometimes sing together in our liturgy. As we include this verse in our weekly worship, you're encouraged to review and repeat this verse in your personal or family devotions, maybe even committing this verse to memory. *The full list of our 2026–2026 Verses of the Month is available in the narthex or online at stpaulsconcordia.org/lifelonglearning.*

Public School & Homeschool Families: Confirmation instruction is a two-year process typically in the 7th and 8th grades. To register for the 2025–26 school year, please visit the church office by September 1 to complete a registration form and receive class materials. (New and returning students must register each year.) A full schedule will be shared in September. *Questions? Contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Andrew.*

Help at SPLS: Thank you to those who answered the call to help at St. Paul's Lutheran School this year! As we anticipate the start of the school year, you can help in one of the following areas:

- Supervise students walking in the gym before the school day (7:40–8:10 am);
- Greet students during morning carline (7:40–8:10 am); or
- Serve as a classroom aid.

Specific days of the week can be worked around your schedule. If you have a career or hobby you would like to share with our students, let us know. *You can sign up in the church narthex or contact the school office at 660-463-7654 or school@splsconcordia.org.*

August Ministry Partner: St. Paul's is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Missouri District. We are connected to nearly 300 congregations across the state and more than 6,000 across the Synod. Three of the District's four ministry targets—church worker recruitment and retention, discipleship in the home, and Mission Field: Missouri—align with our ministry outcomes. *Stay up-to-date with District news at mo.lcms.org.*

Wheelchair Pushers Needed on Fridays from 9:15 – 10:45 am at Good Shepherd Care Community for Bible study. Meet in the Chapel.

Weekly Men's Bible Study: Gather each Thursday morning from 6:30–8:00 am for breakfast and Bible study. During the summer, the group meets at Topsy's and during the school year at the SPLHS Dining Hall. Although organized by Holy Cross in Emma, this study includes participants from various local congregations (including our own), and currently Pastor Andrew and Pastor Michael are leading the study. *Men, consider this your invitation to join us, and invite a friend to join you as we grow in God's Word together.*

Care and Comfort to the Texas Hill Country: On July 29, members of our Thomas Comfort Dog Team returned after joining five other Teams in Kerrville, TX. Over four days, they visited the FEMA Disaster Relief Center in Kerrville, met with residents at the city's memorial wall, greeted people around town, and stopped at the Kerrville Veterans of Foreign Wars lodge, the city's 911 call center, Kerr Country Sherriff's Office, and the Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Center. See some pictures from the deployment at [facebook.com/ThomasComfortDog](https://www.facebook.com/ThomasComfortDog).

Coaches Needed! SPLS is looking for a head and assistant basketball coach for 5/6 boys and 7/8 boys. Coaching applications can be found in the school office. If you have any questions, please contact the school office

Thrivent members have access to 2 Thrivent Action Teams per year - up to \$250 per team, or \$500 that can be used towards events, projects, fundraisers, etc. If you haven't used, or don't plan to use, your 2025 Action Teams - please contact the school office as we have numerous projects they can be applied towards (new chapel hymnals, paint, athletics, classroom materials, and much more). If you're a Thrivent member but don't know how to apply, please stop by the school office!

Contribute to Missouri District MO Scholars Fund and Support Lutheran Education! A MOScholars tax credit is equal to 100% of an eligible donation, not to exceed 50% of the donor's state tax liability for the tax year the credit is claimed. MOScholars tax credits may be carried forward for four (4) subsequent tax years. The tax credit is not sellable, transferrable, or refundable. For more information or to reserve your tax credit, visit <https://mo.lcms.org/tax-credit/> or use the QR code.



Share Jesus at the Missouri State Fair: Volunteers are needed for the Lutheran Hour Ministries booth, where an assortment of free Christian materials is offered to fairgoers. Volunteers spend four hours sharing their smiles, greetings, and materials with people as they pass the booth. The State Fair this year runs from August 7–17 in Sedalia. Each day is divided into 3 shifts: 9 am – 1 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm, and 5 pm – close. *Interested in learning more or signing up for a shift? Contact Sharon Hutcherson at dshutch7@hotmail.com or text/call at 660-287-4851.*

Ready, set, let's go! The annual Concordia Fall Festival 5K/3K returns on September 6, 2025. With each step in this race, you empower Lutheran Bible Translators to take major strides in its mission. How? All proceeds go to fuel Bible printing and distribution. Over 3,900 language communities have little to no Scripture in the language they understand best. It's time to change that. Register today for \$30 at lbt.org/5k or scan the QR code. Sign up before August 18 to guarantee a race-day shirt!



Southern Comfort Lunch: The Concordia Senior Center (710 S. Main St.) will be hosting a fried chicken dinner with all the fixins TODAY, from 11am–1pm. Dine-In or drive thru is available in the back alley. Cost of the meal is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children ages 4–8 and free for children under 3.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 339, 153; GSCC: 49

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$28,599.51; Missions \$2,243.84

Grade School: \$337.99; Youth: \$25

Comfort Dog: \$987.97; Leckband: \$30; OGT: \$75

SPLHS: \$130; Building: \$35; MCN: \$50

Home Improvement: \$130; LBT: \$135; LERT: \$5

Lutherans for Life: \$50; Lutheran Leadership Education: \$100

THIS WEEK

August 10

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | LCMS Youth Gathering Report

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

August 11

7 pm | Worship with Communion

August 12

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

August 13

12 Noon | Women's Bible Study

August 15

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

August 17

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

2 pm | SPLHS Opening Service

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