

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of September 14, 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.

Sunday School: In this week's lesson, "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable (story) of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose trouble was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). *As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.* Sunday School meets from 9:15–10:15 am 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

Youth Bible Study: Our Sunday morning high school youth Bible study meets from 9:15–10:15 am in the youth room (the lower level of the church office).

Adult Bible Study: This morning Clint Colwell will share a one-week study on Holy Communion. When Jesus gave us the Lord's Supper, He chose bread and wine. But why those? How is that different from the Passover meal that Jesus and His disciples were celebrating? And what does it have to do with the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant, and Jesus' death on the cross? Let's dive into the Bible and explore how all these pieces fit together. We'll uncover what the Lord's Supper means and why, as Lutherans, we celebrate it the way we do. *Gather at 9:15 am in the school gym.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "It's All on God; It's All on Us". 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.

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Giving is an act of worship that, at its best, reflects a genuine response to God's many gifts to us, including the gift of his Son" (Margaret L. McKinley, "God Is So Reasonable, Only Asking for 10%," *The Wall Street Journal*, November 28, 2007).

Upcoming Events

September 21 | Picnic on the Playground, 5 pm
November 3 | SPLS Grandparents Day
November 26 | Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm
November 27 | Thanksgiving Day Service, 9:30 am
December 3, 10, 17 | Advent Midweek Services at 10 am, 7 pm

Chancel Flowers Today are from the funeral of Norma Iserman.

Men's Club will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 16. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

St. Paul's Lutheran School is accepting food donations for the lunch program. Donations of meat, fruit and vegetables are greatly appreciated! Contact the school office (660-463-7654) to arrange a drop-off time.

We are celebrating the Worship Milestone for four-year olds on TODAY! We believe that worship is a very important part of the life of a Christian, and we would like for our youngest people to know that. What does worship look like at home? What does worship look like in church? How can children more fully participate in worship? Four-year olds and their families are invited to join us for this special celebration. We will meet in the church sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 14. We have a gift for you to help you in your worship experience at home that you won't want to miss! Come join us!

Family Life Ministry: Find the full list of the 2025–26 Family Life Ministry Milestones and special events at stpaulsconcordia.org/familylife or posted in the narthex.

St. Paul's Picnic on the Playground: Please join us for a community picnic held on our school playground Sunday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. This is a potluck picnic with fellowship, yard games, playground time, and possibly a round of cards. Feel free to invite neighbors as we continue to connect with each other and our community.

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 8:15–8:30 am in the school office. Each week, in addition to praying for the general needs of the school, we pray for our 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. Participants are not required to pray aloud. *Come any Monday you are able.*

St. Paul's Elem School's first fundraiser of the school year is underway. Items include greeting cards, candles, sweets, kitchen items, dips, soups, and more! Find any SPLS student or stop by the school office to look at a brochure and place your order by September 24th!

Supporting the Poppe Family at the Seminary: This year our Sunday School offerings will support the work of Mr. Nate Poppe and his family as he studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to become a pastor. *See what goes on at the seminary at csl.edu.*

September Ministry Partner: Over 1 billion people worldwide do not have the full Bible in a language that touches them deeply; an estimated 165 million do not have a single verse of Scripture. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. *Learn how LBT brings hope to communities around the world at lbt.org.*

The fall LifeLight Bible study will be *John Part I*, covering the first 11 chapters of John. Get better acquainted with Jesus with the help of His best friend, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." John experienced both the divine and the human nature of Jesus. In John's writing, he persistently joins these two natures together. Two weekday classes will again be offered. Their times and leaders are listed below. Both classes will meet in the Church Office meeting room. Study booklets may be purchased in the church office for \$10 each.

Kathy Schnakenberg, Mondays at 9:00 a.m. - Beginning 9/15
Joanne Reinke, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Beginning 9/16

Contribute to Missouri District MO Scholars Fund and Support Lutheran Education! A

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Saint Paul Lutheran High School is requesting donations for their annual benefit auction, online bidding October 1 at 9 am - October 15 at 11:59 pm. If you have items you would like to donate please submit them to the Advancement Office (Baeppler 109) by Monday, September 22. Funds raised from this year's auction will go toward teacher support and appreciation as well as updating dorm room accommodations. For questions or additional information please contact Rhonda Beerman, 660-631-1868.

Come to the Saint Paul Servants of the Saints Fall Rummage Sale. This is a huge sale with a variety of goods from clothing, shoes, toys, home decor, tools, books, antiques and more. Join us Wednesday, September 24th from 6-8 p.m. for a preview sale (costs \$5), September 25th 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., September 26th 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and September 27th 8 a.m.-noon. The location of the sale is 205 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO. Proceeds go to Saint Paul Lutheran High School's Servants of the Saints, who support the school in a variety of ways.

Good Food for a Good Cause! The Concordia Senior Center (710 S. Main St.) will be hosting a tenderloin dinner on Sunday, September 28, from 11am-12:30pm. Cost of the meal (dine-in or drive through the back alley for pickup) is \$12.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

10:30 am Sunday: 517; GSCC: 49

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$44,457.73; Missions \$1,980.22

Grade School: \$260.98; Building: \$70

Comfort Dog: \$70; Leckband: \$10

Home Improvement: \$287.52; SPLHS: \$135

LBT: \$60; Orphan Grain Train: \$50

HSFA: \$50; Lutherans for Life: \$25

Sound System: \$100

THIS WEEK

September 14

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

September 15

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

9 am | LifeLight Bible Study

September 16

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study

7 pm | Men's Club

September 17

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

September 18

9 am | Women's Study of John

2 pm | GSCC Communion

6 pm | Handbell Choir

7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

September 19

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 21

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

5 pm | Picnic on the Playground

CHURCH OFFICE

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

SCHOOL OFFICE

M-F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
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