

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of September 21, 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.

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 worshipers. *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.

Sunday School: "A Prayer Lesson" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. With Jesus' disciples, we, too, ask, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. *As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord's Prayer from memory.* 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

Today's Youth Bible Study: How does a teenager show faithfulness before God? How does a teenager relate to God in times of trouble? How does God respond? This week we look at Joseph the imprisoned slave. Led by Russ Kruse, this study meets from 9:15–10:15 am in the youth room (the lower level of the church office).

Adult Bible Study: Today Pastor Michael will explore the theme of biblical hospitality. This study will discuss a number of biblical references regarding Christian hospitality, and we will review the procedures we have in place to welcome guests. *Gather at 9:15 am in the school gym.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Two things are necessary to spread the Kingdom of God: money and a contempt of money" (William Allen, Sixteenth Century English Cardinal).

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Someone Worth Having". 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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran School is accepting food donations or gift cards to Bratchers 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.

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.

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.*

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.

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.*

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.



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 (Baepler 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.

Please join us at Holy Cross, Emma, for our annual Tuition Brunch on Sunday, October 5th to raise funds for tuition expenses. We will be serving brunch from 10am-noon (or until we run out of food) with Free Will Donation at the door. Feel free to join us for 9am church beforehand and watch St. Paul's 3rd-5th grades sing. Hope to see you there!

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 am & 10:30 am Sunday: 396, 216; GSCC: 48
Sunday School: 46

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$26,449.77; Missions \$1,971.71
Grade School: \$322.99; Building: \$35
Comfort Dog: \$77.50; Leckband: \$155
Home Improvement: \$262.52; SPLHS: \$765.74
LBT: \$63.21; Debt Reduction: \$300
Lutherans for Life: \$25; Sunday School: \$31.62
Welfare: \$10; Altar Guild: \$20
Growing by God's Grace: \$50

THIS WEEK

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

September 22

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners
9 am | LifeLight Bible Study
7 pm | Worship with Communion

September 23

10 am | Dementia Support Group
10 am | LifeLight Bible Study
4:15 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry
7 pm | Elders

September 24

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

September 25

9 am | Women's Study of John
6 pm | Handbell Choir
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

September 26

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 28

8 am | Worship
9:15 am | Education Hour
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

PASTOR "ON CALL"

In case of pastoral emergency
(660) 580-5483

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