

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of September 7, 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.

TODAY we kick off our full Sunday morning education hour with an event in the gym at 9:15. There will be a devotion, refreshments, and Sunday School students will have a chance to meet their teachers. We also celebrate our annual Reunion Service at 10:30 am, and we welcome students from our grade school who are singing a special anthem in worship. (Our weekly 9:30 am service at the Good Shepherd Home Chapel continues as usual this morning.)

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Dying, We Live". 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.

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: "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you" (Deuteronomy 16:17 NIV).

Upcoming Events

September 21 | Picnic on the Playground, 5 pm
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

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Roger & Barb Bushman in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

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

We are celebrating the Worship Milestone for four-year olds on Sunday, September 14! 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.

Choir and Handbells: Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 11, with handbells meeting at 6 pm in the sanctuary and Joyful Sounds Choir meeting at 7 pm in the church office building. *All are invited to come make music with us in praise to our resurrected Lord.* If you are unsure about committing to the group, feel free to come and check things out to see if this is a way you can serve Christ joyfully. Prior involvement in a music ensemble is not required. If you would like to use your time and talent to serve God through music but these times don't work, reach out to Katie Drefs (krdrefs@stpaulsconcordia.org).

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. Come any Monday you are able. Participants are not required to pray aloud. *Join us Monday mornings beginning September 8.*

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.*

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.

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 2025–2026 Verses of the Month is available in the narthex or online at stpaulsconcordia.org/lifelonglearning.*

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

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Fall Enrollment is now open at the Concordia Music Conservatory. We offer a variety of group ensembles and private voice and instrumental lessons. Enrollment is open until September 8. To get more information or to begin enrollment, go to cmc-music.org. We can't wait to see you this fall!

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.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 295, 153; GSCC: 48

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$17,184.23; Missions \$781.31

Grade School: \$205; MCN: \$50

Comfort Dog: \$75; Leckband: \$50

SPLHS: \$185.74; LBT: \$75

Welfare: \$100; Lutherans for Life: 60

Lutheran Leadership Education: \$100

THIS WEEK

September 7

9:15 am | Education Kick-Off

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

September 8

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

7 pm | Worship with Communion

September 9

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

September 10

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

7 pm | Ladies Aid #1

September 11

6 pm | Handbell Choir

7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

September 12

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 14

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
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SCHOOL OFFICE

M-F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
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