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AN UPDATE ON OUR SHARED WORK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL | SEPTEMBER 2025

RECENT BOARD ACTIVITIES

Church Council

- Our three elected Boards met together September 24 to review the 2025–26 Ministry Outcomes, receive an update on our Campus Team's work, discuss topics related to our school ministry, review and update the list of ministry stakeholders, and encourage faithful worship and Bible study participation.
- The Campus Team is working with SFS Architects to finalize the concept and cost for a building expansion to the north of the sanctuary to include a narthex, additional restrooms, and a covered drop-off.
- Repairs to the sanctuary doors, brickwork, and gutters are being assessed.

Board of Elders

- The Elders adjusted their focus areas, assigning two elders to the following: Worship; Spiritual Formation; Children, Youth and Young Adults; Community Engagement; Care; and Member Care.
- Ministry Teams are being formed for the downtown Concordia trick-or-treat event on October 31 and community engagement efforts
- Youth ministry goals and leadership are being discussed.

School Board

- Mr. Kyle Strecker is interim Fourth Grade Teacher.
- Parent Pulse surveys are being conducted throughout the year to receive feedback from school families.
- Asbestos abatement was completed in areas of the North School Building.
- The expansion of MO Scholars dollars is being explored for school funding.

DISTRICT & SYNOD NEWS

- Find a report on the 2025 LCMS Missouri District Convention in the narthex and church office.
- The 69th regular convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be July 18–23, 2026. At the September 20 Circuit Forum, Rev. Joel Kurz (Bethlehem) and Chris Heins (St. Matthew) were elected as delegates and Pastor Michael and David Schelp (Holy Cross) as alternates. See lcms.org/convention/national for more information.

PLANNING AHEAD

- November 3, 2025 | SPLS Grandparents Day
- January 11, 2026 | Town Hall Forum
- May 31, 2026 | Annual Meeting

VISION

Making a Christ-centered difference in our community and world today and for eternity

MISSION

Preaching. Teaching. Reaching.

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

1. Lives made different because of Jesus
2. A different kind of education
3. A different kind of community
4. Make a difference around the world

2025–2026 MINISTRY OUTCOMES

- 1.1 Launch podcast to describe and encourage faith-formation at home.
- 1.2 Highlight ongoing usage of Family Life Milestone resources and connect with congregational life.
- 1.3 Provide regular family and/or marriage retreats.
- 1.4 Identify ministry needs and discipleship opportunities for specific age-groups and demographics.
- 2.1 Continue to connect students to service opportunities in the congregation.
- 2.2 Provide and promote opportunities for members to fund educational scholarships.
- 3.1 Have five points of contact with every household in Concordia over the next five years.
- 3.2 Establish a team to oversee the design, approval, and capital fundraising for a new narthex.
- 4.1 Offer one domestic and/or international mission trip each year.
- 4.2 Recruit future professional church-workers through ongoing participation in the LCMS Set Apart to Serve initiative.

Upon request, any voting member should be provided a paper or an electronic copy of any minutes of Congregational Assembly and board meetings from the church office.