

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of October 26, 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.*

Sunday School: "A Revealing Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. *Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.* 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: "Does Science Disprove Christianity?" How can you have a conversation about faith and science? Are you prepared to give a reason for the hope you have? The next several sessions of the RightNow Media study of Apologetics will address this topic. The book *Very Good – Knowing God Knowing Me* by Rev. Mark R. Hoehner will be an extra resource for learning and discussing God's Creation, how you are His, and how you were created to be part of God's grand design. Join Mary Beth Self on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for this study. *High school youth Bible study meets at 9:15 am in the youth room (lower level of the church office).*

Adult Bible Study: God's Service to You! Why do we gather together each and every Sunday morning to participate in something that looks unlike anything else in our daily lives? What is the point? Where does it come from? Why is it so important? What is "worship" all about? Join the pastors during Sunday morning education hour in the school gym as we dive into Christian (Lutheran) worship and why our worship service is the way it is.

This morning at the 8 am service, we welcome students from our St. Paul's Lutheran School who will help to lead our worship in song. *God bless your studies and your service!*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for Your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of Your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen" (*For All the Saints*, vol. 3 p. 553).

Altar Flowers Today are from the wedding of Aaron and Kelsie Anderson.

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Worn In". 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.

Fall New Member Classes: Those interested in membership at St. Paul's, members of the community who would like to know about what we believe and teach, and those congregation members who would like a review of Lutheran doctrine are invited to attend **"The Basics"** classes TODAY, October 26 and November 2, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the church office building. In this two-session class, we will cover topics such as the Ten Commandments, the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, confession and forgiveness, and more. Also join us for our **"Explore Discipleship"** class and learn more about how St. Paul's strives to live our calling as followers of Jesus at this time and in this place. This class will meet on Sunday, November 9, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the church office. We will cover topics including our congregation's mission and vision, ministry partnerships, our congregation organization, and share a resource for personal discipleship planning. *Please RSVP by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsconcordia.org or (660) 463-2291.*

Teaching the Faith at Home Podcast: Principal Mueller and Pastor Andrew are producing new content, and now, in addition to listening on Spotify or iTunes, you can watch at youtube.com/@spl-concordia or scan the QR code. We are also publishing content on that YouTube channel to inform the community about St. Paul's and to provide content for parents. *Subscribe, like, and share.*



OPEN POSITIONS in St. Paul's Lutheran School. We are looking for a morning aide (7:30-11:30) and an afternoon aide (11:30-3:30) in Early Childhood. Pay starts at \$13.75/hr and is based on experience. Please send inquiries to jebo-nar@stpaulsconcordia.org.

Christmas Gift Guide: Christmas is just around the corner! Have you started creating your list? The Concordia Publishing House (CPH) 2025 Gift Guide can help you find the perfect Christ-centered gift for anyone on your list. This year's guide is packed with amazing new children's book they'll love and books for adults to enrich their faith lives. Take a look through the Gift Guide and start making your list today. Visit cph.org/christmas-gift-guide or pick up a copy in the narthex or church office.

October Ministry Partner: For over eighty years, Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Lutheran Women in Mission joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. *Learn more at lwml.org.*

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran

Education: Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started. Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org. *Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!*



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.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School Drama Department is producing the play *If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise* by Pat Cook. The dates of our performances are November 13th at 10am, and November 14th and 15th at 7pm held in Kaepel Chapel. There is no admission fee, but a free will donation would be appreciated! During intermission we will offer \$0.50 cookies and \$1 water in the back of the chapel. On Thursday there will be no refreshments. The production is only possible with the many hardworking and helpful hands that make this possible and successful. The fall drama team gives a huge thank you to all who contribute and attend our play! We hope to see you there!

Concordia Senior Center is hosting a Chili & Soup Lunch, silent auction and pie auction TODAY, October 26, from 11 am – 2pm. The silent auction closes October 26 at 2pm. Items must be paid for and picked up by 2pm on October 31. Free-will donations are accepted for lunch, please make checks payable to Concordia Senior Center.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (110 Main in Sweet Springs) would like to invite you to our BINGO Night on Saturday, November 1st. Tacos will be served at 6:00-6:30pm (free will donation). Bingo will begin at 6:30 to 8:00pm. Bingo is \$10 for the first card and \$5 for each additional card. There is also a Pie Raffle: \$1 per ticket. *Come for tacos, stay for fun--and help support Christian education!*

2nd Annual Deer Hunter's Breakfast at Holy Cross in Emma on Saturday, November 15, 4 am to 11 am. Come have breakfast before or after you hunt and support the Holy Cross Youth Group!

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 am & 10:30 am Sunday: 327, 201; GSCC: 44
Sunday School: 35; High School Sunday School: 9

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$31,348.83; Missions \$1,564.87
Grade School: \$115; Building: \$35
Comfort Dog: \$617.50; Leckband: \$155
Home Improvement: \$202.52; SPLHS: \$365.74
LBT: \$65; Sunday School: \$35
Youth: \$50; School Lunch Program: \$10
Growing by God's Grace: \$50

THIS WEEK

October 26

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion
1 pm | "The Basics" Class

October 27

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

October 28

9 am | Dementia Support Group
10 am | LifeLight Bible Study
1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
4:15 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry
7 pm | Elders

October 29

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

October 30

9 am | Women's Study of John, Chapter 4
6 pm | Handbell Choir
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

October 31

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

November 2

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion
1 pm | "The Basics" Class

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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