

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of February 8, 2026

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: This week, we learn how God provided “A Merciful Substitute.” God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible—sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice. *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

Adult Bible Study: Truth or love? Do you have to sacrifice one for the other? It seems many Christians have, but that is not the Bible’s teaching on the matter. This Sunday we will again “embrace the paradox” as we consider our Christian obligation to both truth and love. *Join Pastor Michael in the gym for Sunday Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am.*

High School Sunday School: What are the Rules of Engagement (pun intended) in relationships, dating, even marriage? In a world littered with broken relationships and hurt people how can young people find a healthy & fulfilling relationship? God gives us answers and examples which we will be studying for the next 8 weeks. Join us in the Youth Room (church office basement) for study & fellowship this winter, led by Russ Kruse.

The Lutheran Hour: This week’s message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, “Type C”. 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.

Grades 6–8 Singing at St. Matthew Today: May God bless our SPLS students and families as they join the saints at St. Matthew in Ernestville for worship this morning. *“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly” (Ps 149:1 ESV).*

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have questions about your statement or would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the church office.

Spotlighting Stewardship: Thank you to our St. Paul’s Lutheran School students who decorated the bookmarks included in our bulletins last Sunday for National Lutheran Schools Week!

2026 Estimate of Giving: As you prayerfully consider your financial contribution to our congregation this year, please return the Estimate of Giving form. You may place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church office, or drop it by the office. Specific pledges are only seen by our Business Manager and Admin. Assistant for your contribution record-keeping. The total number of pledges and total dollars pledged are used by our church leadership to help inform our budget for the next fiscal year. *If you have questions, please contact the church office.*

1912 Ladies Aid Souper Bowl Sale: The 1912 Ladies Aid will be having a soup sale from 9 am – Noon, or while supplies last, TODAY, February 8. A free-will offering will be collected to help support Mission Projects throughout the year. You can either pick up soup in the gym or drive through the alley behind the elementary school from 5th Street and pick it up at the kitchen door. Your choice of Vegetable Beef or Chicken Tortilla soup will be available in quart size, to go, microwavable containers.

Lent Family Sunday School: As we begin the journey into the season of Lent, please plan to attend the Family Sunday School event located in the gym on February 15, during the education hour (9:15–10:15). Sunday School age children and their parents are invited to attend this event. Families can look forward to participating in activities that will help them to focus on the Lenten season as well as share some family time together in God’s Word. Come and see what special things we have planned for you! *For a full schedule of our 2025–26 Family Life Ministry Milestones and special events, visit stpaulsconcordia.org/familylife.*

Midweek Lenten Services: Worship Wednesdays in Lent (February 18 – March 25) at 10 am or 7 pm. A meal is served at 5:30 pm in the school gym, and evening services include a special children’s message. Immediately prior to the Ash Wednesday services on February 18, anyone who wishes to receive the imposition of ashes (the mark of ashes in the shape of the cross on their forehead) may do so at the front of the sanctuary. *Visit stpaulsconcordia.org/lent-easter for our full schedule.*

SPLS Enrollment: Enrollment at St. Paul’s Lutheran Grade School is now open for the 2026–27 school year! If you have a student currently enrolled, you should receive information via email and from your student. If you are interested in enrolling a new student, please contact the school office by phone 660-463-7654 or via email at school@splsconcordia.org. *SPLS nurtures and equips compassionate, wise, Christian leaders for a life of purpose and service to make a positive impact in the world.*

It’s back! Fun, fellowship, and volleyball! Ladies, gather your teams for 5 weeks of league play in March. This year we will divide teams into recreational and competitive levels. It’s free! Register at tinyurl.com/2026volleyball. Contact Julie Bonar (jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org) or Sarah Sullivan (ssullivan@splhs.org) if you have any questions.

2026 Funeral Fellowship Lunch monthly calendars are available in your pigeonhole in the Church Narthex.

The 2026 Gifts of Grace Auction is asking for 1940s memorabilia to be put on display at the auction. Example of items:

- Sheet music, musical instruments, record players, etc.;
- WW2 related items—uniforms, satchels, boots, helmets, equipment, flyers, flags, etc.;
- Fashion items—hats, jewelry, shoes; and
- Anything authentic to early/mid 1940s.

All items will be cared for and labeled appropriately so they can be returned to rightful owner. If you would like to include a brief description/history of item that would add a very special element to this year's auction. If you have items available for loan, please call Laura Eckhoff at 816-719-4865.

February Ministry Partner: Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) equips Gospel proclamation at home and abroad and offers free resources to help you in your daily walk. Visit lhm.org/discover-lhm to learn more, to donate, and receive a free gift.

Life Quote: “God loves you in your vulnerability so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother's arms. God's peace be with you this day, this night.” *Andrea Delwiche – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Name Tag Tip: Do you struggle to remember your name tag before church? Tips for this week: 1. Set a reminder/alarm on your phone for when you are about to leave for church reminding you to grab your name tag. 2. Keep your name tag in your car so you have it to put on when driving to church. Wearing your name tag says “I want to connect.” As the body of Christ, we walk in love because Jesus first loved us and calls us to love one another. Knowing one another's names is the first step to connection.

Compassionate Caregivers Ministry: If anyone is interested in more information about or joining this group, please contact Jim Beerman (660-631-2849; jimb@beermansdoesitall.com) or John Beerman (816-838-4261; johnbeerman71@gmail.com).

Pancake Supper: Concordia Senior Center is hosting a Pancake Supper on Thursday, February 17, from 5–7 pm (710 S. Main St.). The menu includes pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fruit, orange juice and coffee. A free-will donation will be collected at the door.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Ernestville, is sponsoring a Chili-Soup Dinner on Sunday, February 15, from 11 am – 1 pm in the church basement. The proceeds will be used for the St. Paul's Elementary School Tuition Program.

Chili & Soup Dinner - Come enjoy dinner at SPLHS in the Weis Gym Annex on Thursday, February 19, from 5–7 pm. Servants of the Saints will have soup, veggies, dessert and drinks for a free-will donation.

Pitch Party: St. Paul's Men's Club will host a zone pitch party on February 22 in the church office meeting room. A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm with cards following at 7:00 pm.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 185, 489; GSCC: 49
Sunday School (PS – Gr. 8): 43; High School: 5

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$45,097.76; Missions: \$2,888.61
Growing by God's Grace: \$30; Youth: \$20
Comfort Dog: \$36.53; Grade School: \$94
Building: \$40; Home Improvement: \$60
Leckband Scholarship: \$7.50; Sunday School: \$8
School Lunch Program: \$25

THIS WEEK

February 8

8 am | Worship
9 am | 1912 Ladies Aid Souper Bowl Sale
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion

February 9

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

February 10

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

February 11

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

February 12

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at SPLHS
6 pm | Handbell Choir
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

February 13

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

February 15

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship
1:30 pm | Pub/Homeschool Confirmation 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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