

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of March 1, 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: The account of Esau and Jacob serves as today's lesson, "Twin Troubles." When Isaac is sixty years old, Rebekah gives birth to very different twin boys—Esau and Jacob. Isaac ignores God's promise to Jacob and favors Esau. Esau's hunger gets the best of him as he sells his birthright for a bowl of stew. Rebekah enables further deception as she plots with Jacob, her favored son, so that he receives Isaac's blessing. When Esau vows to kill Jacob, Rebekah sends Jacob away for his own safety. *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: The book of Exodus is one of the most important books of the Old Testament, where God called, rescued, and loved his people, Israel. Join the pastors, Sundays at 9:15am in the school gym, as we learn how this book still applies to us and teaches us about God's great love for us in Christ.

High School Sunday School will join the adult Bible study in the gym this morning.

The Compassionate Care Ministry will provide a short presentation TODAY, March 1, in the gym at the beginning of the education hour giving a short overview of this new ministry. Compassionate Care will provide doughnuts to go with your coffee!

Preschool – Grade 2 Singing at Sweet Springs Today: May God bless our SPLS students and families as they join the saints at Immanuel in Sweet Springs 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).*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "The Fifth Act". 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.

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Our so-called 'secular' vocations are actually 'holy offices' where we are to serve our neighbors and live out our faith" (Gene Edward Veith, Jr., *God at Work* [Crossway, 2002], 140).

Q & A - Please submit your written questions regarding the narthex ministry expansion plan to me or email them to StanOetting@gmail.com. I will respond to all questions received. Answers will also be shared at the forums and cottage meetings in March and April. – *Stan Oetting, Campaign Director*

Ministry Expansion Forums: Our Ministry Expansion Campaign Team is planning three identical awareness forums to share information about the Phase 1A narthex project and better answer questions that you and others in the congregation might have. These will be held:

- Sunday, March 15 | 9:15–10:15 am
- Wednesday, March 18 | 8 – 9 pm
- Sunday, March 22 | 12 noon – 1 pm

Please join us to learn more about this project.

Our 2026 Marriage Retreat will be held April 17–19 at the Courtyard Marriott in Blue Springs. The Rev. Dr. Justin Hanemann from GracePoint Institute for Relational Health in Lincoln, Nebraska, will once again lead this year's retreat. Two nights are \$300 per couple, plus an \$80 registration fee. Registration opens March 2 and closes March 27. Space is limited to 15 couples, so call the church office early to reserve your spot!

Midweek Lenten Services: Worship Wednesdays in Lent (now through 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. *Visit stpaulsconcordia.org/lent-easter for our full schedule.*

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) will be serving the Lenten meal this week. They will be serving hamburgers, Hermann Wurst House best of show brats, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, assorted desserts, and drinks. Serving begins at 5:30 pm. All proceeds will be used to help purchase supplies and equipment for disaster response. Come and support LERT while enjoying dinner before the service. Thank you!

It's time for The Bible Recap-Recap! Attention all who are participating in the read through the Bible program using The Bible Recap—we are joining immediately after early service (8:45 am) on Sunday, March 8. We will gather in the coffee room outside the school gym. We will share our "God Shots" and how we are using what we are learning in everyday life. If you are curious about this growing community, you are welcome to join us! Please Contact Beth Lange at 248-719-1511 if you have questions.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study is beginning a new book, *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan, referring to the Holy Spirit. New faces are always welcome.

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.*

March Ministry Partner: Saint Paul Lutheran High School (SPLHS) is a residential high school committed to “preparing leaders to declare Christ.” A global mission in the heart of Missouri, SPLHS has been dedicated to education in the finest Lutheran tradition since 1883. *Learn more at splhs.org.*

Olson Scholarship Available: Any active member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO desiring to continue his or her post-secondary education in designated fields (educational or vocational), either as a part-time or full-time student, is invited to submit their application to any member of the Olson Scholarship Committee for 2026 grant consideration. The Scholarship Committee would like to inform the congregation that five (5) grants are available for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$1,000.00 minimum for each grant. For a copy of the scholarship guidelines and an application, please contact any committee member—Paulette Oetting 660-641-5679, Dale Dieckhoff 660-641-6981, Bev Frerking 660-624-0149, Michelle Knight 816-726-1432, or John Beerman 816-838-4261, St. Paul’s church office or the guidance counselors at the two local high schools. The committee must receive all applications no later than April 1, 2026. Please do not return the completed applications to the church office or to the high school guidance counselors.

Life Quote: “This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation.” *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransfor-life.org*

SOS Sausage Dinner: On Sunday, March 15, from 11 am to 1 pm, enjoy a delicious meal featuring sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, and cheesecake at Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Dine-in (inside Krueger Dining Hall) and drive-thru options will be available, with drive-thru pickup in front of Krueger Dining Hall. This event is offered for a free-will offering. Proceeds support Servants of the Saints (SOS) and help provide funding for projects at SPLHS to promote and assist its ministry.

The Singing Saints Home Concert is on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 7 pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 410 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO 64020.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School Drama Department is producing the play *Mandate for Murder* by Pat Cook with permission from Eldridge Publishing Co. The dates of our performances are March 20th and 21st at 7 pm. There is no admission fee, but a free will donation would be appreciated! During intermission we will offer \$0.50 cookies and \$1 water.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 273, 139; GSCC: 54; Monday: 21
Midweek Lent: 55, 217
Sunday School (PS – Gr. 8): 34

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$51,915.32; Missions: \$1,441.19
Growing by God’s Grace: \$75; Youth: \$20
Comfort Dog: \$299.52; Grade School: \$394.62
Building: \$60; Home Improvement: \$360.94
SPLHS: \$200; Sunday School: \$1

THIS WEEK

March 1

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship

March 2

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners
9 am | LifeLight Bible Study

March 3

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

March 4

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel
10 am | Mid-week Lent Worship
12 pm | Women’s Bible Study
5:30 pm | LERT Lenten Meal – Burgers/Brats/Hot Dogs
7 pm | Mid-week Lent Worship
8 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

March 5

6:30 am | Men’s Bible Study at SPLHS
6 pm | Handbell Choir
7 pm | Zone LLL

March 6

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

March 8

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

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
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