

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of March 15, 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:** In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine. *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:** *Resilient Minds* promotes mental wellness rooted in Christ. Each lesson opens with Scripture and covers topics such as anxiety, emotions, Christian identity, and resiliency. Preparing students to be strong and well-equipped for the future is sought by promoting wellness in all aspects of students' lives. All high school youth are invited and encouraged to join these meaningful discussions led by Mary Beth Self.

**The Lutheran Hour:** This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "No Command from the Lord". 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](http://lhm.org)), or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home.

**Spotlighting Stewardship:** "The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'" (Andrew Murray, 1828–1917).

**Colson James Paul Wiles**, son of Lucas and Sydney Wiles, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Colson's sponsors are Abby Uhlich, Michael Medlock, Jordan Menefee and Ashley Wiles.

**Men's Club** will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, March 17. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

**The Singing Saints Home Concert** is TODAY, March 15, 2026, at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**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 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](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/lent-easter) for our full schedule.

**Together we can SHINE!** We would love *your* help in planning this year's SHINE! servant events to be held April 10–19. If you would like to serve on our planning team or have an idea for a project, reach out to Chris Gerdts.

**Summer Program help needed.** June 1 - July 31, 2026. Caring individuals with good communication skills, love for working with kids and a team mentality are a must. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Priority will be given to candidates 18 and older. To apply, please email Julie Bonar at [jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org](mailto:jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org) (in person interview may be required) or apply in person at the Church Office. *Background checks required of workers 18+.*

**SPLS Enrollment:** Enrollment at St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School is open for the 2026–27 school year.

**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.

**SOS Sausage Dinner:** TODAY, 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.

**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](http://splhs.org).*

**Kids Market Day:** Vendors & Shoppers Welcome! Kids ages 5–18 are invited to run their own business while building confidence, creativity, and real-world skills. The community is invited to come shop and support these young entrepreneurs! Saturday, May 23, 2026 | 10am-1pm | St. Paul's Gym, 407 S Main St, Concordia. Register by May 1 at [tinyurl.com/2026KMD](http://tinyurl.com/2026KMD). Email [MarketDay@splsconcordia.org](mailto:MarketDay@splsconcordia.org) for more info or questions.

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School Drama Department** is producing the play *Mandate for Murder* by Pat Cook with permission from Eldridge Publishing Co. Performances are March 20th and 21st at 7 pm.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Please take time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choosing. Choice Dollars can be designated online at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or by calling Thrivent’s Customer Interaction Center at 800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars, they will expire at the end of March. If you require further assistance, please contact your Thrivent Financial Representative.

**SPLHS is planning a Tree Removal Work Day** on March 21 at 9:00 am to remove several dead or dying trees on campus for safety and appearance. We’ll be partnering with LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) for safety guidance, equipment, and support. Meet in the Dining Hall parking lot at 205 S. Main St. We need volunteers! Tasks may include picking up sticks, clearing debris, loading trailers, driving trucks with dump trailers, operating skid steers with grapple buckets, stump grinding, and more. Not up for physical work? You can still help by handing out water, setting up lunch (donuts & pizza provided), and supporting the crew. Many hands, and the right equipment make light work! Questions? Contact Eric Ritzma: 660-864-5038.

**Name Tags:** Do you need a name tag? Fill out a name tag request card in the narthex and drop it in the box! If you have already requested one, it is available near the request box. Thank you for encouraging connection by wearing your name tag.

**Holy Cross - Emma** will host a pitch card party on Sunday, March 22 in the school basement. Food at 6 pm; cards at 7 pm.

**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

## LAST WEEK

*Attendance:*

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 244, 196; GSCC: 54; Monday: 16  
Midweek Lent: 38, 205; Sunday School (PS – Gr. 8): 25

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$34,677.52; Missions: \$1,227.69  
Youth: \$20; Comfort Dog: \$72.50; HSFA: \$50  
Grade School: \$119.62; Building: \$40; LBT: \$20  
Home Improvement: \$235.47; Sunday School: \$4  
Portals of Prayer: \$20; Together; Faith+Mission+Life: \$25

## THIS WEEK

### March 15

8 am | Worship with Communion  
9:15 am | Education Hour  
9:15 am | Ministry Expansion Campaign Forum  
9:30 am | GSCC Worship  
10:30 am | Worship  
7 pm | SPLHS Home Concert

### March 16

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

### March 17

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study  
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting  
7 pm | Men’s Club

### March 18

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel  
10 am | Mid-week Lent Worship  
12 pm | Women’s Bible Study  
5:30 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid Lenten Meal – Sandwiches/Salad  
7 pm | Mid-week Lent Worship  
8 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir  
8 pm | Ministry Expansion Campaign Forum

### March 19

6:30 am | Men’s Bible Study at SPLHS  
2 pm | GSCC Communion  
6 pm | Handbell Choir

### March 20

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

### March 22

8 am | Worship  
9:15 am | Education Hour  
9:30 am | GSCC Worship  
10:30 am | Worship  
12 pm | Ministry Expansion Campaign Forum

**PASTOR "ON CALL"**  
In case of pastoral emergency  
(660) 580-5483

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