

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of March 29, 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: 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: This morning, we conclude our study of the Book of Exodus. Join us at 9:15 am in the school gym.

High School Sunday School: All high school youth are invited and encouraged to join today's discussion of the book *Resilient Minds* led by Mary Beth Self.

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Dime-Sized". 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: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" (Jim Elliot, 1927–1956).

Huck Ottis Dittmer, son of Mitchell and Kylie Dittmer, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 8:00 am service today. Huck's sponsors are Nevaeh Rozell and Danielle Small.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 2

10 am & 7 pm | with Communion

Good Friday, April 3

10 am & 7 pm | Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:00 am | Sunrise Service

8:00 & 10:30 am | with Communion

Easter breakfast is served in the gym from 7 – 10:00 am.

Visit stpaulsconcordia.org/lent-easter for our full schedule.

Easter Sunday: There will be no Sunday school or adult Bible study on April 5.

Family Devotions for Holy Week: Each day this week, we will be emailing a brief family devotion. Designed to be used even with small children, this series offers brief Bible readings, conversation starters, and prayers for every day from Palm to Easter Sunday. *Not receiving our emails? Sign up at stpaulsconcordia.org/news.*

Easter Invitations are available in the narthex or church office. These small business card sized invitations can be given to family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers to invite them to gather with us for our Easter celebration. The cards have the link to our Holy Week and Easter schedule and church contact information.

Do you enjoy baking? Would you consider baking something to donate to the Youth Easter breakfast? We would welcome and appreciate your donation of cinnamon rolls, breakfast pastries, or other baked deliciousness for our breakfast. You can drop them off in our school gym on Saturday, April 4, between 9–10 am or on Easter morning. If you have any questions please contact Pat McKeage, 660-909-6842. Thank you!

Spring 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 on Sunday, **April 12 & 19**, from **1:00 – 2:30 pm**. 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. *Please RSVP by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsconcordia.org or (660) 463-2291.*

Together we can SHINE! We would love *your* help in planning this year's SHINE! servant events to be held April 10–19. Reach out to Chris Gerdts with ideas or for more information.

Mark Your Calendars: St. Paul's Lutheran Junior Honor Association (LJHA) invites you to **Serving Saints Sunday on April 19 from 2–5 pm**. Join us for free car washes, hot dogs, fellowship, and playground fun as we follow Jesus's example of leadership and love. Donations collected will benefit St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Don't miss it!

Summer Program help needed. June 1 – July 31, 2026. A love for working with kids and a team mentality are a must. Specifically looking to fill shifts from **12-6pm**. Applicants must be at least 16 years old; priority given to candidates 18 and older. To apply, please email Julie Bonar at jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org (in person interview may be required) or apply in person at the Church Office. *Background checks required of workers 18+.*

Kids Market Day: 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. Email MarketDay@splsconcordia.org for more info or questions.

St. Paul's students are selling Red Wheel! Find an SPLS student or stop by the school office by April 10 to browse the catalog and place your order.

Thank You!! With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, and supported this year's **Gifts of Grace Auction – Big Band Bash!** Your generosity and enthusiasm made the evening a tremendous success. Together, we raised an incredible **\$84,233.60**, including \$18,900 designated for the Strahan Larsen Scholarship Fund! These gifts will have a lasting impact on our school and the families we serve. We are truly blessed by the continued support of our church and school communities.

Olson Scholarship application deadline is April 1. Contact the church office for details.

LWML Church Worker Study Grants: High school seniors and college students planning a career in church work may apply for a 2026–27 MO District LWML Study Grant. Application information can be found at missourilwml.org (under forms). *Applications must be received by mail or electronically by April 15.*

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.*

Love in Action: Drivers Needed! Our Care Team is seeking volunteers to provide occasional transportation to medical appointments and other essential trips for congregants who can no longer drive. *Please contact John Beerman or Jim Beerman to join our list of available drivers or to learn more.*

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31. Please designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choosing at thrivent.com or by calling Thrivent's Customer Interaction Center at 800-847-4836.

The Orphan Grain Train Collection Center has received a lot of donated clothing which needs to be sorted and packed. Any help would be appreciated on Tuesday, March 31, at 1 pm.

It's great getting to learn more names! Thanks for wearing your name tag. Greet someone by their name this morning! Still struggling to remember your name tag? One member scheduled her Alexa to remind her to put her name tag on Sunday morning! What other creative ways have you tried? High school students and those who regularly attend St Paul's, please fill out a name tag request card in the foyer so you too can be called by name!

Thank You: I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the prayers, thoughts and cards following my shoulder replacement surgery. My appreciation is immense. Johnny Cowherd, my brother, and his family also thanks everyone for their prayers and are happy to share that his cancer is in remission with no current signs of the disease. God's Blessings, Barbie Cowherd

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 281, 130; GSCC: 56; Monday: 15
Midweek Lent: 56, 229; Sunday School (PS – Gr. 8): 14

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$24,656.27; Missions: \$982.70
Comfort Dog: \$102.50; LERT: \$225; SPLHS: \$100
Grade School: \$119.62; Building: \$65; Youth: \$20
Home Improvement: \$70; Portals of Prayer: \$100
Debt Reduction: \$300; Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$25

THIS WEEK

March 29

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

March 30

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

March 31

1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
4:15 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry

April 1

12 pm | Women's Bible Study
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

April 2

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at SPLHS
10 am | Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
7 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
8 pm | Handbell Choir

April 3

10 am | Good Friday Worship
7 pm | Good Friday Worship
8 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

April 5

6 am | Easter Sunrise Service
7 am | Sr. High Youth Easter Breakfast
8 am | Worship with Communion
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion

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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