

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of April 12, 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: Today, we will study “Signs of the True God,” as students learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites. *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

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.

New Sunday Adult Bible Study: In his classic work, *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer shares the inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. He gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, including the role of personal prayer; worship in common, everyday work; and Christian service. *Gather with the pastors at 9:15 am in the gym.*

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) today 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 (248-719-1511) if you have questions.

The Lutheran Hour: This week’s message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, “Early Adopters”. 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: “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for [God] has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:5).

Chancel Flowers today are from the funeral of Gilbert Roepe.

Zoe Taylor Clouse, daughter of Adam & Kayla Clouse, will be received into our Lord’s kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Zoe’s sponsors are Zachary Brackman and Paxton & Lauren Myers.

God’s Own Child: Last Wednesday, April 8, we welcomed Christopher and Isaac, sons of Steve and Justine Nienhiser, into God’s family through the waters of Baptism during our grade school chapel. Praise God!

The Confirmation Milestone for parents and confirmands will be held Sunday, April 26, in the back room of the church office during the education hour (9:15–10:15 am).

Upcoming Events:

- May 3 | Confirmation Sunday, 10:30 am
- May 9–10 | Min. Expansion Campaign Prayer Vigil
- May 11 | Miscarriage Memorial Service, 6 pm
- May 17 | Campaign Commitment Event, one service at 9:30 am
- May 31 | Annual Meeting, one service at 10:30 am

Ministry Expansion Campaign Cottage Meetings: You are invited to join a small, informal gathering with fellow members of St. Paul’s in the home of one of our members. These cottage meetings are an opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship, discuss our shared ministry, and explore how we can support our ministry expansion. There are multiple dates and times to choose from now through April 28. *Sign up in the narthex, online at bit.ly/4yb42IS or call the church office to RSVP for one of the meetings.* Questions? Contact Campaign Director Stan Oetting.

Nominating Committee: On May 31, we will elect the following leadership roles, with terms beginning July 1, 2026: Vice President, Secretary*, Treasurer, Council member-at-large*, four members of the Board of Elders**, two members of the School Board (*incumbent eligible for reelection; **two Elders eligible for reelection). ***To nominate a member for these positions, please contact Vice President Joel Oetting no later than April 26.*** Nominations are not accepted on the day of election. Position descriptions and qualifications are available in our Constitution & Bylaws.

Praying for Our Members: Each week, our Board of Elders will contact twelve members/households. We will pray for those members in worship the following Sunday. The list of those we are praying for is posted in the narthex and sent via the weekly email. You are encouraged to pray for these brothers and sisters. *We are together in faith, in mission, and in life.*

The week of April 12th we will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child (WOYC) in our Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten classes. This is a time to focus on how young minds grow and develop and to celebrate this exciting learning process. We are blessed with the opportunity, not only to provide a developmentally appropriate learning environment for our young learners, but to have the freedom to share the love of Christ with each child, every single day. Now *that* is something to celebrate!
~ Mrs. Sara Larsen, Lead Teacher

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**.

Recently transferred from another Lutheran church or interested in joining St. Paul's? 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, April 26, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the church office. We will cover topics including our congregation's mission and vision, ministry partnerships, our boards and ministry teams, and share a resource for personal discipleship planning. *Please RSVP by contacting the church office at office@stpaulsconcordia.org or (660) 463-2291.*

Yard Clean-up: On April 17, our middle schoolers will be doing yard work/clean up for church members who need assistance. We are working on compiling a list of yards. If you are in need, please reach out to the church office (660-463-2291).

Next Sunday: Our 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.

April's Ministry Partner: Offering a variety of camp experiences and getaways for children, youth, adults, and families. Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries in Lincoln, MO, offers a beautiful setting and meaningful opportunities where one's relationship with Jesus Christ may be built, strengthened, and encouraged. *Learn more at sites.google.com/view/heitspointlutheran.*

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 **12–6 pm**. 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+.*

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.*

Assemble Braille Bibles with Us: Will you volunteer with our Lutheran Braille Workers Team one Tuesday a month? Morning or afternoon shifts are available. *Learn more by speaking with Mark Shelp (816-726-1028) or Jennifer Jones (660-238-4486).*

Local Area Events:

April 12 | Concordia Senior Center Fish Fry, 11 am – 12:30 pm

April 19 | LLL Zone Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Alma, 5 pm

April 22–25 | SPLHS Spring Rummage Sale (Weis Gym)

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 593, 204; GSCC: 54

Maundy Thursday: 50, 210; Good Friday: 72, 331; Sunrise: 173

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$50,363.69; Missions: \$2,588.14

Comfort Dog: \$52.50; Grade School: \$474.62

Building: \$40; Home Improvement: \$215.47

Youth: \$20; Leckband Fund: \$7.50

Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$50; HSFA: \$50

THIS WEEK

April 12

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

1 pm | The Basics New Member Class

April 13

9:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

7 pm | Worship with Communion

April 14

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

April 15

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

April 16

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at SPLHS

2 pm | GSCC Communion

6 pm | Handbell Choir

7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

April 17

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

April 19

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

1 pm | The Basics New Member Class

2 pm | Serving Saints Sunday

CHURCH OFFICE

M–F: 8 am – Noon; 1 – 5 pm
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SCHOOL OFFICE

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