

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of April 5, 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.*

Please register your attendance. Everyone is asked to sign the friendship folder at the center aisle of each row. If you are a guest, please print your address, phone number and/or email so we may better serve you.

Children are welcome. We encourage children of all ages to be active participants in our worship. Children can sing, pray, stand, and sit with other worshipers. *Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and make noise, so please don't be embarrassed by it, and we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.* Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Lk 18:16 ESV). Children's bulletins are available from an usher, and a cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

No Sunday School or adult Bible class this morning. See you next week!

New Adult Bible Study: Beginning next Sunday, April 12, our adult Bible class will discuss *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In this classic work, 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 our pastors Sundays at 9:15 am in the gym.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone". 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.

Upcoming Events:

April 17–19 | Marriage Retreat

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

June 22–25 | Vacation Bible School

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 between April 7–28. *Sign up in the narthex, online at bit.ly/4yb42IS or call the church office to RSVP for one of the meetings.* If you have questions, contact Campaign Director Stan Oetting.

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.*

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.*

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 a.m.). Please plan to attend as we are strengthened in God's Word and take a look at what Confirmation really means.

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.*

Don't Miss the Latest News: Receive our church's email newsletter (every Friday in addition to special announcements, prayer requests, and updates). *Sign up at stpaulsconcordia.org/news or scan the QR code.*



Spotlighting Stewardship: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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!

The LLL Zone Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alma on Sunday, April 19. The business meeting will begin at 5pm, followed by the banquet meal at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Brett Arrasmith. Tickets at \$15 and can be purchased at the door or by contacting Steve Bredehoeft (660-238-3656). Everyone is invited, hope to see you there.

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 [ti-nyurl.com/2026KMD](https://ti.nyurl.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.

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).

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.*

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.*

SPLHS Servants of the Saints are having their Spring Rummage Sale April 22-25. This is a great sale to purchase adult and children's clothing, shoes, toys, home goods, tools, antiques, books and more at great prices. The sale is located in Weis Gym Annex at 205 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO.

The Concordia Senior Center (710 S Main St) will be hosting a fish fry from 11am – 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 12. The menu includes fried fish, baked beans, cole slaw, potato wedges, cornbread and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children aged 4-8. Drive-thru pickup is available in the back alley.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 475, 98; GSCC: 54
Sunday School (PS – Gr. 8): 41

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$34,771.04; Missions: \$1,405.74
Comfort Dog: \$87.02; Grade School: \$294.62
Building: \$60; Home Improvement: \$220.47
Youth: \$20; Sunday School: \$14.25
Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$25

THIS WEEK

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

April 6

Church Office Closed

April 7

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
7 pm | Ladies Aid #1

April 8

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

April 9

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

April 10

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

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

CHURCH OFFICE

M-F: 8 am – Noon; 1 – 5 pm
(660) 463-2291

SCHOOL OFFICE

M-F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
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PASTOR "ON CALL"

In case of pastoral emergency
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