

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of May 17, 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 & Youth Bible Study** are on summer break. Adult Bible study will not meet this morning, May 17, but will return on May 24 from 9:15–10:15 am as we continue our look at *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**The Lutheran Hour:** This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Don't Despise Small Beginnings". 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.

**Faith Elizabeth Oehlschlaeger**, daughter of Mark & Angela Oehlschlaeger, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism today. Faith's sponsors are Bobbie Hilton, Donna Kramer, Jacquelin Galloway, Cassidy Dotson, Jesse Galloway, Alyssa Galloway, and Kay Gray.

**Campaign Commitment Event:** Today, May 17, we will all be invited to make a commitment to our ministry expansion campaign—a commitment of prayer, service, and/or a financial pledge. These financial gifts are over and above our usual contributions to the home fund. A picnic lunch will be provided after the service where the total dollars pledged will be announced. *God has brought us together in faith, in mission, and in life.*

**Campaign Materials Available Online:** You can download any of our ministry expansion campaign materials at [stpaulsconcordia.org/together](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/together).

**Livestream:** After ongoing, intermittent interruptions to our worship livestream, we will be making a move to fiber internet. Our service provider's projected timeline is to have this complete in 6–8 weeks with anticipated faster speeds and a more stable connection.

**Vacation Bible School:** Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their Savior Jesus Christ, a safe place in life's storms. This year's VBS is June 22–25 from 8:30–11:30 am. Register online at [stpaulsconcordia.org/vbs](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/vbs) or scan the QR code. *Interested in helping at this summer's event? Contact Tiffany Jones.*



**Annual Meeting on May 31:** All voting members of St. Paul's (18-years-old and older) are invited to our congregation's annual meeting. **There will be one service at 10:30 am with Communion followed by a potluck lunch and meeting in the school gym.** Meat will be provided. There will be activities for children. The Annual Meeting includes a review and celebration of what God has done among us during the last year and looks forward to our ministry together in 2026–27. A number of actions will be considered by the voters that day, including

- approval of our shared 2026–27 ministry outcomes;
- approval of our 2026–27 church and school budget;
- electing members of the Church Council, Board of Elders, and School Board;
- amending the bylaws to clarify the election and terms for our congregation President and Vice President; and
- vote to authorize construction of the Phase 1A narthex project.

The meeting agenda, leadership reports, resolutions to be considered, 2026–27 budget summary, and slate of candidates from our nominating committee can be found in the narthex or church office, and they were sent in our weekly email on Friday, May 15. (The resolution to authorize Phase 1A of the narthex project will be made available as soon as possible after the May 17 Campaign Commitment Event.)

**St. Paul's Men's Club** will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm in the Church office. This will be our last meeting until September. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Service of Remembrance:** A Memorial Day Service of Remembrance will be held at our church cemetery (East 1st Street) on Monday, May 25, at 11:45 am. Please join us as we remember our loved ones who have gone on before us.

**St. Paul's Elementary School** is pleased to share several staffing updates for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Sara Larsen will be transitioning from the Art room to a half-time administrative leadership role, and we are excited to welcome St. Paul's alumni Mr. Jacob Brandt (K–8 Art & K–4 PE) and Ms. Cynthia Bennett (4th Grade) to our faculty. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Kyle Strecker for his faithful service as interim 4th-grade teacher this past year.

**School Picnic & Program:** This Wednesday, May 20, St. Paul's Lutheran School will host our annual Spring Picnic and Program! Food service starts at 5 pm and the program will begin at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair as bleacher seating is reserved for students. The Friends in Faith PTL are asking for donations of pie. Please use this link to sign up for pie donations or to work a shift at the picnic [tinyurl.com/2026SpringPicnic](http://tinyurl.com/2026SpringPicnic). The PTL will provide a free sandwich and drink ticket to all students and staff. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.

**St. Paul's Elementary School** is seeking classroom aides for the 2026–2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, names and recommendations can be submitted via our Google Form or by contacting the school office directly. We look forward to another year of growth and God's blessings at St. Paul's!



### **Kids Market Day – Support Young Entrepreneurs!**

Come shop 40+ kid-run businesses featuring handmade crafts, baked goods, and more! Lunch-style food and drinks will also be available. Saturday, May 23 | 10am–1pm | St. Paul's Gym, 407 S Main St, Concordia, MO. Bring your family and friends and support these young entrepreneurs as they learn and grow through real-life business experience!

**Spotlighting Stewardship:** “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8–9 ESV).

**May's Ministry Partner:** Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) exists to bring the Word of God to the over 300 million people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print. In over 80 years of ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers has produced and distributed over 15 million volumes of Christian material, in 40 languages, to people in 164 countries. St. Paul's has an LBW Ministry Production Center, with groups meeting each Tuesday morning and afternoon. Visit [lbwloveworks.org](http://lbwloveworks.org) for more information.

**The Olson Student Assistance Scholarship Committee** recently announced that five members of the congregation were awarded \$1000 scholarships for the 2026-27 school year. These annual scholarships, established by Wendell and Myrna Olson, may be applied for by any member of St. Paul's Congregation. Students receiving this year's scholarships are Faith Moore, daughter of Travis and Erin Moore, who will be a Junior at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, in the field of nursing; Nevaeh Rozell, daughter of Melanie Dittmer, who will be a Senior at Concordia University, Seward, in the field of psychology; Brooks Kreisel, son of Kyle and Lorie Kreisel, who will be a Senior at Concordia University, Seward, in the field of pre-med/biology; Marissa Heins, daughter of Jeffrey and Sarah Heins, who will be a Senior at Concordia University, Seward, in the field of accounting/business administration; and Hunter Luedeman, son of the late Roger and Dana Luedeman, who will be a Senior at Concordia University, Seward, in the field of education. Also, in the event that any of these recipients is unable to accept their scholarship, the alternate is Tate Kreisel, son of Kyle and Lorie Kreisel, who will be a Freshman at Concordia University, Seward, in the field of business. We send best wishes to all. May these students help spread the Good News, serve the Lord and set high standards for future recipients as they go forth in the Word.

**Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower**, sponsored by Lutherans for Life of MO, will run from Mother's Day (May 10) – Father's Day (June 21). Bring disposable diapers of any size to the church office between Mother's Day and Father's Day as a way to thank your family for giving you life! Diapers collected will be given to New Beginnings in Warrensburg along with a \$50 donation from Lutherans For Life of Missouri. Please Contact Kathy Schnakenberg with any questions at 463-8086.

### **LAST WEEK**

*Attendance:*

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 366, 283; GSCC: 61; Monday: 15

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$27,577.14; Missions: \$1,102.80;

Building: \$40; Comfort Dog: \$152.50

Grade School: \$139.62; Youth: \$20

Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$2,075; HSFA: \$50

Home Improvement: \$215.47

### **THIS WEEK**

**May 17**

9:30 am | Worship with Communion  
Ministry Expansion Campaign Commitment Event & Picnic

**May 18**

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners  
6 pm | Altar Guild

**May 19**

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting  
7 pm | Men's Club

**May 20**

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

**May 21**

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at 7 Days Diner  
10 am | SPLS Closing Chapel & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
2 pm | GSCC Communion  
6 pm | Handbell Choir  
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

**May 22**

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

**May 24**

8 am | Worship with Communion  
9:15 am | Adult Bible Study  
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  
(660) 580-5483

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