

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of May 24, 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 continues in the gym Sundays at 9:15–10:15 am.

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.*

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.

No Monday night Communion service on Memorial Day, May 25. Our next Monday night Communion will be held on June 8.

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Misery Loves Company". 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.

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 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.)

Campaign Materials Available Online: You can download any of our ministry expansion campaign materials at stpaulsconcordia.org/together.

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!

Spotlighting Stewardship: "No Christian shall wield or invoke the sword for himself and his cause. In behalf of another, however, he may and should wield it and invoke it to restrain wickedness and to defend godliness" (Martin Luther, "Temporal Authority: To What Extent it Should be Obeyed" [1523], *Luther's Works* [American Edition], vol. 45, page 103).

Missing Dishes? There are several pans leftover from funeral lunches at the church office. Please stop by to claim your pan.

Memorial Day Cemetery Flowers remaining after June 1 will be removed by the Cemetery Committee.

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 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.

Now Hiring: The Concordia Music Conservatory is hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. The applicant should have knowledge and experience in the following areas: working with Google Workspace Suite (utilizing databases, formulas, bulk mailings, etc.) and Google Administrative Suite; managing the Squarespace website; and managing multiple social media platforms. Applicant must be willing to learn to use the Square payment system and Canva Pro, as well as additional programs as needed for non-profit management. The position allows for mostly remote work and flexible hours, but some in-person work will be expected. The applicant should be reliable, creative, self-motivated, and able to complete tasks independently and promptly. Pay is \$20 per hour, with roughly 10 hours per week (max. 40 hours per month). Please email marketing@cmc-music.org for a complete job description. Three references are required. Inquiries are due by June 12, 2026. Projected start date is the first week of July.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:
9:30 am Sunday: 437

Tithes and Offerings:
Home: \$23,901.42; Missions: \$ 1,221.37
Building: \$40; Comfort Dog: \$125
Grade School: \$54.62; Youth: \$45
Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$22,965; LERT: \$25
Home Improvement: \$172.97; Leckband Fund: \$122.50

THIS WEEK

May 24

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Adult Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion

May 25

Church Office Closed
11:45 am | Memorial Day Service at Cemetery

May 26

9 am | Dementia Support Group
1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
4:15 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry
7 pm | Elders

May 27

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

May 28

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at 7 Days Diner
6 pm | Handbell Choir
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

May 29

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

May 31

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion
12 pm | Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner

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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