

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of May 31, 2026

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

401 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO 64020

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshipping 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.

Sunday School & Youth Bible Study are on summer break. Adult Bible study will return next Sunday, June 7. Meet in the gym Sundays at 9:15–10:15 am.

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "A Friendly Recommendation". 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 who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain" (Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle* [Multnomah, 2001], 45).

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.

Annual Meeting TODAY: All voting members of St. Paul's (18-years-old and older) are invited to our congregation's annual meeting. **Following our one service today at 10:30 am, gather for 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 have been available the last two weeks and will be available at the meeting.

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

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.*



The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML), Missouri District is hosting the 29th Biennial Convention, June 12–14, 2026, at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Attending and serving as voting delegates for St. Paul's Ladies Aid #1 and 1912 are Yvonne Mitkos and Luci Mehl. They will be voting on officers for the LWML District positions and Mission Projects to be supported financially in the next two years. A collection of "Gifts from the Heart" items (canned goods, dry pasta, paper products, Clorox wipes, baby care items) are also being gathered to take to the convention. Items can be left in the drop boxes located in the church narthex and the church office.

Concordia Mission Institute 5K and Brunch: The annual Concordia Mission Institute 5K and Brunch is the morning of Saturday, July 18, at Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Visit ti-nyurl.com/cmi5k2026 for more information and to sign up to run (or walk) or help with the race! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to support missionary training! *Questions? Contact Louisa Lehenbauer at louisa.lehenbauer@missionofchrist.org.*



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!

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.

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.

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:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 273, 119; GSCC: 48

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$19,484.86; Missions: \$819.90

Building: \$40; Comfort Dog: \$470

Grade School: \$294.62; Youth: \$20

Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$6,540; LERT: \$100

Home Improvement: \$215.47; VBS: \$100

THIS WEEK

May 31

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

12 pm | Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner

June 2

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | Ladies Aid #1

June 3

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

June 4

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at 7 Days Diner

June 5

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

June 7

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

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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