

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of June 21, 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.

**Sunday School & Youth Bible Study** are on summer break. Adult Bible study continues in the gym each Sunday at 9:15–10:15 am.

**Summer Bible Study:** In his letter to the Christians in Rome, St. Paul clearly explains God's love and grace in Jesus. This summer we will study the New Testament Book of Romans. *Join our pastors Sunday mornings in the gym from 9:15 – 10:15 am.*

**The Lutheran Hour:** This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Journey Through Depression". 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.

**New Banner:** The banner in the chancel, designed and made by Betsy Lange, was for the Missouri District Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Convention held in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The convention theme was from Colossians 2:7, "Rooted". Concordia Zone is one of the 21 zones in Missouri, all of which bring a banner to the convention for the opening service procession and is on display throughout the convention.

**Spotlighting Stewardship:** "The Christian gives not *in exchange* for value received, but *in appreciation* of value received, to wit, the blessings of God, particularly those of the Gospel" (J.H.C. Fritz, *Pastoral Theology* [Concordia, 1945, 2nd edition, revised], 262).

**Together: Faith+Mission+Life:** With the congregation's approval of our Phase 1A ministry expansion at the annual meeting, first gifts to our ministry expansion campaign may be given at any time. You may give toward the project through any of our usual giving methods, indicating your gift is for the Together: Faith+Mission+Life campaign. Special campaign envelopes are available in the narthex or church office, or you may designate your campaign gift online at [stpaulsconcordia.org/give](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/give). If you did not yet make a pledge to our campaign, you may find commitment cards in the narthex, church office, or online at [stpaulsconcordia.org/together](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/together).

**Campaign Materials Available Online:** You can download any of our ministry expansion campaign materials at [stpaulsconcordia.org/together](http://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](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/vbs) or scan the QR code. *Interested in helping at this summer's event? Contact Tiffany Jones.*



**VBS Donation Request:** If you are willing to donate, or loan the following items please contact Justine Nienhiser at 816-767-1099: 2 clean 5-gallon buckets, 4 clean buckets any size and 2 large clear plastic pitchers (these items will be returned to owner after VBS). We are also asking for scrap yarn pieces at least 1' in length, paper towels, wet wipes, pencils and pens and snack items. To donate snack items please use the following link: [signupgenius.com/go/9040549ACA629A AFF2-64483884-stpauls](http://signupgenius.com/go/9040549ACA629A AFF2-64483884-stpauls) or contact Tina Bredehoeft at 660-624-3755.

**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!

**St. Paul's Community Picnic:** Please join us for a community picnic held on our school playground Sunday, June 28 at 5:30 pm. This is a potluck picnic with fellowship, yard games, playground time, and possibly a round of cards. Feel free to invite neighbors as we connect with each other during the summer months.

**CMI Ice Cream Social:** St. Paul's will once again host the Ice Cream Social for the Concordia Mission Institute. On Thursday, July 16, from 7:30 – 9 pm our congregation will host an ice cream social for the Concordia Mission Institute (CMI) participants. CMI, a joint initiative between Mission of Christ Network and Lutheran Bible Translators, equips missionaries for cross-cultural ministries worldwide. Volunteers are needed to serve ice cream, and donations of other desserts (e.g. brownies, cookies, etc.) are appreciated. Questions? Contact Pastor Andrew.

### 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](https://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](mailto:louisa.lehenbauer@missionofchrist.org).*



**June's Ministry Partner:** Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 73 different countries including the USA. OGT has a collection center in Concordia at 108 NE 2nd Street (the basement of InSight Eyecare), and items are sorted and boxed monthly at this location. *Learn more at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org).*

**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](mailto:marketing@cmc-music.org) for a complete job description. Three references are required. **Inquiry deadline has been extended to June 25, 2026.**

**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.

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School** is looking for soccer coaches. Please contact athletic director Monte Pitsch if you have any questions.

**Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign**  
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$291,518  
Designated Funds: \$1,603,766\* | Project Cost: \$5.7 million  
*\*Growing by God's Grace Endowment Fund as of 3/31/26*

### LAST WEEK

*Attendance:*

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 246, 143; GSCC: 54

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$30,302.13; Missions: \$1,323.83  
Comfort Dog: \$45; Youth: \$20  
Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$172.97  
Grade School: \$154.62; LERT: \$70

### THIS WEEK

#### June 21

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

#### June 22

8:30 am | VBS  
7 pm | Worship with Communion

#### June 23

8:30 am | VBS  
9 am | Dementia Support Group  
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting  
7 pm | Elders

#### June 24

8:30 am | VBS  
12 pm | Women's Bible Study

#### June 25

8:30 am | VBS  
6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at 7 Days Diner  
6 pm | VBS Pool Party

#### June 26

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

#### June 28

8 am | Worship  
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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