

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of June 28, 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. *Today Clint Colwell will lead this class in the gym from 9:15 – 10:15 am.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Pastor Ryan Tinetti is, "Journey Through Ambition". Listen on the radio at 10 am, KMMO (1300 AM) or 10 am, K SIS (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.

Grand Piano: Under the supervision of the Church Council and Board of Elders, the purchase of a grand piano is in progress. Jerrode Marsh, concert pianist, helped Katie Drefs select a Yamaha C7 to place in the sanctuary. Monies for this purchase include designated funds and memorial gifts. We give thanks to God for such a wonderful gift to our music at St. Paul's. We will be working to make space for the instrument.

Evelyn Jane Jones, daughter of Quentin & Tiffany Jones, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 8am service today. Evelyn's sponsors are Wyatt Jones, Cynthia Bennett and Ryan & Lynda Kollbaum

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.

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. 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.

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!



St. Paul's Community Picnic: Please join us for a community picnic held on our school playground TODAY, 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 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.*



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

Spotlighting Stewardship: “Comparison is a thief and a killer. Comparison robs you of gratitude and contentment. Comparison massacres joy. Another casualty of comparison is generosity” (Jeff Manion, *Satisfied* [Zondervan, 2013], 63).

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.*

You’re invited to join us for a Ladies’ Summer Retreat at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1501 Lipper Ave., Higginsville, MO on Saturday, July 18 at 9 A.M. in the church basement. Please join us in fellowship, a light breakfast, and the study of God’s word. Faith can move mountains.... Matthew 17:20

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$322,773
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: 214, 136; GSCC: 49; Monday: 32

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$24,056.81; Missions: \$913.36
Comfort Dog: \$412.50; Youth: \$60
Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$1665.47
Grade School: \$19.62; LERT: \$300; VBS: \$200

THIS WEEK

June 28

8 am | Worship
9:15 am | Adult Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion
5:30 pm | Community Picnic on the Playground

June 30

11 am | Comfort Dog Team
1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

July 1

12 pm | Women’s Bible Study

July 2

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

July 3

Church Office Closed
10 am | GSCC Bible Study

July 5

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
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“Making a Christ-centered difference in our community and world today and for eternity.”