

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of June 7, 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.

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.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies is, "Peter's Restoration – and Ours". 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: Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19–21 ESV).

Annual Meeting Recap: Last Sunday over 200 people and more than 140 voters gathered for our annual meeting. We unanimously approved our 2026–27 ministry outcomes and budget; elected new members to our Church Council, Board of Elders, and School Board; amended the bylaws to clarify the terms of our President and Vice-President; and, in a 122–12 vote, approved the construction of our Phase 1A narthex addition. Together we celebrated God's gracious gifts among us and asked for His continued blessings on our work and witness. *Thank you for the role you play in our preaching, teaching, and reaching!*

Together: Faith+Mission+Life: With the congregation's approval of our Phase 1A ministry expansion on May 31, 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.

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.

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.*

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.

Community Play "We the People" Set for June 12 and 13 in Concordia: The community is invited to attend *We the People*, a patriotic play celebrating America's 250th anniversary, on June 12 and 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Concordia Community Center. The production will feature local acting and singing and is intended to bring the community together in celebration of the nation's history and heritage. A free will donation will be accepted. All Money collected will be split between the Concordia VFW and The Concordia American Legion chapters. As part of the event, veterans and active service members will be honored with reserved front-row seating.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 309; GSCC: 62

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$14,023.31; Missions: \$765.32

Comfort Dog: \$22.02; Youth: \$20

Together: Faith+Mission+Life: \$276; LERT: \$50

Home Improvement: \$145.47; School Lunch: \$10

THIS WEEK

June 7

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

June 8

7 pm | Worship with Communion

June 9

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

June 10

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

3 pm | Community Engagement Team

7 pm | Church Council

June 11

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

June 12

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

June 14

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
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