

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of July 12, 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.

**Mission Presentation:** This morning during our education hour everyone is invited to a special mission presentation by Grace O'Neal. Grace is finishing her first year as a mission partner with Mission of Christ Network (MCN), and she will be giving us an update on her work in Central Europe. *Gather in the school gym from 9:15–10:15 am.*

**Bible Recappers** - let's gather in the grade school lunchroom on July 12 at 9:15 to share how God is working through His Word to help us get to know Him better!

**Sunday School Ministry Team:** It's time to start planning for our 2026–27 Sunday school year. *You can help share Jesus with the children of our congregation. This team will help oversee our Sunday school (September 2026 – May 2027), including recruiting and encouraging our teachers. If you would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Michael.*

**The Lutheran Hour:** This week's message by Rev. Michael Ziegler is, "Knight, Death and the Devil". 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.

**Kohyn Jack Frerking**, son of Abram Frerking and Kylee Winfrey, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30am service today. Kohyn's sponsors are Alic Frerking and Jaelynn Winfrey.

**Together: Faith+Mission+Life Gifts:** *Thank you to all who made first gifts to our ministry expansion campaign!* Gifts may be given through any of our usual giving methods. Please indicate your gift is for the "Together: Faith+Mission+Life" campaign. When giving online at [stpaulsconcordia.org/give](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/give), look for the tile with the campaign title and logo.

**Campaign Materials Available Online:** You can download any of our ministry expansion campaign materials at [stpaulsconcordia.org/together](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/together).

**Compassionate Caregivers Ministry:** For anyone 70 yrs. and older, we will meet in the Parish Office at 2pm on Saturday, July 25 for fellowship. Come join us for a movie. Bring a friend.

**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, you can sign up with this link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CAAAC22A4F85-64683282-copy#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CAAAC22A4F85-64683282-copy#/)/ 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).*



**Join the Comfort Dog Ministry Team:** St. Paul's has been in the Comfort Dog Ministry for thirteen years, beginning with Jessy. When Jessy was seven years old, it was decided to apply for another dog to take Jessy's place when needed. Jessy and Thomas worked together for several years until her death last year. **Thomas is now at the age when we should begin applying for another dog, so there is never a time when we are without one.** In order to apply, we must have a whole new team that will work with the new dog. Thomas's Team will be able to assist, but the new team will be in charge of our new dog. **If you love Jesus and love dogs, this may be the ministry for you!** Bring smiles, comfort, mercy, compassion, and peace to those who are in need, in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, court, visitations and funerals, and event sites of emergencies and disasters. These are the positions needed: **Handlers** (those who take the dog to visits), **Caregivers** (who take care of the dog in their own homes), and **Ministry Partners** (individuals who go along to help on visits). *To learn more, contact the church office, visit one of our monthly Comfort Dog Team meetings, or ride along on one of our visits.*

**St. Paul's Elementary School office** will be closed July 6th-17th. Summer hours (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM) will resume on Monday, July 20th.

**Thank You** to all for your giving to New Beginnings. I wish you could all experience the smiles and tears when they received your gifts. You gathered 2,670 diapers, 128 wipes, and money gifts to buy even more diapers. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Your faith in Jesus enables us to meet any challenge. Well Done! ~ Kathy Schnakenberg

**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.

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

**Spotlighting Stewardship:** Thank you to those who are serving on our Church Council, Board of Elders, and School Board for 2026-2027, and thank you to those who have completed their term of service!

**July's Ministry Partner:** Mission of Christ Network (MCN) is a Christian outreach organization, grounded in a Lutheran understanding of mission, that enables lay workers to effectively work in God's mission cross-culturally. Right now, over fifty MCN mission partners are serving in 18 countries around the world. *Learn more at [missionofchrist.org](http://missionofchrist.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

**Come and join us for VBS this summer!** It is here at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sweet Springs, MO. We are enrolling your children ages 3 years old to those entering 7th grade. VBS runs from Sunday, July 26th to Thursday, July 30th from 5-7:30pm. A pool party will occur on Friday, July 31st from 7-9pm. A light supper is provided each evening. Sign your children up for VBS: pick up enrollment form in Narthex or online at [www.immanuelssweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelssweetsprings.com).

**Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign**  
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$387,890  
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: 269, 169; GSCC: 54

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$32,257.71; Missions: \$2,174.20  
Comfort Dog: \$72.50; Youth: \$20; HSFA: \$50  
Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$165.47  
Grade School: \$ 94.62; Leckband Fund: \$27.50

## THIS WEEK

**July 12**

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

**July 13**

7 pm | Worship with Communion

**July 14**

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

**July 15**

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

**July 16**

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

7:30 pm | CMI Ice Cream Social

**July 17**

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

**July 18**

7:30 am | CMI 5K & Brunch

**July 19**

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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