

# CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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## Week of July 26, 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. *Russ Kruse will lead this morning's session in the gym from 9:15 – 10:15 am.*

**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. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Worth the Wait". 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.

#### Upcoming Events:

August 16 | SPLHS Opening Service, 2 pm  
August 18 | SPLS First Day of School  
September 13 | Reunion Service, 10:30 am  
September 17 | Handbells & Choir Resume

**Don't Miss the Latest News:** Receive our church's email newsletter (every Friday in addition to special announcements, prayer requests, and updates). Sign up at [stpaulsconcordia.org/news](http://stpaulsconcordia.org/news) or scan the QR code.



**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).

**Blood Drive:** Roll up your sleeve and make a difference. Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive on Wednesday, August 5, from 1–5 pm in the St. Paul's Elementary School Gym. *To make an appointment online, visit [savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group) and use Group Code: EH4X. For additional details, contact Jan Frerking at (816) 405-6650 or [janrenno22@gmail.com](mailto:janrenno22@gmail.com).*

**Join the Comfort Dog Ministry Team:** "My favorite part about being in the comfort dog ministry is seeing the expressions on people's faces change when they see Thomas. It's amazing to see how Thomas can help those who are experiencing loss, going through a traumatic experience, or just having a bad day. Thomas most certainly serves as a bridge to meet those people where they're at" (Sam Moore, member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team). *To learn more, contact the church office, visit one of our monthly Comfort Dog Team meetings, or ride along on one of our visits.*

**Spotlighting Stewardship:** "Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost" (Ignatius of Loyola, 1491–1556).

**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).*

**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.immanuelssweetssprings.com](http://www.immanuelssweetssprings.com).

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School** is looking for someone to join the kitchen staff in a part time position. This opportunity includes flexible hours and weekend/evening availability. If you are interested please contact Allan Hentges at [adhentges@splhs.org](mailto:adhentges@splhs.org), Mark Brandt at [mbrandt@splhs.org](mailto:mbrandt@splhs.org) or call 660-463-2238.

**Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign**

Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$441,433

Designated Funds: \$1,756,400\* | Project Cost: \$5.7 million

*\*Growing by God's Grace Endowment Fund as of 6/30/26*

**LAST WEEK**

*Attendance:*

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 231, 130; GSCC: 59

*Tithes and Offerings:*

Home: \$28,535.42; Missions: \$1,067.23

Comfort Dog: \$32.50; Youth: \$45

Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$215.47

Grade School: \$124.62; Leckband Fund: \$100

**THIS WEEK**

**July 26**

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

**July 27**

7 pm | Worship with Communion

**July 28**

11 am | Comfort Dog Team

1 pm | Orphan Grain Train

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | Elders

**July 29**

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm | Campus Team Meeting

**July 30**

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

**July 31**

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

**August 2**

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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