

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of July 5, 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.*

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, "Bloom Where You're Planted". 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.

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.

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.

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, 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.

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

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](http://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: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13 NIV).

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.*

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.

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.immanuelsweetsprings.com.

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$384,142
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: 351, 125; GSCC: 65

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$19,570.81; Missions: \$818.10

Comfort Dog: \$247.94; Youth: \$20

Building: \$75; Home Improvement: \$235.47

Grade School: \$294.62

THIS WEEK

July 5

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

July 7

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

July 8

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

6 pm | VBS Pool Party

July 9

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

2 pm | GSCC Communion

July 10

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

July 12

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
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