

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of August 2, 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. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Why Jesus Told Parables". 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.

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

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Alex Spells and Kylee Raines, united in Holy Matrimony on August 1.

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 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, 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.

Narthex Project Update: Over the last couple of months our Campus Team has been working with SFS Architects to move our narthex project forward, and those conversations continue. Watch for more details about a preliminary timeline of activities.

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 Concordia Community Center. *To make an appointment online, visit savealifenow.org/group and use Group Code: EH4X. For additional details, contact Jan Frerking at (816) 405-6650 or janrenno22@gmail.com.*

Public School & Homeschool Families: Confirmation instruction is a two-year process typically in the 7th and 8th grades. To register for the 2026–27 school year, please visit the church office by August 23 to complete a registration form and receive class materials. (New and returning students must register each year.) A full schedule will be shared later. *Questions? Contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Andrew.*

Rooted in Christ: Our 2026–2027 school year theme is "Rooted in Christ", based on Colossians 2:6–7. Each month we will share a Bible verse about being planted, rooted, and growing in our Savior Jesus and bearing spiritual fruit. As we include this verse in our weekly worship, you're encouraged to review and repeat this verse in your personal or family devotions, maybe even committing this verse to memory. *The full list of our 2026–2027 Verses of the Month is available in the narthex or online at stpaulsconcordia.org/lifelonglearning.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all" (1 Chronicles 29:11–12 ESV).

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.*

Your gifts make ministry possible. Every dollar St. Paul’s receives turns into opportunities for *preaching, teaching, and reaching.*

- Cash or checks payable to “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church” can be given in all worship services.
- One-time or recurring gifts may be made online at stpaulsconcordia.org using your credit or debit card or with an ACH transfer from your bank account.
- Donate a raised commodity.
- Mail your gift to St. Paul’s at P.O. Box 60, Concordia, MO 64020.
- Make a qualified distribution from your retirement account.
- Leave a legacy of faith with a planned gift to ministry.

August Ministry Partner: St. Paul’s is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Missouri District. We are connected to nearly 300 congregations across the state and more than 6,000 across the Synod. Three of the District’s four ministry targets—church worker recruitment and retention, discipleship in the home, and Mission Field: Missouri—align with our ministry outcomes. *Stay up-do-date with District news at mo.lcms.org.*

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, Mark Brandt at mbrandt@splhs.org or call 660-463-2238.

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$463,546
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: 296, 175; GSCC: 57; Monday: 10

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$17,444.73; Missions: \$915.40
Comfort Dog: \$158.42; Youth: \$20
Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$310.94
Grade School: \$194.62; LERT: \$20

THIS WEEK

August 2

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Adult Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship

August 4

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
7 pm | Ladies Aid #1

August 5

12 pm | Women’s Bible Study
1 pm | Blood Drive at Community Center
6:30 pm | Council Meeting

August 6

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

August 7

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

August 9

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”
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