

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of August 16, 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.

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, "Look at Me". 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

Cooper Lee Ward, son of Timothy & Katlin Ward, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Coopers sponsors are Jordan & Amanda Murray, Mark & Britlin Patshke and James Hays.

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.*



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.

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.*

Teacher Installation and Recognition: At today's 8:00 am service, we will recognize our school's faculty and staff and install new workers. We pray for our students, families, faculty, and staff, and for all local schools as we begin a new school year.

Opening Chapel: Our 2026–27 school year begins with a special chapel service on Tuesday, August 18, at 9 am in the sanctuary. *All are welcome to attend.*

Support Our Ministry Partner: The UCM Lutheran Student Center humbly asks you to consider sponsoring or serving a meal this year! If you'd like to sponsor a meal for \$60, checks may be made to Lutheran Student Center and mailed to 215 S Holden St, Warrensburg, MO 64093. If you'd like to come serve a meal, please contact Pastor Schweigert at 660-747-7603 to arrange a date. God bless you and please keep us in your prayers!

Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers: Our LCMS Missouri District is collecting offerings this month to help defray the educational expenses of the next generation of pastors, DCEs, deaconesses, teachers, and more as they complete their studies. *If you would like to make a special gift to this effort, you may send those gifts directly to the LCMS MO District, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63141 and mark your gift "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers" or give online at mo.lcms.org.* Praise God for guiding these people towards service in His kingdom and for the way He works through all of you in supporting them!

Set Apart to Serve: Is your college student in a professional church work program (pre-seminary, Lutheran teacher, Dir. of Parish Music, Deaconess, etc.)? *Please let the church office know so we can pray for them and encourage them in their studies.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I placed in God's hands, that I still possess" (Martin Luther).

Fall Festival time is getting closer! St. Paul's Men's Club will be having our food stand. You can help by donating a fruit pie or by helping during a shift on one of the following days: set-up on Tuesday, September 8, at 5pm; work in the stand – Wednesday, September 9, 4:30 pm to close and Thursday, September 10, 4:30-6:30 pm, 6:30 pm to close; or take down the stand – Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 pm. If you can work a part or a whole shift it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Steve Bredehoeft (660-238-3656) with your availability. We know the wonderful people in this congregation will step up again and we thank you in advance. —*St. Paul's Men's Club*

LCMS Convention: The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) took place July 18–23, 2026, in Phoenix, AZ, under the theme “Christ Is Risen Indeed.” Delegates recognized new partnerships and passed resolutions addressing topics of pastoral formation, Holy Communion, political violence and modern-day martyrdom, the idolatry of our culture, artificial intelligence, and many others. *You can learn more about what took place at the 2026 convention at lcms.org/convention/national.*

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a reminder that cancer affects 1 in 285 children. To support these families, Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) and St. Paul's Hearts of Mercy & Compassion team are partnering with the chaplains at MU Healthcare Children's Hospital in Columbia. Together, we are gifting hospitalized children "Hearts of Mercy" and heart-shaped goodie boxes featuring a virtual K-9 Comfort Dog visit option and a Gospel message link from LCC President Rev. Chris Singer. Each box costs around \$20. *To financially support this project and help ease their burden, please drop off your donation at the church office by August 21.*

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.*

Ready, set, let's go! The annual Concordia Fall Festival 5K/3K returns on September 12, 2026. With each step in this race, you empower Lutheran Bible Translators to take major strides in its mission. How? All proceeds go to fuel Bible printing and distribution. 3,241 language communities still have little or no access to the Bible. It's time to change that. Register today for \$30 at <https://lbt.org/5k> or scan the QR code. Sign up before 8-24 to guarantee a t-shirt!



2nd Grade Bible Milestone: In an effort to continue promoting faith in the home, Family Life would like to invite all second graders and their parents to the 2nd Grade Bible Milestone

equipping event, Sunday, August 30, during the Sunday school hour from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the back room of the church office. We look forward to seeing you as you receive your first “big kid” Bible! May we continue to keep growing in God's Word, holding His promises of truth close to our hearts.

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$476,737
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: 332, 143; GSCC: 54; Monday: 18

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$31,204.28; Missions: \$2217

Comfort Dog: \$37.50; Youth: \$20

Building: \$20; Home Improvement: \$215.47; HSFA: \$50

Grade School: \$232.62; LERT: \$50; School Lunch Fund: \$20

THIS WEEK

August 16

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

2 pm | SPLHS Opening Service

August 17

6 pm | Altar Guild

August 18

9 am | SPLS Opening Chapel

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

August 19

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm | Compassionate Care Ministry

August 20

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at SPLHS

2 pm | GSCC Communion

August 21

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

August 23

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

CHURCH OFFICE
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(660) 463-2291

SCHOOL OFFICE
M–F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
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