

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of August 30, 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.*

Sunday School & Youth Bible Study will return September 20. 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 today's session in the gym from 9:15–10:15 am.*

Help Our Kids Grow in the Faith: You can share the love of Jesus with the children of our congregation. Play a role in our Sunday School ministry. You may serve as a teacher, substitute teacher, or member of our planning team. *To learn how you can make an eternal difference for our students, please contact Pastor Michael.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer is, "Tell Me a Story". 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.

Gracie Jo Heimsoth, daughter of Wade and Haley Heimsoth, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Her sponsor is Morgan Heimsoth.

Upcoming Events:

September 20 | Worship Milestone for 4-Year-Olds
September 27 | Community Picnic on the Playground
October 18 | Sixth Grade Stewardship Milestone
October 23–24 | Host Regional Comfort Dog Gathering

Contractors Review Facility: On August 26, eight construction contractors walked through the sanctuary, grounds, and church basement. This is part of our request for proposal (RFP) for our Phase 1A Narthex Project.

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, TODAY, August 30, during the Sunday school hour from 9:15–10:15 am 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.

Family Life Ministry: Find the full schedule of our 2026–27 Family Life Ministry milestones and special events at stpaulsconcordia.org/familylife.

Our Annual Reunion Service is on September 13. After the Fall Festival, gather with your church family, guests, and visitors for worship at 10:30 am (with Holy Communion). We will have our usual 9:30 am service at the Good Shepherd Care Community, but there will be no 8 am service and no education hour.

Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers: Our LCMS Missouri District is collecting offerings 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.* Funds collected are added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment.

Be a Partner in Prayer: You are invited to join parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School each Monday when school is in session from 8:15–8:30 am in the school library. Each week, in addition to praying for the general needs of the school, we pray for our students by name—one class each week—as well as any special prayer requests. Pastor Michael and Pastor Andrew lead this weekly time for prayer. A guide is provided. Come any Monday you are able. Participants are not required to pray aloud. *Join us Monday mornings beginning September 14.*

PTL Needs Your Help! PTL has partnered with the Concordia Lions Club to work the Snack Stand at the Fall Festival on Friday, September 11. It's a great opportunity to work together in a fun environment while raising funds to support SPLS! Scan the QR code to sign up for a shift!



St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a reliable, detail-oriented Part-Time Custodian. 20 hours per week, flexible scheduling. Pay starts at \$15/hr. (based on experience). Interested candidates can apply by submitting a resume or brief work history to Julie Bonar at jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org. Job description available upon request.

Choir and Handbells: Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 17, with handbells meeting at 6 pm in the sanctuary and Joyful Sounds Choir meeting at 7 pm in the church office building. All are invited to come make music with us in praise to our resurrected Lord. If you are unsure about committing to the group, feel free to come and check things out to see if this is a way you can serve Christ joyfully. Prior involvement in a music ensemble is not required. If you would like to use your time and talent to serve God through music but these times don't work, reach out to Katie Drefs (krdrefs@stpaulsconcordia.org).

Compassionate Care Social Group: Anyone over 70 yrs old is invited to join us on Saturday, September 19, at Gary & Connie Martens' home at 2 pm for a movie.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is having its 40th Annual Auction September 27 – October 2. We need donations! If you are interested in donating or would be willing to help collect donated items, contact Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan@splhs.org or call (660) 463-2238 ext. 232. Thank you for your support!

Fall Festival time is almost here! 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 5 pm; **work** in the stand on 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 on Sunday, September 13, at 1 pm. You can work a part or a whole shift. Please call Steve Bredehoeft (660-238-3656) with your availability. —*St. Paul's Men's Club*

LifeLight Fall 2026 will be 1, 2, and 3 John. Everyone is welcome to join this study of love and the Church as a family. These letters display an overabundance of the word love—one reason why the apostle John has been called the “Apostle of Love.” Study booklets may be purchased in the church office for \$10 each. Two weekday classes will be offered; both meet in the church office:

Kathy Schnakenberg | Mondays at 9 am | begins Sept. 14
Joanne Reinke | Tuesdays at 10 am | begins Sept. 15

A DivorceCare support group for people walking through separation or divorce is starting soon. Please join us beginning Monday, September 14, at 6:30 pm in the church office. Members of the community as well as members of St. Paul's are welcome. At a DivorceCare group, you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected divorce and recovery experts, as well as relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. For more information, contact the church office at 660-463-2291 or visit divorcecare.org. Register directly at find.divorcecare.org/groups/302088.

NEW Women's Bible Study: Join us beginning Saturday, September 19, and then on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month at 8 am, for a study of selected Psalms from “20-Minute Bible Studies in Psalms” by Kristin Nave. Our first gathering will be in the Conference Center. The Psalms speak to every season and emotion: joy, grief, hope, weariness, gratitude, and praise, reminding us that God meets us in each one. Questions? Contact Sarah Heins at 660-864-4314 or Mary Beth Self at 913-963-8204.

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.

Spotlighting Stewardship: “O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for Your loving providence; and grant that we,

remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of Your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen” (*For All the Saints*, vol. 3 p. 553).

Bible Sale: Looking for a new Bible for yourself or to give as a gift? Save 25% on select study Bibles, devotional Bibles, children's Bibles, and more through September 15 from Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Use promo code *BIBLES26* at checkout to save at cph.org/on-sale/bible-sale.

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$516,779
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: 288, 180; GSCC: 61; Monday: 20

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$27,719.84; Missions: \$921.29
Comfort Dog: \$90.92; Youth: \$20; Building: \$20
Home Improvement: \$235.47; Grade School: \$169.62

THIS WEEK

August 30

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

September 1

9 am | Hearts of Mercy Team
1:30 am | Staff Meeting
7 pm | Joint Ladies Aid

September 2

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel
12 pm | Women's Bible Study

September 3

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

September 4

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 6

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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