

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of August 9, 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. Gregory Seltz is, "Good Neighborliness". 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

Alexander and Henry Beumer, sons of Michael and Courtney Beumer, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 8 am service today. Alexander and Henry's sponsors are Matthew and Addison Beumer.

Thank You to all of the 2026 Summer Program workers! A special thank you to Emerson Rankin and Reagan Heath for being our Leaders this year. Our Summer Program served 60 children and was a valuable service to many families in our church and our community.

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.



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.

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.*

St. Paul's Hosts LAKC Event: On Wednesday, August 5, our school hosted the Lutheran Administrators of Kansas City (LAKC) Educators Day. This event brought together more than 140 administrators and teachers from Lutheran schools in our area and in Kansas City. Ryan Kirchoff from Blueprint Schools was the keynote speaker on the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Leadership and Clarity in schools. We are grateful for our partnership in Gospel-proclamation and educating students. Please pray for these Lutheran schools and all students, faculty, and staff as we prepare for the start of a new school year.

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, including the Evangelical Lutheran Christian Church of Bolivia and Lutheran Mission—Australia, 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.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "In his vocation one is not reaching up to God, but rather bends oneself down toward the world" (Gustaf Wingren, *Luther on Vocation* [reprinted by Ballast Press, 1994], 10).

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and it's a reminder of the challenges faced by children battling cancer and their families. With childhood cancer affecting 1 in 285 children, the journey through treatment can be incredibly tough, both physically and emotionally. In September Lutheran Church Charities and the Hearts of Mercy & Compassion affiliate team from St. Paul's in Concordia are partnering with the chaplains at the Children's Hospital MU Healthcare Columbia, MO. Together we are gifting Hearts of Mercy and heart-shaped boxes filled with goodies to brighten the days of children who are hospitalized. The boxes will also have a link to a Gospel message from LCC President Rev. Chris Singer and an option to request a virtual K-9 Comfort Dog visit. The cost of these boxes is around \$20. If you would like to financially support the project this month, please do so by dropping your donation off at the church office by August 21. Together, we can help ease the burden on these brave children and their families.

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.*

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 August 24 to guarantee a race-day t-shirt!



Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
 Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$469,742
 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: 277, 136; GSCC: 54

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$34,849.68; Missions: \$2,685.64

Comfort Dog: \$52.50; Youth: \$20

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

Grade School: \$94.62; Leckband Fund: \$7.50

THIS WEEK

August 9

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Adult Bible Study

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

August 10

7 pm | Worship with Communion

August 11

1:30 pm | Staff Meeting

7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

August 12

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

August 13

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

August 14

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

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

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
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