

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of September 13, 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.

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. Michael Zeigler is, "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable". 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.

Construction Manager Interviews: Nine construction companies submitted proposals to serve as Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) for our Phase 1A Narthex Project. The Campus Team reviewed each proposal and narrowed the field to three. Along with SFS Architecture, the Team is scheduled to interview these three companies this week.

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.*

Piano Players Needed: If you or someone you know would be willing to periodically play the piano for worship at the Good Shepherd Care Community (Sundays from 9:30–10 am), please reach out to the church office.

Chancel Flowers last week were from the funerals of Donnie Fiene and Sharon Bobzin.

St. Paul's Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at 7 pm in the church office. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout Donnie's illness and at his passing. Thanks also for the food items donated for the luncheon. Your kindness means more than words can say. Rita, Kyle, Kara and families

St. Paul's Community Picnic: Please join us for a community picnic held on our school playground Sunday, September 27, at 5:30 pm. This is a potluck picnic with fellowship, yard games, playground time, and possibly a round of cards. *Feel free to invite neighbors as we connect with each other during the fall months.*

The Hearts of Mercy and Compassion Team would like to thank everyone that made donations to our Children's Cancer Awareness Project. We filled 25 boxes with goodies for the young cancer patients at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Columbia Missouri and will be delivering those later this week. If you are curious about this project, we have a heart box and signed heart in the Narthex. Please stop and take a look.

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.

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).

We are celebrating the Worship Milestone for four-year olds on Sunday, September 20. We believe that worship is a very important part of the life of a Christian, and we would like for our youngest people to know that. What does worship look like at home? What does worship look like in church? How can children more fully participate in worship? Four-year olds and their families are invited to join us for this special celebration. We will meet in the church sanctuary at 9:15 am on Sunday, September 20. We have a gift for you to help you in your worship experience at home that you won't want to miss! Come join us!

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

St. Paul's Lutheran School is selling Christian greeting cards, candles, wrapping paper, kitchen items, food, and more. Find your favorite St. Paul's student or stop by the school office to look at a brochure and place your order by September 23.

Bible Recap: We're meeting this Sunday in the Church office, Please come no matter where you are in the plan! Anyone who would like to join for the New Testament, Tara-Leigh and Bible Recap will start it on Oct 1. There are digital and print versions and you can do it for free! Here's the link to check it out: thebiblerecap.com/start.

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!

Service of Installation: You are cordially invited to attend the Service of Installation of The Rev. Daniel S. Wing on TODAY September 13, at 4 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1501 Lipper Ave., Higginsville, MO. A reception will follow.

September Ministry Partner: Over 1 billion people worldwide do not have the full Bible in a language that touches them deeply; an estimated 165 million do not have a single verse of Scripture. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. *Learn how LBT brings hope to communities around the world at lbt.org.*

Annual Report: Our 2025–26 Annual Report hit mailboxes last week. We celebrate what God has done in and through our church and school during the last ministry/fiscal year and pray for God's guidance and blessing as we continue *preaching, teaching, and reaching*.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is seeking kitchen staff to help during the lunch period Monday through Friday, from noon to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Allan Hentges or Mark Brandt at [660-463-2238](tel:660-463-2238), [ad-hentges@splhs.org](mailto:hentges@splhs.org), or mbrandt@splhs.org.

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 check-out to save at cph.org/on-sale/bible-sale.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Lord, bestow on me two gifts, to forget myself, never to forget thee" (Eric Milner-White).

Servants of the Saints Fall Rummage Sale: Shop the annual Fall Rummage Sale at Weis Gym Annex (205 S. Main St.) on September 23–26. Preview Sale: Wednesday, September 23, 6–8 PM (\$5 entry); Saturday: \$5 Bag Sale

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$549,832
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: 283, 235; GSCC: 64

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$43,221.57; Missions: \$2,466
Comfort Dog: \$287.50; Youth: \$20; Building: \$20
Home Improvement: \$215.47; Grade School: \$794.62
Leckband Scholarship: \$7.50; HSFA: \$50

THIS WEEK

September 13

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

September 14

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

9 am | LifeLight Bible Study

6:30 pm | DivorceCare

7 pm | Worship with Communion

September 15

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study

1:30 am | Staff Meeting

7 pm | Men's Club

September 16

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

September 17

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

9 am | Unshakable Bible Study

2 pm | GSCC Communion

6 pm | Handbells

7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

September 18

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 19

8 am | Psalms Bible Study

2 pm | Compassionate Care Social Group (Gary Martens Home)

September 20

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Education Hour

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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