

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of September 20, 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: The lesson this week is "The Idle Idol." Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people's wanton worship and smashes the stone tablets. The people are punished for their idolatry. Moses returns to Sinai to plead God's mercy for the people. *Sunday School meets from 9:15–10:15 am in the following grade school classrooms:*

- Age 3 – Pre-K | South Classroom 104
- Kindergarten – Grade 1 | South Classroom 205
- Grades 2–3 | South Classroom 201
- Grades 4–5 | South Classroom 203
- Grades 6–8 | North Classroom 302

Sunday school students should not be dropped off or released to go their classroom until immediately prior to 9:15 am.

High School Sunday School: Beating Peer Pressure. Learn from Daniel and his friends how to stand as a Christian in a secular culture. *Lead by Russ Kruse in the Youth Room (lower level of the church office building).*

Adult Bible Study: In his letter to the Christians in Rome, St. Paul clearly explains God's love and grace in Jesus. We are finishing our study of the Book of Romans. *Pastor Tom Lange will lead today's session in the gym from 9:15–10:15 am.*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "High Bar to Clay Jar". 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: Last week, the Campus Team and representatives from SFS Architecture interviewed the three finalists to serve as Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) for our Phase 1A Narthex Project. Our Team will recommend one of these construction companies to the Church Council for final approval.

The Wednesday Noon Women's Bible Study has begun the study of the book of Revelation. If you have an interest in this study please join us at noon on Wednesdays in the Church Office.

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.*

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.

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.*

Thank you all so much for the hospitality, love, support and prayers shown to our family this past week at the loss of our beloved Mother/Grandmother/Sister/Aunt Marlene Meyer. The donated food items for the luncheon were all delicious and much appreciated. I can't thank you all enough for the kindness & generosity shown. Sincerely, Julie Meyer Bruer, Darin Meyer, Andrew Meyer

What's this about Bible Recap? Have you ever closed your Bible and thought, "What did I just read?" Maybe you've tried to read through the Bible but quit when it felt confusing or impersonal? The Bible Recap is here to help! The Bible Recap (TBR) follows a chronological Bible reading plan and is a short daily recap by creator and host, Tara-Leigh Cobble. She'll highlight and summarize that day's Bible reading in a casual, easy to understand way. Some of our members have gathered on the second Sunday of every month to share what they've learned about God and His character, because that's the point of the Bible Recap. Sometimes we share how God has revealed Himself in our lives and prayer requests. If you're interested in learning more, check out this link. thebiblerecap.com/start

We are celebrating the Worship Milestone for four-year olds TODAY, 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. 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!

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.

LWML Fall Rally The Ladies of Immanuel cordially invite you to join us at the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 10, here at Immanuel, Higginsville. Registration opens at 8:30 am. A light breakfast will be served. There is a \$5 registration fee. Meeting begins at 9:00 am. A general offering and mites will be collected. The speaker will be Dr. Jerrode Marsh, Executive Director, Concordia Music Conservatory. The Ingathering will be a monetary donation to the Concordia Music Conservatory. No need to RSVP.

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!

Join the Singing Saints of Saint Paul Lutheran High School for their annual outdoor Riverside Concert at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Eagle Bluff Ranch, Waverly, MO. This year's concert features the Kleinkinderchor and CMC Kinderchor from the Concordia Music Conservatory, along with the Singing Saints, under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. Enjoy beautiful music celebrating water, baptism, rivers, and nature, including *Down in the River to Pray*, *Wade in the Water*, and *I've Got a River of Life*. A special highlight will be the world premiere of a new work created for this event. Enjoy the breathtaking Missouri River views and fall colors, followed by a reception featuring hot drinks, wine, and fall desserts.

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.*

Spotlighting Stewardship: Our congregation does what we ask our members to do—we *tithe*. Unless otherwise directed by the giver, ten percent of what we receive is sent to mission organizations (e.g. LCMS Missouri District, UCM Campus Ministry, LCMS World Missions, etc.).

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: \$571,301

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:

10:30 am Sunday: 526; GSCC: 64; Monday: 19

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$22,783.23; Missions: \$903.70

Comfort Dog: \$70; Youth: \$20; Building: \$20

Home Improvement: \$172.97; Grade School: \$174.62

THIS WEEK

September 20

8 am | Worship with Communion

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship

September 21

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners

9 am | LifeLight Bible Study

6:30 pm | DivorceCare

September 22

9 am | Dementia Support Group

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study

1:30 am | Staff Meeting

7 pm | Board of Elders

September 23

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel

12 pm | Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm | Compassionate Care Ministry

September 24

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

9 am | Unshakable Bible Study

6 pm | Handbells

7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

September 25

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 26

9 am | Leadership Meeting

September 27

8 am | Worship

9:15 am | Education Hour

9:30 am | GSCC Worship

10:30 am | Worship with Communion

5:30 pm | Picnic on the Playground

CHURCH OFFICE

M–F: 8 am – Noon; 1 – 5 pm
(660) 463-2291

SCHOOL OFFICE

M–F: 8 am – 3:30 pm
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