

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

Stay connected to our church, school, and community.

Week of September 27, 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: Today, we will study "A Tent for God." Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place. *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: "Ten Lies Satan Loves to Tell." The Devil's most dangerous weapon isn't brute force—it's deception. This class will expose specific lies Satan uses to erode your trust in God, distort your identity, and drive you toward despair or pride. Each session discusses one lie and the core fear that motivates us to believe it before turning to the comforting truth of Jesus in Scripture. This class is based on the book of the same title by Rev. Andrew R. Jones, available at cph.org. *Our pastors will lead this class Sundays from 9:15–10:15 am in the gym.* Today's lie is "You Cannot Trust God."

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is, "Teachable". 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.

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.*

St. Paul's is hiring a part-time evening custodian (approx. 10 hours/week) to care for the church office and lower level of the school. If interested, please contact Julie at jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org.

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 TODAY, 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.*

Comfort Dog Regional Gathering – Volunteers & Donations Needed. On October 23–24, approximately 12 Comfort Dogs and 100 participants from Missouri and Southern Illinois will gather in Concordia for a Regional Gathering hosted by Team Thomas, with most activities taking place at St. Paul's Grade School Gym. Volunteers and donations are needed for food, beverages, setup, serving, and cleanup; items needed include bottled water, soda, coffee, chips, and ice. *To sign up to help or donate, visit signupgenius.com/go/508044CAAAC22A4F85-65927849-comfort or contact the church office at 660-463-2291.*

Lutheran Women in Mission: Next Sunday we will celebrate the ministry of Lutheran Women in Mission, who joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. A special offering will be gathered to support LWML mission projects locally and around the world. *Learn more at lwml.org and missourilwml.org.*

Bake Sale: There will be a bake sale next Sunday hosted by the St. Paul's Ladies Aids. Purchasing homemade items will help to fund LWML mission projects.

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. thebible Recap.com/start

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.

Join us for a Trivia Night on Saturday, October 3, in the Annex at Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Gather your smartest friends, pick a theme for your table, and join us for a fun night of trivia and fellowship while supporting the students traveling to Taiwan in May 2027. Register your team at tinyurl.com/TriviaNightTaiwanTrip. The cost is \$10 per person and tables will accommodate teams of 8 people.

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: "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine" (Proverbs 3:9–10 ESV).

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign

Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$575,190

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: 303, 186; GSCC: 58
Sunday School: 30; High School Sunday School: 9

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$37,185.63; Missions: \$1,213.49
Comfort Dog: \$662.50; Youth: \$20; Building: \$20
Home Improvement: \$225.47; Grade School: \$119.62

THIS WEEK

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

September 28

8:15 am | SPLS Prayer Partners
9 am | LifeLight Bible Study
4:15 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry
6:30 pm | DivorceCare
7 pm | Worship with Communion

September 29

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study
1 pm | Orphan Grain Train
1:30 am | Staff Meeting
6 pm | Campus Team

September 30

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

October 1

6:30 am | Men's Bible Study at SPLHS
9 am | Unshakable Bible Study
6 pm | Handbells
7 pm | Joyful Sounds Choir

October 2

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

October 3

8 am | Women's Psalm Bible Study

October 4

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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