

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of September 6, 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. *Join our pastors Sunday mornings 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. Michael Zeigler is, "Come and See". 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.

Diana Elizabeth Hentges, daughter of Aaron & Hannah Hentges, will be received into our Lord's kingdom through Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service today. Diana's sponsors are Josiah Gerds and Zachary & Anna Hentges.

Upcoming Events:

September 27 | Community Picnic on the Playground
October 18 | Sixth Grade Stewardship Milestone
October 23–24 | Host Regional Comfort Dog Gathering

Narthex Project Update: After the campus walk-thru on August 26, 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 has narrowed the list to three and with SFS Architecture intend to interview these three companies in the week of September 13.

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.

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.

St. Paul's Youth Group is looking for a few good workers for the funnel cake stand at the fair. We have shifts available on Thursday (9/10) and Saturday (9/12). Use the QR code to claim your shift. No experience necessary; we provide on the job training! High school youth and adults are needed. Please contact Pat McKeage (660-909-6842) with questions.



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 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*

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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.

Alumni Brunch on September 12: Saint Paul Lutheran High School alumni are invited to the Annual Alumni Brunch on Saturday, September 12, at 9:30 am in Krueger Dining Hall. Come enjoy brunch, reconnect with fellow alumni, and spend some time back on campus. Campus tours will be available following the meal.

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.

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12–13 ESV).

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign
Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$540,208
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: 323, 259; GSCC: 52

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$14,429.01; Missions: \$684.05
Comfort Dog: \$50; Youth: \$20; Building: \$20
Home Improvement: \$165.47; Grade School: \$519.62
Sound System: \$50; School Lunch Program: \$100

THIS WEEK

September 6

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

September 7

Church Office Closed

September 8

1:30 am | Staff Meeting

September 9

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

September 10

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

September 11

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

September 13

9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Reunion Service with Communion

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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