

CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of October 11, 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: In today's lesson, "The Unlikely Ally," the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city. *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: How do you handle conflict among your Christian friends? How do you avoid losing one or all of them in the quicksand of sin? See how Paul successfully threads through a sticky Christian conflict between his friends this week. *Meet in the Youth Room (lower level of the church office).*

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 Need and Deserve More."

It's time for The Bible Recap-Recap! Attention all who are participating in the read through the Bible program using The Bible Recap – we are joining immediately after early service (8:45 am) on Sunday, Oct 11. We will gather in the coffee room outside the school gym. We will share our "God Shots" and how we are using what we are learning in everyday life. If you are curious about this growing community, you are welcome to join us! Please Contact Beth Lange at 248-719-1511 if you have questions.

Spotlighting Stewardship: "Since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV).

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

Grades 3–5 Singing at Holy Cross Today: May God bless our SPLS students and families as they join the saints at Holy Cross in Emma for worship this morning. *"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly" (Ps 149:1 ESV).*

LWML Banners: Banners displayed today were constructed for Missouri District LWML conventions of the past. St. Paul's Ladies Aids are part of the Concordia Zone of the Missouri District LWML.

Upcoming Events:

October 23–24 | Regional Comfort Dog Gathering
October 25 | Sixth Grade Stewardship Milestone
October 25 | Piano Concert, Dr. Jerrode Marsh, 3 pm
November 2 | SPLS Grandparents Day
November 8 | Kindergarten Bible Milestone
November 25/26 | Thanksgiving Eve/Day Worship
November 29 | Family Advent Sunday School

NEW Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: A study based on the previous Sunday's sermon will meet on Thursday mornings at 9 am at Seven Days Diner in Concordia. *All are welcome.*

St. Paul's Ladies Aids would like to thank all who so generously donated to LWML Mites and to our "Bake Sale for Missions" last Sunday. We hope you enjoyed your treat.

Preparing for the New Narthex: On Tuesday, October 6, Crocket Geoengineering took a number of core samples in the location of the new narthex. This is necessary preliminary work to understand the ground conditions to design a safe, stable, and lasting foundation for our addition.

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.

6th Grade Stewardship Milestone: Family Life would like to invite 6th graders and their parents to attend a special milestone celebration on Sunday, October 25, during the Sunday School hour (9:15–10:15) in the back room of the Parish Office. This milestone will focus on how to be a good steward of the blessings that God has given to you. Come and learn what this might look like in your home. There will be a presentation as well as a special gift to help you in your stewardship plan. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Comfort Dog Regional Gathering: Comfort Dogs from Missouri and Southern Illinois will gather in Concordia October 23–24, hosted by Team Thomas. Volunteers and donations are needed for food, beverages, setup, serving, and cleanup. *To help or donate, visit signupgenius.com/go/508044CAAAC22A4F85-65927849-comfort or call the church office.*

Grandparents ~ Save the Date! St. Paul's Elementary is hosting our annual Grandparents' Day on Monday, November 2, 2026. Invitations have been sent home with students to deliver or mail to their grandparent(s) or a special guest. Please note the RSVP deadline is MONDAY, October 19th! Contact the school office 660-463-7654 or Mrs. Larsen, saralarsen@splsconcordia.org, with any questions.

Thank You! We are truly grateful for the phone calls, visits, the food brought to the home, Pastors Michael and Andrew for the wonderful message, the pallbearers, funeral luncheon and Campbell Lewis Funeral Home. Your kindness, prayers and support have been a source of comfort and strength during this difficult time. ~The family of Donald Dedeke

Join Us for Community Group! Do you desire deeper community through fellowship and God's Word? Here's an opportunity to join us! On Wednesdays, October 28, November 4, November 11, and November 18, we'll gather for food, fellowship, and a time of study based on *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask*. We'll meet in the back of the church office. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, followed by the study at 6:15 pm. Bring the whole family! Food will be provided, and children will be supervised on the playground during the study. We hope you'll join us!

St. Paul's PTL is selling trash bags again! Find an SPLS student or stop by the school office to place your order. Rolls are \$13 each. Options are 55-gallon blue (16 bags per roll); 39-gallon yellow or pink (25 bags per roll); 15-gallon white (65 bags per roll); and NEW this year 13-gallon white drawstring (45 bags per roll). Cash or check (made payable to Friends in Faith PTL). Orders and payment are due by Friday, October 16. Rolls will be available for pickup on Monday, November 2.

Piano Concert: Dr. Jerrode Marsh will play a piano concert here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 25, at 3 pm in the sanctuary. We celebrate God's goodness and our new grand piano. Please join us for a concert featuring classical piano music and some hymn arrangements. Watch for more concerts coming in our Celebration Concert Series.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month: During this month, many families grieve for babies they were never able to know and see grow-up into children and adults. Please pray for our families who are grieving this loss. There are some extra resources sheets that were made available in May with our miscarriage memorial service that are now in the narthex. Please feel free to pass along or keep if they are helpful.

Together: Faith+Mission+Life Expansion Campaign

Commitments: \$2,473,994 | Gifts received to date: \$582,350
Designated Funds: \$1,756,400* | Project Cost: \$5.7 million

**Growing by God's Grace Endowment Fund as of 6/30/26*

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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LAST WEEK

Attendance:

8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 334, 141; GSCC: 52
Sunday School: 40; High School SS: 2; Adult Bible Study: 53

Tithes and Offerings:

Home: \$38,267.27; Missions: \$2,322.29; Sunday School: \$12
Comfort Dog: \$1,126.53; Youth: \$110; Building: \$20
Home Improvement: \$165.47; Grade School: \$69.62
Sound System: \$50; Leckband Scholarship: \$562.50

THIS WEEK

October 11

8 am | Worship
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion
1:30 pm | Public School Confirmation

October 12

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

October 13

10 am | LifeLight Bible Study
1:30 pm | Staff Meeting
7 pm | 1912 Ladies Aid

October 14

8:30 am | SPLS Chapel
12 pm | Women's Bible Study
7 pm | Comfort Dog Ministry

October 15

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

October 16

10 am | GSCC Bible Study

October 17

8 am | Women's Psalms Bible Study

October 18

8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Education Hour
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship