



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Marlene Lessner, Director of Early Childhood Center

*“ I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE”*

John 14:6

THE MISSION OF ST. PAUL'S

*Together with parents and congregation we
nurture the whole child to become a lifelong
disciple of Christ.*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship
Regular Schedule**

Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Koinonia - lunchroom

Dr. Eric C. Stumpf, Senior Pastor
Rev. Donald Stock, Pastor
Jaymes Hayes, Director of Christian Education
Lois C. Braatz, Interim Principal

COMING EVENTS

Fri., 12/2 4th Grade - Camp Tecumseh
Sun., 12/4 8:00 am - 1:00 pm LPTL Christmas
Breakfast - gymnasium
3:00 pm Christmas Concert - Choirs, COTL
Singers, Primary Choir, Handbells
Mon., 12/5 Blue menu week
LPTL Coupon Book sales continue
Spirit Wear - Delivery week
8:30 am TRIP orders due
11:00 pm Market Day on line orders due
Tue., 12/6 Field Trip - COTL Singers, Jr. Ringers,
Grades 3&4 - Museum of S&I
Hot lunch menu change - pizza bag lunch
Wed., 12/7 7:00 pm Advent II Service -Grades 2-8
Hot lunch menu change -
french toast/sub sandwich
Thur., 12/8 Student gift exchange item/teacher
donation due
Sun., 12/11 LPTL Coupon book sales continue
8:00 am Primary Choir
11:00 am - Jr. Ringers, COTL Singers
Mon., 12/12 Green menu week
Spirit wear delivery week
8:15 am TRIP orders due

2:15 pm - Jr. Ringers meet in Church for warm-up
(wear St. Paul's choir shirts), return to Mrs. Bruns' room
2:30 pm - Children of the Lord Singers meet in
Mrs. Bruns' room to put on robes. Choir parents -
2:45 pm - Primary Choir to meet in the library - all
members must wear a white blouse or shirt and dark blue or
black slacks or skirt. Choir parents will assist -

On **Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 pm**, grades
2-8 will lead the Advent II service with songs by the Primary
Choir, Children of the Lord Singers and Jr. Ringers, and
readings by grades 4-8.

Students in grades 4-8 will meet in their classrooms
at 6:45 pm. Primary Choir will meet in the library and Jr.
Ringers will meet in the balcony at 6:45 pm. All students
should wear Sunday dress clothes. Primary Choir parent
helpers are

*Families are reminded that any photography is
not appropriate for a worship setting. You are invited to
take your special picture for the evening in the fellowship
area near the tree.*

Be sure to invite a friend who may not know
CHRIST is the center of **CHRISTMAS** to attend with you.

*CHORAL/MUSIC CONCERT

On **Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 pm**, the vocal
and handbell choirs of St. Paul's will present their annual
Christmas Concert. It's a wonderful way to begin your
holiday season or introduce a friend or neighbor to the joys
of Christmas.

DECEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

The December school activity calendar is attached
to today's newsletter. Daily updates can be found online at
www.stplmunster.com.

Wed., 12/14 8:30 am Chapel
Bake sale - lunch hours
7:00 pm Advent III Service -
Sunday School

ADVENT II SERVICE

Children of the Lord Singers, Primary Choir, Jr.
Ringers and grades 2-8 will present the Advent II service on
Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. Children should
assemble **in their classrooms by 6:45 pm** on the night of
their service.

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and handbell choirs of St. Paul's will present their annual
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holiday season.

Groups are to assemble as follows:

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture packages for those children having retakes
were distributed through classrooms.

TUITION INSTALLMENT

The next installment/tuition payment was due
Thursday, December 1.

NEWS TO SHARE

From time to time various community groups will
deliver information to distribute to students. St. Paul's does
not endorse or promote any of these activities or events, but
merely distributes the material for your information.

*FIRST QUARTER AWARDS

First grader Isabella Biegel had perfect Sunday
School attendance for the first quarter.

*MARKET DAY

Market Day pick up is **Thursday, December 8
from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** in the lunchroom. Paper orders are
due Thursday, December 1, on line orders are due Monday,
December 5 by 11:00 pm

*BAND CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The band concert scheduled for **Sunday,
December 11 has been rescheduled for Sunday,
February 5 at 3:00 p.m.**

*HOT LUNCH MENU CHANGES/NOTES

Tuesday, 12/6 - lunch bag - cheeseburger/corn dog/cheeseburger/veggie chef salad
Wednesday, 12/7 - french toast sticks, sausage patties or sub sandwich
Monday/Tuesday, 12/19 and 20 -

NO HOT LUNCH SERVICES

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

“Our commitment to the educational ministry states that school will be open on scheduled days unless there are extreme weather or safety conditions preventing the staff and students from arriving or remaining in the building safely. If it becomes necessary to close the school, the information will be broadcast over the following local television and radio stations beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Television: WGN Channel 9

Radio: WGN 720 AM or WJOB 1230 AM

*Internet: www.EmergencyClosing.com
www.stplmunster.com*

In the event of an emergency early dismissal or closure the room parents’ committee emergency calling list for each classroom will be utilized. The parent/guardian of the oldest child in each family will be called. If contact is not made, the daytime emergency numbers will be called. Please keep all emergency numbers current. Notify the school office immediately of any change. If your number is unlisted and you choose not to have it published in the school directory you will not receive an emergency closing

***TARDINESS**

The school doors are locked promptly at 8:15 a.m. Students arriving late must enter the school office and receive an tardy slip. At the time they are issued, tardy passes will be marked excused or unexcused, or doctor’s appointment and will not be changed.

· Excused- A written parental note is sent with the child explaining the reason for the tardy or parent arrives with the child and tells the office.

· Unexcused- The student arrives without a written parental note or office appearance.

· Doctor’s appointment – The student arrives with a doctor’s written note indicating appointment

The fourth excused or second unexcused tardy and every subsequent tardy per quarter results in a detention to be served the following day. Tardiness due to doctor’s appointment do not add to the excused/unexcused tardy count.

Students may also receive a tardy notice for arriving to class after the passing period ends. Ample time is allotted for students to change classes during the day.

***CHAPEL OFFERINGS**

Chapel offerings for the second quarter are continuing to be designated for Kids Against Hunger and Martin Luther School in Joplin, Missouri. Total offerings were \$42.50/\$443.78 for the last two quarters.

***PRAYER LIST**

Each school year we will include several of our school families each week on our prayer list. This week, please pray for the following students and their families: Kyle and Emily Pals, Joshua Patel, Nicolas Perez, Emma

phone call.”

***CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**

More information will be available from your room parent, but mark your calendar so that your gift exchange item (\$5.00 value) is ready by **Dec. 8.** Envelopes for a teacher gift donation are attached to today’s newsletter.

ALLERGY, COLD AND FLU SEASON

It’s important to remember that all prescription and over the counter medicines are to be kept in the school office. Please be sure proper authorizations are completed.

Singers and Ringers Perform at Museum of Science and Industry

The St. Paul’s Children of the Lord Singers and Jr. Ringers will be singing and ringing Christmas carols for the Christmas Around the World event at the Museum of Science and Industry on **Tuesday, December 6.** They are scheduled to perform at **11:00 a.m.** and will also visit other exhibits during their field trip with the third and fourth grades. This is a great opportunity for the singers and ringers to proclaim Jesus’ birth to the Chicago community and witness their faith.

and Cody Phillips, Devin Pieper, Emily Poortenga

*denotes a new/changed article
for this issue

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

My Service Saturday- The Junior and Senior High youth will once again help others with yard work Saturday, December 3rd. We will do some raking and some other yard work. We will meet at 9:30am and go to 12pm. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Drivers needed as well. Please contact Jaymes Hayes with any questions.

Junior High Impact- Thursday, December 8th, the Junior

High will have their Christmas Party Impact. Each child needs to bring \$5 to help pay for costs of gifts for people of the Bakery House in Gary, IN. Festivities start at 6:30pm and go to 8:30pm. Come through the Church office doors.

Caroling- Once again the Junior and Senior High will be caroling to the elderly of our congregation and community on Sunday December 18th at 2pm. Join us as we go to those who need to hear the great story of Christmas, and we will end at Pastor and Mrs. Stumpf's. Please turn in a permission slip, by the youth board, by December 13th. Contact Jaymes Hayes with any questions or if you know someone who could benefit from the caroling.

*Dear Parents Grades K-8,

As we look around, we see many signs that Christmas is rapidly approaching. The children are eagerly anticipating the celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus.

Each class will be having a Christmas party on the last day of school, Tuesday, **Dec. 20**. The students will have a \$5.00 gift exchange during their party. Boys should bring a gift marked "BOY" and girls should bring a gift marked "GIRL." Some classes may have different plans, eg. book exchange etc. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or room parent so no one is disappointed.

A collection may be taken to purchase a gift for the teacher. If you wish to participate, please enclose your donation in the attached envelope and return it to your child's classroom no later than **Thursday, Dec. 8**. Early responses will help room parents with gift decisions. Envelopes can be deposited in the decorated box in the classroom. If you have any questions, please feel free to call a class room parent.

Sincerely,
Room Mother Committee