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THE MISSION OF ST. PAUL'S
We, as a Lutheran School in partnership with our parents and congregation, provide a high quality education to nurture our students to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens and Disciples of Christ.

St. Paul.'s Lutheran Church Worship

Regular Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday, 8:00 & 10:45 am
9:00 am Koinonia
9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
Midweek Advent
Wednesdays, Dec 5-19
6:30 pm

Rev. Peter Speckhard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Donald Stock, Pastor
Jaymes Hayes, Director of Christian Education
Barb Mertens, Principal

COMING EVENTS

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| Fri., 11/30 | 3:30 pm Volleyball pictures
6:30 pm BBBB at St. John Lansing
7:30 pm ABBB at St. John Lansing |
| Sat., 12/1 | Tuition payment due |
| Mon., 12/3 | 8:30 am Paid TRIP orders due
3:15 pm Jubilate rehearsal
3:20 pm Chess Scholars and Drama Kids
5:00 pm BBBB at Tinley Park
6:00 pm ABBB at Tinley Park |
| Tues., 12/4 | 3:15 pm Student Council
3:30 pm BBBB Practice
6:00 pm NJHS Activity and dinner |
| Wed., 12/5 | 8:30 am Chapel
3:30 pm ABBB Practice
6:30 pm Midweek Advent - Jubilate |
| Thurs., 12/6 | 8:45 am Late Start Thursday
2:30 pm Cookie dough order
Pick up (until 4:00)
3:15 pm Peer Tutoring
3:30 pm BBBB Practice |
| Fri., 12/7 | Spirit Day
DARE Role Model Visits (grade 5)
3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop
6:30 pm ABBB at Zion Beecher |
| Sat., 12/8 | 11:00 am BBBB at Ill Luth Crete
12:00 pm ABBB at Ill Luth Crete |
| Sun., 12/9 | 10:45 am Advent Worship by Grades K-4 & Gospel Lights
12:00-1:30 pm Journey to Bethlehem |

BUSINESS

TRIP NOTES

Get ready for the holidays and save at the same time.

Get your paid order in by 8:30 am on Monday, **December 3, 10 or 17** and get your order back by Friday. Order early to make sure you are not disappointed.

CHILDCARE DAYS OPEN

There will be times when school (K-8) will be closed in the future but our Childcare will be open. Please see the following schedule:

January 2

Childcare is open

January 3

Preschool - 8th grade classes resume

January 21 - MLK Day

School and Childcare will be in session

February 18 - President's Day

Preschool - 8th closed

Childcare will be open

March 25 - 29 Spring Break

Childcare will be open

***THANK YOU**

St. Paul's received a thank you letter from Officer James Ghrist of the Munster Police Department thanking St. Paul's for the \$2,000 donation towards the K-9 unit. Officer Ghrist is also our DARE officer.

Our school families were very generous in support of our Penny War and this needed community service. Congratulations to all of you.

***TUITION PAYMENT DUE**

The next regularly scheduled tuition payment is due **Saturday, December 1.**

***NEWS TO SHARE**

Extras in the office and distributed through the classroom:

Chess Scholars - K - 8 ,
<https://www.chessscholars.com/signup>. Code
SPM12.10.18

Let's Code it Programming - 2-8,
<http://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>. Code
SPM2.7.19

Munster History Museum Free Holiday Event
on Saturday, December 1.

Munster Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
with Santa - December 1

***DECEMBER CALENDAR**

The December activity calendar is attached to today's newsletter. For updates, visit www.stplmunster.com.

***MUNSTER HIGH CHORALE**

The Munster High School Chorale will be at St. Paul's on Tuesday, December 11 at 1:00 PM for a short concert of Christmas Music. We have several graduates as members in the group.

***EARLY DISMISSAL/CHRISTMAS VACATION**

School will be dismissed at **1:15 pm on Friday, December 21.** Extended Care (grades K-8) and Child Care services will be available until 6:00 pm.

School will be out for Christmas vacation, **Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 2.** School resumes on **Thursday, January 3.** This is a change from our original schedule. Early Childhood childcare will be in session on Wednesday, January 2, but not Preschool.

***LANDS END**

Another opportunity to purchase logo school clothing has been opened with Lands End. This site is open all year round. Visit landsend.com/school. St. Paul's school code is 900100041. If you purchase an item and want the logo applied, you must use this code to get our approved logo. There will be an additional charge. Items can also be ordered without a logo. Catalogues were distributed through the classroom. Many items are also available in adult sizes.

Check the website often for discounts and promotions.

Give yourself some tuition credit by purchasing a merchant card from TRIP. The TRIP rebate is 15%.

RELIGION

ADVENT EVENTS

Advent is coming. Please keep in mind that our students will participate in Advent services as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 4

Sunday, December 9, 10:45 am

Grades 5-8

Sunday, December 16, 10:45 am

Our students have been working on their music and memory verses. Some students have also been working on solos as well as instrumental and spoken parts that are vital to the service. They are looking forward to presenting their work to their families and congregation members. **Students will need to report to the classroom by 10:30 am in appropriate church clothes** (no jeans, sweat pants, etc.) Thank you for your support as our students share the Gospel message and by making these services a priority for your family. Attendance will be taken for a music grade.

***ADVENT DEVOTION**

This week students in preschool through eighth grade received a family Advent devotional to take home. Preschoolers should have received a bag with a book and Advent calendar to use in preparation for Christmas. Students in grades K-8 received a paper advent wreath with devotionals. We encourage you to use these resources at home as a family preparing your hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus. Thank you to our private donor who provides funding to purchase such resources for your home.

***CHAPEL**

This week's chapel offerings for the Lutheran School in Uganda totaled \$tba
Total for the quarter \$377.50

***MEMORY DECEMBER 3**

All grades - Memory work as assigned for Advent Service

Please see the revised Memory Work Assignments document posted as a parent resource on Renweb or on our web page at www.stplmunster.com.

***PRAYER LIST**

We will pray for our students and their families this week: Sean Hamilton, Edrick Harris, Devin and Kayla Harris, William Hazel, Ariana and Rea Heintz, John and Luke Henry

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

***ST. PAUL'S WINS!!**

Congratulations to all of our students who helped make the ornaments and decorate the Christmas tree on display at the Performing Arts Center. The tree won 1st place in the youth division for the third year in a row! Their hard work is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to see the tree, and many other beautifully decorated trees, they will be on display at the Performing Arts Center until January 3, 2019.

We thank Mrs. Minyard who handles all the logistics and arrangements and Mrs. Bachert who makes all the ornaments come true!

Thank you also to Katie Eisha, Tyler Blair and Matt Gena who helped decorate our tree display.

***DOLLAR NO COLLAR**

Your child can participate in DOLLAR NO COLLAR day. Students can pay \$1.00 to wear no collar shirts to school on **Tuesday, December 10**. Students will pay their home room teacher. Please have exact amount. This money will help support the 8th grade class trip.

ACADEMICS

ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Preview Illiana is scheduled for **Thursday, November, November 29 at 7:00 pm**. For more information or to schedule a Shadow Visit, visit <https://www.illianachristian.org/admissions>.

ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL PICTURES

Volleyball team and individual pictures will be taken **today at 3:30 pm in the gym**. Extra order forms are available from the office.

CHURCH NEWS

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Need some babysitting for the night? St. Paul's is offering babysitting for 3-11 year olds for evening of **Thursday, December 6 from 6:00-9:30 pm**. Please use the Gym Entrance, Door K. A freewill donation going to the Youth Ministry of St. Paul's will be accepted. Sign up before hand at www.stplmunster.com or contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com.

***JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

The town of Bethlehem on the day of Jesus' birth is being recreated at St. Paul's just for YOU. Open to all ages; bring your friends and family to stroll through the ancient marketplace town on **Sunday, December 9 from Noon to 1:30 pm**.

***ADVENT IS HERE!**

On **Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm** our midweek advent services will begin every Wednesday through December 19. A different musical group of St. Paul's will add to each Wednesday's service to help make these services even more meaningful.

ANGEL TREE

Angels are on display on the church bulletin board across from the office. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 16 so they can be prepared for pick up. Please consider selecting an "angel" to help make someone's Christmas special.

***CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Once again we will be Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 15th, 2-4:30pm. This is something for all ages, especially 6th-12th graders. We will go to the shut-ins of our congregation and to a couple of local nursing homes as well. We will need drivers for this event as well. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com if you have any questions. Please turn in permission slips by Tuesday, December 11th.

Ladies, SAVE the DATE!

December can be a very busy month, getting ready for Christmas and enjoying all the events and shopping that go along with the celebration. But sometimes we may lose our focus. By the time Christmas arrives, have you ever found that your heart is not really at the manger, where you want it to be? St. Paul's Women's Ministry is hosting "The Realities of God", a morning of Advent Prayer and Praise where you can come to put aside your worldly realities for a moment and re-focus your attention on the Realities of God. Plan to join us Sat., December 1, from 9-10am in the sanctuary. (No RSVP necessary, just come!) ?s Lisa Smith tsimplylisa@sbcglobal.net

***PINTEREST CRAFT NIGHT**

Learn the art of needle felting. We will be making angels from wool on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 pm in the lunch room. Everyone is welcome. Questions??? E-mail Zina Bachert at gkatz@comcast.net.

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