

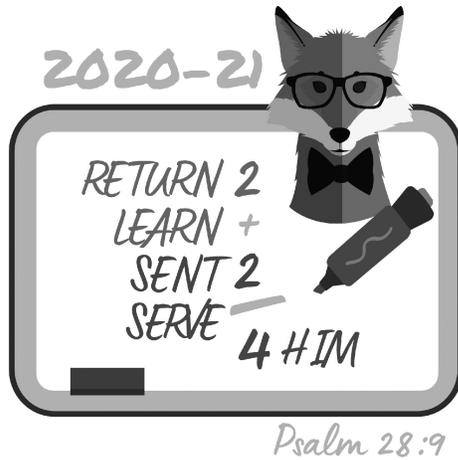


ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

8601 Harrison Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

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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 Schedule
Saturdays - 5:30 pm
Sundays - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

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

Renweb Facts www.renweb.com - SPL-IN
website - www.stplmunster.com
Facebook - @StPaulsSchoolMunster

COMING EVENTS

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| Fri., 1/8 | Hanger Management Snack Shack - lunch hours |
| Sat., 1/9 | 1:30 pm Boys BBBP and Girls A&B BBP |
| Sun., 1/10 | 9:30 am Gospel Lights |
| Mon., 1/11 | Read-A-Thon begins
8:30 am TRIP orders due
3:15 pm Jubilate
3:30 pm Boys A&B BBP |
| Tues., 1/12 | 3:30 pm Grief Support - Students Meeting
3:30 pm Student Council
4:00 pm Girls BBB home v Highland Christian
5:00 pm Girls ABB home v Highland Christian |
| Wed., 1/13 | 8:30 am Chapel
3:30 pm Boys A&B BBP |
| Thurs., 1/14 | 8:45 am Late Start Thursday
3:30 pm Girls A&B BBP |

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Ps. 30:5

Recently we received the difficult news that our long time DCE Jaymes Hayes and his wife Lindsey (preschool teacher) have accepted a call for him to serve as the DCE of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, Nebraska. It is hard to overstate how big a void the Hayes family will leave behind.

That void is a hazard of being blessed. When you do what you as well as Jaymes and Lindsey, you can't help but be a blessing. And when God calls you to bless the people in some other place, there is no getting around that it hurts. It was the blessing itself that makes the loss of it hard. It would be ridiculous to say that we wish Jaymes hadn't been so good at his job all these years so that seeing him leave now wouldn't be so tough to take. We receive blessings from

the Lord and we lament when we lose them, but only for the proverbial night. We trust that God will continue to bless us here in ways we do not yet know just as we trust that God will bless the people of Holy Cross in ways that they do not yet know.

So allow yourself to be sad. Beloved friends in Christ are moving away. We wish them Godspeed and every blessing on their way. But even in sadness expect great things from our God. Joy comes with the morning, and that is what we cling to when everything seems like evening.

In Christ, Pastor Speckhard

“To St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,

After much prayer, deliberations, and conversation, I have chosen to accept the call to be the Director of Youth and Small Groups at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE. It was a very difficult decision for me and my family in looking at the two calls in front of us. Thank you for all of your prayers over the past several weeks.

It has been a privilege to serve at St. Paul’s for just over 11 years, especially in youth and family ministries the last six years or so. Thank you for taking an intern right out of college and allowing him to learn and grow in this role and as an adult. Thank you to all the leaders, mentors, co-workers, volunteers, and supporters who have been gracious, motivational, and beyond helpful. St. Paul’s has been a great home for me professionally and has been extremely welcoming for my family.

I pray that St. Paul’s continues to be an anchor of God’s hope and life in Northwest Indiana. May all those of the congregation, school, and community know of God’s eternal love through Jesus Christ because of the work being done at St. Paul’s. “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12

*In God’s love,
Jaymes Hayes “*

BUSINESS

***MRS. HAYES - PRESCHOOL TEACHER**

As many of you know Jaymes is very involved with the children in our school and preschool. He and his wife will be greatly missed here at St. Paul’s. Mrs. Hayes teaches our 4 and 5 year old half-day preschool classroom. The Hayes family is scheduled to be in Nebraska at least by **March 1**. I want to assure you that we are in the process seeking her replacement.

The plan is to be seamless with time in our transition. We will keep you posted throughout the process. If you know of an early childhood educator who may be interested in this position, please have them contact Miss Mertens at 219-836-6270 ext. 201 or via email at bmertens@stplmunster.com

Miss Mertens

SCHOOL DAY EVENTS

There will be no preschool-grade 8 on **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will serve as a make up day if needed.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School is seeking fill the position of Business Manager. Karen Hott will be retiring midyear 2021. We are looking to hire her replacement and have that person shadow Karen until her retirement. This 30 hour/wk. position involves accounting, bookkeeping, purchasing, supervising, and cooperation with the church and school staff. A qualified candidate will be able to make the legal and business side of this extensive ministry operate smoothly so that the spiritual mission of St. Paul’s flourish optimally. Salary negotiable and commensurate with skills and experience. Full job description and requirements available upon request. Interested parties should contact **P a s t o r S p e c k h a r d** at pspeckhard@stplmunster.com and submit a resume.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

***ISSMA EVENTS**- Note change in date

Performers involved in ISSMA. See below schedule is below:

Feb. 4 & 10 - Wind/ Percussion/ Strings. Solo’s and Ensembles will be recorded.

Feb.8 - Piano / Vocal. Solo’s and Ensembles will be recorded.

IT’S BACK

Save Strack’s receipts dated through **March 1** and return them to the office. Don’t forget to scan them first for Box Tops for Education products.

***LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY READ-A-THON**

See the attached letter within information about the Lake County Public Library Read-a-Thon. Students may pick up a sponsor envelope from any Lake County Library branch or register online. <https://www.lcclin.org/readathon>

ACADEMICS

REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ON LINE

Friday, December 18 was the end of the first semester/second grading period. Report cards are available online.

***TERRA NOVA TESTING**

Terra Nova standardized testing will be the week of **January 25-29** for students in grades 2 through 8. Please try to refrain from any school time appointments during that week to avoid make up tests during normal class instruction time. Also, please be sure that your child has a good night sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. We want our students on top of their game for testing.

Terra Nova is a norm-referenced nationally standardized achievement test.

Nationally standardized means that the test was administered to students across the country at the same time. Norms are also set for the time of year the tests are taken. We take our tests mid-winter.

A statistical sample of students is involved in the norming. This enables the test designers to establish appropriate percentile scales (norms) indicating how well students of a particular age and grade perform on the test items.

Terra Nova is an achievement test, not a proficiency test such as the state administers (ILEARN). Proficiency tests are those in which students have been taught all the content and are now being tested on whether or not they "got" it. Achievement tests include content that students have been taught and include content students may not have been specifically taught, but that they could be expected to have mastered according to their cognitive ability.

ATHLETICS

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Currently games are set to begin in January. Listed below is information that may be needed for you if your child is playing basketball this season.

- Casey Eberth is our Athletic Director. You may reach her at ceberth@stplmunster.com
- PHYSICALS - due to the flux of sport teams we did not require physicals at the beginning of the school year. Due to the situation we are going to extend grace to those who are in need of a current physical. If your child is playing basketball they need to have a physical on file. If you do not have a current one for your player, you need to do so prior to the first game in January. We are aware that some doctor's office are offering virtual physicals. Forms are available in the school office or on the Parent Resource Page in Renweb. Please contact our Athletic Director with any questions or concerns you may have regarding physicals.

RELIGION

***ST. PAUL'S MEMORY WORK**

A new memory work schedule was passed out through the classroom this week. It has been revised starting January 1, 2021. All students received a copy. It is also available on the parent resource page in Renweb.

***MEMORY WORK Week of January 15**

	<u>Bible Verse</u>	<u>Catechism</u>
Grades 1-4	Lord's Prayer	
Grades 5-8	Lord's Prayer	

***CHAPEL**

Weekly Wednesday chapel services are at **8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays**. This year's mission project is Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa.

Last week's chapel offerings were \$77.59.

Total \$1432.62

CHURCH EVENTS

***PIZZA YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

St. Paul's Youth group will once again sell pizzas through the month of January and will be available for pick up on February 7. We will be selling cheese for \$10; sausage pizza and pepperoni pizza for \$12; sausage and mushroom pizza, and sausage and pepperoni pizza for \$13. Order forms and a drop box will be in the Fellowship Area. Please have orders in to the church office or drop box by January 31. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@splmunster.com with any questions.

*denotes a new/changed article for this issue

Additions:

Lake County Read-A-thon information
Lake County Library January events
Pizza fund raiser flyer