Volunteer Opportunities

**Confirmation Buddies** – We are looking for adults who are great at encouraging others, praying for others as they grow in faith, making a connection to those younger than them. We are looking for people of St. Paul’s to be Confirmation Buddies to the confirmation class of 2021. You will be paired with an 8th grader to occasionally send them notes of encouragement and prayers for guidance as they study and learn more about the Christian faith. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com.

**Worship Service Recording** - We are looking for individuals who would like to help record the livestream services at St. Paul’s, and we can create a schedule of volunteers as we continue to offer this to the congregation and the community. Please contact Jaymes Hayes in the church office or at jhayes@stplmunster.com, if you are interested and we can get you trained and on the list.

**Sanctuary Cleaning** - Part of the safety procedures at St. Paul’s is cleaning the pews between services. We will have a cleaning solution, gloves, and towels provided for you. 2-3 volunteers will be able to clean the pews in about 10-15 minutes. We would like to create a schedule of volunteers to clean after the 5:30pm service and the 8am service. Please contact Jaymes Hayes in the church office or at jhayes@stplmunster.com, if you are interested and we can get you trained and on the list.

Worship Services

Beginning September 13, there will be three Sunday morning services, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00.

The 11:00 service will be without singing and with all attendees expected to wear masks throughout the service.

The 8:00 and 9:30 services will remain as they have been, as will the Saturday 5:30 service.

The added service will help dilute the crowd size of all the services to accommodate social distancing and give an all-masked, no singing option to those who prefer it under the circumstances.

Fall Bible Studies

Sundays: we are keeping the focus on worship services, so no pastor led Bible study at this point.

Weekdays: we will continue with Zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm
Thursday mornings at 10 am
After Labor Day we are adding
Wednesday mornings at 10 am, in-person in the Fellowship Area (enter through the main church entrance)

St. Paul’s Videos

**St. Paul’s YouTube Channel**- Have you checked out our YouTube Channel, “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Munster Indiana?” Not only do we have whole services, we have sermon videos, catechism videos, Sunday school videos, chapel videos, and youth devotional videos. You can find videos on our website, www.stplmunster.com, or go directly to YouTube and search for St. Paul’s Munster.
Garden Notes

During this crisis the aluminum can collection has been doing very well considering the situation. Please continue to support this effort with bringing your cans to the drop-off box at the west end of the garage, thanks.

A special ‘THANK YOU’ to Henry Foote and the maintenance crew for all their efforts this summer with landscaping, trimming, weeding and especially spreading the 100 plus yards of mulch around the campus, everything looks ‘great’ thanks again.

Youth Group News

Youth Scavenger Hunt – On Thursday, September 17, from 6-8pm, we will have our annual Youth Scavenger Hunt (grades 6-8). To stay socially-distant we will stay outside and have small groups walking in the neighborhood with an adult. High school youth are also welcome to help lead groups. Please let us know if your child would like to participate and if you would like to volunteer that evening. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com by September 14.

Stewardship

In June of 2020, a new Board of Stewardship was approved by the voters for a 2-year term. The Board will consist of (4) members and (1) staff member, that will work to develop and implement new stewardship projects. Many changes have occurred over the past few months, and the Board is aware that new methods will be needed to address ongoing and future stewardship projects.

The new Board of Stewardship had an informal meeting on 7/20/20 to cover introductions, objectives, and past projects. We also had an open discussion on potential new projects and current business. The Boards first official meeting is scheduled for 8/18/20 and we look forward to the challenges ahead of us.

Some of the challenges we will be facing are associated with the changing social environment and the necessity to maintain safe distances. This has definitely influenced attendance and giving over the past few months, so we will be looking at ways of connecting with all the members of the congregation.

We normally think of stewardship as the act of giving our time, talent, and treasures to the Church. While reading articles on stewardship, I found a point of interest that can be used to further confirm those actions. The article noted that stewardship is the office, duties, and obligations of a steward. As a steward, we are responsible for taking care of something we feel is valuable and something we treasure. St Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and its teachings should be something we feel is valuable and worth treasuring. Through the act of stewardship, we need to see that our Church continues to be taken care of for future generations.

LWML

The 2020 Indiana District Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was not held as planned due to COVID-19; however, voting for Missions, officers and by-law changes was done electronically.

All ten large grants totaling $99,000 and five small grants totaling $24,000 were approved. Mite boxes make an impact for missions.

Examples of some of the large grants are: Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis; Biblical Counseling Training Puerto Rico; and LWML Indiana District Scholarships.

Small grants included: Jared LLC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry; The Shepherd’s Community Outreach Center, Fort Wayne; and Little Disciple Day Camp Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran, Fort Wayne.

Music Notes

This past March our school’s music group Jubilate went to Fort Wayne to record several songs for Worship Anew.

One of their songs was included in a recent broadcast. Go to worshipanew.org/programs and there is an archive for August 2020 where you can find the August 9 Worship service (about 12 minutes in).

Senior Choir and Master’s Ringers—With great thanks we will begin practices for the season on Sept. 10. All of the recommended safety procedures will be adhered to as we get ready to serve our congregation with the gift of music. Both groups will participate regularly in our Divine Service. Rehearsals will begin as follows:

- Senior Choir 6:30 PM in the sanctuary
- Master’s Ringers 7:30 PM in the balcony

If you would like to join one of these ensembles please see Karen Foote. There is always room for more.

School Choirs — Our St. Paul’s school choirs are beginning to rehearse and will be participating in Divine Service beginning in September. Safety adaptations have been made to ensure that everyone can participate in our choral activities. Thank you for your continued support of our student groups.

Vacation Bible School

A big thank you to all who worked to make our VBS a success this year. Through wearing masks, meeting outside, preparing craft packets and videos for families to do at home, we worked to still provide meaningful, fun, Christ-centered activities for children of the community. If you know of any child who would still like to participate, we have packets available in the church and videos online. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com with any questions.
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Culver, IN

Michelle Myers,
Nathaniel Taillon,
Abigail Myers

Adam & Jessica Spaulding
Autumn, August

Katherine Reimer &
Jonathon Gleason II
married May 21

RoseMarie Keilman &
John Werner
married May 30

Membership Information
Youth Confirmands, May 31
Tyler Blair
August Burian
David Cundiff
Joshua Decker
Jacob Escalante
Brynn Gardiner
Matthew Gena II
Abby Graczyk
Nicholas Greiner
William M Hazel
Natalie Kindt
Torin Mulcahy
Adam Muntean
Noel Navarro
Thomas Nyhan V
Lauryn O’Mara
Elizabeth Porter
Daniel Roberts
Hailey Slager
Hillary Slager
Samuel Smith
Emily Tatina
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