



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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events & announcements

Munster, Indiana

2026
week of

February 22

Membership Updates:

Called Home:
Betty Winchell

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 24 Voter's Meeting
Feb. 26 LWML Work Zone Meeting
Feb. 26 Butterbraid Sales Begin
March 10 CNO (Noodles & Co)

Mission of the Month

Lutheran Hour Ministries a global mission organization that shares Christ's love in more than 60 countries, often bringing His message of hope to places where no other Christian organizations are present. LHM also publishes the tracts you see in the Narthex. These booklets are written from a Christian perspective and address a variety of topics. We have some new pamphlets to check out; "35 character building prayers for my grandchild", "An ingrate's guide to contentment", "Getting restarted with prayer", "First class faith sharing", "A treasure revealed: Martin Luther and the events of the Reformation," and "Victim, Validated, Victorious".

Thoughts on Stewardship:

Matthew 17:8 - "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

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Voter's Meeting is scheduled for February 24 at 6:30pm

A special thanks to everyone who donated their LWML mites. A total of \$381.86 was collected. These mighty mites will be used to share the love of Jesus in Indiana and throughout the world.

Track Coach Needed- St. Paul's is looking for a track coach for this upcoming spring track season! Our track team participates in both running and field events, and we need a coach to coordinate and run practices, communicate with parents, and get the team ready for their annual track meet in May. Practices would start in March. If you're interested in serving in this way, please contact Mrs. Engel at 219-836-6270 x201 or tengel@stplmunster.com.

March Cook's Night Off – get in on the FUNdraising at Noodles & Co, 9140 Calumet Ave., Munster on Tuesday, March 10, from 4-8pm. Order online using coupon code Giving25 or mention St. Paul's when ordering in person and we'll receive 25% back to support our TAP organization. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center, offices, and the website.

School News: Congratulations to our band members who competed at the Indiana State School Music Association Instrumental contest on February 7th. Collectively Alejandro, Catherine, Gianna, Emma, Meiley, Jared, Jordyn, Brandon, Abigail, Emily and Joey received all Gold medals. Go Spartans!

Trinity Lutheran Church in Crown Point has invited all the ladies of the congregation to their annual Women's Retreat on March 20 & 21. Registration ends on February 22, so sign up today!! Promised Rest is the theme of the retreat this year, and for the first time there will be a guest speaker— Michelle Diercks, an author, podcaster, and Christian life coach from Iowa. There will be Bible studies with discussion with the ladies at your table, games, projects, fellowship, personal retreat time, snacks on Friday, continental breakfast and catered lunch on Saturday, a mission project for Phil's Friends, and lots of fun! To register online, please scan the QR code here. If you'd rather register on paper, forms are located at the welcome center. Turn your \$25 registration fee in to Karol Ketcher at Trinity. If the fee is a worry for you, talk to Karol about the scholarships that are available. Invite a friend!! Come and see how Jesus offers us calm and rest in the middle of the chaos of this life. For more information, please contact Trinity Lutheran Church at 219-663-1578.



The Next Chapter is sponsoring a trip to Mackinac Island with Diamond Tours, Inc. August 24-28, 2026. Flyers with all the details are available at the Welcome Center. A deposit of \$75 per person is due by April 17, and the balance is due June 17. You do not have to be a member of the Next Chapter group to come on the trip, it is open to everyone.

Stop by Our New Staff Bulletin Board across from the church office to help put a face with a name! It's a simple way to get to know our staff better and feel even more connected to the St. Paul's community. Take a moment to check it out—you might spot a familiar face!

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Time Out Together Openings - St. Paul's TOT Program for 2 & 3-year-olds has started but we'd love to have you, and your toddler join us. This weekly one-hour intro to preschool for toddlers and a caregiver is held on Tuesdays at 9am. Children enjoy circle-time activities, explore discovery centers, and interact with other friends while learning about the love of Jesus! Students must be 2 by August 1. For more details, check out www.stplmunster.com/tot or pick up an application at the Welcome Center.

Want to reduce your state taxes? Consider supporting the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization. The LSGO makes a Christian education at St. Paul's affordable for many families, and you can benefit too by receiving a 50% state tax CREDIT up to your total state liability. They will even match all new donations up to \$1,000! Not only does the LSGO help support our students financially, but it reduces the financial obligation of the church as we operate under a unified budget. The tax credits are limited so if you are interested, please contact the school office at 219-836-6270 ex. 200 or visit LutheranSGO.org/Donate.

Enrollment Underway for 2026-27 School Year - Do you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested? Please share what we are all about here at St. Paul's: Nationally Accredited and offers a comprehensive curriculum where students also participate in fine arts, foreign language, and competitive sports. We are an Indiana Choice Scholarship school and offer other forms of financial aid in K-8th grade. There are still limited spots in Early Preschool (TOT) - 7th grade and we'd love to have many more families join our faith-based school community this fall! For more information, contact the Admissions office at 219-836-6270 ex. 202.

Creative Carpet Pays it Forward If you are looking to spruce up your home with new flooring this winter, be sure to check out Creative Carpet & Flooring who gives back 3% of your purchase to St. Paul's. There are information flyers at the Welcome Center or contact Terri at tkasper@stplmunster.com for more details.

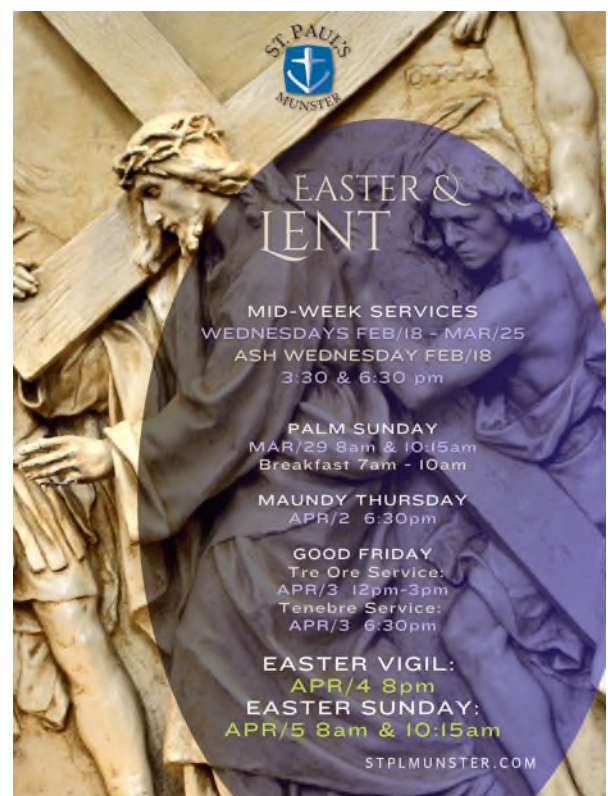
Pigeonhole Reorganization Your pigeonhole may have moved! We recently re-alphabetized and re-labeled the pigeonholes. If you cannot find your pigeonhole, would like one, or no longer desires one, please contact Krystle in the Church Office.



For the very latest information, please visit the website or call the church or school office (below). Requests for additions to announcements can be made through the church office email.

Thank you to everyone who purchased altar flowers for our sanctuary this past year. Your support and efforts make the altar and worship service beautiful. We have a new altar flower sign up for 2026 on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please stop by and sign up for the New Year!

Apples for the Students: Now through 3/31/26 St. Paul's is participating in the annual Apples for the Students program with Strack & Van Til. The Apples for the Students Program enables our school to earn computers and iPads, sporting goods, audio visual equipment, and science supplies, with choices from hundreds of other awards, too! And, they're all free! To earn these FREE awards we simply have to collect as many register receipts as possible from September 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Ask your friends and relatives to shop at Strack & Van Til Food Market and save every receipt. **Place receipts in the black metal basket at the welcome center as often as possible.** The school will count the value of the register tapes collected and redeem them for great educational awards that benefit your child. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Prayer Window:

Kevin Baer, Marge Brauer, Bob Butler, Eric Clark, Jim Drews, Ray Hieber, Dan Kritsch, Frankie Mesa, William McCullar, Ron & Karen Millies, Mike & Linda Pieters, Denny Robbins, Ann Schmidt, Mary Ellen Simons, Jeanette Siukola, Diane Targatz, Judy Vajda, Aurora VanderWoude, Judith Walther, Matt Wittkamp, and Marty Zimmer.

Please contact the church office with updates.