



### Lenten Services:

**Palm Sunday** March 29, 8am & 10:15am\*  
**Maundy Thursday** April 2, 6:30pm\*  
**Good Friday** April 3, Tre Ore 12-3pm\* & Tenebrae: 6:30pm\*  
**Easter Vigil** April 4, 8pm\*  
**Easter Sunday** April 5, 8am & 10:15am\* (No Monday evening service)  
 \*Livestreamed services

### Upcoming Dates:

**April 6** Church office Closed  
**April 6** No School  
**April 12** Youth Ministry Book Discussion & Luncheon  
**April 16** CNO (Five Guys)  
**April 17** Mackinac Island deposit due  
**April 25** LWML Prayer Breakfast

### Mission of the Month

#### Alaskan Mission for Christ

Serving as a mission outreach across Alaska, this work extends the Gospel through seasonal mission teams, youth ministries, and community programs in both road-connected towns and remote villages accessible only by air or ferry. In partnership with local leaders and churches, the ministry meets practical needs while encouraging spiritual growth and sharing a clear witness of Christ's love across one of the nation's most unique mission fields."

### Thoughts on Stewardship:

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

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**2026-2028 Board positions are being formed.** If you would like to serve on a board, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members or Caroline Weller at [cweller@stplmunster.com](mailto:cweller@stplmunster.com). Members are Mike Bergin, Karen Hott, Kim Mullen, Caroline Weller, Joe Yothment, Pastor Speckhard and Pastor Krebs.

**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. This 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! To earn these FREE awards we simply have to collect as many register receipts as possible **Place receipts in the black metal basket at the welcome center as often as possible.** The school will count the value of the receipts collected and redeem them for educational awards that benefit all children. on!

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** For the first time in a number of years, the Indiana District Convention of Indiana Lutheran Laymen's League, now Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be held here in Northwest Indiana at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Indiana. The theme for this convention is Faith Formation in the Household. This year, not only are there sessions for adults, but there are sessions available for youth and young adults (9th-12th Grades). Registration is free, but required for meal counts by April 20, 2026. Please see the registration link on the Lutheran Hour Ministries website: <https://lhm.regfox.com/indiana-iii-district-immanuel-lutheran-church---valparaiso-in>

**Camp Lutherhaven** Looking for a meaningful summer experience? Camp Lutherhaven offers adventure, friendship, and time rooted in God's Word. Campers might spend the day shooting archery, swimming in the lake, or conquering challenges with cabinmates – then gather for worship, Bible study, and reflection. Summer 2026's theme is "Run" (1st Timothy 6:11), inviting campers to explore how God calls us to live with purpose and faith. Register before April 1 to receive Early Bird Discount. Learn more at [lutherhaven.org](http://lutherhaven.org) or call 260-636-7101 for more information.

**Call Update-** Stephanie Panozzo has accepted our call and will be joining our teaching staff next school year. Mary Bliss and Tiffany Gurgel have declined the call to teach at St. Paul's. We will continue looking for two middle school teachers (math/science and another for literature/language arts/social studies), **If you have any recommendations for potential teachers to join us for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact Trisha Engel [tengel@stplmunster.com](mailto:tengel@stplmunster.com).**

**Notification of Call-** We have learned that our fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Callie Zeckzer, has received a call to teach at St. John's Lutheran School in Lanesville, IN. We pray for the Zeckzers as they deliberate the calls to serve at St. Paul's and St. John's at this time.

**LWML Spring Prayer Breakfast** all women of the congregation are invited to the LWML Spring Prayer Breakfast, here at St. Paul's on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration and breakfast begin at 9am. Please RSVP to Krystle in the church office or to Linda Kutlik 219-713-4243 by April 15.

**Summer Fun Registration -** If you are looking for an interactive and creative program for your youngster this summer, then check out St. Paul's Summer Fun Program! There are limited spots available for children ages 3 – 6. Applications are available online or from the school office. For more information, call 219-836-6270 ex. 202 or email [tkasper@stplmunster.com](mailto:tkasper@stplmunster.com).

Week of March 29, 2026

**The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (LSGO)** is a program that allows individuals and businesses to reduce or eliminate their state taxes by funding scholarships for families wanting a quality, Christian education. Donors can receive a 50% state tax CREDIT up to their total state liability. For example, if a person donates \$5,000, they will receive a \$2,500 state tax credit. Not only does the LSGO help support our students it reduces the church's financial obligation. If you are interested in making a Christian education possible for our families, getting a state tax credit and helping the church, call the school office at 219-836-6270 ex. 202 or visit [LutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://LutheranSGO.org/Donate).

**Tell a Friend about St. Paul's** -Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is underway and we need your help to spread the word! Do you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested? Please share that we are Nationally Accredited and offer a comprehensive curriculum where students also participate in religion, fine arts, foreign language, and competitive sports. The State has made the Choice Scholarship universal for all families residing in Indiana making a quality Christian education affordable for everyone! We are currently enrolling students in Early Preschool (TOT) – 7<sup>th</sup> grade and we'd love to have more families join our faith-based school community this fall! For details, contact the Admissions office at 219-836-6270 ex. 202

**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. We have **not** hit our minimum number yet. If you are planning on coming, please let the church office know.

**Easter is for families!** Up from the grave He arose! Make plans to spend Easter morning with your church family here at St. Paul's at 8am or 10:15am on Easter morning. Don't miss our Empty Tomb display, take home a project to help re-enact the Resurrection story, and kids who search the tomb for Jesus go home with a grab bag. Of course, all families are also welcome to the moving Holy Week services St. Paul's has the week before. Check announcements or the website for times.



*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.*

Next month's **Cook's Night Off** is all day long at our local Five Guy's Burgers and Fries, 8231 Calumet Ave., Munster, on Thursday, April 16. Show the flyer from 11am-10pm and St. Paul's will receive 20% back of your order and \$1 for every milkshake sold! All proceeds benefit our TAP program. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center, offices and website. Thanks for your support!

**TOT Program Spring Session Starts Soon** -St. Paul's TOT Program for 2 & 3-year-olds starts new session and 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](http://www.stplmunster.com/tot) or pick up an application at the Welcome Center.

**Youth Ministry Book Study:** The Board of Youth invites you to consider joining us for a book study and discussion of Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry. As we observe changing dynamics within our youth membership, we recognize a need to reflect on how the Congregation of St. Paul's invests in and supports youth ministry. We welcome anyone with an interest in supporting our youth or a passion for the long-term vitality of our congregation to participate. A strong and sustainable program benefits from the wisdom and perspective of members of all ages and experiences. If you would like to participate, books are available at the Welcome Center. We suggest a \$10 donation to help offset the cost, or you may purchase a copy online. There will be a luncheon & discussion, April 12, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service The Board of Youth will provide the main course and beverages. Please bring a dish to share (last names A-M: Side dish or salad; last names N-Z: Dessert). Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry.



### Prayer Window:

Kevin Baer, Zina Bachert, Marge Brauer,  
Bob Butler, Eric Clark, Jim Drews, Ray Hieber,  
Ron & Karen Millies, Denny Robbins,  
Ann Schmidt, Mary Ellen Simons, Diane Targatz,  
Judy Vajda, Dave Vogel, Judith Walther,  
Matt Wittkamp, and Marty Zimmer.

*Please contact the church office with updates.*