ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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events & announcements

Munster, Indiana
2026
week of
October 11

Upcoming Dates:

October 11 & 12 LWML Mite Collection
October 12 No School
October 12 Church & School office closed
October 14 Sr. High Youth Night
October 18 Confirmation Parent Meeting
October 20 Book Group
October 23 School Early Dismissal
October 25 Trunk N' Treat
October 28 Jr. High Youth Night
October 29 Next Chapter Potluck Luncheon

Mission of the Month

Swaddling Clothes

The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.

Thoughts on Stewardship:

October is Stewardship Month
at St. Paul's. We will reflect on what it means to be good stewards by highlighting three examples of using your time, talents and treasures in service to our Lord and to serve fellow members of St. Paul's and the faith community. Today, we remember the ministry of David Brandt. We invite you to read the short biography on the back of your bulletin about their ministry. We pray their example will encourage us all to use our own time and talents to serve God and our community.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School will be closed on October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

CHANGE OF DATE! Attention all potential 2027 confirmands! You and at least one parent should plan to attend a brief meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday October 18 during the Bible Study hour (9:15am). We will be covering the full schedule as well as things like banners, essays, pictures, and one-on-one meetings with pastor. It is important that both the confirmand and at least one parent be there so that we do not have miscommunication in the months leading up to Confirmation on May 2, 2027. Thank you for all you do to nurture the faith for the next generation.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser- Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser has started up! Chocolate bars are available now through Friday, October 30th, in the church and school offices. All chocolate bars are $2/each. Funds raised will go to support our athletics program.

It's not too late to donate new items, gift cards, or cash for our auction baskets at Autumn Lights 2026. Not sure about what you can donate? Contact Mary Meyer (260-223-3019 or traveling.teacher@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions. Help make this a successful auction. Think about how much the students will enjoy playing on additional playground equipment.

November Cook's Night Off- Join us for our next Cook's Night Off event at Chick-Fil-A in Schererville! From 5-7:00pm on November 11th, you can order in person or through the mobile app (use code SPS1111) or show the flyer (available at the Welcome Center or School Office) to a team member. Enjoy a night off from cooking and help raise funds for our athletics program!

Youth News:

- October 14th: Senior Youth night 6:00- 8:00. Join us for a casual evening of fun and fellowship in the Youth Room. More details to come. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our micro pantry.
- October 28th: Junior Youth night 3:30-5:30. Fall fest/Spooky Movie night (animated and age appropriate). Join us for food and fun in the Youth room. Please sign up with your classroom teacher or on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our micro pantry.

Contact Mrs. Burian with any questions, amyakburian@gmail.com

Hello Readers! Book Group has started up again! We meet again on October 20 at 6:30 pm in the Adult Ed Room. Read Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin ahead of time and come for a good discussion. Title lists are available at the Welcome Center.

Please stop by the bulletin board across from the church office to learn about our new teachers. They are all a perfect addition to the St. Paul's family. When you see them around the building, take a minute to introduce yourself.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be collecting mites following all services this weekend (October 11-12). The collection of mites is based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite in Luke 21:1-4 where the poor widow gave all she had. Be sure to stop by the LWML table and learn more about what your mites can do to share the love of Jesus throughout the world.

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It's time once again to Trunk N' Treat on Sunday Oct. 25, from 1-3pm in the South parking lot. Bring your family and friends for a free, fun and safe afternoon of activities, refreshments and trunk n' treating! The Church office is accepting donations of individually wrapped candy to pass out to the attendees. Volunteers are also needed to creatively decorate their vehicle TRUNKS and pass out treats. There are great decorating ideas on Pinterest, but please keep your décor appropriate and non-gory. Register your vehicle in advance by scanning the QR code below, or call the church office by Oct. 21 to sign-up.

The Next Chapter group will meet at St. Paul's on October 29th at 11:00 AM for a potluck lunch. A meat entree, coffee and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We are pleased to invite the teachers to attend during their lunch periods, so please keep that in mind when you decide what you will bring. Please sign the signup sheet at the welcome center by Sunday, October 25 with your name and what you plan to bring.

Faith and Mental Health Seminar - Do you know someone who struggles with depression, debilitating anxiety, eating disorders, self-harm, or any of the many burdens that fall under the umbrella of mental health issues? Have you wondered how faith and medical intervention relate to one another? Do you need help for yourself or want to learn how better to help a loved one who is struggling? If so, then please attend this FREE seminar on November, 14th, 2026 here at St. Paul's. Doors open at 8:30am. Light breakfast & lunch provided. Please contact the church office or sign up at the welcome center.

LWML is currently looking for donations of pint size ball jars. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop off in the LWML bin in the fellowship area by November 2. We will be having our annual soup fundraiser in December! Thank you in advance for your donation.

The Autumn Lights Decorating committee is still looking for members to join in planning and decorating for the auction & dinner on November 7. If you are willing to volunteer your time to help decorate please call Amy (219-315-3220). Thanks!

Veterans' Day Chapel Service- On Wednesday November 11, St. Paul's will be hosting a Veterans' Day Celebration during our afternoon chapel service at 2:30 p.m. We would like to personally invite veterans, especially ones close to our St. Paul's family. Please scan the QR code below to fill out the survey as soon as possible with names and contact information of veterans that you may know. Thanks!

Autumn Lights Tickets are available to purchase at the Welcome Center and on our website. Tickets are $60 (cash and check) or $62 if you pay with credit card. Dinner and auction will be held November 7, doors open at 5pm at Teibel's in Schererville. All proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School.

The Giving Tree has bloomed! This season we are highlighting the needs of our school, Swaddling Clothes, and other Ministries here at St. Paul's. Just like our Angel Tree at Christmas, if you see something you want to help with, just take the item off the tree, fulfill the request and bring it (along with the tag) to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Part-Time Maintenance Position Available
We are currently seeking a reliable part-time maintenance worker to join our team. For more information or to express interest, please contact:

- Mike Bergin at (708) 362-7586 or retz1@comcast.net
- Karen Hott at (219) 836-6270 ext. 104 or khott@stplmunster.com

Prayer Window:

Kevin Baer, Catherine Burghardt, Pete Burkauskas Jeri Bush, Bob Butler, Eric Clark, Jim Drews, Goebel Family, Ray Hieber, Charlene Hughes, Sue Karrson, Ron & Karen Millies, Cat Oneal, Denny Robbins, Ann Schmidt, Diane Targatz, Gordon Teske, Judy Vajda, Judith Walther, Matt Wittkamp, and Marty Zimmer.

Please contact the church office with updates.

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.