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Monday – Friday
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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School: 8:30 am
Worship: 9:30 am

Pastor: Neil Wonnacott

Office Hours: M, W, TH & F
8:30 – 11:30 am

From Pastor Wonnacott's keyboard:

Where have the last three decades gone? June 13th, 1993 marks the date that I became your assistant pastor here at St. Paul's. First and foremost:

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6).

I know and believe that whatever comes our way, we as brothers and sisters can work together under the Good Shepherd Jesus. He will guard, keep, forgive, and direct us in all the Truth of His Word and bless us, as His Church, to be a blessing to our neighbors here in Bremen, in Michiana, and around the world.

Do you remember the refrain from "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"?

*And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.*

My prayer for us at St. Paul's is found in the final verse of that same hymn: *Lord, teach us how to proclaim all your goodness, your love and your name! Lord, teach us how to forgive and in love, teach us, Lord, how to live. Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.*

We belong together here are St. Paul's to praise God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to love our neighbors as ourselves! May God help us to do this. **Copyright:** "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" Text, tune, and setting © 1983 Terry Dittmer All God's People Sing! © 1992 by Concordia Publishing House

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY EPISTLE IS JUNE 20TH!!! Epistle articles, comments, ideas may be deposited in the epistle box in the Narthex mail slots or e-mailed to Eric Thornton at firemanet@yahoo.com. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Recent Events

- **MOTHER'S DAY (May 14th):** Mothers truly are a blessing from God and our Youth had the wonderful opportunity to share that message on Mother's Day Sunday both through the bulletin messaging and in handing out flowers following the service. Thank you Moms for the Christian witness that you provide on a daily basis and all that you do for our families and church community.

Upcoming Events

- **FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL DRINK TABLE (June 13th-16th):** Once again our Youth Board will be sponsoring a drink table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival. We can use the congregation's help in 2 ways: 1) Youth (incoming Grades 6 through High School) and Adult volunteers are needed for coverage in 2 hour shifts – we will have a meeting prior to the Festival to coordinate and 2) Donations of soda (preferably Coke, Diet Coke, Mtn. Dew, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper) and bottled water, to be store in the church narthex for the next couple of weeks. Alternatively, you are welcome to make a cash donation for ice and/or soda to be purchased by the Youth Board. Please let us know if you can assist.
- **SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS (Certain Wednesdays in June / July):** Much like our popular Youth Nights in September, we are planning to hold these on 4 Wednesdays during the summer: June 21st, June 28th, July 12th, and July 19th. These will be opportunities for activity and fellowship for our youth in Grades 4 through High School to connect throughout the summer.
- **WARREN DUNES (July 16th):** Our Youth Board will be taking HS aged Youth to the Warren Dunes for the afternoon. More information to come in the weeks ahead.
- **PAIGE'S CROSSING (August 6th):** Youth in Grades 6 through High School will have an opportunity just before school starts up again to join us for this fun outing in Columbia City. More information to come in the weeks ahead.



If there are any questions related to the Youth Group, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

PTL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Please watch for a sign-up to help with the ticket booths at the Bremen Firemen's Festival. The festival runs Tuesday June 13th – Saturday June 17th

We appreciate everyone's support of the PTL. Thank you!

SGO DONATIONS

Please don't forget to donate to St. Paul's SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization)! This last year we disbursed almost \$21,000 in scholarships to assist students with tuition in St. Paul's Lutheran School. This is a huge blessing to them and a way to minister to others!

Plus, donating to the SGO benefits you! Your donation will be given a 50% state tax credit as well as being eligible as a deductible.

For more information, contact Jennifer Harman at the school office (547-546-2790) or pick up a pamphlet from the tract rack in the narthex.

Mission of the Month

In 2023 our Sunday School continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

June Mission of the Month: Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Workers is the world's largest non-profit producer of Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials. In its 78 year history, LBW has produced and distributed over 14 million volumes of Christian material, in almost 40 languages, to 164 countries. Millions of people have been reached with the Gospel message.

Even more amazingly, thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donors, every single volume of material has been distributed free of charge.

For more information go to: www.lbwloveworks.org

Join Us for Summer Sunday School!

Be refreshed in God's Word! 8:30 a.m. –
9:15 a.m.



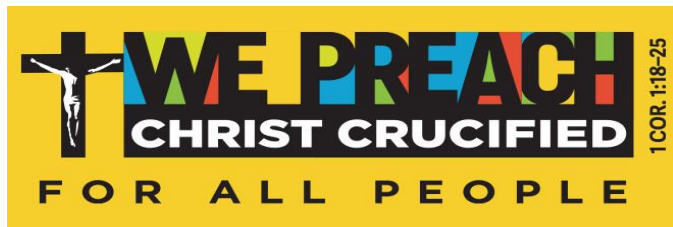
Children ages PRE-K through Completion of Grade 5 Meet in the **gym** for **devotions** and a variety of **activities** – crafts, games, open gym, service project, nature walks, refreshments, etc. -- led by a rotation of teachers.

Teens (students who have completed Grades 6&7) Meet with your friends to read together and discuss the **Book of Luke**. It promises to inspire your faith and love for our Savior, Jesus! Joanna Fox will lead this study in Mr. Miller's classroom.

Adult Bible Class (includes new Confirmands and High School students)

** Watch for more information!

Your gift to the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering will make high-quality Lutheran resources available in languages other than English.



MAY 12, 2023

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Join us in supporting the translation of essential Lutheran resources

Nous prêchons Christ crucifié pour tous les gens.

ما مسیح مصلوب شده را برای تمام انسان ها اعلام می‌کنیم

Tunamhubiri Kristo aliyesulubiwa kwa ajili ya watu wote.

Nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado para todas las personas.

We preach Christ crucified for all people.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We preach Christ crucified for all people.

Ever since the days of Genesis 11, “all people” includes those who use different languages and dialects.

Yet, the majority of what the LCMS has produced and uses remains unavailable or perplexing to our friends and neighbors who do not speak or read English.

The [2023–2026 LCMS National Offering](#) is focused on making carefully selected Lutheran materials and resources available in additional languages, so that many more people can read and hear the Good News of Christ crucified for all people.

Your personal gift to the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering will make possible high-priority, high-quality translations of essential Christian teaching materials into languages other than English.

And, should God put you in a position to give before the 2023 Synod convention in Milwaukee begins this summer, **a friend will match your contribution dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000!**

Your financial support — in whatever amount the Lord makes possible — will bring the Gospel to those around you in languages they can understand. You will help remove the impediment of language so more people can hear and read the comfort of God’s immense love for them in His Son’s life, death and resurrection. And through that Word, God gives faith in His Son, who is the only means of salvation for sinners.

[Will you help preach Christ crucified for all people through your personal gift to the 2023–2026 National Offering?](#) As I mentioned, a friend stands ready to match pre-Convention gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000!

Just as the Gospel has gone forth into a language you understand, I pray you will join us in making these Gospel-rich resources available in languages you may not understand but your neighbors need.

Sub cruce,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

P.S. Providing theologically rich materials in languages other than English is an important way the LCMS demonstrates concern for those who need and desire instruction in God’s saving Word. You will be an instrument in God’s hands to make that vision a reality.

If you prefer to give to the 2023–2026 National Offering by check, please mail your gift, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6961

Please designate “2023–2026 National Offering” on the memo line of your check.

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Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 12th-16th from 9-11:30 am. *God’s Living Water-Covered in Jesus’ Grace* is the theme for this year’s VBS program. The children will look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and discover the ways God used water to bless those in the Bible and continues to bless us. Activities at VBS will include Bible Lessons, games, snacks, crafts, science demonstrations and songs.

Registration is open for children age 3 through those currently in 5th grade. Enroll your child today! Complete the registration form and return to church. There is a box located on a table at the back of the Narthex. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this year’s VBS program. Feel free to make copies for additional children or pick up additional forms from church.

The Christian Board of Education has been working at recruiting adult and youth volunteers to assist with this year’s VBS program. If you are willing and able to help this year, contact Jeanette Rettinger, Barb Middaugh or Wendy Coxey. We can still use a few volunteers, primarily group leaders. The LWML will also be sponsoring a VBS craft night on June 5th. It has been a great help in the past, so please plan to join us that evening.

Registration will be in the church narthex. This year all the children will meet together in the Bethany Room for Open and Closing. Children will be picked up from the Bethany Room at the conclusion of each day. Please pray for our program as we plan and seek to reach children with the saving message of Jesus!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

VBS Registration Form

June 12th-16th @ 9-11:30 AM

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade just finished _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Food Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Name of alternate person picking up child: _____

Alternate person's phone: _____

Additional Information concerning your child: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child to attend Vacation Bible School.

Parent Signature

Date

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I've heard it said...." If you don't hear a newborn baby's cry in church.... The church isn't growing."

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running towards the Savior.... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world will not teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Bring them to church.

Matthew 18:5-6 "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trust in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Teaching kids is a huge responsibility. We must take it seriously and do it well. Prepare well, speak truth, and remember they are God's kids first.

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From the Board of Parish Fellowship

Everyone is invited and asked to bring a friend to our "first in a long time" **Church Potluck on June 11th from 11am until 1pm or longer. It will be held outside (weather permitting- if raining, in the Fellowship Hall) so bring your chairs and blankets.** Parish Fellowship will provide the meat for the grill, drinks, and tableware. **You are asked to bring yourself and a friend if possible. Please bring a picnic side and a dessert.**

Let us gather as the family brought together by God here at St. Paul's.

There is a sign-up on the check-it-out board to tell us how many are coming. Sign up today!!!

The Hospitality Committee

The next planned cooking day is **June 14th at 9:00 am.** Everyone is welcome to help create these masterpieces of love for our seniors in the church and community. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to share God with your neighbors!

If you can donate some ingredients, we need these items for this meal: cream cheese, carrots, broccoli, and asparagus. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Schooler or Beth Enders.

Birthdays & Anniversaries June 2023

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Ed & Linda Coffel William & Alivia Wynn	25	John & Sandy Kiefer
5	Dean & Diane Sherk	26	Kenyon & Carlie Scott Aaron & Ashley Trigg
11	Jim & Linda Tinkey	27	Lewis & Ellen Haug Mark & Sharon Sahlhoff
12	Tom & Wendy Coxey		Steven & Michele Wolff
14	Matt & LeeAnna VanSoest Andy & Jessica Wildauer	29	Cleon & Wanda Felton
21	Curt & Lois Nielson	30	Mark & Lori Cope

BIRTHDAYS

1	Cory Stayton	21	Michael Gumz Jeanette Rettinger Paul Wonnacott
2	Terina Miller		
4	Molly Harman Kim Wagner	22	Lisa Matejka
5	Jessica Hughes Thomas Lizzi Richard Sickman	23	Linda Tinkey Andy Wildauer Noah Wildauer
6	Todd Haug	24	Karter Teetz
9	Nick Russell Nancy Werling	25	Peggy Miller
		27	Cory Jones Vicki Miller Dean Nettrour
10	Trent Barts Efrain Mejia		
		28	Joel Miller
11	Harold Nettrour Isabelle Wildauer	30	Bruce Augustine Jeff Lizzi Alice Shepherd Robin Spicher
13	Amy Jones Henry Kiefer Jeff Sarber		
19	Eunice Bauer		
20	Kelly Sienicki		



St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League Society

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Adopted 2021

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Room

Program: Servant Event – VBS “Work Night” Anyone/everyone is invited to help prepare for St. Paul's VBS program. Refreshments will be served afterward.

40th LWML Biennial Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023 Theme: “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” Ellen Tjernagel will be attending; please pray she will be blessed through her time at Convention.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 Program: Servant Event – “Cards of Hope” for Phil's Friends – We will be creating hand-made cards for Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, and coloring ready-made ones as follow up encouragement cards to recovering patients. Open to anyone wishing to help. Refreshments will be served afterward.

M.O.S.T. Ministries eye-glass collection is on-going. At least two larger boxes have been sent this year, and a letter has been received, expressing their appreciation and thanks. ~~Box is located beneath “bulletin table”~~ in the narthex for your no longer needed glasses: any type, but in good condition. Thank you.

Psalm 100:2a “Serve the Lord with Gladness” LWML motto

St. Paul's 177th LITURGICAL YEAR † **June 1, 2023 – June 3, 2023** *Worship Opportunities to Bless Our Lives* * **Celebration of Holy Communion**

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.

June 4 1st Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of the Blessed Holy Trinity 2nd Sunday
June 11* after Pentecost
June 18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 25* 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Minor Festivals 11 St. Barnabas Apostle, son of encouragement • 24 Nativity Of John The Baptist • 29 St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles • Commemorations 1 Justin, Martyr c 100-165 • 5 Boniface Of

Mainz a.k.a. Winfrid Apostle of Germany c. 673-755 • 12 The Ecumenical Council Of Nicaea, 325 AD • 14 Elisha • 25 Presentation Of The Augsburg Confession • 26 Jeremiah Prophet • 27 Cyril Of Alexandria, Pastor & Confessor • 28 Irenaeus Of Lyons, Pastor 130-202

The Time of the Church: Begins Trinity Sunday and lasts until 1st Advent Sunday. The Sundays are designated “Weeks after Pentecost.” With few exceptions, the color is *green*. ◇ **Trinity symbols:** the ‘unique’ & oldest is The Equilateral Triangle, representing Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Each ‘point’ stands for one Person of the Trinity, the equal length of the sides show each Person is fully God. The Three Circles, represent eternity & unity; when intertwined, they form 1 figure, yet show 3 distinct circles. The center forms a Triquetra, a continuous line forming 3 equal arcs. Open Circles form a clover-shape, called a Trefoil. ◇ The Fish symbol used alone represents Jesus. The Three Fish show that man’s salvation comes from the Triune God - and Jesus is True God. Each fish is equal in size & shape, forming a stylized triangle. ◇ The Shield of the Trinity, employs an equilateral triangle, circles, & a doctrinal statement of Christian belief (*usually in Latin*). Corner Circles say Father (*Pater*), Son (*Filius*), and Spirit (*Spiritu Sanctus*); the center Circle says God (*Deus*). Lines leading from circle to circle say “*is not*” (*non est*), while those to the center say “*is*” (*est*). Therefore, the Father *is not* the Son or the Spirit, the Father *is* God; the Son *is not* the Father or the Spirit, the Son *is* God; the Spirit *is not* the Father or the Son, the Spirit *is* God. ◇ In Christian symbolism, three identical / repetitive symbols is meant to evoke the remembrance of the Triune God: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ of the *green* altar cloth; and the ‘Triple Amen’ after the Benediction. ◇ The banner, **Three-in-One**, uses the Triangle & Trefoil, with individual symbols for the Persons of the Trinity: *Manus Dei*, the Hand of God. Usually only the hand, as we are commanded not to make any kind of image and call it the Creator. It is extended downward in blessing. The Three-Rayed Nimbus (halo) identifies it as God’s hand. For Jesus, the *Agnus Dei*, Lamb of God, is used, from John 1:29; when He is proclaimed as God’s own sacrificial Lamb to take away the sins of the world. The Lamb w/Cross and Staff denote Christ's Passion. The Holy Spirit is depicted by the Flame, connected with the gift of faith, witnessing and proclaiming the Gospel.

The Presentation of Augsburg, June 25: Commonly referred to as “Augsburg” or in Latin, “Augustana,” The Augsburg Confession is a written declaration of the doctrines and practices of the Lutheran Church, presented in that city in 1530, to Charles V, king of the Holy Roman Empire (now the areas we know as Germany & Austria). He had *invited* princes and representatives of free cities to discuss their religious differences at the Augsburg diet (assembly) which began in April, 1530. He hoped for an end to religious disunity at home so he could focus all his attention on fighting the Turks. His aim: to restore his lands to Roman Catholicism. • The elector of Saxony asked his Wittenberg theologians to write an answer to Charles. FYI: electors were nobility who, by title or heredity, were given the ‘right’ to vote for the next Emperor.

• The Schwabach Articles, written in 1529, outlined Lutheran Church doctrines & practices; so it was decided these, along with changes in Saxony since then, would suffice. Those changes are The Torgau Articles, since they were approved in that city. • Once in Augsburg, it was decided a common Lutheran statement, rather than a Saxon statement, be made. The opening states: “A confession of faith presented in Augsburg (hence its name) by certain princes and cities to his Imperial Majesty Charles V in the year 1530.” The conclusion states: “we have introduced nothing, either in doctrine or in ceremonies, that is contrary to Holy Scripture or the universal Christian church.” “The Apology (meaning defense) of Augsburg” was an answer to the “Catholic Confutation,” which was their response to Augsburg. • **The Book of Concord** is a collection of all historic statements of Lutheran confessional beliefs: Apostles, Nicene, & Athanasian Creed; Augsburg Confession & Apology; the Smalcald Articles; Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope; Luther’s Large & Small Catechism; the Formula of Concord & Preface. • The Missouri Synod is considered descended from those “Saxon” Lutherans. St. Paul's full name includes U.A.C.” (*unaltered Augsburg confession*), as she adheres to the 1530, version. Important to note because a 1540, version penned by Melancthon, in hopes of uniting protestants, weakened the doctrine of the Real Presence in the Lord’s Supper. Soli Deo Gloria

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, ...” NI Peter 3:15 NKJV

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Do you know your Bible?

1. How many books are in the Old Testament?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. Can you name all the books of the Bible in order?
4. Do you know that the summer is a great time to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord?

