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and beginning with this Scripture
he told him the good news about Jesus.**

Acts 8:34-35



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In the Sundays of Easter, we see that the resurrected Jesus changes lives. How dramatically that is demonstrated in the life of Philip, who in our *First Reading* receives the call to “go” (Acts 8:26) in the power of “the good news about Jesus” (8:35). As God’s faithful people, we are also to go and come alongside others (8:29) with the same message.

Ready to serve?

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

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 the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

In the book of Acts, we see the spoken Word that someone brought to another was not separated from the Word and water of baptism. In Acts 2:37-38, after Peter’s sermon, he tells the people “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Again, in Acts 2:41, “Then those who gladly received the Word were baptized. Now, in Acts 8 Philip is urged by the Holy Spirit to bring Jesus to the Ethiopian. He obviously spoke of baptism because the Ethiopian confessed Jesus as Lord and sought to be immediately baptized. There are more examples in Acts 9 with Paul and 16 with the Gentile Cornelius and also the Philippian jailer and their families. When bringing Jesus to non-believers, the hearers were then led to the waters of baptism. In the name of the Triune God, water and the Word bring saving grace to His people. *“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Gal. 3:27*

~ excerpts from study by LCMS Pastor Rich Futrell – Shepherd of the Hills, Kimberling City, MO ~

Opening Hymn 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
- God, be merciful to me, a sinner.** *(Luke 18:13)*
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

- P** A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
- C** **and again a little while, and you will see Me.**
- P** I will extol You, my God and King,
- C** **and bless Your name forever and ever.**
- P** Every day I will bless You
- C** **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

- P** The LORD is gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
P All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
C **and all Your saints shall bless You!**
P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
C **and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
C **and again a little while, and you will see Me.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47) *LSB 204*



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest *LSB 204*
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so He opens not his mouth.

³³In His humiliation justice was denied Him.

Who can describe His generation?

For His life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch,

and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in

God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because He first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by

itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Sermon Text

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon "It Happens by Chariots"

1. God had a plan for Philip to _____
to the Ethiopian in his chariot.
2. The rich message of Jesus, _____,
bears fruit.
3. God had more for the Ethiopian, for Philip, and for us to do
_____.
4. After all, we have all had someone come alongside us _____
_____.

The Holy Spirit Is Always Having Someone Come Alongside Chariots
with the Saving News of Jesus.

Hymn 837 "Lift High the Cross"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so
freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks

for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

(*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (*John 20:19*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* (*John 1:29*)

LSB 210



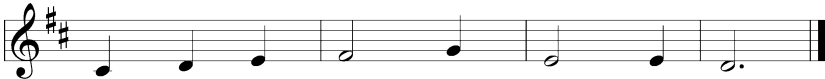
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Congregation Song: "You Are My All in All" *Lead by Youth Choir*

1. You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Refrain:

Jesus, Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name.
 Jesus, Lamb of God
 Worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
 Rising up again I bless Your name.
 You are my all in all.
 When I fall down You pick me up.
 When I am dry You fill my cup.
 You are my all in all.

Refrain sung twice

Worthy is Your name.
 Worthy is Your name.

Hymn 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Hymn 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Hymn 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

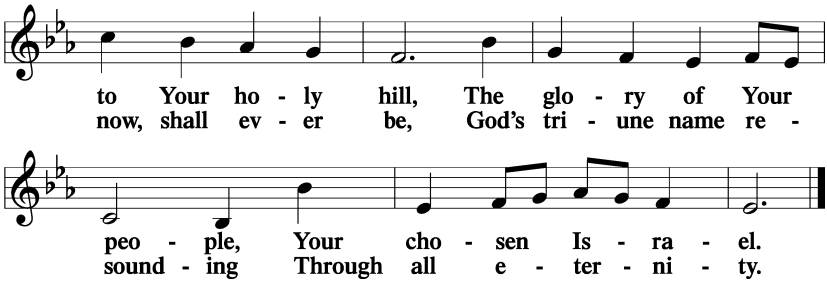
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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

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Altar flowers are given today by Ed & Linda Coffel, Marilyn Reed and Harold Reed Jr. for Linda, Marilyn, and Harold's 60th baptism birthdays on April 26th and for Ed's 6th baptism birthday coming up on May 31st. We praise our gracious Lord for making us His children through the waters of baptism and we thank Him for His many blessings.

Parish Fellowship will meet tomorrow, April 29th at 10:30 am.

Altar Guild will meet at Elaine's, Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30 pm.

Calendar of Events

TODAY April 28th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Lending Library Book Cart..... After Worship Service

MON:

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 10:30 am

8th Grade Confirmation Examination 5:00-7:00 pm

TUES:

WED:

Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am

Day School Chapel 11:00 am

8th Grade Confirmation Examination 5:00-7:00 pm

THURS: ~ National Day of Prayer ~

National Day of Prayer Service 9:00 am

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

8th Grade Public School Confirmation 5:00 pm

New Member Class 2.0..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool School Chapel 9:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY May 5th, 2024

Potluck Breakfast 8:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm

Bourbon Right to Life Banquet - This year the spring Right to Life banquet for Marshall County will be held at the Cornerstone @ Cedar Banquet Hall located at 9519 Cedar, Bourbon on Tuesday, April 30th. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is 6:30 pm. Speaker will be Monica Kelsey, Founder of Safe Haven Baby Box. Tickets are \$25 each. Jim and Linda Tinkey are hosting a table and if you are interested please let them know. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the battle we face to support human life and show your support for the pro-life initiatives in North Central Indiana.

Check It Out! There's a cart of books from our church and school library in the narthex today! We have three new books about our beloved hymns. Two books, "Then Sings My Soul, Volumes 1 & 2" depict 300 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories, including "A Mighty Fortress is our God" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". The third book, "Eternal Anthems" depict hymns of our faith including "Amazing Grace" and "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing." We are also including titles by familiar authors Max Lucado and Charles Swindoll. If you are looking for a laugh, you may be interested in books by Barbara Johnson. Stop and check us out!

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

Potluck Breakfast: May 5th at 8:00 am. Please bring a breakfast item to share to the Bethany Room by 8:00 am that morning, enjoy fellowship with others, and stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage! This is a great hymn with only one very powerful verse (LSB 582). Among other things, we sing about keeping His Word pure from generation to generation. However, God's Word being our great heritage is also an historical truth. The Lutheran Witness has a series on the history of the church from the time of the apostles through the 20th century. "As the Body of Christ, our history transcends time, country, and citizenship." If you want to learn more about the history of the fellowship of believers *Una Sancta (One Holy)*, go to **witness.lcms.org/series** While there, you will find other series, like Christian Art, The Lord's Supper, Our problems; God's Answers, etc. that might pique your interest as well.

Shirley Lakins would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her granddaughter Stefanie Young. Her surgery was successful and she is doing well. We thank the Lord for His healing grace.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti. Satan is working overtime in Haiti. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering and we ask that you pray that they stay strong in the faith and that the Lord would surround them with His grace and protection. **Check out the mission board next to the Nursery (Cry Room) for the latest update from Mission Haiti.**

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

On May 3rd, St. Paul's School will be hosting the Spring Musical along with the Fine Arts Showcase. Please drop off entries by Wed., May 1st at 5:00 pm. Please contact Beth Miller at 260-519-2884 with any questions.

On April 21st, the voters decided to eliminate the positions of Administrative and Assistant Pastors at St. Paul's and instead have a sole pastor going forward. In the subsequent call meeting, the voters chose to extend a call for that position to Pastor Wonnacott. He has accepted this call and will be installed during the May 5th worship service.

The Hospitality Crew will be preparing their next meal on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:00 am. We are in need of the following donations: boneless chicken or pork and fresh asparagus. We will also take any other fresh vegetables that we can steam or roast if you'd rather bring those instead. Any and all donations are a blessing and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Sandie Schooler or Beth Enders. Thank you for your support and generosity. You continue to bless us so that we can bless others.

LWML South Bend Zone Spring Gathering: Saturday, May 11, Our Redeemer, South Bend. Program: Friendship Tea, 2:00-4:00 pm. Bring your favorite teacup or one will be provided there. Info on Ingathering for Convention items to bring is on the Check-It-Out board. All ladies are invited.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, April 21 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact the church office.

The St. Paul's PTL board is happy to announce our new candidates for the board positions of Vice-President and Treasurer! Becca Mejia will be our Vice-President and Kelly Thornton will be our Treasurer for the next 2-year term beginning in July. We thank the board members and parents who continue to support and work with our PTL! Special thanks to Shirley Guse who has served our board as our Treasurer for 4 years! It is never too late to join PTL, so if you are interested in getting more involved and planning school events and activities, come to our PTL meetings. Our next meeting is May 6th at 6:00 pm, in the Jerusalem Room by the preschool classrooms.

Virtual Book Fair

Please take time to browse the virtual book fair for our church and school hosted by Northwestern Publishing House. It began April 26, 2024 and ends May 13, 2024. If you wish to see the books, you need to go to the website, nph.net/virtualbookfair. You will then be able to browse the books with some of these categories: Confirmation, Defending Your Faith, Books for Children and Women, Devotional, and Family Life. After you click on the book image and tap/click the cart button. Tap/click view cart and check out when finished. Use the church's Promo Code, V159C1019118 to receive 20% off of each book purchased. Tap/click and proceed to checkout. Complete the checkout by entering your shipping address and payment information. Tap/click place order. **Enjoy shopping!**

There will be a special voters' meeting next Sunday, May 5th

immediately after the worship service to vote to offer a full time teaching position to Heidi Wildauer for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Napper.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Service Events: April is National Volunteer Month and our final Youth Service Event is this coming Sunday:

Sunday, April 28th (approximately 1:30 - 4:30 pm): Youth in Grades 8-High School - Meet at church at 1:30 pm - we will travel outside Bremen a few miles; bring rakes/work gloves (if available)

REMINDER - National Youth Gathering (2025): For those Youth (currently in Grades 7 through HS) planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2025, **early financial commitments of \$250/attendee are due by May 1, 2024.** This will allow for effective planning and

involvement across the group as we prepare for this event over the next year. Please contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.

HS Youth Outing: The Youth Board would like to take any of our HS Youth to lunch on Sunday, May 5th following the church service. We are asking HS Youth to contribute \$5 while the Youth Board will offset remaining costs for the lunch. Please indicate interest by speaking with Andy Wildauer or any member of the Youth Board by today (April 28th) if possible. More information to follow on specific time / place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The "Every Word for Bremen" organization is looking for volunteers to read the Bible to the Bremen community in early June. To begin planning, the window to volunteer is now open. If interested in learning more, please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott. Additional details below:

"Join us at the pavilion in downtown Bremen as we publicly read the Bible together from Genesis to Revelation"

Dates: June 3-7, 2024

Times: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Website (Register Now): everywordforbremen.com

SCHOOL CORNER

The students are hard at work practicing for the musical, **“Tell Me the Truth”, May 3rd, 7:00pm!** Go back to the 70s with this exciting game show, prizes, and more- a guaranteed free and fun time! **Practices for all students are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday until 4:00pm.** (Cast is required to attend; students 3rd grade and under are optional.)

Doors will open at 6:15pm, May 3rd, for pre-show music and an art exhibition. Cookies and punch will follow the musical.

Several students earned free South Bend Cubs tickets to a game Sunday, the 28th, from continuing their avid reading through March. Congratulations to those dedicated readers!

We are happy to report that we have been steadily enrolling students for 2024-25, but it is not too late to enroll! If you know of any families looking for a Christian educational experience, please recommend us. **Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.** Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website,

stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours.

Two new students- Colton Sutter (4th grade) and Leslie Sutter (6th grade)- are highlighted on the bulletin board!

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship April 28th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Ellen Augustine
Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Mark Wildauer
Acolyte: Avery Cannon
Elder: Terry Miller
Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham
Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship May 5th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Ellen Augustine
Ushers:
Acolyte: Jessica Rogers
Elder: Mike Gumz
Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott