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Monday – Friday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Wow! Another school year is completed. Eight 8th graders confirmed their faith in the Lord Jesus. The 8th graders and Kindergarten students graduated. The preschoolers finished their studies. The school wrapped up the year's theme with the Scripture truth from John 15:5, "Jesus said, 'I am the Vine, you are the branches.'" We're all connected in Jesus!

Now that summer is here with all the rain, heat, sports, vacations, and seasonal jobs, will our students remember what they learned, and continue to grow in their faith? Will the school staff and members of St. Paul's remember what they have learned as they go their separate ways over the summer?

As your pastor, I pray that we (me included) do NOT put Jesus on the shelf for the summer. Yes, we go on vacation, but never from the Lord. Remember that Jesus is omnipresent – He's everywhere we go this summer. Led by the Holy Spirit, may we continue to

grow and be connected to Jesus, through worship, prayer, and Bible Study. Also, we should always be ready to give an account for the hope and joy we have in Jesus!

Thank you to our teachers, school staff, parents, church families, and school families for all that the Lord allowed us to do this past school year; to bring Him honor and glory, to the benefit and blessing of our neighbors. Amen!

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!

Ushers: It is very important that you find your own replacement if you are not going to be able to usher during your assigned time. Please take the time to do this so that we always have ushers available to assist our members and visitors. Thank you.

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.

Evangelism Committee

Our next food collection for the Grace Food Pantry will begin on Sunday, June 9th with all donated items being due back by Sunday, June 23rd. There will once again be cards on the table in the Narthex for you to take. Needed items will be listed on the cards. If you see some items, you’d like to donate but prefer not to take a card, that is perfectly fine as well. All donations are a blessing to those in need and greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting your neighbors and community.

Euchre Party is Friday, June 28th from 7-9:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship, and please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and bring a friend!

The Hospitality Group will be cooking on June 12th at 9:00 am in the church kitchen. Please come and help to make meals for shut-ins of our community. This is a great way to serve your neighbor!

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Upcoming Events

- **SUMMER 2024:**
 - **JUNE 3rd-7th: Every Word for Bremen** - Volunteer opportunity to read the Bible to the Bremen community
 - **JUNE 5th (7 pm): Sand Volleyball** – Youth in Grades 6-HS join at Sunnyside Park for some outdoor fun
 - **JUNE 11th-15th (Evenings): Youth Soda / Water Table @ the Fireman’s Festival** - Youth (and parents) interested in volunteering should join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, June 2nd following the church service.
 - **JUNE 16th (8:30 am): Donuts With Dads Devotion on Father’s Day** – all Youth in Grades 4-HS plus their fathers are invited
 - **JUNE 19th, JUNE 26th, and JULY 10th (7 pm): Summer Youth Nights** – more information will be published in the weeks ahead

Information will be available through our GroupMe “St. Paul’s Youth” chat as well as various church communication channels. If there are any questions related to the Youth Group, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

Epistle- School Corner

Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Confirmands and Graduates: Alexis Andrews, Kamden Guse, Gavin Hundt, Gabi Mejia, Reuben Napper, and Sophia Sahlhoff. May God continue to bless and guide you as you grow in faith and wisdom!

Congratulations also to our Kindergarten Graduates: Allison Brock, Cash Flores, Remi Ford, Abby Kulcsar, Judd Menzie, Maverick Tibbs, and Eli VanSoest. We are proud of you!

School is out for the summer! The School Office will be open Monday, Weds, and Friday, 9:00am- 12:00pm, to complete paperwork and prepare for the next school year. School resumes on August 12th.

There is still availability to enroll for Preschool through 8th Grade, 2024-25! Send your students to a Christian school, where Biblical values and the Christian faith is encouraged and taught. St. Paul's is a Choice school, offering a comprehensive scholarship program to make a Christian education affordable. Visit our website, www.stpaulsbremen.church/school or phone 574-546-2790, and discover what we have to offer! We are always ready to answer questions and provide tours.

Remember to give to the Lutheran SGO, and you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations! (We can now use these funds to offer assistance to Pre-K students, age 4 by August 1st.) You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate, or we also have a link on the church website, stpaulsbremen.church, under the school drop-down menu. 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. If you desire to mail a check to the LSGO, pamphlets with mailing information are

available in the tract rack. **(Checks needs to be written to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization.)**

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

Mission of the Month

June Mission of the Month: Lutheran Braille Workers

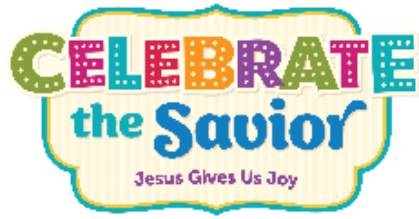
Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print.

Men, women, and children find hope in the Light of Christ through the Bible and other Christian materials provided by LBW in multiple languages in every part of the globe. LBW is one of the last remaining free resources available to them in which the Good News of Jesus is shared quickly and in high quality formats.

In over 80 years of ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers has produced and distributed over 15 million volumes of Christian material, in 40 languages, to people in 164 countries. LBW has never charged a recipient to receive these materials as we believe in freely sharing God's Word.

PTL Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the PTL fundraisers! We appreciate each one of you!



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24th-28th from 9-11:30 am. **Celebrate the Savior-** *Jesus Gives Us Joy* is the theme for this year's VBS program. As kids explore five key events in the life of Jesus, they will discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy. Activities at VBS will include Bible Lessons, games, snacks, crafts, science demonstrations and songs. On Friday at the conclusion of VBS, all children and their families, plus all volunteers, are invited to a celebration luncheon which will include games and a brief closing program.

Registration is open for children age 3 through those currently in 5th grade. Registration can be done online at vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana. There are also forms on a table at the back of the narthex and a box for completed forms. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this year's VBS program.

The Board of Christian Education is working on 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. There is also a Volunteer Sign-up list on the table in the narthex. The LWML will also be sponsoring a VBS craft night on June 3rd at 7 pm. It has been a great help in the past, so please plan to join us that evening.

Please pray for our program as we minister to children with the saving message of Jesus!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

VBS Registration Form

June 24th -28th @ 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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Join Us for Summer Sunday School!

Be refreshed in God's Word!

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

We are excited to introduce a brand new curriculum from “Answers in Genesis” for children of all ages! Through Scripture, videos, and activities students will discover the true history of the world and the Gospel message. Along the way, they'll learn that science confirms the Bible, God's Word is true, Jesus offers salvation to sinners, and so much more!

All children are to meet in the Jerusalem Room. Following Bible story presentation, they will disperse into age appropriate classrooms.

Grades Pre-K through Grade 1 “Mrs. C & Me: Journey Through the 7 C's of History” . . .
. . . led by Wendy Coxey in the Nazareth Room

Grades 2-7 “Bible Investigators: The 7 C's of History”
. led by Jeanette Rettinger in Mrs. Roger's Room

New Confirmands and High School Join the Adult Bible Class in the Bethany Room.

Adult Bible Class Topics: 3 mini video series (as time permits) – “Noah,” “The Unanswered Questions in Revelations,” “The Lost Books” led by Pastor Wonnacott and Tom Coxey in the Bethany Room

More Opportunities for Bible Study

New Member Class 2.0 designed for newly confirmed adults (those confirmed since the pandemic) to study “Lutheranism 101,” along with the Catechism. It's also for members who want to delve deeper into the Catechism. We will meet in the Bethany Room on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
. taught by Pastor Wonnacott

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study Join in on lively discussions every other Wednesday morning at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria! 6:30-7:30 a.m.

“Vicious Tongues”

(Jesus said) "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

Sometimes it's difficult to watch our tongues.

That point was driven home to me this past week as I waited in line at the discount store. The line was long and slow.

That was when a lady came out of nowhere and inserted herself and her cart right at the very beginning of the line. She looked at those of us who had been standing there patiently and explained, "I hope you don't mind. All I need is this dog food."

Well, I minded, but I didn't say anything. Not so for the lady who was behind me. She said, "No, we don't mind. You look like you're hungry."

It was a brilliant reply. I immediately wished I had said it.

Then, later on, I was glad I hadn't. The cut might have made me feel good for a moment, and then I would have felt guilty. For a long time I would have felt guilty.

It's quite possible the lady had some sort of extenuating circumstance. Maybe the lady had her pet in the car, a practice everyone should avoid, but some people don't.

Possibly there was some other emergency I knew nothing about.

At any rate, just because she was rude didn't mean I should be the same.

That's what Jesus meant when He told His followers to do to others what they would like to have done to them. It was a practice He followed throughout His life. In the divine plan to save us, Jesus listened to His Father and not those sinful humans who surrounded Him.

Yes, Jesus meant those words and I hope to follow them even as I follow Him ... even when I'm waiting in a slow line in the store and somebody, emergency or not, pushes in front of me.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2024

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 Steven & Michele Wolff
12	Tom & Wendy Coxey	29	Cleon & Wanda Felton
14	Matt & LeeAnna VanSoest Andy & Jessica Wildauer	30	Mark & Lori Cope
17	Philip & Megan Kulcsar		

BIRTHDAYS

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



St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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

June 20-23, 2024: LWML Indiana District Convention, at Danville, Indiana, Hendricks Co. 4-H Conference Center - "Rooted in Christ" Eph. 3:17.
Registration & Housing information is on the website.

Monday, June 3, 7:00 pm: VBS Work Nite. Anyone with willing hands is welcome to come. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

The Eyeglasses & Eyedroppers ministry for M.O.S.T. is ongoing. Any type, in good condition is needed. Please place in the box beneath the "Bulletin Table." Thank you.

Psalm 100:2a **"Serve the Lord with Gladness"** *LWML motto*

St. Paul's 178th LITURGICAL YEAR † **June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024**

Worship Opportunities To Bless Our Lives  *Celebration Of Holy Communion*

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Jun 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost **Jun 23**  5th Sunday aft. Pentecost

May 9  3rd Sunday after Pentecost **Jun 30** 6th Sunday aft. Pentecost

May 16 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

1. Where are the chancel; nave; narthex; sacristy? What is their purpose?

A SACRISTY is a room off the chancel. If used by the altar guild to store items or prepare for worship, it is a Working Sacristy. If used to store vestments (robes, stoles) or where the pastor, acolytes and assistants robe for services, it is called a Vestry.

A NARTHEX is an "room" leading from outside the building to the nave. Its purpose is to be a quiet place to transition from the noise of the world to the peace of worship. As we walk to the church proper, it is a time to quiet the mind and the mouth as we prepare our minds and hearts for worship.

A NAVE a.k.a. Church Proper is the first space one enters from the narthex. Its purpose is a place for the people to sit (unless it's Orthodox Catholic, which has no seats!) as they pray, praise, give thanks, hear the Word, and receive the Sacraments.

A CHANCEL is the second space of the Church Proper, separated from the nave by the Chancel a.k.a. Communion, Rail. From the chancel, the pastor stands in the stead of the Lord to pronounce forgiveness; he reads and expounds the Scriptures; is the celebrant of the Lord's Supper; and officiates all services of the Church during the Church Year, or which impact individuals spiritually, including baptism, wedding, funeral, confirmation.

2. Why does the baptismal font have eight sides?

Eight is considered the number of regeneration. “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls were saved through water. There is also now an antitype (event or person from the Old Testament who points to Christ & His works) which now saves us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”

3. Where do the titles of liturgy sections and responses (Kyrie e.g.) come from?

Though the LITURGY (order of worship) portions have Latin names, their basis is directly from Scripture. These references are listed in the hymnals (and printed in the bulletin). Divine Worship means Service of God. It is in worship that God Himself meets us in Word and Sacrament. Therefore, it is only fitting that we use His words.

4. Why do we stand for The Gospel reading? Why do we bow at communion?

To stand, or bow, before a superior is a sign of worldly respect. To stand for the reading of the Gospel, the word of Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, is to give Him our respect and attention. Likely drawn from passages such as: “And Ezra opened the book [the Book of the Law vs. 4] in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.” Nehemiah 8:5

5. Is there a purpose or ‘Biblical’ basis for the symbols used, or is it just art?

No symbol used in the Church Proper is “art,” as all is to point to the Triune God and Christ's redeeming works in a way which enhances the worship space. The windows have a direct Biblical basis or are drawn from a Biblical truth: the 2 “legend” windows: The Pelican in Her Piety (Christ's sacrifice) and The Phoenix (Christ's resurrection). The same is true of parament symbols and Chrismons. Banner symbols point to specific festivals or seasons of The Church Year (except baptism, wedding, funeral, confirmation, which highlight occasional events in the life of the congregation).

6. Why do we stand for the last verse of some hymns? *Whenever a Trinitarian Verse (one which mentions Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), it is traditional to stand, for the same reason as we stand for the Gospel. “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” I Timothy 1:17*

7. Is there any particular reason we have three aisles? *Well, how would the bride know which aisle to walk up? Seriously though, it follows the floor plan of ancient cathedrals, where the outer aisle actually went all the way around the back of the chancel and out the opposite side. This is also the reason most chancels were semi-circular. The arrangement, a.k.a. apse, replaced the need for sacristies and vestries.*

8. How ‘old’ is the church? How ‘old’ is St. Paul’s? Isn’t that the same question?

It is not. The “Church” is eternal just as her Lord is eternal. All believers from Adam to us to all who come to faith before Jesus returns are the saints of the Church. St. Paul's congregation, begun by eight families, became “official” on October 14, 1846.

“How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.” Psalm 84:1-2