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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  
8:00 – 11:30 am

From Pastor Wonnacott's keyboard:

June has been a month of change for the Wonnacotts; my Mom and Dad are now in (separate) nursing homes. There were a lot of things that had to be done and are still being done. The downsizing of things that one collects over a lifetime, cleaning and closing down an apartment or home, moving things to another place to make it a home. These were all big changes that took place in a short amount of time.

“Change” is to make someone or something different; alter or modify: replace something with something else, especially something of the same kind that is newer or better; substitute one thing for another. That is fine for people and things, but not God! Some in our world believe that you can change God and His Word, just like you change your friends and clothes. No one can change the one true God! **Psalm 90:1-2**

***1** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. **2** Before the mountains were*

*brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting*

*you are God. **Malachi 3:6** <sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change...*

***Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the*

*same yesterday and today and forever. Our God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- does not and will never change, nor His Word!*

The Word of God (Jesus) is the means by which the Holy Spirit works in us to change us from enemies of God to children of God. God is speaking to us through Him. **Hebrews 1:1-2** *1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets (Old Testament),<sup>2</sup> but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. 1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that **no one** speaking in the Spirit of God ever **says** “Jesus is accursed!” and **no one can say** “Jesus is Lord” except in the **Holy Spirit**.*

May we, by faith, follow the One and True God, and ever hold fast the Word of Truth - Jesus!

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST EPISTLE IS JULY 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!

**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.

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**Evangelism Committee**

Welcome bags will be delivered on Monday, July 15, in Bremen. We need your help as we will be delivering about 50 bags! If you can help please meet in the Bethany room at 4:30 pm where we will pack bags and divide up the addresses. We send out teams of at least 2 people. The hardest part is finding the addresses so if you are familiar with Bremen streets you have a head start! Please pray for our newest neighbors and for the teams that will be going out.

Thank you to all who have made donations for these bags and to all who will deliver them. This is a great way to meet people and share Jesus.

Thank you to all who have donated items for the Bremen Food Pantry in June! They are much appreciated.

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**Euchre Party** is Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

### Recent Events

**EVERY WORD FOR BREMEN (June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>):** Volunteers from the area, including from St. Paul's, had the blessed opportunity to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation to the Bremen community, even finishing up late on that Friday evening. God speaking to us through his Holy Word, each day throughout the week – to Him be the glory!

**SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS (June 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>):** Our Youth have braved the warmer weather and joined together for sand volleyball, water kickball, and more as we enjoy these opportunities for fellowship. One more Summer Youth Night upcoming (see below).

**SODA/WATER TABLE @ the FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL (June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>):** This represented our third year in a row hosting a drink table at the annual Bremen event. The community was out in full force and our volunteer youth and parents were there to help cool them off with a cold soda or water. A tremendous thank you to our congregation for the generous donations of soda and water that enabled us to have a successful week. Funds gathered will help offset some costs of future Youth activities and also the 2025 National Youth Gathering.

**DONUTS WITH DADS DEVOTION (June 16<sup>th</sup>):** Parents and youth gathered on Father's Day morning to read about God's message for us through the parable of the Prodigal Son. Just as the loving/forgiving father in the parable demonstrated compassion and grace for both of his sons in the parable, so to our Heavenly Father loves and forgives each one of us every day.

## Upcoming Events

June was certainly a busy month for our Youth; there are more opportunities ahead for our Youth to engage and serve:

- **LAST SUMMER YOUTH NIGHT (July 10<sup>th</sup>):** Our final Summer Youth Night is an opportunity to give back to our wider community. Youth in Grades 6 through HS are encouraged to meet at church at 6 pm as we prepare to head to the Unity Gardens in South Bend. We will serve until approximately 8 pm and then stop for ice cream on the way home (courtesy of the Youth Board).
- **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING KICKOFF (July 14<sup>th</sup>):** By this point the 2025 National Youth Gathering will be approximately 1 year away, which means there is a lot to plan for and accomplish between now and July 2025. As of now we have 10 youth and several parent volunteers committed to attending. We will recognize this group and pray for them during the service and also host a small lunch for the families of the attendees afterward as we review upcoming plans and schedules.
- **YOUTH OUTING (July 14<sup>th</sup>):** Following the above luncheon, Youth in Grades 6-HS are invited to an outing at Hackers in Niles, MI, which offers mini-golf, batting cages, gokarts, and more. We will plan to leave church at approximately noon and return by late afternoon. Those interested must sign up on the Youth bulletin board – cost is \$5/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting additional costs for activities. Youth are responsible for any food items they want.

Information is 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

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**There is still availability to enroll for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stpaulsbremen.church/school) or phone [574-546-2790](tel: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 1<sup>st</sup>.)*** You can find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate), or we also have a link on the church website, [stpaulsbremen.church](http://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.**

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### **Mission of the Month**

#### **July Mission of the Month: Bremen Holy Walk**

The 2024 Bremen Holy Walk is set for December 6 and 7, 2024

Friday, December 6, 6-9pm

Saturday, December 7, 5-9pm\*

\*Children's Hour from 5-6pm on Saturday, reservations required.

Check the website for more information: [www.bremenholywalk.com](http://www.bremenholywalk.com)

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## Preschool Postings

We are very thankful for our preschool families who are joining us in August, and we have room for more! Please contact the school office if you are interested in the Beginner or PreK classes.

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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** . . . .

**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.

## “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

"Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above, And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise, Our hearts we  
raise to You, our King!

"Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And  
worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before the  
Crucified."

The author of our hymn is Sir Francis Scott Key, who wrote the familiar lyrics that  
became America's national anthem. But today's hymn is not about loyalty to an earthly  
nation. Our hymn is a song of allegiance to the Lord of *all* nations. "Our God who  
reigns above" is the King of kings, who "makes nations great, and He destroys them;  
He enlarges nations, and leads them away" (Job 12:23).

The nations of the earth have their own rulers, and their approach to government  
takes many forms. Most often the rule is carried out for the good of those whom they  
govern. Although in some places the ruler may serve evil and selfish ends. Some rulers  
are monarchs who inherit the throne; others are dictators who take power for  
themselves by military might, and many are leaders elected by the people they govern.  
We as Christians are called to honor and obey our rulers, so long as their rule does not  
lead us in ways that are contrary to God's commands.

Earth's rulers may take up their power in many ways, but the Lord before whom we  
bow came into His kingly power by allowing His subjects to crown Him with thorns and

nail Him to a cross, where He suffered and died for the sins of the world. Jesus our Lord was buried and raised to life on the third day and exalted to reign in glory at the right hand of God. Earthly kings, when faced with rebellious subjects, will often deal harshly with them. Our King came to earth to lay down His life to save us, rebels who rejected His lordship. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Word, we are called to repentance, our sins are forgiven, and we are welcomed into His kingdom.

Our hymn calls on the earth to hear its Maker's voice, a voice heard as "the heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1a). But only in God's Word will the earth hear of the Maker's love for the world He created. Jesus, our crucified and risen King, said that repentance and forgiveness were to be proclaimed in His Name to all nations (see Luke 24:47). Through our witness we call on the nations to cast down their pride and deplore their sin. We pray that one day they will acknowledge Jesus as Lord.

The final verse of this hymn is a prayer that, on the Last Day, our native land might send forth from its tombs "a glorious band" to offer eternal praise to heaven's high King. We pray that the Holy Spirit would work through our witness and by the power of the Gospel turn rebels into saints who will joyfully "bow before the Crucified."



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July 2024

### ANNIVERSARIES

11	Larry & Vicki Miller	22	Derek & Whitney Nick
12	Michael & Donna Gordon	25	Larry & Tammy Britt
16	Michael & Marilyn Gumz	28	Nathan & Beth Miller
20	Ken & Anita Eichinger	29	Bill & Jamie Rogers
	Terry & Penny Holderman	30	Scott & Tonya Hundt

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Cleon Felton	21	Makayla Fox
2	Gabby Barts	22	Claire Schmidt
3	Terri Davis Lillian Pulliam	26	Jase Garrett
4	Amanda Smith	27	Gabriel Mejia
5	Beth Miller	28	Barb Middaugh
6	LeeAnna VanSoest	29	Kevin Furman
7	Bill Latzke John Pulliam III	30	Karie Furman Diana Stuckman
8	Rita Stanifer Mark Wildauer	31	Robert Bowen Mary Ingle Carol Kramer
9	Anita Eichinger Mason Hochstetler		
11	Dan Fox		
12	Lori Haug		
15	Carol Hardy		
16	Cordall Schoning		
17	Robert Koontz Lacey Shumaker		
19	Linda Ringle		
20	Cheryl Ervin Brad Sahlhoff John Sahlhoff		



# 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

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**June 20-23, 2024: LWML Indiana District Convention**, at Danville, Indiana,  
Hendricks Co. 4-H Conference Center - “Rooted in Christ” Eph. 3:17.

Thank you to Jeanette Rettinger, who served as St. Paul's delegate.

**Monday, August 5, 7:00 pm.** Program: Walking in Prayer. All ladies of St. Paul's  
are invited; guests always welcome.

Light refreshments will be served afterward.

August 14, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Exec. Bd. Planning meeting at Elaine's.

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*

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**St. Paul's 178th LITURGICAL YEAR † July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024**

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

**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

**July 7**      7th Sunday after Pentecost      **July 21**      9th Sunday aft. Pentecost

**July 14**  8th Sunday after Pentecost      **July 28**  10th Sunday aft. Pentecost

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*July Minor Festivals* 25 St. James The Greater • *Commemorations* 6 Isaiah • 16  
Ruth • 20 Elijah • 21 Ezekiel • 22 St. Mary Magdalene • 28 Johann Sebastian Bach,  
Kantor 1685-1750 • 29 Mary, Martha, & Lazarus Of Bethany Friends of Jesus • 30  
Robert Barnes, Confessor & Martyr 1495-1540 • 31 Joseph Of Arimathea •

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MISSIONS & MUSIC: “Go, make disciples of all nations!” Pope Gregory I, a.k.a. the Great, 590  
– 604, is credited with organizing the liturgy of the church, codifying its music (Gregorian  
chant, or plainsong), and establishing monasteries throughout the declining Roman Empire.

He ordered the monks not to retreat from society, but preach the Gospel, with the goal of converting invading barbarians. ~ They continued the work of St. Martin-of-Tours (Luther is named after him), who preached in Gaul (France) around 371. ~ St. Patrick, said to have “converted” the Irish c. 432 ~ Clovis of the Franks (a Germanic tribe) converted in 496, then told his subjects if they didn’t go to the river the next day and be baptized they’d incur his wrath. ~ The Irish abbot Columba worked from the island of Iona (off Scotland), as a base to preach in Scotland and England. ~ St. Augustine baptized King Ethelbert of Kent (England) at Canterbury, in 597. ~ Willibrord worked mainly among the Frisians (present-day Holland) for forty years. In 717, he preached in Denmark, the first attempt to reach the Scandinavians; Anskar followed in the 830’s. Swedish king Bjorn allowed him to build a church. Olaf I, of Norway, converted while being educated in England. Upon his return, *he* preached the Gospel; and in 1016, Norway “became Christian” when he became king (he ordered his subjects to convert). Christianity took a permanent hold a century later. ~ Also in 717, St. Boniface began preaching to the Germans. At Geismar in Hesse (western Germany), he cut down an oak tree the populace worshiped as Thor’s sanctuary. When nothing happened, they were convinced his God was stronger. One of the monasteries he founded is still today a center for Catholic Christians. He met a violent death in 754, while visiting present-day Netherlands. ~ In the 750’s, Pepin the Short, king of the Franks (Germans), saved the city of Rome from invasion by the Lombards (a barbarian people). His son, Charles the Great a.k.a. Charlemagne, became one of the most influential figures in church history. He desired that all Christians use the same language, so at his request in 781, the Pope provided him with the *Sacramentary*, a book containing texts of all of the liturgical prayers, including the Eucharist. He then ordered all rites to be conducted in Latin throughout his lands - most of western Europe. On Christmas Day, 800, he was crowned, by Pope Leo III, as the first emperor of the Holy Roman Empire (his Germanic lands). He ordered all monasteries and bishops homes to become centers for learning and study. Monks began transcribing both sacred writings and pagan works. They were copied in Latin, since by now Greek was not commonly understood. By 814, when Charlemagne died, medieval Europe had a thoroughly Christian culture. ~ Under Olaf Trygvesson (969-1000), Icelanders democratically decided to become Christian. Eric the Red’s Greenland colony received its first priest thanks to his son, Leif (Ericsson). ~ Hundreds of priests and friars came to North America (mostly the Caribbean) shortly after

1492, where they felt it was their task to preach the Gospel to the people of the New World and win them to Christ. ~ *“And lo, I am with you always.”*

MUSIC The Harp is the symbol for sacred music. *“Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.”*

Psalms 33:1-3 ~ Trumpet: name is from the sound made by a Ram’s Horn, mentioned many times throughout Scripture. God used its sound to call Israel to Sinai. Exodus 19:16-17 ~ He instituted an annual Feast of Trumpets for Israel to observe. Lev. 23:24 ~ Its will sound at Jesus’ Second Coming. *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”* 1 Thess. 4:16 ~ David, accomplished harp player, I Sam. 16:16-21, specifically appointed three men to oversee the service of song in the Lord’s house. I Chr. 6:33,39,44 ~ Prophets were known to use instruments: *“a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them.”* 1 Samuel 10:5 ~ Elisha called for a musician before he prophesied Israel’s deliverance from Moab. II Kings 3:15 ~ Scripture also mentions the lute Ps. 57:8; cymbals Ps. 150:5; lyre Dan. 3:5; timbrels and pipes Ezek. 28:13; and bells (part of the priest’s robe). Ex. 33-35 ~ Church bells: Celtic bishops (Ireland) rang small hand bells to summon the faithful to worship. Larger ones were used by monasteries to call monks and nuns at the hours of prayer. From the 6th century onward, the use of bells spread throughout Europe, as many were installed in towers beside the church. Used not only to call the people to prayer, but alert them to the dangers of impending invasion, fire, flood, and disasters. They even rang during thunder-storms because it was believed to avert lightning! ~ Today, the use of the church bell is still to call the faithful to worship; and in general, means the proclamation of the Gospel.

***“Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!  
Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Let  
everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”*** Psalm 150:1-2,6