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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
8:00 – 11:30 am

From Pastor Wonnacott's keyboard:

These days we see great division in our country, most evident between two political parties. Lies, slander, threats, miscommunication; much of which is based on "what I want!" It's not supposed to be that way with the children of God. ***"Jesus called them to Him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant...'"*** We are not to be like the world.

The world's leader is Satan, our King is Jesus. The Church is His body that is made up of many parts, **(you and me)**, united in love, forgiveness, and purpose, always led by Jesus. Christ is the Head of the Church, and He calls us to work together as brothers and sisters. No one is perfect, so let us remember to talk and forgive **(Matthew 18)**, praying for unity in the Spirit.

We do that by remembering who we are and what our mission is. First, we are children of God through the waters of Holy Baptism, children bought at a price with the blood of Christ. Second, we are His people of St. Paul's, blessed with a church and a school, but unfortunately we've had times of division and discord

over the many years. We must strive for unity in the body of Christ. It is not my church or your church, not my school or your school. The church and the school are one in mission and purpose. ***And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17***

We are called to live together in the forgiveness, peace and love of the Lord as a family. Talk to your Christian brother or sister when strife is dividing you. Jesus knew we would have problems, so in wisdom He gave us **Matthew 18**.

We are to be One in Jesus! No one person gets his or her way. The body of believers should have all generations in the Word, in church and in school. Our church is a blessing, and our school is a blessing. We are one in our mission together –with **Jesus as the center! We must submit to each other out of reverence to Christ**. May Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, help us to live, work, forgive, and grow together in Him, in this family at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church **and** School, and shine the Light of Christ into the world. We are running a race and our endurance comes only from God! Amen.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER EPISTLE IS SEPTEMBER 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.

Our Euchre party is September 20th, sponsored by the Parish Fellowship Board, and is designed as a night of fun, fellowship and cards. We ask that you bring a snack to share, and drinks will be provided by the Board. We begin at **7:00 pm and run until 9:00 pm**, for people 16 years old and older. It's a great night to invite a friend!!!

Mother / Daughter Fun Night is September 12th at 7pm in the Bethany Room. Come to enjoy Bingo with family and friends. We'll also provide delicious refreshments! Please bring three wrapped white elephants. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex so we can plan accordingly, or call the church office. Bring a friend or family member, or just bring yourself on September 12th!

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

Recent Events

HACKERS (August 11th): 14 Youth and several adults enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and fun at Hackers in Niles, MI – go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages and more.

UNITY GARDENS (August 17th): A handful of our Youth and Board members were able to serve at the Unity Gardens in South Bend tending to various projects set up by the organization. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Youth to give back to the community.

Upcoming Events

FALL YOUTH NIGHTS: Sunday evenings in September from 6-7 pm, beginning September 8th – for Youth in Grades 4-HS

JR HIGH YOUTH RALLY (September 14th-15th): For Youth in Grades 6-8 hosted by Camp Lutherhaven

HS FOOTBALL YOUTH TAILGATE (Date TBD): In support of our Youth playing football and in band

LOCAL SERVICE EVENT (Date TBD): Serve here in the Bremen community

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE / LUNCHEON (October 13th): Youth will be involved in the service in different ways (through music and song, readings, etc.); followed by a luncheon for the congregation as an opportunity to support those Youth attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering (**more info to follow**)

SERVICE EVENT – BREMEN BAGS (Tentatively October 15th): Another opportunity for Youth to serve our local community

2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Thank you to all who were able to make it out to our Car Wash on Saturday, August 24th at Lochmandy Chevrolet in Bremen. We appreciate your continued support and ask that you keep all of those listed below in your prayers as they prepare to attend the National Youth Gathering next summer. We will communicate additional opportunities to support this group in the weeks and months ahead.

Youth Attendees (by grade): Noah Wildauer (12th), Autumn Napper (11th), Jack Wildauer (11th), Izzy Wildauer (10th), Lexi Andrews (9th), Gavin Hundt (9th), Gabi Mejia (9th), Reuben Napper (9th), Colton Napper (8th), Brantley Thornton (8th), and Abby Wildauer (8th)

Adult Leaders: Tonya Hundt, Rebecca Mejia, Rick Napper, Eric Thornton, Heidi Wildauer

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 well underway, and we are off to a good start with 15 preschool students and 55 elementary school students! Please continue to pray for our staff, students, and their families during the year.

If you are interested in volunteering in the school and/or Extended Care, please contact the school office, 574-546-2790. Background checks are required. We appreciate all of our helpers!

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

Our Sunday School continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

September Mission of the Month: LAMB

LAMB (Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese) exists to support and evangelize the peoples of Burma with the love of Jesus Christ by coordinating outreach missions.

Their website states: Our founding Pastor, James Keller (LCMS), began LAMB over 20 years ago by assisting Burmese refugees and advising them on many facets of American life -- everything from green cards to drivers licenses, to applying for citizenship. From these many efforts, relationships were formed and doors were opened for the spiritual needs to be met. Today Pastor Jim's church, New Life Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, is mostly Burmese and growing.

LAMB reaches out to the peoples of Burma here in the US in many ways. Our organization assists Burmese in medical needs, to include pregnancy assistance for new mothers, and in youth activities to strengthen those in the church and outreach to those not in the church.

LAMB educates in the Christian faith in movies, books and articles in the Karen and Burmese languages. Our staff is volunteers, so LAMB support goes directly to the needs of Burmese people who are struggling to make a new life in a new land and seeking God.

For more information go to: <http://lamb-fw.org>

Preschool Postings

We're ready for adventure this year as we anticipate exploration, discovery, and instruction. We started the school year by studying creation, the fall into sin, and God's promise of a Savior. We also reviewed shapes and colors, enjoyed show and tell, and "played" musical instruments. We had plenty of great weather to use the playground, and we're looking forward to having chapel at the Whitlock. Please pray for our students, their families, and our staff this year, that we would all grow closer to our Savior, Jesus!

Sunday School -- Fall Quarter Offerings

There is something for everyone in our new line-up of Bible studies! Let's grow together in faith and fellowship as we gather around God's Word. We urge you to join us!

(Please note that new classes for Pre-K through Grade 8 will begin Sunday, September 15. We will follow the current Summer Schedule until then. Meet in the Gym.)

Pre-K – Grade 2 (Nazareth Room)

Through Bible story, themed activities, crafts, songs, and snacks, children will engage in an in-depth study of the "Six Days of Creation," published by Answers in Genesis. . . .
. taught by Wendy Coxey 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Roger's Classroom)

Despite the sinfulness, doubts and corrupt ways of mankind, God still extends His love and forgiveness. See how God used faithful and doubtful people of Old Testament times to further His plan of salvation for all. Bible studies include Cain and Abel, Hannah and Samuel, David, Solomon, Elijah and Elisha, and Naaman. . . . taught by Jeanette Rettinger . . . 8:30- 9:15 a.m.

Middle School Grades 6-8 (Mr. Miller's Classroom)

The Gospel of John is an eye-witness account of Jesus' ministry . . . who He Is, His earthly life and ministry, highlights of His signs and miracles, and His message of salvation to all. John

calls us to be disciples of Jesus as we listen to His voice and obey His word. . . . taught by Barb Middaugh 8:30-9:15 a.m.

High School (Principal's Office)

"Unique Stories of the Bible" -- Read about unbelievable, strange, and amazing events that took place in the Bible!! What is God's purpose for including them? Can such occurrences happen in our lives today? Invite your friends for a lively discussion with Mr. Miller! taught by Nathan Miller 8:30-9:15

Adult Bible Class (Bethany Room)

2nd Peter, Jude – Contend for the Faith -- These two short letters provide today's Christian a powerful response to an increasingly pagan world.
. . . . taught by Terry Miller 8:30-9:15 a.m.

More Opportunities for Bible Study:

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets every other Wednesday morning (beginning September 4), 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and great discussion!

Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study . . . meets every week beginning September 5, 9:30-10:45 a.m. This class will follow the **LifeLight Bible Study:**

Matthew, Part 2. Ladies will work together as a group to complete each lesson as they study Scripture, answer questions, share and discuss. Barb Middaugh will lead this class.

LifeLight Bible Study: Matthew Part 2meets Wednesdays (September 11 thru November 6), 6:45-8:15 p.m., in the Bethany Room. **Matthew Part 2** covers chapters 14-28. As you progress through this nine session study, you will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is, and what He has done for you.

The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus.

Contact the church office (574-546-2332) if you would like to sign up for materials. Otherwise, just show up on Wednesday evening, and bring along a friend!

***Support the PTL and attend the
Annual Rummage Sale
September 7th, 8am -2pm.***

* If you have gently used clothing, furniture, household items, etc. to donate, you may bring them to the school gym stage any time during or right after school, by Sept. 6th. (No big furniture please)

* We also need ***volunteers*** to help set up Thursday after school through Friday (Sept. 5-6th), supervise the event, and take down afterwards. Contact Heidi Wildauer for details, 414-698-8650.

* ***All sales are free-will donations and the proceeds will support PTL activities.***

Thank you for your support!



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“Chosen in Christ”

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

1 Peter 2:9

The ancient Greeks had a strong sense of fate. They believed life's events unfolded exactly as the gods had ordained them--there was no escape. The legend of Oedipus is an example. Oedipus was a king's son, destined someday to slay his father and, as usurper of his throne, to marry the queen, who was his mother. The tragedy destroyed the lives of all concerned.

As far as the Christian religion is concerned, there is no blind fate. No one will ever go

down into eternal perdition because this was divinely ordained. Saint Paul teaches that God has a good and gracious will toward all people. He "wants all men [persons] to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men" (1 Timothy 2:4-5).

To strengthen Christians, particularly when they are in great affliction, God tells them that He will not fail them. He promises them that the crown of life is theirs. So long as they continue faithfully in the use of His Word and the sacraments, their salvation is sure--sure, not because of anything they do but because of divine grace and because the Gospel "is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). God's acts of grace provide a firm foundation: "Those God foreknew He also predestined ... He also called; those He called, he also justified; those He justified, He also glorified" (Romans 8:29-30).

This teaching is not to be misunderstood or misused as if to say salvation is an absolute cinch regardless of how a person believes or lives, on the false assumption that election saves. The Bible teaches, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). It was Jesus who said this, the same who declares for our comfort concerning believers, "no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand" (John 10:29).

PTL FUNDRAISER



St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with

Bourbon Street Pizza in Downtown Bourbon

And ***Bourbon Street Pizza of Nappanee*** at 1411 East Market St. in Nappanee

Will host a fundraiser on

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - all day.


Present this coupon at the restaurant of your choice and St. Paul's PTL will receive the percentage listed on the coupon for the sales from your patronage that day!

You must present a coupon when you pay your bill

for St. Paul's PTL to receive credit!

This coupon may be copied. Give copies to all your friends and relatives and encourage them to support our school, too!!

Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790



(574) 342-3032 **(574) 773-9600**
Downtown Bourbon **Nappanee**

Bring this Coupon into Either Pizzeria on
September 24, 2023 and St. Paul's School
will receive a:

20% Donation

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 2024

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Rob & Patty Bowen	24	Keith & Helen Bellman
6	Joe & Cheryl Ervin	25	Jason & Nicole Bailey
14	Todd & Lori Haug		John & Carole Sahlhoff
17	Traci & John Pulliam II	26	Todd & Charlotte Knepper
21	Ryan & Christin Lizzi	29	Matt & Jasmine Fox
			Robert & Nancy Koontz

BIRTHDAYS

1	Kamden Guse Allysianna Hughes		
2	Whitney Nick	20	Tara Andrews Noah Miller
3	Wilodene Chaffin Jennifer Harman Lori Knigga	21	Nancy Koontz
4	Layla Eby Joanna Fox Bradyn VanSoest	22	Virgil Anglemyer Keith Bellman Peter Sarber
6	Ashley Holderman	23	Summer Clark
7	Heather Middaugh	24	Abby Harman
8	Phyllis Brown Philip Kulcsar Bradley Siefer	26	Samantha Hinds Abigail Kulcsar Trisha Miller Lucinda Russell Alvia Wynn
10	Jennifer Brurok Macie Magyar Larry Winterboer	28	Ryan Lizzi
12	Jamie Rogers Carlie Scott		
14	Michael Stillson		
15	Jared Miller Jett Miller Jasmyn Russell		
16	Todd Knepper		
19	Joe Beasley Kali Foster Brantley Shumaker		



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

AT CONVENTION, JUNE 21-23, 2024: **MISSION GRANTS** SELECTED FOR 2024-2026,

TOTALING \$135,000. THIS IS WHERE YOUR MITES ARE BEING USED!!!

Calvary India Mission, Indianapolis	\$ 4,800
Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington	\$ 5,000
Faith Lutheran Church, Demotte	\$ 5,000
Japanese Mission Society, Columbus	\$ 3,950
Resurrection Lutheran Academy (security upgrade)	\$ 4,500
CTSFW Food Co-op, Ft Wayne	\$12,000
Hope for the Destitute, Ft Wayne	\$12,000
Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew)	\$12,000
St Paul Lutheran Church/Trinity Lutheran, Columbus/Indy	\$12,000
Y4Life/Lutherans for Life, Columbus	\$12,000
Concordia Counseling, Seymour	\$12,000
Marius Sergiu Trifa, Ft Wayne	\$ 7,000
Lutheran Bible Translators, Columbus	\$12,000
MOST Ministries, Elizabethtown, KY	\$12,000
Resurrection Lutheran Academy (tuition assist., partial)	\$ 8,750

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

#1 2024-2026 Mites	\$2,510.58
#2 Lutheran Braille Workers	\$1,319.96
#3 Katie's Retreat Scholarships	\$1,459.98
#4 Scholarships for Future Church Workers	\$1,530.66
Mitey Mite Pledge Walk	\$2,201.54
Silent Auction Baskets for Mites	\$4,489.00

CONVENTION INGATHERING / SERVANT EVENTS

Lutheran Child & Family Services, Indianapolis; 59 duffel bags	\$1,075.00
Swaddling Clothes, St Paul Lutheran, Indy; 1,361 items 4,944 diapers	\$585.00
First Timothy Ev Lutheran Church Food Pantry; 448 items	\$385.00
Hands of Mercy; 112 pcs. fabric cut for reusable sanitary napkins	

Orphan Grain Train; 19 blankets tied
Phil's Friends Encouragement Cards; 133 colored
St. Paul's LWML are **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION!!!**

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

Psalm 100:2a ***“Serve the Lord with Gladness”*** LWML motto
Glorify His name!

October 6: LWML SUNDAY Morning Worship Service & Installation of Officers.

October 6, Sunday, LWML ZONE FALL RALLY, at Calvary, Plymouth.

Registration opens at 1:30 pm; Rally begins at 2:00 pm

Light supper is served afterward (donation)

Monday, October 7, at 7:00 pm. Program: Sacred Hymn Sing. All ladies of St. Paul's are invited; guests always welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

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

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

Worship Opportunities To Bless Our Lives  Celebration Of Holy Communion

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sept 1 15th Sunday after Pentecost **Sept 15** 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept 8  16th Sunday after Pentecost **Sept 22**  18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost

September Minor Festivals: **21** St. Matthew/Levi, Evangelist • **29** St. Michael and All Angels

• *Commemorations:* **1** Joshua • **2** Hannah • **3** Gregory the Great, Pastor, Pope • **4** Moses

• **5** Zacharias & Elizabeth • **14** Holy Cross Day/Triumph of the Cross • **16** Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr • **22** Jonah • **30** Jerome Translator of Holy Scripture

At the LWML August meeting, 14 ladies went “Walking in Prayer.”

First we walked from the Jerusalem Room to the Church proper to pray for the True Church, Visible Church, the Gift of Music, and those who prepare God's house.

Next we stopped at the junction of hallways leading to the Church, school, and fellowship hall, where we prayed for Community, Nation, and World.

Moving on, we went from classroom to classroom, praying for: Principal Nathan Miller & 6-8 grade students; Lee Anna Van Soest & kindergarten students; Wendy Patterson & 1st grade students; Mark Wildauer & 2nd-3rd grade students; Jamie Rogers & 4th-5th grade students; and Heidi Wildauer & the literature (multiple grades) and music programs (K-8).

After that we walked outside and gathered at Entry Door #3 to pray for the Mission Field, especially Pastor Micah Wildauer & family and Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and family.

Making a circuit we came in Entry Door #2 and proceeded to gather outside the preschool rooms, where we prayed for Christie Wonnacott, Kelly Thornton, and Beth Enders & the dear little lambs they teach.

Also for Heather and Barb Middaugh, who oversee Extended Care, benefiting many parents & children.

Returning to the Jerusalem Room, our final prayer on our “Walk” was for St. Paul's LWML and the international LWML.

If you would like copies of the prayers to add to your prayer lists, contact any LWML officer: Elaine Young, Linda Tinkey, Barb Middaugh, or Jeanette Rettinger.

LWML is the only “official” women's organization of the LC-MS. Our goals are to inform about missions; help fund missionaries and ministries (mites/mission grants); and provide service opportunities to share Jesus in our communities and around the world. All women of St. Paul's, confirmation age and up, are considered part of the LWML. Prayerfully consider attending at least one program, check us out, come as often as you can. You are always welcome. And we always serve refreshments! 😊

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing in everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” I Thessalonians 5:16-18