

*In the beginning
was the Word,
and the Word
was with God,
and the Word
was God.*

John 1:1

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This Sunday culminates the church half of the church year; Advent, beginning next Sunday, will begin the Lord's half of the new church year. We think of Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Messiah, the ruler of all things. Christ's reign will culminate in the full establishment of the kingdom of the Messiah in eternity. Christ came the first time as a baby, but He will come a second time as judge and king over all the earth.

May the Lord bless your worship today!

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.

The Lutheran understanding of the two kingdoms is not just the distinction between the church and the state, the sacred and the secular, or the spiritual and the physical. Luther also described them as the "temporal kingdom" and the "eternal kingdom." The classic Christian distinction between the temporal and eternal is often neglected today. The temporal is within time; it is the realm of change, instability and what passes away. Creation is time bound. The eternal is beyond time; it is the realm of God, everlasting life and salvation. The Bible contrasts these two realms. "*Surely the people are grass,*" says Isaiah. "*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever*" (Isaiah 40: 7-8). "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*" (Heb. 13: 8). He rules both realms and because of the Gospel, we have a secure place in His eternal kingdom.

∞ Excerpt from Dr. Gene E. Veith - *The Lutheran Witness* Dec. 2020 ∞

Bell Choir "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Opening Hymn 336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"
(Rev. 1:7; John 20:24-31; Rev. 7:9-12)

✠ 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.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" *LSB Hymn 691*

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b*

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C let me know how fleeting I am!

P Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,

C and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C My hope is in You.

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

C hold not Your peace at my tears!

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 We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

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*

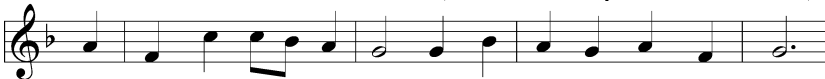
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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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 - shipped 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

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

The Epistle Lesson

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.


- 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.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴Jesus said: "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 645 "Built on the Rock"

(Matt. 16:13-18; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 3:11-16; Acts 17:24)

Sermon Text

Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14

Sermon "The Clash of Kingdoms"

1. The kingdoms of the world certainly have _____.
2. But Daniel sees a glorious kingdom coming from _____
_____ : the Messianic kingdom (vs 9–10, 13–14).
3. The clash of these kingdoms—the worldly versus the Messianic—
will ultimately be _____ .

Hymn 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

(Matt. 25:5, 13; 26:41; 1 Thes. 5:5-9; Rev. 16:15)

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(Psalm 136)

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. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

Hymn 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"
(Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:27-29 & 10:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Hymn 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"
(1 Cor. 10:16-17 & 11:23-26; Romans 5:1-2; Rev. 2:10b)

Hymn 631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"
(John 6:35, 51, 58; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 19:7-9)

Hymn 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"
(1 Cor. 11:23-28 & 10:16; Matthew 11:28-29)

Nunc Dimittis ∞ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) LSB 211

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 lead 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 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"
(*Luke 24:29; John 1:4-5, 14, 17; 12:46; 2 Thes. 3:3*)

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Today's altar flowers are given by Eunice Bauer and the Coxey family in loving memory of Carol Moeller. We praise and thank God for the promise of eternal life given to us through His Son, Jesus Christ!

The Rev. Matthew P. Shiemann will be installed as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana (51490 Laurel Road) at 4:00 pm today, November 24, 2024. Members of the Lutheran community are invited to take part in the service and join us for dinner following the service. For more info, see the "Check-It-Out" board.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship is November 27th at 7:00 pm. Join us to give thanks to the Lord for all that He has given us, and promises to provide for us!

The LWML Ingathering for Ft. Wayne Seminary Co-op will be through Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food, hygiene products, diapers, and paper goods. There is a box in the Narthex.

Library Cart - This month we have books and DVDs available for you to "check out." As we are getting closer to Christmas we have some books by Wanda Brunstetter: "The Beloved Christmas Quilt", three stories of Family, Romance and Amish Faith and "White Christmas Pie", about a special Amish pie. We also have "A Currier and Ives Christmas" and a series by Katie Schuermann: "House of Living Stones", "The Choir Immortal", and "The Harvest Raise." These tell the stories of a beloved Lutheran Church in a small town. A DVD we have is "The Christmas Shoes" about a boy who is buying shoes for his mother who "might meet Jesus tonight". Other videos include: "War Room", "Fireproof", and "Courageous." Come and browse these books and DVDs. You can also go into the Emmaus Room and check out the books we have there.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	November 24th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Lending Library Cart	After Service
Bell Choir.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir	6:00 pm
MON: No School – Thanksgiving Break Through Nov. 22nd	
Voters’ Meetings.....	7:00 pm
TUES:	
WED:	
Men’s Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 pm
THURS:	
Thanksgiving Dinner	12:00 pm
FRI:	
NEXT SUNDAY	December 1st, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Scrip Day
Adult Basketball	2:30-4:30 pm

Worship Anew can be viewed on Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377 on Sundays at 11:30 am.

The 44th Annual Bremen Holy Walk will be Friday, Dec. 6th, 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, Dec. 7th, 5-9 pm. Children’s hours are on Sat., 5:00-6:00 pm. Buses leave from Bremen High School.

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: 11/27, 12/11
If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxe.

You are invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 28th at noon. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. If you or someone you know will be alone on Thanksgiving Day please come to the Fellowship Hall at noon for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We can also deliver if you are homebound. Please sign up on the "Check It Out" Board or call the church office at 574-546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 20th. We will need to know your name; if you are dining in or need delivery; number of people; and your phone number. May we give thanks unto the Lord!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is November 28th at noon. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. The following is what is needed:

People to prepare the turkeys	Pumpkin Pies (20)
Greeters (3)	Servers (6)
Drivers to deliver meals (5)	Clean-up crew (5)

The Whitlock is supplying the mashed potatoes and gravy. We are in need of additional funds for the meal, so if you are moved to help, please place your donation in the offering plate marked THANKSGIVING DINNER. There will be a sign-up list on the "Check It Out" Board. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our own members.

The 40th annual "Weinachts Vesper" (a Christmas Service in the German language) will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 3rd, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 51490 Laurel Rd, (corner of Auto and Laurel roads) in South Bend. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Contact the church office at 574-271-1050 for more information.

Special Concerns:

That we are encouraged to work in Christ's kingdom despite the many challenges from the kingdoms of the world.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's continued grace and protection of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest and for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For those who serve us in their vocation of policemen and firemen.

For strength, comfort, and healing to those dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Chrismon tree will be placed Saturday, December 7. Anyone grade 6 and up may help, beginning at 9:00 am.

“Happy Birthday, Jesus” Celebration! – for families with children, Pre-K – Grade 5..... Come for a pancake breakfast and morning of activities to celebrate the birth of our Savior! **Saturday, December 7th**..... Breakfast 8:30-9:30 am followed by a special program. **More info coming soon!**

LWML will fill 24 "Cheer Boxes" after service December 8. If you want to contribute, please bring **two dozen individually wrapped** items to the church kitchen Sunday morning December 8. Thank you

From the Hospitality Crew: We will be preparing our next meal on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:00 am. The meal for December is a spaghetti pasta casserole. We are in need of: mini pepperoni, rotini and penne pasta, and individually wrapped cookies or treats – sweet or salty - to fill a gift tin. We would like to also give a HUGE THANK YOU to all who have helped and supported us. We could not do this without you!

Goody Bags for Christmas - The Board of Christian Education is asking your help to purchase candy for the “goody bags” the students will receive following the Children's Worship Service on December 18th. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect the candy. We will need the candy by December 15th. Thank you!

Please find on the table in the Narthex, copies of the preliminary 2025 St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Schools budget. Please take a copy if you wish to review it prior to the Voters' meeting on November 25th.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, August 18 regular Voters' Assembly meeting and the Sunday, November 3 special meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain information and resolutions from the meetings and the attendance records from those meetings. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

Annual Clothing Drive for Hope Ministries - During November we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (for children, men, and women). We will have a table in the narthex with signs (Hope Ministries Clothing Drive) so please place your items on the table and on November 30th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God's people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

The Board of Evangelism along with St. Paul's congregation will be doing an ingathering for Grace Food Pantry in Bremen from December 1 to 15 with delivery on December 19. Your items may be placed on the table in front of the church office. They have requested the following items: any kind of baking items such as pie filling, cake or cookie mix, flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda, chocolate chips, also French fried onions, sloppy joe mix, canned meat (except salmon), juice, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, pasta or rice sides. **The Food Pantry also gives birthday boxes** to its clientele! If you would like to make birthday boxes, they include a cake mix, frosting, 12 oz can soda, sprinkles, candles, foil pan and a blank birthday card. **Grace Food Pantry is open** on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 am to 4 pm. Due to Christmas being on the 4th Wednesday this year they will be open Monday, December 23 instead. This is a great way to love and minister to our neighbors. **Thank you for your donations!!**

Check out the Mission Board for the latest update from Micah Widauer and his family serving in Belize and the Flores family in Chile. There is also the latest news from Haiti. We have heard recently that the United States is on lockout from Haiti so no one is allowed to go into the country at this time. Please keep Lophane, our Lutheran liaison in Port-au-Prince, and his family in your prayers (due to the violence, Lophane has sent his family to be with relatives in the United States). Lophane is handling most everything to keep the churches and schools in Jeremie going. **God is good all the time and all the time God is good.**

YOUTH NEWS

JESUS'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (December 7th): The Youth Board is helping prepare the pancake breakfast as part of the Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. We will need any/all Youth that are available in Grades 6-HS to help with the breakfast, as we will be meeting at 7 am on December 7th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICES: For those Youth planning to participate, we will be holding practices (which will last approximately an hour) following the church services on the following Sundays:

December 8th

December 15th

December 22nd

*Before the Christmas Eve service

Look for more information about our Youth Group via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact Youth Board Director Andy Wildauer with any questions.

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Pilgrim Meal! The food was delicious! We received several items for nursing home care kits, and the students made lots of cards. We will be collecting items for the care kits until Dec. 6th. They will be delivered to the nursing home during caroling. Items needed are:

300 or less piece puzzles, fidgets, candy (Kit Kat, Reeses, etc.) yogurt tubes, puddings, pop-it candy, lap blankets, socks (men's and women's- textured on bottom preferred), outdoor gloves (men and women), deodorant, body washes, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, holdable toys or items (stuffed animals, small soft pillows, etc.) snacks (chip bags, etc.)

Thanksgiving Break is November 25th-29th. Our teachers will attend LEA conferences on the Nov. 25th and 26th.

Remember our two big events the first week in December: PTL Cookie Exchange- Dec. 5th, 5-7 pm, Bethany Room (see back page for directions and sign up on the table in narthex); and the Jesus Celebration, for Preschool through 8th Grades- Dec. 7th, 8:30 Breakfast, with crafts, activities, and tree decorating to follow!

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the students of St. Paul's, we have a variety of opportunities! We like to have

volunteers to read with or assist students with classwork during the school day. We also would like more assistance with Extended Care. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! We use the SGO both for elementary school scholarships and Pre-K scholarships, and it has been a great benefit to our families. 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 November 24th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Wayne Spicher & Todd Haug
Acolyte: Brantley Thornton
Elder: Bill Rogers
Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham
Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Wednesday, November 27th, 2024

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Gio Mejia
Acolyte: Avery Cannon
Elder: Larry Britt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship December 1st, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Curt Nielsen Jim Mitchell
Acolyte: Emiliano Mejia
Elder: Mike Gumz
Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

ST PAUL'S 2ND ANNUAL

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Come enjoy this adult-only event

December 5th, 5pm - 7pm
St Paul's Bethany Room

RSVP to (574) 274-5468



- RSVP with the name/kind of your cookie you are bringing.
- Bring a copy of your recipe. Recipes will be compiled and later shared with all participants.
- Please bring 5 dozen of your favorite cookie or bar - 1 variety please (Award for the prettiest).
- 1 dozen will be for sampling, so please provide those separately on a paper plate, cut into bite-sized pieces (Award for best tasting).
- The other 4 dozen will be for exchanging.
- Festively display your cookies in any way you'd prefer, but the most elaborate the better (Award for best display).
- Bring a container to take your cookies home.
- Enjoy the fun, refreshments, and adult fellowship!

2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering

"Endure" (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Did you know that 11 of our Youth (and 5 Adult Leaders) from St. Paul's will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana in July 2025? Over the next several months, we will be sharing some information with the congregation about each of these young people. This Sunday, meet

Jack Wildauer (Junior at Bremen HS)

What do you most enjoy about school?

- Spending lunch with friends

What extracurricular activities do you participate in?

- Football, basketball, and baseball
- Spell Bowl, DECA



What have been some of your favorite Youth activities here at St. Paul's?

- Lock Ins, Dunes, Ice Skating

What are you most looking forward to about attending the National Youth Gathering?

- I am excited to visit a new place and be surrounded by Christians my age

What did you enjoy most about the past Youth Gathering you attended?

- Wide range of topics there were speakers for

How can the congregation support Jack and the other Youth?

- ❖ Through prayer as they continue their walk with our Lord
- ❖ Financially – either through various opportunities we have planned (*free will offerings*) or special donations through weekly offerings (**please specify as National Youth Gathering*)

Financial Goal: \$25,000 Gathered: \$11,100 (approximately)

Other attendees (and current grade):

Noah Wildauer (12th), Autumn Napper (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)

If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



A Saturday Celebration

Bring the family for a morning of Christmas fun, centered on the advent of our coming Lord. Age-based activities will be happening throughout the church all morning, so come and go as you please!

Breakfast | 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice

Program | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Devotional

Re-enact the Christmas Story

Songs

Crafts for Pre-K through 5th grade

Special activities for 6th-8th graders



Saturday, Dec. 7

8:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen

Free Will Offering taken at Breakfast to support SPL Youth