

From Pastor Wonnacott's Keyboard:

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**Church Office Hours:**

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

February is the month of love, and I remember asking a member of the church what he was getting his wife for Valentines Day. He boldly told me nothing, because he loves his wife every day, not just when Hallmark tells him to!

As the Holy Spirit works in our hearts, we learn what true love is all about.... [Psalm 6:4](#) Turn Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing **love**. [Psalm 13:5](#) But I trust in your unfailing **love**; my heart rejoices in **your salvation**. [Psalm 103:8](#) The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in **love**.

Guided by the Spirit, we learn love... [1 John 3:1](#) See what great **love** the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

We learn how to love from [1 John 4:](#)  
<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> This

is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

God gives us the pattern, and then the Spirit equips us to live a life of love for God and for one another. I always knew that Christie loved me. Following my surgery and now during my recovery I have felt her love for me as my wife and nurse maid, and I thank God even more for her! Again, I thank God for each and every one of my brothers and sisters here at St. Paul's for their love and care for my family and me! I love you all in Christ!

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**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH EPISTLE IS FEBRUARY 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!

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### **Church Office Hours**

The new hours for the church office are Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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**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.

The Board of Evangelism along with Youth and all others interested in helping will be packing and delivering Welcome Bags to new households in the Bremen Community on Sunday, February 16 following Church service. We will meet in the Bethany Room following church and will pack approximately 50 bags then send bags and addresses with volunteers for delivery. This is an easy and interesting way to meet our neighbors inviting them to visit us and giving out information about St. Paul’s and our community!

These bags will include information on our Easter services as well as School Roundup. Please pray for those delivering bags and also for our new neighbors! Thank you for all your prayers and donations!

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**Worship Anew** is once again available on local WSBT-TV FOX channel 22.2 on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. They are still working on a Sunday time slot. It can still be viewed on Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377 on Sundays at 11:30 am.

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**Euchre Party** is Friday, February 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!

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### **Dates and Theme for Midweek Lenten 2025**

#### **Lenten Midweek Series: “Good News from the Beginning”**

##### **The Gospel in Genesis**

1. Ash Wednesday – March 5<sup>th</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin, Genesis 3:1–13, 21

2. Lenten Midweek 2 – March 12<sup>th</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil, Genesis 3:14–15
3. Lenten Midweek 3 – March 19<sup>th</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6
4. Lenten Midweek 4 – March 26<sup>th</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1–18
5. Lenten Midweek 5 – April 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10–22
6. Lenten Midweek 6 – April 9<sup>th</sup>: The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15–21

**All services at 7pm; dinner at 6pm**

### Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>    7pm

Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>            7pm

### Easter

Sonrise Service – April 20<sup>th</sup>        7am

Breakfast – April 20<sup>th</sup>                8am

Festival Service – April 20<sup>th</sup>        9:30am

## YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

### Recent Events

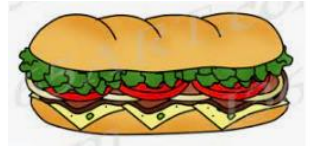
**YOUTH BABYSITTING AND “NO SALE” BAKE SALE:** Thank you to everyone who helped plan and organize these events. We also appreciate the support from the school families and congregation as donated funds will help offset costs for those attending the National Youth Gathering in July.

### Upcoming Events

**ICE SKATING – FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> (Rescheduled from January 19<sup>th</sup>):** Available for Youth in Grades 4 – High School. Meet at church at 1 pm (\*no lunch provided between the church service and

departure) and we will return by approximately 4 pm. Cost is \$5/attendee – Youth are welcome to bring a friend. Sign up on the Youth bulletin board by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPER BOWL SUBS ARE BACK:** The Youth will be offering subs for the congregation / school on **Super Bowl Sunday (February 9<sup>th</sup>)**. Orders must be placed by February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Narthex of the Church (forms available) so we can plan accordingly – sub pick up will be after the church service on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Free will donations will be accepted at that time, with a portion collected going toward a charity designated by the Youth Board and the rest to support those attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.



**WELCOME BAGS – FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>:** Youth have the wonderful opportunity to work with our Evangelism Board in the assembly and delivery of Welcome Bags to new residents of the Bremen community. Meet after the church service to help out.

## 2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

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.

**FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE: We have collected approximately \$13,900 of our financial goal of \$25,000. If you have questions or would like to donate toward this, please speak with Youth Board Chairman Andy Wildauer or any Adult Leader listed below.**

**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.

## School Corner

**We finished January by celebrating our Lutheran school heritage during National Lutheran Schools Week, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. As one of the 800+ Lutheran elementary schools in the nation,**

**we appreciate the ability to offer a Christian education in our area, not only to educate children, but also to teach them about the saving grace of Jesus and in the wisdom and wealth of the Bible.** Along with the fun activities we had that week, we also raised money for ***Right to Life of North Central Indiana, in memory of Jane Stillson***, and to educate the students on the history behind Jane's Park.

Jane's Park was built in honor of Jane Stillson, wife of Dr. Tod Stillson (Plymouth). Jane was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997, when she was a few weeks pregnant with their daughter, and it was recommended by the doctor that she have an abortion. She and her husband declined the abortion, placing their faith and trust in God; thereby, delaying aggressive cancer treatment. After their healthy daughter was born, Jane began aggressive treatment, but passed away in early 1999. She and her husband demonstrated faith and loving sacrifice, which is why we wanted to remember them by supporting RTL.

**The Teacher Wish List Tree will be in the narthex for a couple weeks in February.** Thank you for showing love and appreciation to our teachers (and Extended Care and the library) by donating items from their lists!

**February is Reading Month**, a chance for students to earn privileges and awards (and hone those reading skills) for the amount of reading points accumulated. Students will also be recognized as top readers in their class and the school. If the entire school accumulates 1200 points combined, they will earn a special field trip (TBA)! **Please encourage your student to read! Reading helps children develop early literacy skills, sparks imagination and curiosity, helps to develop the brain, improves focus and memory skills, improves communication skills, increases the vocabulary, and improves cognitive development- to name a few. Put away the technology and pull out a book!**

**Thank you, congregation, for your support of our school!**

## SGO Fundraising is Ongoing!

**January started the new tax cycle for the Lutheran SGO, and new opportunities to receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations for 2025!** (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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### **February Mission of the Month: Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a global mission organization that shares Christ's love in more than 60 countries, often bringing His message of hope to places where no other Christian organizations are present.

- People around the world experience the Gospel through LHM programs, services or materials nearly **235 million** times a week.
- People intentionally provided contact information for follow up more than **1.95 million** times last year in response to LHM's culturally relevant outreach efforts.

- The **Lutheran Hour** airs on more than 1,700 radio stations throughout North America each week.
- LHM referred people to local churches and Christian communities for spiritual growth and nurturing more than **265,000** times last year.

For more information go to: [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

### Preschool Postings

"Love, love, love: that's what it's all about!" One of our favorite preschool songs talks about loving each other, just as Christ loves us, which is very appropriate for this month. The children will be very excited to make Valentines and enjoy other activities for this holiday, along with Groundhog Day.

Registration for next year will begin soon, so please spread the word about our Round Up taking place on March 13th!

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### "Reach Out"

*"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world." John 17:18*

**REACH OUT – and touch the stars in the dark winter sky.**

**REACH OUT – and feel a snowflake melt in your hand or on your eyelashes.**

**REACH OUT – and breathe in the cold heady air of February.**

**REACH OUT – and let Him touch you – gently, lovingly, firmly, permanently.**

**REACH OUT – and let the love of Jesus sink deep into your inner self.**

**REACH OUT – and let the fresh wind of the Spirit sweep the cobwebs from your mind, body, and spirit.**

**REACH OUT – and come alive in the newness of an exciting life and a brand-new day.**

**REACH OUT –and let the Word speak to you as it has never spoken before, with words of power, conviction, meaning, depth, truth, love, joy, and life.**



REACH OUT – and breathe your new life – His life – into another.

REACH OUT – and place your arm around the one you love.

REACH OUT – and touch them all – the untouchable, the unlovable, the lost, the frightened, the weak, the overbearing, the cocky, the falling, the aging, the dying, the comic, the remote, the phony – with His love and your love and care.

REACH OUT – and sing a new song from the bottom of your soul and from the top of your soaring spirit.

REACH OUT – and march side by side with the searchers, the mourners, and the helpers.

REACH OUT – and tell the truth about yourself, your triumphs, your Leader, your Savior, your Power, and your Joy.

REACH OUT – and don't ever stop reaching out until you have embraced the whole world, until your arms have become His arms, your love His love, His death your death, His resurrection your resurrection, and until every man, woman, and child has come to know and believe that He is reaching out to them forever.

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

Students will be intrigued by **Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths!** This study uses true stories from the Bible to show how God's justice smashes the sinful, the sinister, the sneaky; and they show how Jesus conquers death and gives new life (through His own gory death). . . . . taught by Barb Middaugh . . . . 8:30-9:15 a.m.

### **High School (Bethany Room)**

Please join the Adult Bible Class during the month of December. Watch for additional announcements.

### **Adult Bible Class (Bethany Room)**

The account of Jonah is more than a whale of a tale! Hear God's message to the lost and to those who have been called to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in a very broken world. . . . . taught by Tom Coxey . . . . 8:30-9:15 a.m.

## **More Opportunities for Bible Study:**

**Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study . . . .** meets every other Wednesday (beginning December 11), 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and lively discussion!

**Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study . . . .** meets every week beginning December 5, 9:30-10:45 a.m. The ladies are finishing up **LifeLight Bible Study: Matthew, Part 2**. It will be followed by the new study. . . . **Mirror, Mirror . . . .** Do you like what you see when you look in the mirror? If you said no, you aren't alone! This study will encourage you to see yourself as God does – through the filter of the cross, in the reflection of His Son, with eyes of love.



# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### 2024

#### ANNIVERSARIES

3	Arick & Noelle Cannon	14	Tim & Jennifer Harman
6	Bill & Sharon Latzke		Josh & Lacey Shumaker

#### BIRTHDAYS

1	Matthew Harman Julia Miller	17	Heaven Hicks Matthew Podlin Wayne Spicher
2	Kurt Guse		
3	Garrett Fox Ellen Haug	18	Bentley Levendoski Gavin Stanifer
7	Anders Brurok Beck Brurok Hannah Goze Dakota Schmeltz	19	Shirley Lakins
		20	Daniel Knepper
8	Brandon Cope Rick Napper	22	Kila Foster Jamie (Hicks) Reed
		23	Lois Schoning
10	Barbara Stillson	24	Janet Anglemyer Jason Heuberger Violet Levendoski
11	Elizabeth Bowen Lori Cope		
12	Kellan Guse Cathy Chrisman Maddison Sherk	26	Terry Miller
		27	Claire Bickel Carol Lynch
14	Hunter Cannon Joseph Hughes Bradin Schmitt	28	Larry Miller
15	Marilyn Gumz	29	Bruce Schmidt
16	Gracie Magyar		

