

From Pastor Wonnacott's Keyboard:

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**Church Office Hours:**

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  
8:30 – 11:30 am

Christ's resurrection is ours in Holy Baptism. Baptism connects us with Christ. "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). "Having been buried with him in baptism, ... you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead" (COL. 2:12). Nowhere does the New Testament describe Baptism as mere symbol or my act of obedience to God. "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). Notice that Baptism is the appeal because it connects us with the resurrection of Christ.

Christ's resurrection is the key to our lives of love and service to our neighbor. "He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15).

Luther relished saying, "Nevertheless, I am baptized!" That means I am Christ's. Christ is mine. Christ's birth, life, preaching, good deeds, love for His neighbor, miracles, institution of Baptism

and the Supper, prayers, suffering, trial, sham prosecution, sentencing, condemnation, torture,

crucifixion, death, proclamation of victory in hell, and resurrection are *mine*! Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen.

–Pastor Harrison The Lutheran Witness April 1, 2024

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY EPISTLE IS APRIL 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.

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**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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Our Lenten Midweek Series

**Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth*, Genesis 28:10–22

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** *The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil*, Genesis 50:15–21

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**Schedule:** Holy Week

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion – April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

## Easter

Sonrise Service – April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am at church

Breakfast – April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am

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

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### News from the Parish Fellowship Board:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parish Fellowship – ***Potluck (bring your favorite dish to share)***

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Parish Fellowship – ***Pizza, breadsticks, and salad***

**Dinner at 6:00 pm and Worship at 7:00 pm**

**All meals have a free-will offering with the funds going for the Youth Gathering**

1. Next **Hospitality Meal Cooking Session is April 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am in the church kitchen.
2. Next **Parish Fellowship meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm** in the Emmaus Room

**Euchre Party** is Friday, April 25<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. Come and bring a friend!

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### Easter Card List of Some of Our Seniors and Others 2025

1. Rita Stanifer  
Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave.  
Room 61, Plymouth, IN 46563
2. Phyllis Brown  
Autumn Trace Senior Community  
Room #110, 2560 West Lake Avenue  
Plymouth, IN 46563
3. Lillian Salyer  
24550 Riley Road, North Liberty, IN 46554
4. Mel Jones  
St. Paul Retirement Home, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr, South Bend,  
IN 46614

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| 5. Leon and Bev Schalliol | 14205 New Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46544  |
| 5. Hank Kiefer            | 300 N. Washington St, Wakarusa, IN 46573  |
| 6. Ron & Carol Kramer     | 1571 Harvest Dr., Goshen, IN 46526  |
| 7. Harold Nettrour        | 1584 Miami Road, Bremen, IN, 46506  |
| 8. Wilodene Chaffin       | 306 East Lincoln Street, Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 9. Cleon & Wanda Felton   | 151 Oakmont Dr., Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 10. Keith & Helen Bellman | 206 Beechwood Dr., Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 11. Eunice Bauer          | 187 Oakmont Drive, Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 12. Carol Hardy           | 155 Beechwood Dr., Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 14. Goldie Buckner        | 3483 Elm Road, Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 15. Carol O'Donnell       | Miller's Merry Manor, 1630 S. County Farm Road, Room 44,<br>Warsaw, IN 46580          |
| 16. Bob & Troy Yoder      | 2824 Michigan Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563   |
| 17. Andrew Yoder          | 2824 Michigan Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563 (A younger member<br>who likes receiving cards) |
| 18. Larry & Vicki Miller  | 1200 Dogwood Rd. Bremen, IN 46506   |
| 19. Martha Miller         | 621 South Stewart Street, Bremen, IN 46506  |
| 20. Joann Wonnacott       | SHC 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, IN 46506  |
| 21. Elaine Young          | 4151 Filbert Trail, Bremen, IN 46506  |
| 22. Rob Jones             | SHC 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, IN 46506  |
| 23. Marian Yoder          | 456 E. Centennial St., Nappanee, IN 46550   |
| 24. Jim Kaiser            | 9105 Hawthorn Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563   |
| 25. Lewis Leeper          | 515 S. Whitlock St. W-14, Bremen, IN 46506  |
| 26. Roberta Meiring       | 500 S. Montgomery St. Apt. 215, Bremen, IN 46506                                      |

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| 27. Betty Sahlhoff  | 500 S. Montgomery St. Apt. 217, Bremen, IN 46506 |
| 28. Richard Sickman | 6889 1 <sup>st</sup> Rd., Bremen, IN 46506       |
| 29. Barbara Shell   | 515 S. Whitlock St. N-4, Bremen, IN 46506        |
| 30. Dorothy Walter  | 6237 Plymouth-Goshen Trail, Bremen, IN 46506     |

## YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Youth have plenty of opportunities to “Engage and Serve” in the coming month, including:

- Lenten Meals (April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>): Youth continue to help with clean up
- Easter Sunrise Service (April 20<sup>th</sup>): Youth in Grades 4-8 share the Easter Gospel with the congregation
- Easter Breakfast (April 20<sup>th</sup>): HS Youth prep and serve
- MS Youth Activity (evening of April 25<sup>th</sup>): More information to follow
- Hope Ministries (evening of April 27<sup>th</sup>): HS Youth prep and serve a meal for the South Bend community. Youth Board will cover the costs of the meal. **If congregation members would like to prepare a dessert we can take, it would be appreciated.** More information to follow.

### 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.

**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

**FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE:** We have collected approximately \$16,500 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 above.

Further information about upcoming Youth events 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

**Enrollment is OPEN for preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 2025-26!** If you know any friends/family looking for a Christian school home, please invite them to investigate our school, and to contact the school office. **With our aggressive scholarship program, we can offer a solid, Biblically based education for little to NO COST!** There is legislation pending that may enable us to use the LSGO for Beginner Preschool as well. Interested parties can check out information at [www.stpaulsbremen.church/school](http://www.stpaulsbremen.church/school) or contact the office, 574-546-2790. (Listen to Pulse FM/96.9 for our radio ads!)

**Please mark your calendars for the spring musical- “Not Your Average Joe”- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm!** It’s a tale about a dreamer, his coat, and how God places him in position to save his family and others- all set to a 50s, beach theme! The students have been hard at work practicing. This is FREE entertainment, so invite others! Bonsai, beach buddies!

### 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!** LSGO is encouraging early donations to get the state tax credits. (The credit cycle restarts July 1<sup>st</sup>.) We use these funds to offer scholarships to Pre-K students, (age 4 by August 1<sup>st</sup>) and may be able to use them for 3 year-olds as well (legislation pending). 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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Our Sunday School continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

### **April Mission of the Month: LCMS World Relief and Human Care**

Tornadoes...Wildfires... Hurricanes ... LCMS World Relief and Human Care, a ministry of [The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \(LCMS\)](#), responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters, working through LCMS districts, congregations, international Lutheran churches, and other partners, both domestically and internationally.

For more information go to: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy>

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### **Preschool Postings**

Every year during April our students look forward to spending more time on the playground, planting seeds and watching them grow, walking to chapel at the Whitlock, and going on a couple field trips. It's certainly a welcome change after a whole winter in the classrooms! They'll also learn about Jesus' resurrection and ascension, and the work carried on by His disciples. The older students will meet the letter people L, U, J, and X while the younger students review their letters and numbers. All the children will make a special project or two for the Fine Arts Show coming up soon.

We still have openings for next year, so please spread the word!



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## FINANCIAL COACHING

As a reminder, the Board of Stewardship continues to offer Financial Coaching mentoring to any St. Paul's member or Bremen community resident. This is a ministry offered totally free of charge with "no strings attached". There will be no services, providers or products sold. We have 3 experienced coaches available to assist families with their financial goals. This is a total personal and confidential process. If you have interest in this program or if you know of anyone interested please contact Jim Tinkey or alternatively fill out a Financial Coaching Meeting Request card (located in the brochure rack in the Narthex) and return to the Church Office.

## PTL FUNDRAISING

Thank you for everyone that has supported the PTL in our fundraising missions for this school year!

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### **"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**

"I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

"Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest."

"The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23—David's song of praise for the Shepherd of Israel—is treasured for the assurance and peace it brings. Especially in times of fear or loss, the psalmist's inspired words bring to mind the hope found only in our Good Shepherd, the One who shelters us with His love, now and forever.

Our hymn is a child's celebration of that same psalm. This is because the Good Shepherd loves all of His sheep, including His littlest lambs. His sheep, young and old alike, need His care. And, we must admit, His well-cared for and well-fed sheep (even the most mature among us!), are inclined to sometimes wander in search of greener pastures we mistakenly believe can be found elsewhere. Jesus our Shepherd, who loves us every day the same, eagerly searches us out when we wander, calls us to repentance, and restores us with His blood-bought forgiveness.

The Shepherd's sheep enjoy green pastures and still waters. They are gently guided by the Shepherd who knows their needs and, with ceaseless, unchanging love, calls each one of them by name. Born anew through Baptism and brought into the fold, both adult sheep and tiny lambs learn day by day to recognize their Shepherd's voice in the Word. The lambs learn what the Shepherd has done for them, because the Shepherd Himself is also a lamb, the perfect Lamb of God who was slain for us. He laid down His life for the sheep and—as we so recently celebrated—took up His life again that He might share His resurrection life with us. Because our Shepherd Jesus has walked

through "the valley of the shadow of death," we, His sheep, need never fear that shadowed valley.

As mature sheep or little lambs, we are safe in our Shepherd's care. Who could be so happy as we are? David the psalmist knew that happiness; he also knew as each sheep knows that he would "dwell in the house of the LORD forever." For "when my short life is ended,"—and each of us in the Shepherd's fold will come to that day—the Shepherd, who even now holds us securely in His hand, will take us up in His strong arms and hold us closely to Himself, and we will rest in His presence forever.

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### **Spring Quarter Sunday School Classes**

May we “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) as we study God’s Word together. Please join us on Sundays, 8:30-9:15 a.m.

#### **Pre-K – Grade 2 (Nazareth Room)**

In months April and May, we learn about the Apostles Peter and Paul as they proclaimed the Gospel message through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lessons in April include “Jesus Appears to Mary,” “Apostles Defend Their Faith,” and “Saul Meets Jesus Near Damascus.” Theo will be there to greet you! . . . . . taught by Wendy Coxey

#### **Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Roger’s Classroom)**

The month of April continues with more Bible stories of God’s great love for us including “Our Savior Dies,” “Easter Morning at the Tomb,” and “The Road to Emmaus.”

. . . . . taught by Jeanette Rettinger

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

This class will continue their discussion of “Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths.” These 18 chapters give students cool trivia, factoids, and things to think about, like – why the story is in the Bible, how it can guide your life, and what it shows you about Jesus.

. . . . . taught by Barb Middaugh

### **High School (Jerusalem Room)**

High School students are asked to join one of the Adult Bible Classes at this time.

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

Pastor Wonnacott will lead a Bible study during Spring Quarter on Christian vocation.

What is a Christian? What does a Christian do; what does he or she not do? How do I grow as a Christian? Join us as we strive to answer these questions.

### **Adult Bible Class (Church)**

Dave Burcham will lead a study during Spring Quarter on Thessalonians 1 and 2.

### **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. (March 5/9, April 2/16/30, May 14/28)

#### **Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study (Jerusalem Room)**

The group will continue their discussion of **Mirror, Mirror**. This study encourages you to see yourself as God does—through the filter of the cross, in the reflection of His Son, with eyes of love. . . . . led by Barb Middaugh, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

**\*\* REMINDER\*\* -- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 20.**

Celebrate our risen Savior with fellow brothers and sisters at the  
Easter Breakfast in the Bethany Room!

**\*\* "Egg-citing Easter Party" (with Easter Egg Hunt) – April 19 – Watch for more info**

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April 2025

### ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5  | Joe & Tara Beasley      | 20 | Bruce & Ellen Augustine |
| 11 | Keith & Lucinda Russell | 23 | John & Karen Matthew    |

### BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---|----|----------------|
| 1  | Regina Brown  | 26 | Michael Gordon |
| 4  | Wayne Andrews   | 28 | Kaia Podlin    |
| 6  | Cory Miller<br>Evelyn Miller                            | 30 | Rebecca Rog    |
| 7  | W. Dean Sherk<br>Linda Smith                            |    |                |
| 8  | Kelly Thornton  |    |                |
| 10 | Natalie Knigga<br>Joshua Miller                         |    |                |
| 12 | Tristan Hicks   |    |                |
| 13 | Payton Dobbins<br>Thelma Quesenberry<br>Brittany Riffle |    |                |
| 15 | Karli Miller  |    |                |
| 16 | Jeremy Hicks  |    |                |
| 18 | Brian Denk<br>Gavin Hundt                               |    |                |
| 19 | Donna Gordon  |    |                |
| 20 | Peggy Swanson<br>Brantley Thornton                      |    |                |
| 21 | Tara Beasley<br>Scott Hundt                             |    |                |
| 23 | Remington Leslie<br>Jessica Rogers                      |    |                |
| 25 | Maximiliano Mejia<br>Andrew Miller<br>Katie Stanifer    |    |                |



