

**My sheep**

*hear My voice.*

and I know them, and they follow Me.



*John 10:27*

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## Good Shepherd Sunday .....May 11th, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each of the readings captures the nature of our Lord Jesus Christ as the exemplary shepherd. He is the only One who can ultimately gather, tend, and protect us—through the gracious and merciful love given in His cross. He does this all for us, for the love of sheep!

### **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, near the water fountain.

### **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."**

Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. We welcome all children to be actively participating in the service but if for any reason you want or need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery available for your use. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

**C.S. Lewis said that** *"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."* And sometimes that is the only way we will hear Jesus' voice.

Like a shepherd in search of lost sheep, Jesus looks for us. **And doesn't stop until He finds us.** "My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me." (*John 10:27*). We may try to ignore His voice but it will persist and leave us restless until we listen and respond. We know the Shepherd's voice but do we truly hear what He is saying to us? Does He do the leading or do we continue to get in His way? We must open our ears to the Savior and we'll find once again that there is nothing more to want or need.

**Opening Hymn 458** "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"  
*(Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 1 Cor. 5:7b; 2 Tim. 1:10)*

✠ 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit** *Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

- P** I am the good shepherd.
- C** **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**
- P** He chose David His servant and took Him from the sheepfolds;
- C** **from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

- P** With upright heart he shepherded them  
**C** **and guided them with his skillful hand.**  
**P** But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;  
**C** **from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**  
**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** I am the good shepherd.  
**C** **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*LSB 187*

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## The New Testament Lesson

*Acts 20:17–35*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

## The Epistle Lesson

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel Lesson

*John 10:22–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 710** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
*(Psalm 23; John 10:11; Rev. 7:17)*

**Sermon Text** *Acts 20:17-35*

**Sermon** "The Good Shepherding Continues"

1. The Good Shepherd, who made us His own, continues to

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2. The Good Shepherd, who brought us to the truth, continues to

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3. The Good Shepherd, who cared only for us, continues to

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**Hymn 735** "Have No Fear, Little Flock"  
*(Luke 12:32; Matt. 25:34; Ps. 103:3-5; Matt. 28:20b)*

## Prayers

### † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

**Preface** *LSB 194*  
**P** The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossians 3:1)*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

*(Psalm 136)*



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

*(meet means fitting, proper)*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus** ∞ *Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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*)

LSB 197

**Pax Domini** (*John 20:19*)

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei** *∞ Lamb of God* (*John 1:29*)

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**Hymn 709** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(*Psalm 23; John 10:11; Luke 15:4-7; Rev. 7:17*)

**Hymn 465** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

(*Rev. 5:13; 7:11-12; Rom. 8:11; Col. 3:1-12; 1 Cor. 15:57*)

**Hymn 711** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
*(Psalm 23, John 10:1-16, Eph 2:4-5; Rom. 5:8)*

**Hymn 464** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"  
*(1 Cor. 11:23-29; Luke 22:17-20; Mark 14:22-25; Matt. 26:26-28; Ps. 130)*

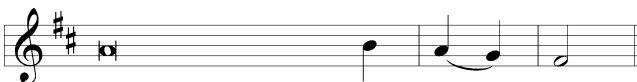
**Nunc Dimittis** ∞ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving** (Psalm 107:1) LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus** ∞ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn 740** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

(Psalm 23; Is. 40:11; 49:10; John 21:25)

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The flowers that adorn the altar today are from Cliff and Sandie Schooler in honor of our mothers who have gone to be with the Lord.

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY ∞ Mother's Day ∞.....May 11th, 2025**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

**MON: ∞ Teacher Appreciation Week ∞**

**TUES:**

Pastor in Ft. Wayne..... All Day

**WED:**

Men's Bible Study Breakfast ..... 6:30 am

Day School Chapel ..... 11:00 am

**THURS:**

Preschool Chapel ..... 9:30 am

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study ..... 9:30 am

Pastor @ Elderhaus..... 10:00 am

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert @ BPS..... 7:00 pm

**FRI:**

Day School Field Day @ Jane's Park .....9:30 am-1:30 pm

**SAT:**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert @ BPS..... 7:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY ∞ Confirmation Sunday ∞ ..... May 18th, 2025**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Confirmation ..... 9:30 am

Reception for Confirmands.....After Service

Adult Basketball..... 2:30-4:30 pm

### **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. 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: 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10, 12/24

*If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

**Worship Anew can be viewed on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on:**

the local CW station-channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend, Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377.

**Thank you to all** who donated items, helped pack and delivered Welcome Bags in Bremen on May 4th! Your help is very much appreciated. We could not do this without you! Your next delivery opportunity will be in August. More information to come!

**From The Hospitality Crew:** Our next meal prep is on Wednesday, May 21st. This month we are planning smoked sausage and Mac & Cheese. We are requesting donations of: elbow macaroni, canned vegetables and a dessert snack or boxes of jello. Thank you

**From the Board of Church Properties** – Our church facilities are in constant need of repair. One of the areas of need now is the south roof over the offices and hallway. The church sanctuary roof is also in need of replacement. The cost of the office/hallway is \$54,000. The sanctuary roof is \$38,700. There is approximately \$38,000 in special funds that can be used. We are asking for special offerings from the congregation to cover the remaining cost. The roof over the hallway/office is the highest priority, but we would like to both if possible. The congregation will be making the decision in the June Voters' Meeting.

**Voters' Assembly Minutes** – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, April 27 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. 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](mailto:keneichinger@gmail.com).

**Our VBS program Epic Australian Adventure**-An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus will be held June 16th -20th from 9-11:30 am. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. Kids will explore five exciting Bible accounts and discover that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life! This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Information will be going home with the preschool and Day school children soon. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. Children can also be registered online at [vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana](http://vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana).

**Please Consider Serving** - We need members to serve on the following Boards for St. Paul's-----**Evangelism, Christian Education, School, Youth, Stewardship and Parish Fellowship**. A preliminary slate is available today in the Narthex for your review and consideration. Please prayerfully consider serving our Lord on a Board. See Rick Napper, Terry Miller or Jim Tinkey with questions or interest.

## **Things to Remember in Prayer This Week**

**Thanksgiving:** For our mothers who share Jesus with their children.  
For the Good Shepherd who continues to shepherd His sheep.

### **Special Concerns:**

**That we trust Jesus, our Good Shepherd,** to shepherd us continually through our pastors and to use all of us, His sheep, to reach and care for others.

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

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

**For our country** and her leaders.

**For those who** serve in their vocations of soldier, policemen & firemen.

**For the Lord's grace, healing, and protection** for our Christian brothers and sisters who are displaced, suffering, or being persecuted in America and throughout the world. **We must shine the Gospel light!**

## **SCHOOL CORNER**

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**Thank you to all who participated in the Arts Showcase! We appreciate you sharing your God-given talents!**

**We are looking for volunteers to help with Teacher Appreciation Week, starting tomorrow.** If you can help, please let Ericca Thornton know. **(Thank you, Teachers, for all the countless things you do, in addition to teaching our children!)**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with events at Field Day, Jane's Park, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**There are a couple field trips coming up:** May 19<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will go to Putt-Putt in Mishawaka; and May 19<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will visit Potawatomi Zoo.

**There are 1 ½ weeks left in this school year! Other dates coming up:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert- May 15<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm); Field Day- May 16<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/HS Band Concert- May 17<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm); 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation- May 18<sup>th</sup>; Preschool Closing Program- May 20<sup>th</sup>; and Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation- May 21<sup>st</sup>! We are winding down with a bang!

**We are enrolling for the 2025-26 school year in all grades, Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please advertise to your family and friends for St. Paul's Schools!** We offer a Christian alternative to education, not only



focusing on core curriculum, but also providing a Biblical, Christ-centered focus. With our comprehensive scholarship program, a Christian education can cost little or nothing. **Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family to check us out!**

**Our Eighth Grade Class is highlighted on the school bulletin board! Congratulations, Confirmands and Graduates!**

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### **SGO Announcement**

**Please continue to contribute to the SGO! The available tax credits start over July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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.**

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**MOTHER'S DAY:** May God continue to watch over and bless each mother in our congregation. In recognition of this special day, our Youth will be handing out flowers to mothers following the service - please take one home with you and enjoy the beauty our God has created.

**FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL:** We will once again be sponsoring a Soda/Water table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival (evenings of June 10th-14th). As in years past, congregation members have the opportunity to support this event, as able, by donating bottled water and various types of soda. More information to come in the weeks ahead.

**Servants for Today's Worship May 11th, 2025**

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Preservice Flute: Gabriel Mejia

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Abby & Josie Wildauer

Elder: Larry Britt

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

**Servants for Next Sunday's Worship May 18th, 2025**

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Emiliano Mejia

Elder: Mike Gumz

Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz



## 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? We will continue to share some information with the congregation about each of these young people. This Sunday, meet ....

### Colton Napper (8<sup>th</sup> Grader at St. Paul’s)

**What do you most enjoy about school?**

- Still figuring that out

**What extracurricular activities do you participate in?**

- Band

**What other hobbies or interests do you have?**

- Sports

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

- Tough decision to name one; have been in the Christmas Eve and Easter Sunrise Services

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

- Beyond the regular events of the NYG, the food options



### How can the congregation support Colton 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: \$24,000 (approximately)**

**Other attendees (and current grade):**

Noah Wildauer (12<sup>th</sup>), Autumn Napper (11<sup>th</sup>), Jack Wildauer (11<sup>th</sup>), Izzy Wildauer (10<sup>th</sup>), Gavin Hundt (9<sup>th</sup>), Gabi Mejia (9<sup>th</sup>), Lexi Andrews (9<sup>th</sup>), Reuben Napper (9<sup>th</sup>), Brantley Thornton (8<sup>th</sup>), and Abby Wildauer (8<sup>th</sup>)

If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer