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Monday – Friday
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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School: 8:30 am
Worship: 9:30 am

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8:30 – 11:30 am

Summertime! The heat and humidity take over the news, and families take vacations to get away and unwind. On the church side of things, the season of Pentecost covers the summer months and beyond. We see the church forming under the work of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles, and especially through Paul.

We see throughout Paul's letters to the newly formed church that they were growing in numbers and in their understanding of God, becoming a family. We also see strife and division when the people of God took their eyes off the message of Jesus. This was shown by Peter when he walked on the water toward Jesus. His eyes were on Jesus, but he started to doubt and began to sink. But Jesus showed mercy and love when He saved Peter from drowning and restored his faith.

God inspired Paul to write to the churches and to serve with them to teach and show what the church was to do for people. Paul did this mission until he died in the faith, always proclaiming Jesus crucified and risen for all people.

We are to follow in the Spirit of God and grow in understanding of His Word. To that end I challenge you (and myself) to read the letters of

Paul this summer. These letters should remind us that we must keep our eyes on Jesus for our life and salvation.

Paul's (God-inspired) letters are Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. May the Holy Spirit move you to do this, and to grow in your faith!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST EPISTLE IS JULY 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!

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. For you travelers, you can view anytime at <worshipanew.org>

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.

Euchre Party is Friday, July 11th, 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!

Ice Cream Social at the **Downtown Hardware store at 112 E. Plymouth Street, July 19th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.** We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Please see Wayne Spicher or Pastor Wonnacott if you are willing to help. Also, we need baked goods for this event: pies, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies. Please have all baked goods at Pastor Wonnacott's house no later than 9:00 am on July 19th, please. We are also receiving a Thrivent Action team card to cover the costs of the ice cream and supplies.

YOUTH BOARD NEWS and NOTES

RECENT EVENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Fireman's Festival Soda / Water Table (June 10th-14th): Our Youth and families engaged with the community throughout the week, battling warm temps on some evenings, and had a successful week overall. Thank you to all who supported us with various donations and who took the time to visit our table.

Donuts With Dads Devotion (June 15th): This year we focused on how God worked through Jacob, who always seemed to be in conflict, not only as a father (perhaps some self-inflicted conflict) but years before that growing up. God always has a plan as clearly shown throughout Jacob's life and in our lives today as Christians. Along the way through our study, we enjoyed some donuts and fellowship as well!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER 2025

- **July 13th (church service):** Commissioning of National Youth Gathering attendees
- **July 18th (depart early am) – July 24th (return to Bremen late):** National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA
- **August 10th:** National Youth Gathering attendees share their experience with congregation / "Thank You" for the congregation's support (more details to come)

2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

We ask that you keep all of those listed below in your prayers as they prepare to attend the National Youth Gathering in July.

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 been blessed to have met our financial goal of \$25,000. If you have questions or would like to support our Youth in other ways, 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

Thank you to all who helped with the Firemen Festival ticket booths and parade! Your support benefits PTL and the assistance it provides to the school.

The office is open during the summer Monday, Weds, and Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm, except for July 7-11th. We will be processing registrations and scholarships.

If you know anyone looking for a new school experience, invite them to join the St. Paul’s Lutheran Preschool and Elementary School family! Enrollment is OPEN for preschool through 8th grade, all summer! With our aggressive scholarship program, we can offer a solid, Bible-based education for little to NO COST! Families can contact the school office, 574-546-2790, for registration information and a tour. Information can also be found at www.stpaulsbremen.church/school. (Listen to Pulse FM/96.9 for our radio ads!)

SGO Fundraising is Ongoing!

Please continue to donate to the LSGO! In 2024-25, we distributed over \$40,000 in scholarships! We use these funds to offer scholarships to Pre-K students, (age 4 by August 1st) and to supplement funding for elementary school students. You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate, or we also have a link on the church

[website, stpaulsbremen.church, under the school drop-down menu.](http://stpaulsbremen.church) 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 need 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.

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

July Mission of the Month: Bremen Holy Walk

The 2025 Bremen Holy Walk will be held on December 5th and 6th. The schedule is as follows:

- **Friday, December 5th:** 6 PM - 9 PM.
- **Saturday, December 6th:** 5 PM - 9 PM.
 - **Children's Hour (Reservations Required):** 5 PM - 6 PM.

Preschool Postings

We hope our preschool families are having a wonderful summer! Enjoy your time together and treasure the memories that you're making. We're looking forward to new adventures and new students in August. Please spread the word that we still have openings for a quality, Christ-centered education. Thank You!



Lutheran Women In Mission August Meeting All women at St. Paul's are invited. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, at 7 pm in the Bethany Room. Our program speaker is Susie from the Plymouth Women's Care Center; the center serves moms and babies in Marshall County. In addition to learning about the work of the center, we are asking for donations for new mothers. Items needed: Diapers Baby wipes Diaper bags Nursing pillows Pacifiers Baby blankets Baby clothes, size newborn to 5T (new clothes only, please) Baby safety items (outlet covers, cabinet locks, etc.) Please join us and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please ask Linda Tinkey, Barb Middaugh or Jeanette Rettinger.

PTL FUNDRAISING

Thank you for all of your support for this past school year!

"The Gospel – God's Liberty Bell"

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

The metallic medium used on July 4, 1776, to announce the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia was the Liberty Bell. It was cracked several times and now serves as a patriotic symbol.

The medium God uses to declare our independence from sin, Satan, and servitude to the fear of death is the Gospel. Whenever it is preached it proclaims spiritual liberty "throughout the land to all its inhabitants." Although it has done this for so many centuries, it has not cracked or broken; it is still in use and its message is circulating wider than ever before.

How precious and powerful is the Gospel! Saint Paul said he was not ashamed of it "because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Jesus tells us what the Gospel is. Briefly, it is the good news that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Gospel is the good news that through Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection we are set free to serve the living God, the heavenly Father, whom we love and who loves us.

The thirteen colonies had to fight to gain and retain their freedom. Christians must do the same to keep the liberating Gospel of Christ. Saint Paul writes to the Galatians: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not

let yourselves be burdened again by the yoke of slavery,” that is, the slavery of trying to establish one’s salvation by doing the works of the Law. Freedom is best preserved when it is used – when the freeing Gospel is believed, lived, and proclaimed.



The Lord blessed our week of VBS! It was truly an Unforgettable journey with Jesus on our Epic Australian Adventure. All those involved enjoyed coming for a fun filled week singing, listening and participating in the Bible Story, learning Bible verses, doing crafts, playing together, and observing science demonstrations. They also enjoyed delicious cookies made by Kevin Furman.

It was such a blessing to have a total of 30 church members, 19 adults and 11 youth, who volunteered for Vacation Bible School! On Monday the take home point was “Jesus calls us” with the lesson of God calling Moses from the burning bush. On Tuesday the take home point was “Jesus leads us” as they learned about how God led His people into the promised land. On Wednesday the take home point was “Jesus teaches us” as they heard about the parable Jesus taught about the “Good Samaritan.” On Thursday the take home point was “Jesus saves us” through His death and resurrection. Then on Friday the take home point was “Jesus sends us” as Jesus instructed His disciples as He ascended into Heaven. Then during the Closing Program on Friday, Rev. Ted Krey shared a message explaining the importance of sharing the Gospel using the parable of “the Sower” as his text. Rev. Krey serves in the mission field in the Latin America and Caribbean Region and is based in the Dominican Republic with his family. Our mission offerings collected were for Concordia Lutheran School in that region. Then we ended our week of VBS with a time of fellowship during lunch with the children’s families.

A big thank you to all who attended the LWML work night to help prepare crafts. Vacation Bible School was a wonderful opportunity to come together to help the children of our congregation and community grow in their faith while having a great time!

7C's OF HISTORY



CATASTROPHE



CONFUSION

This summer we will continue on our journey through the 7 C's of History in Sunday School for children age 3 through kids who completed grade 7. Wendy Coxy and Jeanette Rettinger will be leading Sunday School in the 6-8 classroom in the school. They will do some activities as one group and sometimes they will be divided into two age groups. Activities will include the lesson, activity pages, and snacks with optional activities of videos, science experiments, games, crafts, and songs.

Last Summer we went through the first C of Creation and the second C of Corruption(Fall into Sin). We will do one review lesson from Corruption and then have six lessons each from Catastrophe and Confusion. We will learn so much about these foundational events from the Bible. Adam's race became so wicked that God judged the earth with a great **CATASTROPHE**-a global flood—saving only those on the Ark built by Noah. Did you ever think of the Biblical account of the Tower of Babel as one of the foundational events in the Bible? We will learn why it made such an impact on our history. When Noah's descendants disobeyed God's command to fill the earth, God brought **CONFUSION** on their language, forcing them to spread over the earth.

This would be a great time to join us in Sunday School even if it is the first time. We would love to have all the kids in this age group join us for this great adventure using interactive material from Answers in Genesis. Sunday School is from 8:30 to 9:15 am.

Join Us for Summer Sunday School!
Be refreshed in God's Word!
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Grades Pre-K through Grade 7 – (Mr. Miller's classroom)

Children will continue last summer's study of **The 7 C's of History**, created by "Answers in Genesis." We are currently discussing the third C, "**Catastrophe**," which focuses on Noah and the Flood, and the saving promises of God. taught by Jeanette Rettinger and Wendy Coxey

New Confirmands and High School Please join the Adult Bible Class in the Bethany Room.

Adult Bible Class – (Bethany Room)

The Word of God speaks two essential messages to us. The first message is the "bad news." It is the unchanging, unchangeable Law of God. The other message is the Gospel – the sweet message of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. In order to understand the Scripture correctly, it is necessary to discern those two messages as one reads the Word. This course will help you look at Law and Gospel as they function as a spiritual dynamic in the Scriptures.

Pastor Wonnacott will lead the discussion during the month of July.

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.
(July 9 and July 23)

.Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 2025

ANNIVERSARIES

11	Larry & Vicki Miller	22	Derek & Whitney Nick
12	Michael & Donna Gordon	25	Larry & Tammy Britt
16	Michael & Marilyn Gumz	28	Nathan & Beth Miller
20	Ken & Anita Eichinger	29	Bill & Jamie Rogers
	Terry & Penny Holderman	30	Scott & Tonya Hundt

BIRTHDAYS

1	Cleon Felton	21	Makayla (Fox) Schlick
2	Gabby Barts	26	Jase Garrett
3	Terri Davis Lillian Pulliam	27	Gabriel Mejia
4	Amanda Smith	28	Barb Middaugh
5	Beth Miller	29	Kevin Furman
6	LeeAnna VanSoest	30	Kari Furman Diana Stuckman
7	Bill Latzke John Pulliam III	31	Robert Bowen Mary Ingle Carol Kramer
8	Rita Stanifer Mark Wildauer		
9	Anita Eichinger Mason Hochstetler		
11	Dan Fox		
12	Lori Haug		
15	Carol Hardy		
16	Cordall Schoning		
17	Robert Koontz Lacey Shumaker		
19	Linda Ringle		
20	Cheryl Ervin Brad Sahlhoff John Sahlhoff		

